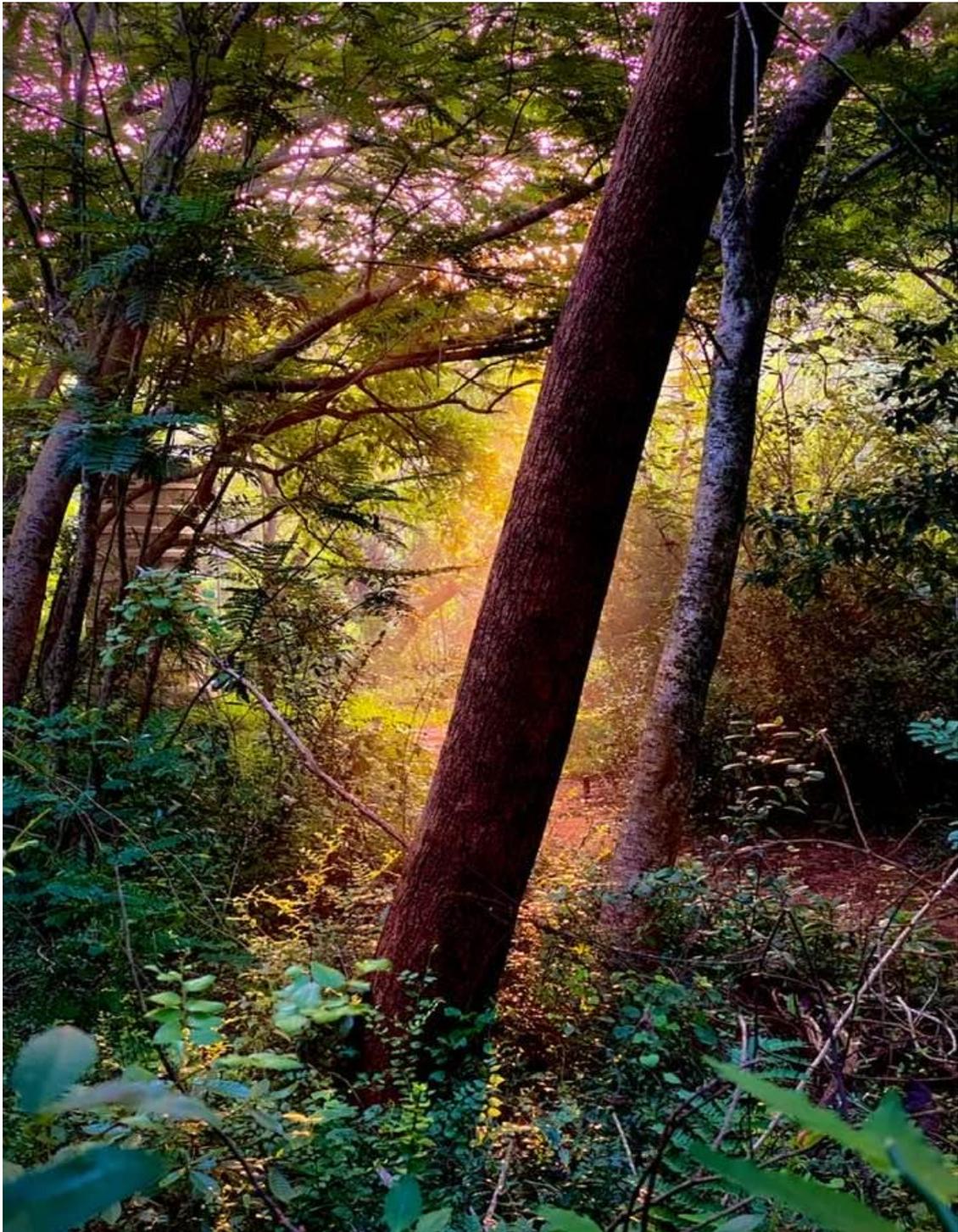


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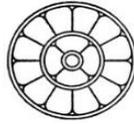
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Anusuya Forest

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



(continued from last week)

18 April 1970

The Mother: In last night's experience, it was everything at the same time: the body felt, acted, it was conscious, it observed, decided - everything, just everything at the same time. There even was... I don't know, I didn't have a vision of Sri Aurobindo, but I had the sensation of his presence (that often happens: at times I'll see him and he won't speak; at other times I won't see him but I'll hear him, he'll speak to me - the laws are no longer the same), and he made me notice, or rather I noted that although the body was suffering a lot (the situation was critical, you know), there wasn't the shadow of a fear in the body. Then he told me, "Yes, it's because it is able not to be afraid that you can do the work."

The absence of fear is really the result of the yoga for so many years - for half a century.

It was like this (*gesture, hands open*), offering its suffering, all the time like this. (*silence*)

After last night, I have every reason to think that the work is very, very active - very active.

Satprem: But on the level of the earth, how do things take place? For instance, you say that Sri Aurobindo, yourself and a number of us are working in this subtle physical to prepare the new world: how is the permeation of this subtle physical made? **The Mother:** But in that way. **Satprem:** In the same way? **The Mother:** In that way. THAT is the work - the permeation. **Satprem:** But is it taking place terrestrially? **The Mother:** Yes.

Satprem: In everyone. **The Mother:** Yes, oh, I get letters from people who have astounding experiences, quite out of proportion with their degree of intelligence or development - astounding experiences. They themselves are astounded. Experiences very different from one another, but I know them all. I know them to be experiences of the subtle physical. People whom I know or not write to me (they come here, or they have read your book, or they have heard of Sri Aurobindo or...), and they describe it as I might describe it myself, that is to say, with the full knowledge. And they know nothing! It's quite astounding, oh!...

Satprem: Yes. And then, when you are in that subtle physical consciousness, the laws change - you can change the material law if you are in that consciousness. **The Mother:** Yes, it doesn't at all work in the same way.

Satprem: I mean that ... **The Mother:** Mon petit, great care has been taken not to mentalize this thing. And that's probably very useful.

The consciousness is VERY active - a consciousness wide awake to the SMALLEST thing - but the mental description... (*Mother shakes her head*). Now and then, out of the old habit, I ask a question like that, a mental question, and I always receive the same answer: you mustn't mentalize.

It instantly brings back the old way.

Satprem: I mean, once or twice I had such an intense perception that it's almost an experience, even if it's merely mental, that in a certain state of consciousness, all physical laws collapsed.... **The Mother:** Yes, yes.

Satprem: Truly they had no power. **The Mother:** Yes, that's quite true. They have no meaning.

Satprem: No meaning, that's right. **The Mother:** They have no meaning, to such a point that... I remember one thing last night: suddenly I saw a functioning, and I said to myself, "Oh, if we knew this, HOW MANY THINGS - how many fears, how many combinations, how many... would crumble away, would lose all meaning!" It was... what we see as "laws of Nature," "ineluctable" things, it all was absurd, an absurdity!

Satprem: Yes, and I felt it as something flimsy, like a thin film, something without... Those awesome laws were something very flimsy. **The Mother:** Yes, yes! **Satprem:** You could almost have blown them away.

The Mother: Yes, that's right. Yes. With the true consciousness, it crumbles away. (*silence*)

Several times like that, when people tell me they feel as if in front of an ineluctable law, "There is this and this, and therefore that is inevitable," the answer is always the same: IF YOU WANT IT SO!

You are the ones who decide it's ineluctable! (*silence*)

This morning, when I realized there was no trace (after that, the body was rather better than usual), nevertheless it was a bit surprised, and it said to itself... (*Mother is abruptly cut short*)

Ah, this is not supposed to be said....

That was an extraordinary experience.

It amounted to this: "Yes, to you the world is still this way because you WANT it this way; when you no longer want it this way, it will be the true way." Then... But the "you want it" isn't with the idea of the small ego's will, of course, it has nothing to do with that.

It's probably a... there's a position to be changed, a position of the consciousness to be changed.

(*long silence*)

(to be continued next week)

— Volume 11. 1970: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth



To lead the Divine Life does not depend on any exterior activity or circumstances.
Whatever you do from the highest work to the most ordinary,
you can lead the Divine Life
if you are in the true consciousness and the right attitude.



- Sri Aurobindo.

White Roses, Part 1, p. 19

Covid Updates

[This info is already a week+ old - Ed.]

This is to bring to your attention that we now have 3 positive COVID cases (symptomatic) in Auroville (2 Auroville residents and 1 guest) after a long period with no positive cases here. Those individuals have been in complete isolation with regular monitoring for symptoms/ health condition. Contact tracing has been done by Santé and all identified high-risk contacts were isolated, while other contacts were alerted.

Please also be aware that the number of cases is increasing in other states and the government is constantly advising the population to follow strict protocols. Under these circumstances around India and in Auroville, we have to be more vigilant once again in order to stay safe, especially since Auroville is now more open to the public. We urge people to keep Auroville and its surroundings safe and follow these guidelines:

1. Strictly follow physical distancing, wearing of masks and basic sanitisation in all places. Avoid large gatherings.
2. Reduce/restrict your travel in and out of Auroville.
3. If you are not feeling well, then restrict your movements - completely avoid physical contact with others and get a medical consultation over the phone. Please do not visit Santé or the Health Center in person.
4. If you need any assistance for testing, please contact santecoordination@auroville.org.in. Even if tested on your own, please keep us informed.
5. Public places like (PTDC, PTPS, HERS) are requested to strictly follow the standard protocols.
6. As per the latest requirement of the Tamil Nadu government, any travellers coming from Maharashtra and Kerala are required to observe a period of home quarantine for 7 days. Let's all work together so this spike in cases in and around our area does not increase, and we and our neighbours stay healthy and safe.

- Working Committee and Santé

Vaccine now available: We have been receiving regular inquiries about the expected availability in our area of vaccines against COVID-19. This is to inform you that the vaccine is now available, on a purely voluntary basis, to anyone, Indian and foreigner, above 45 years of age with co-morbidities (proof of co-morbidity from a doctor may be required) and above 60 yrs of age with or without co-morbidities. A co-morbidity is a chronic health condition such as heart problems, hypertension, cancer, etc. The full (qualifying) list can be seen here: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidancedocCOWIN2.pdf> (p.9)

Those who intend to travel are advised to check the regulations for the validity of vaccines in their country of destination. There are a number of hospitals and centers around Auroville that are offering a vaccine:

Private Hospitals

1. Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute (MGMCRI), Pillaiyarkuppam, Pondicherry 607402, Contact Number: 8300020077: Email: dyms@mgmcri.ac.in Vaccine: COVIDSHIELD @ INR250
2. East Coast Hospital, Moolakulam Contact: 0413-2297800 Email: admin@eastcosthospitals.com Vaccine: COVIDSHIELD @ INR 250

Government Hospitals

1. JIPMER (Public Health Building) Vaccine: COVIDSHIELD
2. Kiliyanur Community Health Center, 41472 35255
3. Primary Care Center in ChinnaKalapet, 9AM - 1 PM Vaccine: COVIDSHIELD

The vaccine is free at government hospitals and for Rs. 250 at private hospitals. Individuals who choose to get vaccinated can register directly online through the following link <https://self.registration.cowin.gov.in/> and select the location of the facility, or directly call the facility for spot registration in the

case of a private hospital. We cannot predict waiting times without prior registration. A passport or some form of Indian identification such as an Aadhar card or Indian drivers' license will need to be shown when you go for the vaccination. Also, there is an observation period of 30 minutes after receiving the vaccine, so this needs to be planned for.

In addition, both vaccines in India, Covidshield and Covaxin are 2 dose vaccines, so people should inquire about the date when they should return for the second shot.

Please be aware that you may be asked to sign a self-declaration form with a disclaimer. For those of you, especially senior citizens, who would like to get the vaccine but need help with logistics such as transport and registration, please write to santecoordination@auroville.org.in. However, even if you decide to organise your vaccination individually, we request you to inform Santé Coordination via the same email address.

We realise that there are different points of view about whether or not to get the vaccines and we respect the right to have those different views. Therefore, this is a personal choice that each individual makes, hopefully after having informed themselves of pros and cons, and making a conscious decision one way or another. With best wishes,

- The Working Committee and Santé Coordination Team

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Important Notice from the Financial Service!

From April 1, 2021, cheque books and passbooks of over half a dozen banks which went through a merger will become invalid. This will also affect IFSC (branch code) and maybe even account numbers. The banks affected by these changes are Dena Bank, Vijaya Bank, Corporation Bank, Andhra Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, United Bank and Allahabad Bank. In case any Auroville employees have accounts with the above-mentioned banks, it is important for us to have correct account details (like account number and IFSC), in order to transfer salaries.

- submitted by the Financial Service Team

From the AV Council: Feedback on the Selection Process

We have heard/received a lot of feedback & concern about the way that new members are selected to working groups, particularly during/after the last selection process, but also regarding previous ones. The feelings/concerns that have come up are often deep & painful on different levels, for both individuals and our collective. This issue affects us all in both the short and long term, and needs our attention to make changes for the better.

As a first step, we would like to invite you to share your experiences and the perceived impact of the last selection process, as well as the direction in which we seem to be going as a community in this regard. We hope that this will help us all to reflect on and digest the situation and be ready to work collaboratively, objectively and sincerely towards positive change for the future.

If you have something to share, please write to us at avcouncil@auroville.org.in, or drop a letter/card at our desk on the first floor of the Town Hall by end of day 4th April 2021.

- Auroville Council - Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh K. Meenal, Sai Suresh, Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva
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Errata: Please note following correction to the Council Report (October, November, December and January) published in N&N issue #858 (20.02.2021) and circulated via massmail on March 9th 2021. In the paragraph on African Pavilion, last 3 lines, it should read:

"Recently, in consequence of an incident on New Years Eve that involved outside authorities, the Council and WCom decided to pause all activities of the African Pavilion. The Auroville Council subsequently decided to revoke the management responsibility from the present management team."

We apologize for the error.

-Kind regards, The Auroville Council

Update on General Meeting re: the HT Line

As you can imagine, it was quite a blow to receive the message from RAS & WC just 3 hours before the long prepared GM and to have to cancel the meeting at the last minute. Since then we've received a lot of support & encouragement from the community. Thank you so much! It shows us that this topic is indeed an essential one that urgently requires the community to come together. Be assured that we will continue working towards rescheduling this General Meeting as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we created a post on Auronet to share information & enable community discussion: <https://auroville.org.in/article/83941>. We would have liked to do this on the GM+ platform, however that website is currently not available. Apart from that, if you have any questions, you can always reach out to Forest Group, Youth Center and/or TDC. forestgroup@auroville.org.in; youthcenter@auroville.org.in; avenir@auroville.org.in.

With regards to TDC's last announcement, we expect that the ongoing community process will be respected and any work in the YC/Bliss area put on hold. If there is indeed a time pressure to put the HT cable in the ground and connect the loose ends, we suggest to do so along the existing roads as this is the only option that can be easily undone if need be.

We will keep you informed. At Her service,

- Forest Group & Youth Center

Working Committee Report 18th Jan - 1st March 2021

1. New Working Committee

- We are pleased that the community has selected new members of the Working Committee and that the complete team, with seven members, is now up and running.
 - We would like to thank the outgoing members Carel, Jürgen, Ranjth and Selvaraj for their dedicated work.
 - The new team has started its work including all regular joint weekly meetings with the Acting Secretary, the Land Board, the AVC and the Security Service. Other meetings happen as and when needed, such as with the FAMC, the TDC, with Santé for COVID related matters, with the Name and Symbol protection team on misuse of the Auroville name and symbol, with the Child Protection Team for child issues, and with the Internal Complaints Committee on matters of sexual harassment.
- Our regular internal meeting times continue to be Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 to 1. If you would like to speak to a member, members, or the group as a whole please make an appointment by calling the office at 2622143 or sending an email to wcoffice@auroville.org.in with a brief description of the topic.

2. **Last meeting of the Governing Board:** The minutes of the 56th meeting of the Governing Board held on-line on November 7th 2020 have been received and it will be published soon.

3. Auroville Foundation

- The appointment of the Chairman and members of the next Governing Board is still awaited.
- The appointment of new members of the International Advisory Council is still awaited.
- The appointment of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation is still awaited.

4. Vaccination

- Please see the massbulletin issued on the 13th of March
- Additionally, the Lt. Governor of Puducherry has announced that people from villages surrounding Pondicherry can also go to government hospitals in Pondicherry to get vaccinated. This includes Auroville.

5. **Solid waste pollution in Kulpalayam:** We are happy that after several years of effort on the part of former Working Committee members and others, and active support from the local population, the waste around the unutilized toilet block in the area opposite the SBI has been removed. We hope that the solid waste inside the

tamarind tope next to the Auroville bakery will also be removed soon.

6. Entry issues

a. It has been a long tradition that people who are approved by the Entry Board as "Aurovilian" are announced in the News and Notes as "Aurovilian confirmed."

b. We have informed the Entry Board that, now that the official Regulations for Entry and Exit have been approved by the Education Ministry (previously the Ministry for Human Resource Development), this has to be changed. The official confirmation is when the Secretary's Office enters the name of the person in the Register of Residents, which is maintained by the AVF Office. A person becomes an Aurovilian on the date of the Secretary's registration. The function of the Entry Board is to recommend to the Secretary that a person becomes Aurovilian.

It will also be necessary that the name 'Entry Board' be changed into the official term 'Admission Committee'. As the name 'Entry Board' is well known and preferred by many people, the official name can be 'Admission Committee' and below that, in brackets, 'Entry Board'. This is similar to the official name 'Town Development Council' below which Mother's name 'L'Avenir d'Auroville' is written.

7. **Visa issues:** Despite efforts by François, the Ministry of Home Affairs has not given permission to four former Aurovilians to return to Auroville (Gilles Pfeiffer, Stuart Leard, Stuart Coles and Ries Korsse). The case of one Aurovilian is also still pending. We have been assured that all other cases have been resolved.

8. OCI Regulations and cases

- New regulations regarding OCI's have recently been released by the Central Government. These new regulations specify activities for which OCI holders must get prior government approval.
- There are a number of Aurovilians who have pending applications for OCI status.

We are planning to contact the FRRO in Chennai to try and get clarity on the above points.

9. **Internal Organization Education Program:** It has been observed by us and by many others in the community that many residents, including candidates for the official working groups, have insufficient understanding of the Auroville organization/administration and the work & challenges of Auroville's working groups. In response to this observation, the idea emerged to create and introduce a Civic Education Course for working group candidates as well as other interested people. This idea is under discussion.

10. **African Pavilion:** We are processing an appeal from the management team of the African Pavilion against a decision taken by the Auroville Council to revoke their management.

11. Eviction cases

- The long standing eviction of a non-Aurovilian from a house in Sharnga community has finally taken place.
- The eviction of a house in AuroOrchard is still pending with the Tamil Nadu authorities.

12. **Arrest of an Aurovilian:** An Aurovilian has been arrested for violence against another Auroville resident, after that resident filed a complaint with the police. This was done in spite of a watchman being organized by a member of the Council and the first Aurovilian being moved away from the community in which the incident took place, where both were living. We are disappointed by this action and by the fact that other Auroville residents actively encouraged and supported the involvement and intervention by the police, especially after measures had been taken to address the situation internally and ensure the safety of all. The arrested Aurovilian has now been released on bail.

13. **Arrest of a non-Aurovilian foreigner:** The police have arrested a non-Aurovilian foreigner who has been staying in Auroville without a valid visa, and against whom a complaint has been filed for violence against an

Aurovilian as well as due to concerns regarding the safety of minors. He is also now released on bail and has been seen in the local area but is not welcome in Auroville.

14. 150th anniversary celebrations of Sri Aurobindo's birth on 15-08-2022: An announcement on this topic was recently published on Auronet <https://auroville.org.in/article/83867> and published in the News and Notes.

15. Continuing issues:

- a. Interaction with the HRD Ministry on pending issues (appointments GB, IAC and Secretary, and GOI grant).
- b. Interaction with Tamil Nadu government officials on land issues (peramboke lease, land acquisition and land protection).
- c. Actively encouraging the creation of a centralized guest registration programme and database.
- d. Providing assistance to the Land Board for land purchases.
- e. Interacting with the Residents' Service and Talam for the smooth running of the Auroville Master List; and the harmonization of the data of the Master List with the data of the Register of Residents maintained by the Secretary.

- The Working Committee

Anu, Arun S., Chali, Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi

Land Board Report March 2021

Facts and Figures:

- From March 2020 to Feb 2021 a total of 30.48 acres were purchased for Auroville.
- Wood (through cleaning work and clearing by the road side and cleaning on LB stewarded land or at request of the communities) was collected and sold for Rs 3,59,355 which was contributed to the BCC. Firewood valued at Rs. 15,921 was contributed to Isai Ambalam School.
- 1083 m of fencing was erected at a cost of Rs. 1,75,054.
- A cement slab wall was erected in the Industrial Zone in cooperation with the Kottakarai Village which concluded a long pending issue. Cost: Rs. 1.8 lakh.
- A wall was shifted in Eternity to reclaim encroached land.
- Internal surveys conducted by our team: 54 -
- Govt surveys conducted: 11
- Patta transfers completed: 25 (102 are pending - sigh!)
- 34 Court cases are ongoing and an additional 4 cases will be added
- BCC allocated the LB Rs. 5 lakhs to purchase fencing supplies in bulk.

Report - The Auroville Foundation, through the WC, requested a detailed report of all lands that have been encroached since the beginning with the name and addresses of each person, and describing the location based on the FMB's (Field Measurement Book) - LB survey team completed this massive work and has submitted the report to the Foundation as requested for further action and solutions.

A meeting was held with the L'Avenir team (Feb 3rd), at which the Land Board was apprised of priority areas to consolidate for development. A concern was expressed regarding the LB's initiative of planting trees, in that it may cause objections of future development (the trees are planted in the interest of establishing possession, for soil conservation). Suggestion that bunding and ensuring that Odai Peramboke (waterways) are kept up. The LB requested L'Avenir to both clarify the responsibilities, the process for assigning stewards (with the Green Group and FAMC), and to speed up the process. The LB stewards a lot of land, as people are reluctant to give up land for development, so also there is a reluctance to allocate it. For the Greenbelt & farms, it was suggested to allocate land to mixed groups of people. In some cases, the groups have prevented potential stewards on trouble spots, the end result can lead to land encroachment which in turn causes a waste of time, energy and money and lengthy legal disputes or mediation that the LB is then forced to take-up. We suggest that groups invest the time and energy in finding acceptable stewards, if they refuse those that come forward.

Joint meetings - We continue our joint weekly meetings with the new FAMC members and WC. These meetings have greatly assisted the LB in moving forward in a timely fashion with regard to purchases and coordinating the needed actions.

We are grateful for the many friends & devotees for their continued support & donations via the various LFAU accounts towards the purchase of Auroville lands, despite the Covid crisis. Om Jai Ma!

Legal team: We were requested to strengthen our legal team. Advocate Anoop has completed one year, Sathya Seelan, and other advocates are assisting us. We hope to be able to cover the expenses of these as the need for legal assistance increases day-by-day.

We extend our appreciation for the work done by many stewards, as protecting AV land is increasingly difficult due to the escalation in prices, people are far more aggressive and thank those that have friendly relations with their neighbors.

The land board has faced numerous issues/challenges, some of which are mentioned below.

Opposite Tanto the Kuilapalayam village has requested 3 cents. The matter is ongoing to find an appropriate solution.

Edeyanchavadi Animal Shelter area, 20 cents of AV land was encroached, a Govt survey was done and a court order issued, the officials came to the site to request the party to remove the encroachment. (A septic tank has been built on AV land and will be destroyed).

Opposite Botanical garden a portion of Auroville land encroached was retrieved and fenced; another portion is pending to complete.

Quiet Beach: Fishermen prevented the repair of the existing fence in the Quiet residential area. A meeting was held with the fishermen in Chinamudaliarchavadi, attended by LB and WC members and the police. In principal the parties agreed that the fence could be put up as the safety of the women and children was a concern, however when our team went to fence the land we were stopped again. The matter is pending and police presence is required to erect the fence.

Pitchandikulam- a piece of land in the greenbelt was sold to an outside party (Posh Hospital). The issue of access to land for the use of non-agricultural activities is contested by Auroville as the majority of the road is located on Auroville land. The WC and LB have requested the stewards to only allow agricultural activities access to the land. The owner has filed an FIR on the stewards. The LB has requested the party to sell the land to Auroville due to its sensitive location, and would assist in all ways to find an appropriate area for the non-aligned activity instead.

Newlands area: Similarly, an outside party has purchased land between Slancio and Newlands and has made an entrance from the AV access. We have requested the party to make an agreement regarding noncommercial development with regard to the access with the LB, however so far the party has refused.

Sri Ma- A long pending encroachment by St James Court. The LB along with the steward has requested a new Govt Survey and is following up with the AVF for eviction of the encroacher. The party refused the survey thus the survey was postponed and will be resumed.

Shakti community entrance area is an ongoing issue with regard to land that was exchanged previously in an area that was apparently in the wrong location. The area was measured by the Govt surveyor by the VAO of Kottakuppam. The matter is being followed up with the assistance of an advocate.

Acceptance: We await the police to remove the hut and finish erecting the fence in this location.

Azhagabumi (near Infinity-Kamataru) Iyyenarappan has cut trees on the land that AV has been occupying since 1969. He was requested to stop, the steward Balu has repeatedly asked the LB for help and we have complied. We await some official documents as there are some discrepancies. LB has also contacted the Aurovilian relatives to request Mr Iyyenarapan to stop his harassment and clearing until the documents are sorted out.

AuroOrchard- eviction process is ongoing. After a court order, both the VAO and the Tahsildar visited the site -The dwelling was provided to an employee and is encroached by his son.

ArulVazhi School, Moratandi area- The entrance to the school has been encroached and then blocked. The matter was brought to the various authorities, & the police intervened to assist the LB to clear the access. It is advised that the access be fenced on both sides and that a gate be installed.

Bamboo Center: A person from Kottakarai claims he has an unidentifiable 4 cents and has erected a shed on AV land and proceeded to request for an electrical connection. AVES and LB have blocked the electric connection and access, our lawyer is following up with respective suits.

Sadhana Forest tree cutting and land encroachment. LB sent the survey team to check on the ground and stop the tree cutting while scrutinizing the documents.

(Meanwhile it is notable to share that through the work of water conservation Pattanur Villagers who have supported with a petition to the authorities that Sadhana forest care for the surrounding Peromboke.)

SOLVED ISSUES:

- A long-time pending issue regarding **Venkatesh's leather shop** on AV land near Kottakarai has been solved amicably and the building removed. The LB thanks Selvaraj for his energy to help conclude the matter and Venkatesh for his cooperation.
- **Simplicity** compound wall was put up on one side, the fishermen requested that their access be widened slightly which was allowed. The ocean facing side is still pending, a dispute of a portion is under scrutiny by our advocate.
- The agreement with the **Kottakarai village** was reached regarding the claim on Tamarind trees in the **International Zone** and the erection of a wall by LB.
- **Minati area-** Due to a decent neighbor and friendly relationships the fencing and boundary were established and erected without any problems.
- **Water Conservation-** LB & Green Group suggests that for improved water security, percolation work (bunds, ponds, etc) is carried out prior to farm/forest stewardship being assigned. So far Kireet has visited some sites with the LB to assess the required works. Funds for JCB (earth-moving) work are needed to carry them out. If there is a person willing to assist in this task along with Kireet, please contact us. Landboard@auroville.org.in.



-From the Safety & Security Team: The list of incidents reported to AVSST in January 2021 is available on Auronet. To find it, go in the "Reports" section by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Auroville Consulting Open House that was announced for Saturday, 20th is CANCELLED

Due to the new Covid guidelines, we regret to inform you that our Open House has been cancelled for now. We do hope though that the situation improves soon and we get to celebrate the occasion. We will reach out to the community once we are able to decide on a new date.
- Best, Auroville Consulting Team

Calling Mother's Auroville postponed

Due to the Covid situation, we have decided to **postpone the event 'Calling For The Mother's Auroville' til further notice.** As we would like to organize this important happening in a peaceful and joyful atmosphere, we thought that it would be better to wait till the situation is relaxed again. We will take the opportunity of this delay to deepen and widen this initiative, and we will keep you informed about further developments as soon as possible. Thanks for your understanding.
-The Auroville Prosperity team

Citizens' Assembly events postponed

The Citizens' Assembly events on the 22nd and 27th March, organized as part of 'Calling Mother's Auroville' week by the Prosperity team, have been postponed in the light of recent COVID positive cases. However, the **Auroville premiere of the film, 'The Making of the Citizens' Assembly' WILL be shown in the open air this Thursday (18th) at 7 PM in Anitya community.** (To reach Anitya, go past Centre Guest House until you reach the big cricket field, go straight across it and the community will be there on the other side of the field. If you have any issues finding the community, contact 7094716136).



Taxi share - Monday, 5th April, to Bodhi Zendo/Kodaikanal. To reserve at Bodhi Zendo, write mail@bodhizendo.org and ask for a reservation or call me F.M.I. 0413 2623314 or shanti@auroville.org.in. Shanti, Samasti.

LOST & FOUND

LOST - Small (8") Samsung TAV S6 tablet. If found, please email Adrianna at koruna3@yahoo.com. Thanks much!

TVS Keys Lost - On Saturday, 13th March on the stretch between Verite & Town Hall. It's a bundle of 2 small black keys w/ a silver hook. If found, please contact +91 948 868 2734 or steffen@auroville.org.in. Thank you very much.

FOUND: If they're yours, email krishna.devanandan@auroville.org.in



THANK YOU



Heartfelt thanks from the Divine Flowers Team to all those who helped in the preparation of the Flower Exhibition. To Savitri Bhavan; to Last School & Nandanam Kindergarten; Aurorachana; Maroma; Deepam Candles; Mereville; AV Bakery; Auroamritam; and to all those who brought flowers and vases to be exhibited; to Matrimandir and the gardens of the Ashram; to SAILER and all those who supported us financially and in kind; and to all who visited the exhibition making it a very memorable week. ~ Mita, Naren, Poonam, Rabi, Ramachandra

Gratitude for "Nachiketas"

Dear Aryamani and team,
Thank you so much for the deeply enriching and soulful performance of "Nachiketas" at Matrimandir last week. Wisdom from the ancient text of Katha Upanishad (कठोपनिषद्) was presented so beautifully. In the Upanishadic lore, Nachiketa was a teenager and at such a young age, he was able to discern between श्रेयस (shreyas/that which is good for the soul's progress) and प्रेयस (preyas / that which is pleasant to the senses but would hinder the soul's progress). It also reminds about the importance of making Sanskrit "alive" in Auroville. Thank you once again for the inspiration. Looking forward to more :) and happy to offer myself and participate in any ways that I can be of service. With Gratitude, Devan

APPEALS

HELP ANIMALS: DOG & CAT STERILISATION PROJECT

We are looking for people who care about a healthy and well-maintained dog & cat population in and around Auroville, and who can and have time to help with all types of work. We have some money through a project to sterilize stray dogs and dogs/cats of Auroville employees. The team we were working with earlier somehow faded and now we are looking for young energetic people to help with this important task. For Aurovilians that will work with regularity and dedication we can offer some type of financial support in kind. (lunch, PTDC etc).

A first meeting with all interested will take place on Saturday 20th March afternoon 2.30 -4 at the Town Hall meeting room, first floor. For information please either write to helpanimals@auroville.org.in, or call/text 984 0031935.

- Enrica and Shivaya

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 074, 20-03-2021

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers & Friends of Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovillian or Friend of Auroville status confirmation, for Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville two weeks and for Aurovilians and Returning Aurovilians one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Thuamzading VALTE aka Dingbawi (Indian) - staying in Citadines and working at Kinisi



Dingbawi

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Jayaprakash JAYABALAN (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Anshul AGGARWAL (Indian) - staying in Pitchandikulam (Coin de Terre) and working at AuroOrchard & Citizens Assembly
- Ashwini Sreedevi TATPATI (Indian) - staying in Aspiration and working at Verite
- Jeounghee SON aka Rose (Korean) - staying in Future School and working at PTDC & PARA Agency
- Pavneet KAUR (Indian) - staying in Center Field and working at TDC (Environment Monitoring Cell)



Anshul



Ashwini



Jeounghee



Pavneet

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Giovanni CITO (Italian)
- Nadia LABIOD (French)

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been completed and returned. Be aware that the duration of the process cannot exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- An Aurovillian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation (AVF) Office.
- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovillian is official only once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form. An Aurovillian's name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according

to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.

- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HANGOUT Gathering at Center Guest House

Saturday MARCH 20th, 2.30 - 6.00 PM

Note that due to popular demand we'll be closing one hour later than before. As usual you and your friends and family can come by any time and stay as long as you want, it's totally informal. Whether you want to play games, or just chat with friends or meet new people of all ages please do come on by and join in ... it's fun! We will have some juices, coffee, tea and cookies and you are invited to make a donation or bring some cake, sweets or snacks to share with all. The usual board games will be available. If you have a preferred game set at your home bring it along and look for partners to play with. All ages are welcome. -Don and Shivaya - Thiridage group

Experiments with Fasting

Wednesday, 24th March 4pm at Neem Tree

Sharing my experiments with various types of fasting. (5-15 days water, 3 days no food no water, Buddhist (months), fruit only (weeks), intermittent (months) over the last year and a half. Please register via email: ohol.priya@gmail.com

From: SAIER: We, the SAIER Board, invite you to what we hope will be the first in a series of conversations on learning, teaching and educational research. We will begin with two short talks:

- "Experiences in teaching and in the mentoring of teachers in a school in Chennai (2012-2021)" by Lucas
- "What do you teach when nothing can be taught?" by Manas

The session is designed to ensure there is time for substantive discussions.

March 27th, 10:30 to 12:30, SAIER Conference Hall

Looking forward to seeing you there!

- The SAIER board (Ashoke C, Chali, Divya K, Jean-Yves, Jyoti K, Lucas, Manas, Sanjeev A, Sauro)



Report of the AV Birthday Run 2021

Auroville celebrated its birthday with an AVRun 2021. Around 200 runners participated in the different categories: 20k, 10k, 5k & walk/jog. It was a joyous "AV family event" with friends, guests, volunteers & co-workers. The youngest was 5 and the oldest 81 years. A canine section was introduced by Coco for 10k. Many units & well-wishers contributed in kind and cash. The route was well marked and avoided roads/ traffic. Every runner who had put down his name was given a card. Refreshment and medical aid was provided in three stations for the runners, and at Certitude for everybody. The Marathon organisers didn't share their equipment, but gave a cash donation. It was felt that coordinated effort by the Marathon organisers and the AVrunners could provide a more "Auroville-family style" ambience for the next run. Maybe 15th August - the start of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth year - is a good opportunity to express our gratitude and joy by circling Their City. - Frederick, For AV Runners



Zoom Discount

Just a reminder that if you'd like to share in a Zoom Pro Educational license for Auroville (50% discount) please fill out this form by 31st March: <https://forms.gle/bordMKDiryK1ap8>.
~ Divyanshi, for ACI

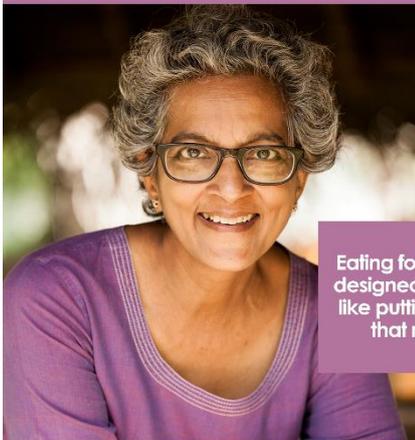
Latest News from Inside India

Most airlines are maintaining their international flights under the special agreement program. Before making a flight booking, please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements while travelling and the entry procedures of the country of destination. We advice not to make bookings far in advance because of the changing situations.

Please take note of the latest GOI Covid circular: airports and in-flight airlines have to insist that passengers are wearing masks properly and maintain social distancing at all times. They are instructed to de-board and hand over to security agencies any passengers who fail to comply, who may be dealt as per law.

You can contact Mr. Ganesh directly for issuing, rescheduling etc. for all kind of ticketing, by phone/WA: +91 9894598686 or travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com

HEALTH



Eating foods that were not designed for us is a little bit like putting diesel in a car that runs on petrol.

Sat 20th March 2021
at 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm + Q & A
Venue: Bhumiika Hall, Bharat Nivas

After the talk there will be healthy food stalls with items for sampling and purchase

Dr Nandita Shah founded SHARAN 15 years ago. SHARAN's vision is to build a culture of health by lifestyle changes in line with Nature. Since then SHARAN has positively impacted the lives of over 1 lakh people all over the world. Learn more about this work and what you can do to prevent and reverse diseases.

After the talk there will be time for Q & A. Healthy food stalls will be on site. Come taste and learn!

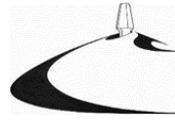


This is to inform you that, Chennai-based, (Mentsekhang) TIBETAN Clinic is visiting Auroville on Friday 26th full day & Saturday 27th, half day. The consultation will take place at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone. You are kindly request to reserve your appointment by calling 0413 2622401 or 848 906 7332. Note: We request everyone to maintain the COVID guidelines and MASK is a must.
~ Tibetan Pavilion Team.

MATRIMANDIR



Matrimandir and the Park of Unity is open everyday from 6 to 8 am & 4:30 to 6.30 pm (for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers holding a valid Matrimandir Pass). Volunteers' place of work will need to send an email to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in to be considered for the pass.



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR
Meditation at sunset with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY (weather permitting)
6.00 to 6.30 pm

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

Access is still limited to Aurovilians, Newcomers and Pass Holders. Please carry your pass with you -Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm. After the meditation is over, the gardens will close.

Natural Impressions - Ambient Live Music by Nadaka - Saturday 5:15 to 6 PM. Enjoy this peaceful moment in the Matrimandir Gardens, by the Amphitheater.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES



Auroville Radio is looking for software engineer & social media manager with basic graphic design skills. Budget available.
radio@auroville.org.in

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is looking for a faculty in Electric Electronic Engineering with a min. qualification M.E. or M.Tech. and teaching experience as well as a faculty in Mechanical Engineering with a min. qualification M.E. in mechanical Engineering and teaching experience.

AIAT is also seeking a principal with a min. qualification Masters in any Engineering discipline OR with a vision, willpower & interest to help the Institute become a centre of excellence in applied technology, offering integral education at undergraduate & post graduate level for Auroville and Bioregion. Please. apply to Lavkamad, Executive, principal.aiat@auroville.org.in.

Surya Performance Lab - is looking for a manager for our Aurovilian professional Dance Theatre company. We need a skilled & experienced person for management & communication. Fluency in English is required; Tamil or Hindi is a plus. Maintenance provided according to your skills & experience. Full or half time. Aurovilian/ Newcomer preferred. Please send your resume with a motivational letter to suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in; Whatsapp: Philippe: 890 384 190 4/ Thierry: 890 386 9078

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in. And we have a new website - please check it out: hriauroville.org.

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL 22

If you would like to help with the organisation of the 7th edition of this biennial film festival, please do email us with the subject 'organisational help'. We need help with many aspects from technical to hosting and admin, from writing to excel, and of course people who like to organise. aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

News & Notes needs an assistant editor. Detail-oriented work. Please send a letter of interest and summary of your skills to admin-newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.

LOOKING FOR

House - Carmen, Aurovillian for 3 yrs., looking for place of stay from 26th April. Housesit or room, preferably long term but short time possible. Kind regards Carmen, 853 101 7772.

Furniture - single or larger bed & mattress, table & chair, bookshelf, cupboard or other type of storage furniture for an Auroville family that does not have the means to purchase. If you have any of the above to give away, please call/send message to 948 960 1312. THANK YOU!

Gardener - Saracon campus. The job is to plant, water, & prune trees/plants. Weeding out dead grasses, maintaining, sweeping, keeping the campus clean. some basic landscaping and designs for the beautification of the campus. Experience in Auroville appreciated. Mon - Sat; 8:30 to 12:30 & 1:30 to 5:00. Lunch provided. Contact Rajesh, rajesh@auroville.org.in, 9786016134, 9443138946.

House and garden help - at Nilatangham. 3 to 4 days a week. Contact ambre@auroville.org.in.

Work - House worker, Sandhya from Edaynachavady is looking for work. Tues/Thurs/Sat. Please contact Lakshmi 8489764602

House-sitting for Mandar & Dakshayani - Two very sincere & talented practitioners of Indian classical music (registered Savi volunteers) from Pune have been conducting various classes and workshops on Naada Yoga as well as sessions for children at Nandanam Kindergarten & Deepanam School. We are exploring with them about learning Sanskrit through Classical Music and some initial experiments have been quite enriching. Many Aurovillians are attending their regular classes and are very grateful for their offerings. The two of them have also fallen in love with Auroville and are open to stay long-term, and if the Divine Mother wills, then start their Newcomer process. They are presently living in a small studio at Bharat Nivas which does not have a kitchen. Their needs are very simple - a living space in Auroville with an attached kitchen, bathroom and good access to the internet. You can know more about them and their work on www.baithak.org. Trust that Auroville will welcome them with open hearts and if you have any suggestions on housing for them, please contact Dakshayani on: +91 89753 17300 or athalyedakshayani@gmail.com.

AVAILABLE

Grundfos 3 hp Submersible Pump - New and under 2 yr. warranty, perfect running condition. Possibly the best quality pumps sold in India. Will sell it at discounted rate. charlie@auroville.org.in

Cans and barrels available at **Probiotics House**. No smell :,) made of HDPE plastic. 25 & 50 liter cans; 50 liter barrel. Also **fresh compost** made by us w/ the power of probiotics, available at our outlet at Reve Community. Please come with your container. Contribution expected. FMI: 0413 2623774.

House helper - Vijaya, working in different houses in Auroville for many years, still has a few half-days free. If you need someone reliable, with good spirit and hard-working, please contact me. I'll pass the message to her. Surya, suryanina@auroville.org.in; # 0830 018 9062.

Cotton silk tree - needs a lot of space, preferably in the forest. It's very healthy and happy. Anyone? Lakshmi 8489764602; lakshmiprem369@gmail.com.

Bass Guitar - Ashton ACB100EQ Electro Acoustic. Includes canvas cover case w/hand embroidered Lord Jagannath patch; 2 sets of acoustic bass guitar strings; 9Volt battery & charger; D'addario cable. A beautiful instrument looking for someone with a passion for music. Daniel, WA 70940 24777 or danielrabin@yahoo.com.

GREEN MATTERS



If you still have a garden that needs water, before watering it, don't forget to check if it actually needs water. If the soil is still wet 5 centimetres below the surface, your plants don't need water. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in / www.aurovillewater.in

Water Talks: March 2021

Let's talk about water! Each Monday in the month of March, a member of the Auroville community will dive into the topic of water in an engaging presentation or site visit. This year's theme is "Systems that Work", and focuses on systems that help us catch, conserve, or recycle water. Please see the schedule below and join us! All talks/walks are free of cost, but if you would like to support the ongoing work of the Water Group, our FS# is 252000. Thank you! Water Group (www.aurovillewater.in)

- **March 22: Special event for World Water Day!**

This event has been postponed due to the current Covid situation. Stay tuned for water festivities at a future date!

- **March 29, Buddha Garden, 5:00pm**
"Whole Water in Buddha Garden"

Join Buddha Garden team members Priya, Vivek, Giri and Rajan for a walk around the farm's small forest and ponds to examine their water catchment and usage. Check out the techniques they have used to handle flood-prone areas. Then visit the vegetable gardens and fruit orchards to see their smart irrigation system and learn about the research they have carried out on the automatic watering system. (Please meet at Buddha Garden by the Neem Tree at the entrance. This is on your right as you come through the Buddha Garden gate and there are stone stools on which to sit.) Thank you for following Covid protocols.

-Water Group: (Eric Chacra, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Tency)

www.aurovillewater.in/ www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup



Here are the last podcasts list from your favourite radio. Enjoy it and stay tuned! **Here** you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). **Here** you can see on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts:

[Lunaria - ep.8 "Menstrual tracking and charting"](#) (Women health)

[Savitri, B. IX, C. I, Part 1](#) (Integral yoga)

[Savitri, B. IX, C. I, Part 2](#) (Integral yoga)

[Soul Tracks SE02, Ep. 6 - "Sunshine & Good Vibes"](#) (Music)

[Audible Weed Walk - ep.32 "Let's fire up our tradition of inquiry - Be a weeder!"](#) (Food education)

[The Tamil Literary Forum - ep.24 "தமிழ் இலக்கியப் பரட்டைகள் சில"](#) (Tamil culture)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.88 "Generosity"](#) (Wellness)

[Neo Urban Chronik - ep.35 "The bluster of a former grumbler with Alisson"](#) (Humour)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.87 "Happiness Matters"](#) (Wellness)

[Marlenka's Weekly Offering - ep.24](#) (Integral yoga)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi - 350](#) (Integral yoga)

[Soul Tracks SE2, Ep. 5 - "The Road Trip, with Serena & Nikki"](#) (Music)

....and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org

FMI: radio@auroville.org.in. Peace and Love

Why Auroville?

"One must have an absolutely transparent sincerity. Lack of sincerity is the cause of the difficulties we meet at present. Insincerity is in all men. There are perhaps a hundred men on earth who are totally sincere. Man's very nature makes him insincere – it is very complicated, for he is constantly deceiving himself, hiding the truth from himself, making excuses for himself. Yoga is the way to become sincere in all parts of the being.

It is difficult to be sincere, but at least one can be mentally sincere; this is what can be demanded of Aurovilians. The force is there, present as never before; man's insincerity prevents it from descending, from being felt. The world lives in falsehood, all relations between men have until now been based on falsehood and deceit. Diplomatic relations between nations are based on falsehood. They claim to want peace, and meanwhile they are arming themselves. Only a transparent sincerity in man and among nations can usher in a transformed world.

Auroville is the first attempt in this experiment. A new world will be born; if men are willing to make an effort for transformation, to seek for sincerity, it is possible. From animal to man, thousands of years were needed; today, with his mind, man can will and hasten a transformation towards a man who shall be God.

This transformation by the help of the mind – by self-analysis – is a first step; afterwards, it is necessary to transform the vital impulses: that is much more difficult, and especially to transform the physical. Every cell in our bodies must become conscious. This is the work I am doing here; it will enable the conquest of death. That is another story; that will be the humanity of the future, perhaps after hundreds of years, perhaps sooner. It will depend on men, on nations.

Auroville is the first step towards this goal."

- Words of The Mother. February 1968. Volume 13, pg 268
https://www.aurobindo.ru/workings/ma/13/vol_13_e.pdf

-submitted by Zech

Re: Covid Vaccine

Contrary to what the article which appeared in N&N # 860 dt 6.3.21 affirmed in its promotion of the "vaccine" produced by AstraZeneca, Thailand and 13 European countries: Austria, Denmark, Estonia, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg & Norway, also Germany and The Netherlands as of 15.3.21, and Switzerland, have suspended the use of the COVID "vaccine" made by "AstraZeneca", known locally in India as "Covishield", because it may cause blood clots and death.

- submitted by Tine

The Third Position

The eater
Still stuck on eating
Is also eaten.

Self-giving
Is the new thing.
Not just yang or yin.
The third position:
The One between.
The One within.
A conduit.
Catalytic.
rEvolutionary.
Matter equals energy.
Transforming.
The atoms from inside
Ablazing.

Soon coming
On Earth
A Life Divine.

Zech, Auroville, 04.03.21

A tribute to some ...

Perception:

When people are asked, "what is the most important job", you get numerous answers, but very rarely the correct one. Ask yourself this question for a minute before going further in this text...

For the vast majority of us humans, without food, life is not possible. Thus, the correct answer is farming, agriculture, because to reach any state, one needs to eat, right?

Food grown and prepared with Love/Consciousness carries a lot of energy, it makes sense, no?

My next question is: are you aware of parents who encourage their children to do farming? Personally, I know only very few. There are many reasons and people know that farming is a challenging job, especially here with our climate (50°c to 60°c in May/June), and on top, try to last, keeping a good health.

Farming, agriculture... The most important job? Really???

Economic aspects:

Without bonuses, the daily salary of workers on a farm in Auroville starts at around Rs.180 and can go to more than Rs.400 depending their responsibilities. For the Aurovillian farmers, in order to get a full maintenance, you are supposed to work 35 hrs/wk. But what about the physical hardship of a work? So, not only is farming not well paid, (even though it is the most important job), but you get physically challenged over the years, if you can persevere! If you do farm work 25 hrs/wk, as people I know do, you only get a half maintenance, so to be able to sustain your living, you have to find additional solutions. What is the time left to study the teachings of Mother and Sri Aurobindo, to enjoy your hobbies? Forget about it - you are exhausted! I am the longest volunteer in AuroOrchard and I have seen many people giving up. For some, you also have to find funds for your housing. Who is able to do that?

Food in Auroville, in most cases, is the first regular expense in our individual budget. Living cost in Auroville has been increasing over the years - The price of food has doubled in just 8 years. Was it the same for maintenances? This "inflationary inequality" means you are losing buying power and practically-speaking, you become poorer. For those living only on a maintenance (even half), most Aurovillian places are not affordable if you want to have a dinner. So you go outside". Also, probably, if the prices were really affordable, you would have more Aurovilians having their meals in Auroville restaurants, possibly reducing the number of visitors, contributing to finance Auroville, so ...?

Eventual solutions: Part of the solution would be to develop more eatery services providing meals only for Aurovilians/New Comers/Volunteers (ANCV). For instance, PTDC kitchen could be developed to do that. And by supporting the farms, much more products could go to the Solar Kitchen on a regular basis. Thus, it means the products of the farms should go first to those services preparing meals for Aurovilians. The surplus could go to food processing for instance and/or to some commercial processing units/restaurants that would agree to provide food at an almost cost price to ANCV (after having included their charges and let's say 5% extra).

I also propose that Aurovilians who are doing physical work in the farms get a full maintenance for around 27 hours per week. Farming has to be funded to a much greater extent. I invite people to look again at the News and Notes Issue 814 about the repartition of Receipts and Payments by Category.

Also, why not allow the people who can afford and who are willing to do, to pay/contribute more when they buy something in Auroville? They could specify at the counter that the extra they give is to support farms (could be the high priority of the moment) Auroville farms products that remain in Auroville should be disconnected from the external market prices that are subject to speculation or unexpected behaviour.

Implementation of solutions is the biggest issue. From my observation, the blockages originate from human relationships related to old patterns. I will elaborate on this in the next News and Notes.

- submitted by Eric Chacra

And the bird

He sings
to the sun
He signs
to the wind
He sings
to love
He sings
to the song!

~ Dany Littlewood

As you will see from the quotes below, Sri Aurobindo “knew” that vaccinations were “poison” and that the children and people who are sick should avoid, MORE THAN the others, being vaccinated, because their immune system is weaker - while doctors vaccinate people without ever inquiring whether they are sick, weak, feverish, etc., and even vaccinate preferably those whose immune system is the weakest!

In [Correspondance with Sri Aurobindo](#) (by Nirodbaran), Sri Aurobindo Ashram Press, 1984 there are mentions of vaccination pp. 888, 889, 890, 892, 896, 900, 901 (April 6, 7, 8 etc. 1937).

891: “we will mark those who MUST NOT be poisoned”, p. 902 (13 April 1937): “The whole Pasteurian affair is to me antipathetic - it is dark and dangerous in principle, however effective.”

p. 909 (April 18 1937): “A very nasty affair this vaccination, in any case.”

p. 910 (19 April 1937): “Confound it sir, it was when it was above creation that it was awake - in creation it is asleep and dreaming - as you are when you are vaccinating people, though you mayn't think it - the vaccination is only an ugly dream.”

p. 911 (19 April 1937): “It (vaccination) is beastly and nasty in all ways, so there is no room for disagreement.”

You can also have a look at the Aphorisms nos 382 to 407. The Mother and Sri Aurobindo were very sensitive on the matter of compulsory vaccination. Following are the references from various texts on this issue:

“The sovereignty of mind has made humanity the slave of doctors and their remedies. And the result is that illnesses are increasing in number and seriousness.

The only true salvation for men is to escape from mental domination by opening to the Divine Influence which they will obtain through a total surrender.”

The Mother, 15 March 1970

Then came the vaccination comedy à la Molière. For the first time the French Government sent an injunction that all Ashram members must be vaccinated. That created a mild commotion in the Ashram. Sri Aurobindo had to use all his divine diplomacy and initiated me in the art of dodging the government, ending eventually with a small number of sadhaks being “induced to make themselves victims on the sacred altar of Science.” I could not resist my hilarity, poring over Sri Aurobindo’s reasons why such and such persons should not be touched.

(from Introduction to Nirodbaran’s [Correspondance with Sri Aurobindo](#)) - submitted by Tine

SPECIAL EVENT/CITY SERVICES FUNDRAISER



SAVITRI: A LEGEND AND A SYMBOL
An Introductory Exploration
of Sri Aurobindo’s Mantric Epic
March 27th, 7:30 – 9 PM IST
3 – 4:30 PM GMT
10 – 11:30AM Eastern Time (US)

Please join us for an online talk and discussion with Shradhdhavan on Sri Aurobindo’s epic poem.

“The importance of Savitri is immense. Its subject is universal. Its revelation is prophetic. The time spent in its atmosphere is not wasted.” - The Mother

This event is a benefit for Auroville’s City Services/Unity Fund, which provides for the community’s basic needs, like education, shared infrastructure, and maintenances. Register for the event by making a donation of any amount by clicking the link below. You will then receive an email with the link to join the zoom event. Your generous support is greatly appreciated! <https://aviasa.org/shradhdhavan/>

You can make a donation in your own currency by credit card, Google Pay, PayPal, or bank transfer to receive the link to attend the event and to receive a downloadable link to a recording of it if you are not able to attend the live event.

EXHIBITIONS



Sat. March 20th, 9 AM
Opening of the Art Camp
9:15 - 10:30 Talk by Deepti

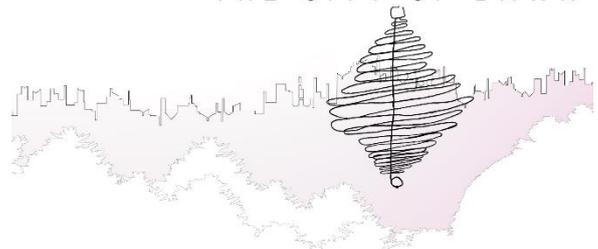
COLLECTIVE ART- PUBLIC SPACE @
Visitors Centre

Sun. March 21st 14:00 to 17:00
Collective Mural by the artists of the
art camp on the path from VC towards
the MM Viewing Point.

OPEN STUDIO @ Pavilion
of Tibetan Culture

Tue. March 23rd, Wed. 24th and Thu. 25th
15:00 to 17:00: Artists at work

THE CITY OF DAWN



EXHIBITION OF THE ARTWORKS CREATED
DURING THE AUROVILLE ART CAMP 2021

27 / 03 / 2021

OPENING - 4:30 PM

CHOIR WITH AUROVILLE HARMONIES CONDUCTED BY ANTOINE

CENTRE D'ART CITADINES

FROM 27/03 TO 3/04 - 3 TO 6 PM

Out of Lockdown

In this show CREEVA shares with you
artist's work that was only done in lockdown.

March 9th – 28th 2021

9 AM – 5 PM – Savitri Bhavan

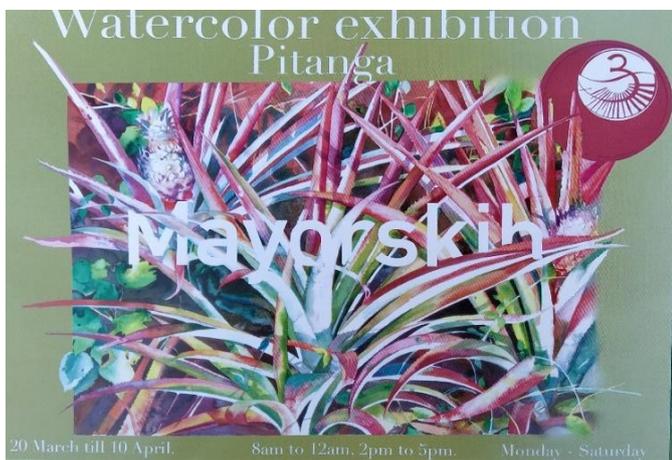


C'entre d'Art group exhibition

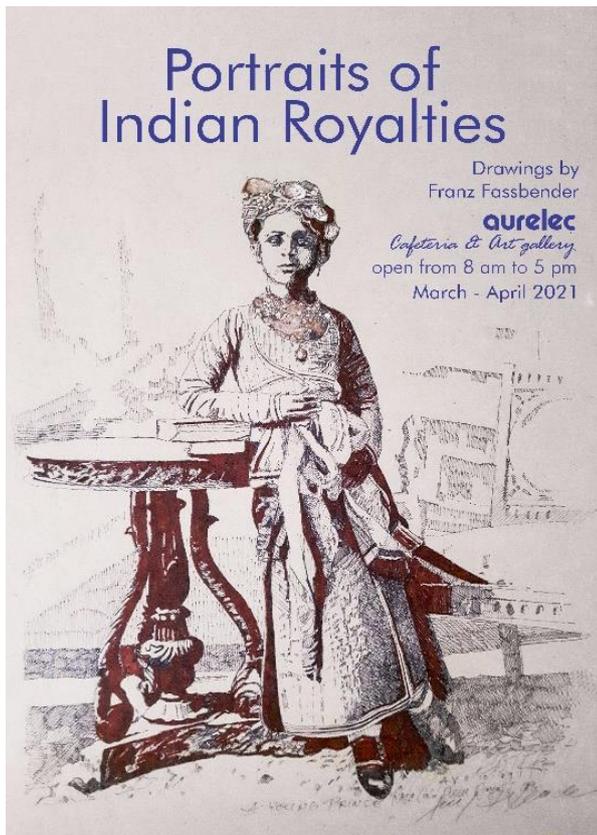
"TRANSPARENCY"

Through 24th March

Gallery hours Monday to Saturday - 2.30 - 5.30 PM
Sunday closed. Please park at the Town Hall parking.



20th March, - 10th April, 8 AM - 12 PM, 2 PM - 5 PM
Monday - Saturday @ Pitanga



Portraits of Indian Royalties

Drawings by
Franz Fassbender
aurelec
Cafeteria & Art gallery
open from 8 am to 5 pm
March - April 2021



21st March, 7 PM, CRIPA

'Amorphous' explores if beyond gender, one can reach a state of both form & formlessness, and experience more freedom (free from identity and its consequent relations). With a dual approach of intrinsic (dancer) and extrinsic (camera) elemental representations, 'Amorphous' is a visual journey exploring the physicality of a female dancer when not put into the state and statute of any gender. It seeks what is beyond gender through the paradoxical existence of form and formlessness which brings up an intermediate and transient 'lesser form' state.

In an 'amorphous' state, what freedom can one experience?

KIRTAN - Tuesdays, 5 - 6.30PM, Butterfly Barn, Svedame

We gather to sing from our hearts & celebrating Divinity & sacredness of all life. Together we Rise! Welcome! Thank you! (*notice: it's weekly & it's Tuesdays from now on!*)

Story Telling offered by Fif, Paula, Devi & Aksheeya
Saturday, 27th March, 10 AM to 12 PM,
Kala Kendra Art Gallery, Bharat Nivas

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Introduction to the spiritual and emotional wisdom of the Taoist Meridians and Acupressure Point Location, Pulse Diagnosis
Secret Practices of Healing Qi Gong for Health, Balance, Harmony and Vitality

Offered by Shari Sunshine

Thursdays March 18-April 29 from 2:30-5:00
for six weeks at Isai Ambalam Guest House

These classes will include theory, experience and practice

You are most welcome and please invite anyone you know who might be interested.
Call or What's app +91 9500822629 for information and registration

108 SUN SALUTATIONS MARATHON
20th March - BATCH 1 TIME - 8 - 9.30 AM
BATCH 2 TIME - 5.30 - 7. PM (IST)
AUROMODE YOGA SPACE & Online ZOOM



We love our 108 sun salutations. We have been practicing in small circles and now we like to share our expertise with all of you. This will be a hybrid event (In person and through Zoom, so that people can join from the comfort of their homes if they wish. We intend to have 108 people to do these 108 Sun salutations. Please join and feel the magic of this practice.

ON DONATION BASIS / BRING YOUR OWN MAT

FMI & registration: contact@auromodeyogospace.com
[/balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com) or WApp: Bala - +91 9892699804



KalaKendra, Bharat Nivas

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



Appreciation of Hindustani Music
by Mandar & Dakshayani
Monday 22 & 29 March, 5.30 - 7 PM,
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

Carnatic Music Appreciation Sessions
w/ Balakrishnan Raghavan
Thursdays, March 25th
& April 1st/8th/15th
5:30 - 7 PM, Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas



Collaborating with Performing Arts Lab Auroville - Laboratory of Evolution - Center for Human Unity - SAIER.

23rd - 26th March, 9 AM - 1.30 PM, CRIPA

Reservation required. Contact: Irena on +44 7562 977143 on WhatsApp or performingartslab@gmail.com on mail

This workshop brings insight on technical moves and methods experienced and developed from Prashant's researched movement practice. It is about transforming movement by enhancing one's relationship with the floor and the space while

recreating and building up deep dance vocabulary. The exercises, mostly influenced by yoga and martial arts, go to spatial awareness, body work and floor work, with sequences also inspired from Flying Low, Contemporary techniques and Acrobats. Although very physical, the workshop follows a clear structure of never breaking the flow but systematically guiding one from the beginning to the end.

Prashant More is a contemporary performing artist based in Bangalore. He has been engaged in artistic work as a performer, teacher and a maker.



Quiet Healing Center

www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in
+91 413 2622329 / +91 9488084966 (mobile)

Holistic Rebalancing - Massage Training w/ Ananda Monday 22nd - Sunday 28th March, 9.30 AM - 5 PM

Holistic Rebalancing is a powerful tool for body-mind-energy work and a synthesis of tissue massage, joint release, energy work, breath work, body awareness, and meditation.

In this 7-day course you will learn:

- * powerful techniques of joint release to melt & relax;
- * deep tissue massage to release pain/holdings/memory;
- * energy work to heal from inside;
- * breath work and tools for body awareness;
- * various approaches of different body types;
- * types of touch related to the five elements: water, fire, air, earth, space;
- * special focus on neck, shoulder & back;
- * meditations for health and energy & a natural healing process;
- * effective ways to give deep healing sessions effortlessly.

No previous experience required!



Inner Watsu w/ Watsu India Team Sat 27th March - Thurs 1st April, 9 AM - 6 PM

A 6-day course for water students, who want to dive deeper in the different layers of Watsu. In this intense course you will be exposed to different topics, including art of

touch, boundaries/intimacy, chakras & pranayama, communication skills, powerful meditation techniques, rebirthing, self-awareness/breath-awareness, and Shiatsu. Through this interdisciplinary approach related to aquatic bodywork and personal growth, you will deepen your experience of working with human beings in warm water.

Prerequisites: Watsu 1 plus additional 50 hours of Aquatic Body work.

Guided Chakra Healing Meditation Workshop with Tania Sat 27th March, 9.30 AM - 12.30 PM

This workshop includes a guided chakra healing meditation, during which you'll journey throughout your body and its chakras. This meditation will nourish your body and spirit by increasing your energy levels, bringing more balance and relaxation, and giving you an enhanced feeling of well-being. It may also lead to a release of blockages caused by stress, fear, anxiety, anger etc. We'll introduce tools which promote purification, healing, and balancing of the chakras, and offer an increased awareness of your body. We'll also explore the importance of proper grounding, healthy breathing, listening to your body, self-love, use of crystals, and some basic energy exercises.



Tania has been practicing meditation for over 20 years. This guided chakra healing meditation was born out of her successful experiences during her own self-healing journey. She is also a certified and practicing Reiki master.



JIVA - your journey in healing and transformation

"Jiva" is a growing collaborative of experienced therapists living in Auroville. We offer therapies, workshops, retreats, courses and classes, involving transformational practices that address all issues of body, mind, emotion & soul, for conscious evolution Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Qigong, Taiji Chuan, Energy work, Yoga - Vinayasa, Hatha, Chant, Natural Horsemanship, Horse assisted Therapy, medical clowning, Yoga Nidra, Integral Regression therapy, trauma therapy, advanced classical homeopathy.

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contact@auroville-jiva.com Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1025676841155617>

Theory of the Mind workshop

A 3 day Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in

- 19th - 21st March, Sharnaga Guesthouse Yogahall

Transforming Trauma Webinar part 1 - 23rd March 2- 5 PM

What is trauma? How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person's full potential, energy and zest for life - and even integrate the wisdom of it all? A webinar with 4 modules, combining theory with interactive exercises, a toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work. The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma. Facilitator: Sigrid Lindemann, international faculty in integral regression-therapy, Sensation method homeopathy, trauma therapy, lives in Auroville for 20 years.

Holotropic Breathwork 1st - 3rd April

Intense breathing technique to bring about this "holotropic state" bringing on an increase in life energy. Participants are guided and work in pairs in this experience based workshop.

Presenter: Fr Thomas Kuriantham, representing Grof Transpersonal Training (GTT) in India & Sri Lanka. Thomas has been offering retreats/workshops since 2016. Contribution.



Registration required for the following intensives
Please contact Verite @ 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329
or programming@verite.in, treatments@verite.in

FREEDOM FROM FEAR - with DR. SEHDEV Saturday, 20th March - from 2 to 4.30 PM

SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY! - w/ MAGGIE Tuesday, 23rd March - from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

PRANAYAMA AND CHAKRAS HARMONIZATION - w/Lakshmi Saturday, 27th March - from 9.30 AM - 12.30 PM

Explore ancient yogic breathing techniques (Pranayama) used to improve lung function, and to connect body, mind and soul to promote clarity and peace. Combining breath with chanting of Bija mantras (the seed syllables of each chakra) can help improve mental power and concentration, release fear, anger, depression and enhance spiritual power. All are welcome!

Guided Chakra Healing Meditation (Intensive) - w/ Tania Wednesday, 31st March - from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM

A guided journey throughout the body and its chakras. We will learn and practice tools which promote purification, healing, balancing of the chakras and an increased awareness of the body. We will also explore the importance of proper grounding and self-love, to bring more balance and an enhanced feeling of well-being



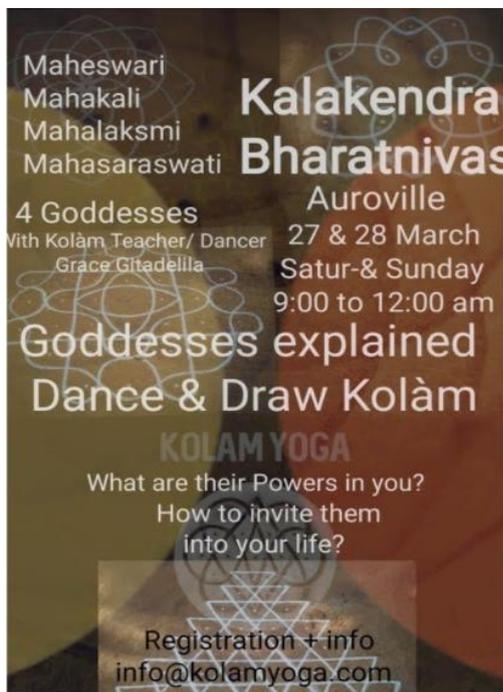
**Yoga - Meditation - Introspection, 5-day workshop
22nd - 26th March, Holistic Unit, Kulapalayam-**

The success of the retreat is based on the design, structure and content being accessible and of value to everyone. You can attend this journey if you are at the beginning of your yoga or curious and we also cater for those with more experience.

The yoga classes are Ashtanga style with a strong emphasis on mindfulness (awareness) to bring you in to present moment living and awareness of your breath and body.

- 7:30 - 9:15 AM- Ashtanga-style yoga class
- 10:30 - 11:15 AM - Meditations
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM- Introspection: understanding our own self, our priorities, how to go on.

The path of our own Harmony - with Christine Pauchard.
Subscription is required: by mail at christinep@auroville.org.in
If you have any questions: WhatsApp: +919489805493



Offered by Grace Gitadelila. Registration & Contribution required. [bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in/](mailto:bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in) OR allgrace@auroville.org.in -

Too Serious?

An introductory experiential funshop integrating the Art and Science of Healing through understanding how to recreate positive habits, rewire unhealthy thought processes, understanding neuro-plasticity (how your brain translates thoughts, emotions, actions etc. into habits) - all through fun, with laughter and getting back in touch with your child-like inquisitiveness and suspension of judgement. We will share real life case studies and the practical applications of MediClowning in healthcare, education and corporate environments.

Objectives:

- change your internal dialogue
- learn to look within for healing of old/past wounds
- learn to appreciate the positive things about yourself that you ignore or do not acknowledge
- love yourself and share that love with others for deep transformation
- learn a bit of magic and have a lot of fun!

Register@/WhatsApp: +91 94892 14408
www.mediclownacademy.org

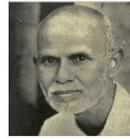


**Practical Nature Cure
Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas**

We welcome you for a 5-day camp on:

स्वाधीन स्वास्थ्य महाविद्या

Also known as **Practical Nature Cure**



Acharya Lakshmana Sarma synthesised the wisdom from Upanishads and Gita with the science of health. He guided countless beings to live a healthy life based on simple and timeless laws of nature. He was a close disciple of Sri Ramana Maharshi and a few books written "through him" are स्वाधीन स्वास्थ्य महाविद्या, Practical Nature Cure and Mahayoga.
- www.akarma.life/inspiration/



Dr Arun Sarma (grandson) continues the tradition, developing and sharing the experiential knowledge and practices across the world. He will facilitate this camp.
- www.imanah.com

This short camp in Auroville will include: Asana, Pranayama, Meditation, Chanting, Theory Sessions, Simple Therapies, Classical Music and Healthy Food.

**"Nature is the all-round healer."
- The Mother**

ॐ 27 TO 31 MARCH, 2021
6:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
BHARAT NIVAS, AUROVILLE
(Covid protocols to be respected.)

Register before March 23 on:
tinyurl.com/avnc2021

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team
devabhasha@auroville.org.in



**KINO AUROVILLE
from April 14th-16th**

We propose a Kino Kabaret from April 14-16. Would you like to participate? A Kino Kabaret is when a group of people come together to create short films in a span of 48-50 hours. Anyone who is interested in any aspect, including acting, directing, editing, shooting, and generally having a good time, is invited. **To register, email kino@auroville.org.in**

WHY SO SERIOUS?

FIND THE CLOWN IN YOU

Have Fun, Gain Confidence & Get to Know Yourself



Join us, Friday April, 2
9.30am- 12.30pm
CRIPA- KALABHUMI, Auroville



**Odissi Dance Cohort for Beginners
under the guidance of Devasmita
every Wednesday beginning April 7th, 5:15 - 6:30 PM
Harmony Hall, Bharat Nivas**



About Odissi: Odissi is a classical Indian dance form originated in the Hindu temples of Odisha - an eastern coastal state of India. It is popularly known as the "Dance of Sculpture". Odissi has charm, grace, lyricism & poetry in its sculptural poses & movements. It is a fascinating dance form which is powerful & delicate, expressed through Chouka & Tribhangi, two characteristics of masculine & feminine valour & beauty. Charles Fabri, noted Hungarian Indologist once said "It is the most perfect Classical dance form"

About Devasmita: Devasmita is one of foremost Odissi dancers, known famously for promoting Odissi in France. She is an Aurovilian and is happy to teach this dance form to sincere aspirants. Read more about Devasmita here: <http://devasmita-odissi.com/>



Registration Form: Fill the registration form right away: <https://cutt.ly/lkVqJeD> [If unable to fill the registration form, write to Divyanshi at divyanshi@auroville.org.in.

Orientation on April 7, at the Harmony Hall in Bharat Nivas at 5:15 PM. Minimum 3 months of Commitment Required. Orientation is mandatory.

FILMS



**How The Mother's inner quest brought her to Sri Aurobindo
Monday, 22nd March, 4 PM**

Lopa, the former student of the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, has collected stories recounted by the Mother about herself. In this talk, Lopa speaks about the Mother's spiritual experiences from childhood on, her studying occultism in Tlemcen, Algeria and her meeting with Sri Aurobindo on 29th March 1914 in Pondicherry.

As a child, the Mother meditated in her chair. She sleepwalked, wrote poems, and received spiritual teaching in her dreams. At the age of thirteen in Paris, the Mother went out of her body in the evenings and she was wearing a long golden robe where the suffering people took refuge. And when she was twenty, she created a passage through the vital world, so that when people die, they could have a safe passage to the Light.

In 1906 and 1907, she traveled to Tlemcen, Algeria and stayed with Max and Alma Theon learning advanced occultism from them. Alma Theon was a powerful medium and with her occult vision she could see the Mother wearing a crown with twelve pearls above her head and said: 'You are That' - Tat.

Around the time when the Mother stayed in Tlemcen, Sri Aurobindo had his own occult experiences. In Baroda, he was practicing pranayama five hours a day and realized that it protected him from mosquitoes. He became aware that there was an electric current around him, that his body was glowing, and that poetry was coming easily to him. Then, under the guidance of Yogi Vishnu Bhaskar Lele he experienced the total silencing of his mind and found that in the silent mind state he was able to continue with his political work for India's Independence. From within the inner voice, the Master of his Yoga, gave him his full program of sadhana, and was guiding him.

The first contact between the Mother and Sri Aurobindo came about through the question regarding the spiritual meaning of the hexagram, the ancient symbol in many religions and of Shakti and Shiva. Then in 1914, the Mother was able to come to Pondicherry and meet Sri Aurobindo. When she saw him for the first time, she realized it was the same Krishna she had repeatedly seen in her dreams. They recognized each other and shared their spiritual and occult experiences, particularly the

knowledge of the Divine spark, the psychic being, which the Mother had received from the Theons, which greatly enriched the evolutionary and integral yoga of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

If one likes to see the film at home: MotherAndSriAurobindo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LEU53jI4Ec> (Duration: 51min.)



Films showing at Bharat Nivas as part of the Celebrating the Feminine Women's Art Festival, 8th-31st March 2021



26th March, 5:30PM, Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

"A Life Exposed"
Wednesday, 24th March, 4:30 Bhumika Hall
Film projection on Robyn Beeche by Lesley



**Repeat showing: A short film by Earthling Koushalya
Saturday, 27th March, Bhumika Hall, 5 PM**

"Why should an unpleasant remark about one's body affect a woman?" asks filmmaker Earthling Koushalya, "The trigger to make the film was a spate of recent media reports that said how body-shamed women sometimes even end their lives. It could just be a video featuring them going viral for wrong reasons."



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 22nd to 28th March 2021

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center are fully operational and open to all now. Mask (and not scarves etc.) and following standard Covid19 protocols are must. Please come and enjoy the films. To organize a seminar/program please contact us via email for booking conditions.

Ranjan Palit Retrospective: Ranjan Palit, a Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) graduate, specialized in camera, has long established himself as a cinematographer par excellence. He has made 100+ documentaries as a director and/or cinematographer, scores of commercials and feature films with the likes of Vishal Bharadwaj and Dibakar Banerjee. Winner of many international awards and accolades, Ranjan Palit had received 4 National Awards. He has taken masterclasses within and beyond India - e.g., at Busan (South Korea), Finland, FTII, etc. and is currently in Auroville teaching with the Auroville Film Institute. We are pleased to bring you a short retrospective of his films in collaboration with Auroville Timelines starting with this debut feature film.

Ranjan Palit Retrospective - Monday 22nd March, 8 PM:

- **LORD OF THE ORPHANS**

India, 2019, Dir & Cinematographer Ranjan Palit w/Adil Hussain, Malavika Mohanan, Amrita Chattopadhyay, and others, Drama-Mixed, 150 mins, English w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This is a unique feature, a sort of auto-biopic that emerged as a healing process for the director following a personal breakdown. As realization dawned of being orphaned many a times in life - by death, by the end of romance, etc. he turned the lens on his own family, reeling under a 100yrs old curse, and his own journey with films, to heal. In the process the lines between fiction and non-fiction, of performance and actuality got blurred... making it deeply moving. The director will be present for a brief Q&A session after the film. A must see!

Ranjan Palit Retrospective - Tuesday 23rd March, 8 PM:

- **DREAMING LHASA**

India-UK, 2005, Dir. Ritu Sarin & Tenzing Sonam w/Ranjan Palit (cinematographer), Documentary, 90 mins, English-Tibetan w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Three Tibetans, a filmmaker from New York, a rock musician from India, and a former monk who had escaped from Tibet, meet and weave their personal journeys of self-discovery with blurry, if not lost, common cultural roots. During their travels Karma, Jigme and Dhondup create contexts of encounter, and often clash, between the different realities of East and West.

Ranjan Palit Retrospective - Wednesday 24th March, 8 PM:

- **7 KHOON MAAF (Seven sins forgiven)**

India, 2011, Dir. Vishal Bhardwaj w/ Ranjan Palit (cinematographer), Priyanka Chopra, Nasiruddin Shah, and others, Drama, 147mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on Ruskin Bond's short story, Susanna's Seven Husbands, the film is about the love life of dangerously charming femme fatale - who marries several times. Each time it turns fatal for the man as he reveals a flaw. 'Unusual film; a personal favorite.

Ranjan Palit Retrospective - Thursday 25th March, 8 PM:

- **SHYAMAL UNCLE TURNS OFF THE LIGHTS**

India, 2012, Writer-Dir. Suman Ghosh w/ Ranjan Palit (cinematographer), Shyamal Bhattacharya, Arindam Ghosh, and others, Drama, 70mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

An octogenarian retiree in an old Kolkata neighborhood, Shyamal Uncle, is on a mission to get the streetlights turned off after sunrise - noticing that they stay on during the day as well, wasting energy. Pitted against an indifferent bureaucracy, complacent status quo - Uncle, who perhaps find the issue a welcome distraction, finds it difficult to find someone to take him seriously. - This vérité-style film is wry, revealing, and highly original tour of modern India. Another must see!

International - Saturday, 27th March, 8 PM:

- **RADIOACTIVE**

UK-France-USA-China-Hungary, 2020, Dir, Marjane Satrapi w/ Rosamund Pike, Yvette Feuer, Mirjam Novak, and others, Biography-Romance, 109mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

From the writer-director of Persepolis fame comes a film with the incredible true story of Marie Sklodowska-Curie and her Nobel Prize-winning work that changed the world.

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 28th March, 4:30 PM:

- **THE ADVENTURE OF A.R.I.: MY ROBOT FRIEND**

USA, Dir. Stephen Shimek w/ Jude Manley, Sophia Alongi, J.R. Brown and others, Drama, 89mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A teenager summons the courage to help a friendly robot known as A.R.I. kidnapped by a ruthless lab director working for a powerful corporation seeking to turn him into a dangerous weapon in order to rule the world.

LUIS BUNUEL FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club Sunday 28th March, 8:PM:

- **LA VOIE LACTE'E (The milky way)**

France, 1969, Dir. Luis Bunuel w/Paul Frankeur, Laurent Terzieff, Alain Cuny, and others, Drama-Comedy, 105 mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Two drifters go on a pilgrimage from France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Along the way, they hitchhike, beg for food, and face the Christian dogmas and heresies from different Ages.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. **We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.**

Thanking You,

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