

News Notes

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Painting by Aparajita Bara

The Ponder Corner

The hours preceding Victory are most often the most difficult.

For the individual's surrender, it is the last resistances,
sometimes quite insignificant,
that are the most obstinate and difficult to conquer.

- The Mother
(CWM-14, p. 220)



House of Mother's Agenda

22 November 1967

(continued from last week)

Mother: Yes, I understand. I understand. Well, perhaps that is what Sri Aurobindo meant when he said, "Your body is at present the only one on earth that can do this work." I thought it was a kindness on his part.... But it's true that it was cut off, I knew it – I saw it – cut off, the states of being were sent away: "Go away, all of you are not wanted anymore."

Then the body had to rebuild a life for itself. And instead of having to go through all those states of being as it did before, through successive awakenings (*gesture of ascent from degree to degree, in the way of the yogis of old*), up to the highest height, the highest height beyond the form, now it's no longer that at all, the body no longer needs anything of all that, it simply has... (*gesture of a rising aspiration opening out like a flower*). Something within opened and developed, which caused that idiotic mind to become organized and capable of falling silent in an aspiration.

And then... then there was the direct Contact, without intermediaries – the direct contact. That it now has constantly. Constantly, every single moment, the direct contact. And it's **THE BODY**: it doesn't go through all kinds of things and states of being, not at all, it's direct.

But once that has been done (this is something Sri Aurobindo had said), once **ONE** body has done it, it has the capacity of passing it on to others; and I tell you, there is now (I am not saying in its totality and in detail, probably not), but here and there (*scattered gesture to show various points on earth*) people suddenly get one experience or another.

Some of them (most) get frightened, so naturally it goes away – that is because they weren't prepared enough within (if it's not the little routine of every minute, ever the same, they get frightened), and once they get frightened it's over, it means they will need years of preparation for the experience to recur. But still, some don't; suddenly, an experience: "Ah!" something wholly new, wholly unexpected, which they had never thought of.

It's contagious. That I know. And it's the only hope, because if everyone had to go through the same experience again... Well, I am ninety now – at the age of ninety people are tired, they've had enough of life. To do this work one must feel as young as a small child.

It takes a long time, I clearly see that it has taken a long time.

And it isn't done, of course, it's **BEING** done – it isn't done, far from it. Far from it... What's the proportion of conscious cells? We don't know.

From time to time, some cells scold others, that's very funny! They scold them, they catch hold of them, say a thing or two (in their own way) to those which want... (*Mother draws a tiny circle*) to go on with the old habits: digestion has to be done in a certain way, absorption has to be done in a certain way, circulation has to be done in a certain way, breathing has to... all the functions have to be done according to Nature's method. And when it isn't like that, they are worried. Then those which know catch hold of them and give them a good bombardment of the Lord, it's very funny!

There is something that translates into words (it's wordless, but something in there translates into words), and so there are conversations between the cells (*Mother laughs*): "You fool, what are you afraid of? Don't you see it's the Lord doing this to transform you?" Then the other: "Ah!..." And then it falls quiet, opens out, and waits. And... the pain goes away, the disorder goes away, and then everything works out.

It's wonderful.

But if by some mischance the mind comes in, starts watching or judging, then everything stops and falls back into the old habit. (*long silence*)

Basically, it's the vital, mental – and so on – ego, it's all of that which was – pofff! – taken away.

It was a radical operation.

So now there is a sort of suppleness and plasticity. And all this is learning (it's very much in touch with everything [*horizontal gesture*]), it's learning to find its whole support, its whole strength, its whole knowledge, its whole light, its whole will, everything like that (*vertical gesture, turned to the Supreme*), exclusively like that, in an extraordinary plasticity.

And then – the splendor of the Presence. (*silence*)

There.

So what should I do to you?

Satprem: I don't know, an operation!

Mother: A radical operation (*Mother laughs*).

Satprem: Yes, perhaps.

Mother: But tell me, when they put you to sleep to open your stomach, were you conscious? Nothing at all? Nothing?

Satprem: No.

Mother: We'll see.... We'll see.

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Agenda of the Supramental Action
Upon Earth

Townhall Speaks

OFFICE ORDER ON JULY 15TH 2021



Dear Auroville Community, in response to the prevalent discord in our community and several inconsistencies in our governance over the past years, we would like to share our understanding of the situation which has led to the recent issuing of Office Order on July 15th 2021 for the ATDC.

The observations begin with the Standing Order No 6/2011 dated 1st May 2011 (Constitution of the Auroville Town Development Council) and culminate with the Office Order No.491 dated 15th July 2021 (Re-constitution of the Auroville Town Development Council).

1. [The Standing Order 2011](#) was used when issuing the new [Office Order 2021](#), this happened while there was no Governing Board (GB) to recommend it's issuing or to approve the candidates.

2. The Under Secretary issued the Office Order 2021 on behalf of the Secretary in the absence of the Governing Board. It is to be seen under which points of the [Foundation Act 1988](#) or the [Rules and Regulations 1997](#) that this action is valid.

3. The revised Standing Order 2019 (<https://auroville.org.in/article/86077>) which ought to supersede the 2011 Standing Order was not used to issue the Office Order 2021. The revised Standing Order 2019 did not take into account the 2017 RA ratified TDC restructuring. As far as we are aware the WCom and/or RA were not consulted.

The revised Standing Order 2019 which placed a lot of decision-making power with the GB did not take into account the importance of the role of the RA, as one of the 3 entities of the Foundation named in the Act.

4. The GB had stated, as per the '55th minutes of the GB', that the 2017 Residents Assembly approved TDC restructuring and the revised Standing Order 2019 should be harmonized, so far this has not been done.

5. The 2017 RA approved TDC restructuring did not take into account the Standing Order 2011 where a clear point of accountability (financial, legal, and institutional) needed to be placed in order to create the necessary platform to receive financial and other support from the Central and State Governments.

6. The recommendation of the WC to the Under Secretary for issuing the 2021 office order were not entirely headed.

7. There were some clear observations (<https://auroville.org.in/article/86077>) made by the WCom after the Office Order 2021 was issued by the Under Secretary. These observations have so far not received a response.

After having initially signed the observation two members of the WCom decided that they did not want their names to be attached in the formal observations.

We believe that the lack of clarity through overlapping policies and orders, and the ambiguity surrounding the roles of the statutory bodies of the Auroville Foundation and their relation to each other and the community is very unfortunate.

We look forward to addressing all of this in a spirit of goodwill and understanding towards all.

Our first recommendation is that the RA approved TDC restructuring of 2017 and the Standing Order of 2019 are harmonised at the earliest. As there is no GB we suggest that WCom draft a preliminary document to be used awaiting the appointment of the GB.

*At Her service, For the Auroville Council
Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh K. Meenal, Sai Suresh,
Suryan, Shivaya and Shiva
Subject: Appeal process and ATDC*

AVST WRITES PTPS ADVISORY GROUP NAMES FEEDBACK REQUEST

Dear family, recently we made two invitations to the whole community so that individuals could express an interest to be part of a new Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS) Advisory Group (in the N&N dt 24 July & 4 August and on the AuroNet <https://auroville.org.in/article/85615> & <https://auroville.org.in/article/85760>).

Creation of this Advisory Group is 1 of 3 parts of the RAD that was held in September 2020. This process is being held by the Service Trust, in close collaboration with the FAMC.

As a reminder, and as per the previously published process, after receiving expressions of interest during step 1, we moved into step 2 to confirm that nominated Aurovilians were willing to serve.

That step is finished. Now we're onto steps 3 & 4 namely, "After confirmation, we will publish the names of the Aurovilians who are willing to serve;" and "This will be followed by a 2-week period in which community members can give feedback on the Aurovilians proposed.

Feedback will be addressed to the Service Trust and will be shared with the FAMC. This feedback can be in the form of support or objection. We will share the feedback with the Aurovillian concerned."

Please be clear, these are the Aurovilians who have expressed a readiness to serve only. The Advisory Group is intended to be composed of from 5 to 7 Aurovilians. The final selection will take place during step 5 (read more below); your feedback will be valuable to that part of the process.

Please be sure to provide your feedback to servicetrust@aurvoville.org.in (Auroville Service Trust) on or before 18 September.

As mentioned above, after this feedback period we'll start step 5 which is: "We will review all the information; the appointment of the Advisory Group members will be finalized by the Service Trust, jointly with the FAMC."

We thank you for your participation.

Name	Current work	Community
Ann R.	Prosperity Team	Invocation
Anshul	AuroOrchard	Pitchandikulam
Arul	PTDC	Aspiration Field
Daniel E.	Tanto	Sri Ma
Jaya	Unity Pavilion	Sunship
Jocelyn B.	Sante	Certitude
Joseba	Service Trust	Progress
Olivier	Prosperity Team	Revelation
Pashi	Prosperity Team	Citadines
Riju	Naturellement	Courage
Thambidurai	Archives	Auromodele

Regards,
Ponnusamy, Joseba, Anne, Amy (AVST)

ERRATA

The N&N mistakenly published an Internal e-mail from the "Space Allocation team and ACUR team".

We apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused.



Roy and Agnijata

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE AGAINST RECOGNIZED WORK



Dear Community, asset is currently available for transfer: **Kalpna KALS22A Single**

To apply, please click on the new "Houses Available" button in the very right column of the Auroville main page.

You will be directed to our Housing Transfer App at

<https://housing.auroville.org.in>

All you need to do is:

- click on the transfer you are interested in,
- view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer and if you wish to apply,
- click on the "Apply" button and fill in the online application form.

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing against recognized Transfer with the date for the site visit.

For any questions, please feel free to come and see Venkatesh at Housing Service Office

*Thank you
The Housing Service
K. Venkatesh*

NO EXCHANGE OF MONEY



Dear Community, it has long been a priority of the FAMC to minimize cash transactions in Auroville, as a step towards the collective ethos of "no exchange of money". In this day and age, digital financial transactions have also become the new norm and the move to a cashless economy is in progress in many parts of the world, including India.

Cashless transactions help to ensure accuracy and transparency of financial records, reduce opportunities of financial misappropriation, save time & labor and are more secure. As matters of statutory compliance (vis-a-vis the Indian government) become more strict, we have been requested by the Auroville Foundation office to put in place a cashless transaction policy by 15 September 2021 for all units and Trusts of the Auroville Foundation.

Accordingly we request everyone to observe the cashless transactions policy starting on 15 September 2021. To facilitate the move from cash to digital transactions and enable all units to take payments from outside clients and customers without requiring an individual bank account, we refer everyone to the [TalamPay solutions](#) (including point-of-sale UPI QR codes) developed internally in Auroville by Talam. Please get in touch with them ASAP for information and registration by filling [this form](#).

We request any unit or Trust which foresees insurmountable obstacles in observing the policy by 15 September to write to the FAMC (famc@auroville.org.in) as soon as possible with your specific situation and concerns.

*Best regards, FAMC
(Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc,
Palani, Ranjith, Stephan)*

THE AUROVILLE APPEAL PROCESS AS RATIFIED



Dear Community, more than 1 year ago (July 2020), an appeal was filed against a decision made by the ATDC.

The Auroville Appeal process as ratified by the Residents Assembly states that all decisions made by the 4 main workings groups (WCom, FAMC, ATDC and AVC) are appealable.

This is to encourage WGs to follow due diligence when making decisions and to create a culture of accountability within Auroville.

Previously ATDC had cooperated with the appeal process. But with the appeal by Re-Center the ATDC have suggested a new precedent whereby not all ATDC decisions are appealable.

After much effort over the last months from Council; attempting to reassure the ATDC of the sense in, and need of, the appeal process for Auroville as a whole; we have finally received clear reasons/justifications for their refusal in writing quoted below.

1. We have been tasked with creating DDP for all zones of Auroville on war footing by the Secretary's office. We believe it might take a few months for us to create the DDP. Once these are created, they shall be posted to the community for the required processes

2. Please note once the DDP is officially approved and in vogue, the Township shall be developed as per the DDP. Thus the question of appeal does not arise, as the allocation shall be done as per the DDP.

3. As stated, there could be appeal only if we find that L'avenir d' Auroville is not following the DDP or if proper process has not been followed in providing NOC as per DDP.

Please note the Planning part of DDP is not for appeal once it is approved"

Regarding point 3 it must be noted that an appeal should never have to be scrutinized by the group who has made the decision in order for it to be validated.

This must always be the role of an independent 3rd party to avoid a conflict of interest. Regarding the other points we understand that it is important that DDPs are followed, but regardless we still see the need for an appeal process.

We have also received recommendations from other sources to continue with the appeal process regardless of the lack of cooperation by ATDC.

But we believe that all of our community processes must be upheld by a common community agreement in order for them to be effective.

Therefore we have decided that the most appropriate course of action is to make the community aware of the situation, in the hope that the right solutions can be found.

*At Her service,
Auroville Council*

LAND BOARD SELECTION PROCESS 2021 REPORT

Dear Community, the Land Board Selection Committee is happy to deliver its final result. After a long and meaningful process, we feel that the current selected team will be able to constructively contribute to the work of the Land Board.

We also note that, although it was outlined in the process that the RAS was supposed to be present for the selection itself, they were not invited due to an oversight on the part of the LBSC facilitators. The facilitators, Henrike & Elisa, apologize for this and hope for your trust that it was an honest mistake.

The LBSC decided, in spite of this oversight, to deliver their final result to the community along with the LBSC selection process report. The full LBSC plus its facilitators underline that the process was done with great energy, attention, good faith, and integrity.

Warmth, The Land Board Selection Committee

*Anbu, Angad, Banu, Palani, Shiva,
Srimoyi, Tejaswini, Tine, Tomas*

Dear Community, we are pleased to announce the results of the Land Board selection process. Although there was an oversight regarding the witnessing of the selection by the RAS, we have decided to endorse and validate the outcome because:

1. We have full faith in the integrity of the Land Board Selection Committee members and their facilitators.

2. We believe that a conscientious process was held which achieved the best possible result.

3. We believe that the presence of neutral facilitators throughout the process provided the objectivity that was intended in having the RAS present.

4. The options of redoing some or all of the process is not advisable due to the urgent need of the Land Board for new members and the time and input that would be required (especially when considering the previous points).

In Her service,

For the Auroville Council

*Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh K. Meenal, Sai Suresh,
Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva*

Land Board Selection Process 2021 Report

As the Land Board has 5 vacancies due to members leaving and reaching the end of their term, the Land Board Selection Committee (LBSC) was constituted to ensure the selection of new members. The LBSC was made up of 4 representatives of working groups, 4 members of the community-at-large, and 1 outgoing Land Board member:

Anbu (TDC), Angad (Mantra, Community), Banu (Land Board outgoing), Palani (FAMC), Shiva (AVC), Srimoyi (WCom), Tejaswini (Prarthana, Community) Tine (Aurogreen, Community), Tomas (Annapurna, Community).

The process was facilitated by Henrike & Elisa.

At an earlier stage, the LBSC included Saravanan (TDC) and Ranjith (FAMC), but both were replaced by their respective Working Groups at the request of the Auroville Council. The LBSC met twice weekly from 22nd of June 2021 onwards.

In short form, the LBSC went through the following stages:

- Information gathering
- Process defining
- Feedback processing
- Interviewing the candidates
- Selection

Each of these is discussed in some more detail below.

Information-gathering

As per the Scope of Work of the LBSC, the Committee was to get a sense of the work of the Land Board and the needs of Auroville with regards to this work. The LBSC asked input from various stakeholders, including from 4 Working Groups. They also met with the Office of the Secretary. Representatives from the Working Groups also gave their input in the meetings of the LBSC.

A 1.5-hour meeting was held with the Land Board to discuss their needs regarding candidates in terms of personal capacities, knowledge, and skills. The LBSC got a good overview of what is needed for the Land Board to function as a team to best serve Auroville. At this juncture it was discussed by LBSC whether to check in again with Land Board once a shortlist was created, but for various reasons it was decided that this was not appropriate in the current scenario.

Process defining

The Scope of Work left space for the LBSC to define certain parts of the process themselves, namely, how to get to know the candidates, how to process the feedback of the community on the candidates, and how to do the selection itself. These open questions were largely defined by the LBSC during a one-week period. The outcome of these questions led to the process as described below.

Crucial in this stage was the definition of criteria by which the candidates would be considered. The LBSC had a look at the established criteria from the 2019 selection process and decided to adopt most of them. In each category, they agreed to add one (below in italics). They also agreed that there were 3 main criteria (in bold) that an individual needed to fulfill as an absolute basis to be considered for the Land Board. Of these, integrity, which was seen to include 'no conflict of interest', was often mentioned as the main non-negotiable.

The criteria were posted on the wall during each interview and were kept in mind when evaluating the candidate.

General criteria

- **Integrity/sincerity/honesty**
- **Time commitment**
- Courage & perseverance
- Determination & earnestness
- **Team player, team work**
- No conflict of interest
- Good communication skills
- Good people skills
- *Ability to see the bigger picture*

Specific to land

Drive to acquire the land for Auroville

- Experience in land matters
- Understanding/experience of legal matters
- Understanding/experience of land development
- Financial understanding
- Commercial understanding
- Understanding of AV maps & ground realities
- Good negotiating skills
- Willingness & energy for field work
- Reporting skills
- Land monitoring skills

Feedback

As per the process, the RAS had a two-week community feedback period on the list of candidates, 17 in total. The WCom and AVC were asked to let the LBSC know if there were any serious pending cases with any of the candidates. As per the Scope of Work, the LBSC was asked to process the feedback. This was done over 2 sessions of 2 hours in which each member was asked to share their reflections on the feedback and define any questions they might want to ask the candidate based on the feedback.

The feedback usually described an individual's experience with a candidate and questioned their qualities. The LBSC agreed to hold this feedback as subjective, and to be open-minded to each candidate during the interview process. In very few cases there were concerns around the candidate in land matters specifically. On this topic, clarifications were asked of the working groups involved where needed.

To ensure that there was a fair chance for the candidate to reflect on the feedback, the LBSC asked each some questions that corresponded with the feedback given. These questions then ranged from ability to work in a team, to asking them to reflect on specific land deals and histories the candidate might have been involved in.

Interviews

In their preparation for the interviews, the LBSC defined a set of questions to be asked to each individual, ranging from their individual motivation to their ideas about improving the current Land Board functioning. Where necessary, questions were added based on the feedback received from the community.

The LBSC invited each candidate for a 20-minute interview, with 10 minutes afterwards for a short deliberation of the LBSC. Each LBSC member took individual notes on a pre-prepared sheet. The interviews mainly took place over 3 morning sessions. For every session, all members of the LBSC were present.

Selection Process

At the end of the interview sessions, the LBSC had clarity that 6 candidates did not need further deliberation, as they unanimously agreed that they fell short of the criteria established. The remaining 11 candidates went through the selection process described below.

The selection process took place in 2 parts, each consisting of 2 hours.

Part one

In the first round, there was a check to see how each LBSC member felt about each individual candidate in light of the criteria by use of the following system:

NAME	
CLEAR YES (per the criteria, feedback, and interview)	CLEAR NO (per the criteria, feedback, and interview)
MAYBE YES (per the criteria, feedback, and interview)	MAYBE NO (per the criteria, feedback, and interview)
UNCLEAR	

From this first exercise, we made a list ranking the candidates. Of this list, 3 candidates came up as having very clear agreement from the LBSC (mostly 'CLEAR YES') to select.

Although it was discussed to stop here and select only 3 members to the Land Board, there were concerns raised that this would not constitute a complete team. It was agreed to explore in another session which individuals could be added to the first 3 to ensure a balance in the team in terms of personalities and skills. As 5 other candidates received enough 'maybe yes' or 'clear yes' to be considered to complete the team, it was agreed to have another session focusing on how to complete the team from these 5 candidates.

Part two

While we attempted to have the second session in the same week as the first one, LBSC members were in the meanwhile approached by candidates and others giving feedback on candidates. Many expressed discomfort and a sense of unclarity on what to do with the new information given. One meeting was spent discussing this – it was finally agreed that the LBSC would not go back on the agreements made and that it would do its best to close the process by next meeting. The new information, which came in unsolicited and outside of the feedback period, was discussed but largely not taken into account.

The second session was more oriented towards constituting a balanced team rather than looking at each individual separately.

Each LBSC member was asked to give their preference for how to complete the team, from the list of 5 candidates still under deliberation. They spent some time by themselves putting together their preferred team.

This exercise brought all the different options down to 4 possible team constellations. These were placed on the board and discussed. Two of these team constellations raised strong concerns in some members of the LBSC. After discussion, it was agreed that the objections raised were strong enough to not move forward with these two teams. Of the two remaining options, one was clearly preferred by the LBSC.

Finally, the LBSC unanimously agreed to select the following members (alphabetical order):

- Helena
- Padmanabhan
- Raja N.
- Satyakam
- Venkat

Although it was asked in the Scope of Work that the RAS was present for the selection itself, they were not invited due to an oversight on the part of the LBSC facilitators. This oversight was noted before the final selection results were official. The RAS was asked to be onboarded at this stage. This option was not comfortable for the RAS as they often are targeted for oversights in process; in this case, they preferred not to take co-responsibility for the work of the LBSC.

The LBSC decided, despite this oversight, to deliver their final result to the working groups holding the process, AVC & WCom, and to FAMC and TDC. The full LBSC, plus its facilitators, underline that despite this error, the process was done with great energy, attention, good faith, and integrity.



FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 097

Dated: 04-09-2021

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 entryservice@auroville.org.in. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

Mohamed Abdelrahman ALSADEC MO-STAFA aka Batoo (Sudanese) staying in Kriya Community and working at TLC



NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Cesare FASSI (Italian)
- Shivangi GADIA (Indian)
- Vatsla SHARMA (Indian)
- Vivekan BRUNSCHWIG (French)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:



Anbarasan



Gomathi



Sathyanarayan

Anbarasan VIJAYARANGAN aka Anbu (Indian) staying in La Ferme working at Isaiambalam School

Gomathi DEVARAJ (Indian) staying in Fraternity and working at Pre-Creche

Sathyanarayan BHAMBORE (Indian) staying in Bharat Nivas Staff Quarters and working at Bharat Nivas Trust

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Gopa KOTA (USA)

SPOUSE OF AN AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

Sumadi ANBARASAN (Indian) spouse of Anbarasan VIJAYARANGAN aka Anbu



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.

Note: Please ask for an appointment to submit documents or for any inquiries.

Please wear MASK when you visit the office.

Yours, The Entry Service

POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE (PTPS)

ADVISORY GROUP



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Regards,

Ponnusamy, Joseba, Anne, Amy (AVST)

Community News

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHANTING AT THE AMPHITHEATRE ON SUNDAYS



The chanting of Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra on 15th August was deeply appreciated, with many requests to continue this collective invocation regularly.

We are now gathering every Sunday at 6pm for about 45 minutes at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre (or at the Progress Hall in Bharat Nivas on rainy days.)

All are welcome: join as often as you wish.

For information, or to be in the WhatsApp group to receive updates, please contact Shaalini at 8767019371.

Sanskritam Auroville team

**SANTÉ SERVICES
IN SEPTEMBER 2021**

Working Hours

Monday – Saturday 8:45 – 12:30pm & 2:00 – 4:30pm
(closed Tuesday afternoon for team meetings)

Tests and Sample collection

Mon-Fri before 12:00pm.
No sample collection on Saturday

For emergencies

Contact Auroville Ambulance (24/7):
Phone: +(91) 94422 24680

Government Ambulance (24/7): Phone: 108

Doctor consults with Brian & Prabha – Daily	Nursing Care Ezhil, Thilagam & Archana Daily No appointment necessary
Acupuncture with Andres Monday – Friday	Ayurveda with Berengere Wednesday/Thursday/ Friday
Homeopathy with Mi- chael Monday/Wednes- day/Friday	Hypnotherapy & NLP with Dan Wednesday & Thursday
Midwifery & Family counselling with Monique – Tuesday	Pregnancy Care & Women’s Wellness with Paula Tuesday & Wednesday
Physiotherapy with Re- becca Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday	Physiotherapy with Osnat Monday/Thursday/Friday
Physiotherapy with Galina Monday – Friday	Paediatric Physiotherapy with Swati Wednesday
Psycho Somatotherapy with Svenja – Monday & Friday	

In Santé, we value our patient’s confidentiality
& make every effort to ensure their privacy

**FAREWELL FORM
SIMPLIFIED AND REVISED**

An Aurovilian has the right to make decisions about how his or her body will be handled after passing away. This information is detailed in the Farewell form and lets the Farewell team know your preferences so they can be implemented after you pass away.

Making this clear will facilitate how you want this phase of your life to unfold and will provide clarity and closure for family and friends. We advise you to explicitly state these details beforehand to all who may be involved in implementing them.

Recently the Farewell form has been revised and simplified. It can be downloaded from a link on the Farewell group page on AuroNet in French, Tamil and English.

Hard copies in all three languages are available at PTDC (Anandi’s desk) and at Reception in the Town Hall.

Contact us at farewellmatters@auroville.org.in if you have questions or want to arrange a meeting to discuss your form.

The Farewell Team

ECO BÉBÉ



Dear friends, as you may know, we recently launched a range of reusable organic cloth nappy products.

We have 3 products in our Eco Bébé range: foldable cloth nappies, multi layer inserts (for use with leak proof nappy covers which we also have available in Auroville only) and adjustable belts.

You’ll find all the details on our website www.ecofemme.org or you can visit us at Saracon Campus Monday to Friday 9-5.

Like all our products, anyone who buys from our office gets a discounted price.

We hope to see you soon and welcome your valuable feedback on our newbies!

With love, Eco Femme Team

DRAWINGS OF A CHILD



Roof Studio/AV Art Service offers to draw your baby so that you can keep the memory of his/her first smile forever. Even it could be you from your childhood.

My mission is to bring attention to children and their upbringing by my drawing/painting of them. “How to Bring a Child?” is an essential question to our society. I do not provide an answer but hope to trigger a

public discussion about it. My values are gratitude, humbleness and love.

My work is my impressions of the happy child, not a photo-like picture. I purposely chose smiling kids of an early age as they smile only when they are really happy. I enjoy my work and if you send me a photo of your child between 6 – 18 months of age, I will send you back for free a photo of my work. I will keep the right to exhibit the picture publicly and the copyright to it. I work with full confidentiality – no information about you or your baby will ever be made public. The photo should have some shadows, no flat light please. You could hold your baby so naturally it will create a shadow from the side of you. And a smile needs to be there.

Please contact me on: ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk

MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM

(MMC, Town Hall)



Reminder: Friday 3rd “The Secret Of Kells” Directed by Tomm Moore, Ireland, 2009, animation film.

Friday 10 September 2021, 7:30 PM

“Naqoyqatsi – Life As War”

Directed by Godfrey REGGIO, USA, 2002

Music by Philip GLASS

Synopsis: Naqoyqatsi is a Hopi word meaning “life as war”. Is also translated as “civilized violence” and “a life of killing each other”. It is the third and final film in the Qatsi trilogy by the filmmaker Godfrey Reggio, who once again takes us on an emotional journey that highlights the profundities embedded in our everyday lives. In a cinematic concert, mesmerizing images are plucked from everyday reality, then visually altered with state-of-the-art digital techniques. The result is a chronicle of the shift from a world organized by the principles of nature to one dominated by technology, the synthetic and the virtual. Extremes of intimacy and spectacle, tragedy and hope fuse in a tidal wave of visuals and music, giving rise to a unique, artistic experience that reflects the vision of a brave new globalized world... As the previous Qatsi, the film is accompanied by the music of Philipp Glass! Duration: 1h29’

Covid, please follow the current SOP.

SAVITRI BHAVAN

**September 2021 Exhibitions****Meditations on Savitri**

The series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery

Glimpses of the Mother:

Photographs and texts In the Square Hall

Sri Aurobindo: A life sketch in photographs

In the upper corridor

Films

Mondays 4pm. In this month also we present recorded talks of Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Memorial Lectures given at Savitri Bhavan. Late Dr. M.V. Nadkarni was a great Savitri-lover, scholar, teacher, devotee of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and opened doors to Sri Aurobindo's Savitri for thousands of people. The videos of these talks can also be accessed at the Savitri Bhavan website: www.savitribhavan.org

September 6: The Traveller and The Worlds, Part One of Sri Aurobindo's Savitri. This Dr. M. V. Nadkarni Memorial Lecture was given by Shraddhavan in 2013.

Duration: 63min.

September 13: Inside the World Stair: Book Two. In this video talk Sonia Dyne shares her profound insights into The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds and King Aswapati's ascent to The World Stair.

Duration: 52min.

September 20: The Vision and The Boon in Savitri and the Katha Upanishad. Dr. Ananda Reddy discusses the individual yoga of Nachiketās in the Katha Upanishad and Savitri's accomplishment of collective yoga and the transformation of earth-life through the Avatar, the Goddess of Grace and Love.

Duration: 62min.

September 27: The Divine Mother in Savitri. This talk by Dr. Alok Pandey is based on the story of the Divine Mother as it unfolds in Sri Aurobindo's epic poem Savitri and Her Divine Love for earth and men.

Duration: 82min.

Full Moon Gathering

Monday, September 20, from 7.15 to 8.15pm

in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Regular Activities

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: Savitri Study Circle

Mondays, Tuesdays 3-4pm: Psychic Awakening led by Dr. Jai Singh

Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm: L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi

Fridays 3-4pm: Reading of the Mother's Commentaries on the Dhammapada, led by Dr. Jai Singh

Saturdays 4-5.15pm: Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi

Saturdays 5-6pm: Mudra-Chi, led by Anandi

Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5

Library is open Monday to Friday 9-5

The Digital Library can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9-4

Everyone is welcome

BHARAT NIVAS TEAM INVITES INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

Bharat Nivas Team is happy to invite individuals and groups to propose their activities, performances, classes and meetings in the facilities/venues available on the Bharat Nivas campus. There are many and various

types and capacity of seating among these venues for hosting a lot of events..

Recently, over the last year and a half, extensive renovations have been completed on the campus to allow for hosting many events, activities and meetings.

We welcome everyone and all to come and explore the possibilities for your engagement with the Bharat Nivas co-ordination team.

Namely Harmony Hall, Progress Hall and Bhumika Hall are well suited venues to organize Music/dance classes, Yoga Classes, Performing arts and Meetings for a group of participants. Please do get in touch with us via our contact email bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

To refer the current activities/classes please click on the link [calendar August 21](#)

LOOKING FOR**Looking for a Cook and Housekeeper**

A good north-Indian cook/housekeeper who can cook simple north indian food.

Please contact divyanshi@auroville.org.in if you have any leads.

Divyanshi

Looking for a Yoga mat

Does anyone have an old yoga mat that would like to give away?

krishnadevanandan@auroville.org.in

Love, Krishna

Looking For a Guitar

My name is Jass, I have been a volunteer in Auroville for 4 years and am looking for a second hand acoustic guitar. WhatsApp: or phone 7339459425 or email vandenbroeck.gijs@gmail.com

Many thanks, Jass

Looking for a House

Looking for a peaceful housesit/place of stay, preferable long term. Aurovillian since 2019. The place needs to be in Auroville. Mob 8531017772

*Kindly,
Carmen*

Looking for a house sitting opportunity

Hello beautiful people, I am searching for a house keeping opportunity in Auroville. My name is Bogna (37), it will be my fourth time visiting AV since 2011.

I will arrive again for a volunteering assignment from the last week of October 2021. I am looking for a place to stay and care at least till February.

I have good reputation in taking care of assets. +49/176-61523553, mail@bognagrazyna.com

Bogna

OBITUARY

ANANDA



In the early morning of Thursday 26 August, our long-term brother Ananda (Jean-François R.L. Bertaux) left his body at Marika House at the age of 68, after coping with Parkinson's Disease for many years.

The moment of transition had come quite unexpected, as Ananda had moved two days earlier from Fraternity to Marika House

and was looking forward to get in better shape and had plans for the future. His partner Michiko and caretaker Raji were with him at the time.

Born in Paris, Ananda discovered there the yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in his early twenties. Before coming to Auroville, he stayed in Japan, where he learned Aikido, the Japanese language and teamed up with life partner Michiko, who helped him translate 'The adventure of consciousness' into Japanese and made a very first start of establishing an Auroville centre in Tokyo.

In 1982, the pair joined Auroville where he picked up on the work of black belter André Pithon who had taught Aikido in Aspiration in the early 70's.

Now an authentic dojo emerged in Fraternity and under Ananda's guidance, skill and teaching Aikido entered Auroville for good. He also took over the remaining part of the 'Lotus Fraternity' unit, producing hammocks, Japanese lampshades and floor mats, while at the same time running a Girls' Boarding at the entrance of Fraternity (one of whose participants, Raji, was grateful to be by his side at the time of his passing).

At the same time, Ananda started performing accounting services for various units, and since 2009 he functioned as internal auditor of AV commercial units and coordinator of the Auroville Board of Commerce.

Ananda was a linguist with an enormous feel for language; he would learn a language for the sheer fun of it. His and Michiko's weekly language sessions at Solar Kitchen's la Terrace, mostly in French but easily expanding into other tongues, were lively and fun and attracted quite a few participants.

It was heartening to see this man, who had a friendly, gentle and unobtrusive way of being, growing into his full element, animatedly coming through in various modes of linguistic expression.

Auroville thanks and salutes one of its loyal, steady residents, who in his personal life lived with the absolute bare minimum while giving such a rich and varied service and commitment to the City he loved.

Our warmest condolences and love and strength go out to Michiko.

OM

[Here you can see a small clip of Ananda](#)

TAXI SHARE



Taxi will leave AV September 3rd, at 7pm a taxi will leave AV for a flight departing from Chennai airport.

The taxi leaves with 1 person and comes back empty. If you want to share please contact 9585975381 or hhedia@gmail.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR INITIATIVE



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.

Maintenance Technician

You have a basic knowledge of plumbing, electrical work, masonry and painting to do regular repairs and maintain our building. You speak English and work well in a team. Part-time or a full-time, maintenance available.

Young dynamic supervisor

You have a liking for performing arts, a good team spirit and are a good coordinator. You will supervise the maintenance of our space, as well as receive guests and be flexible, welcoming and able to cater to their needs. If you have experience in this field, it's a plus. Good English as well as basic Tamil communication skills, basic computer skills, daily, part time, you are flexible in timings, maintenance provided after probation period.

Program Manager

You are a compassionate, caring leader who strongly believes and is committed to our vision. You are accountable, results oriented and proactive. You will be responsible for overseeing and organizing programs and activities, marketing and promotions, communications, developing and nurturing partnerships with funders, donors and various stakeholders. You have a bachelor's degree (or experience with a proven track record), experience in program and team management, understanding of project management, a proactive approach to problem-solving with strong decision-making skills. You are able to meet deadlines in a fast-paced, quickly changing environment. You have strong written and verbal communication skills in English, spoken Tamil and Hindi are a plus. Competency in IT fluency: Microsoft applications including Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint. Full time, maintenance available.

And other positions

(please inquire about details):

- Volunteers for Auro Orchard
- Marketing Position
- Digital Marketing
- Accounts & Data Manager

HR Initiative

hr_hub@auroville.org.in

www.hriauroville.org

if you are searching for work: [fill in this form](#)

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Best regards, Pandian

Auromode Trust, Auroshilpam,
Auroville, 605101, Tel: 0413- 2622161

NSV 886- 4 September 2021

LOST AND FOUND

Lost Mi Band 5



My Mi Smart Band 5 (mac Id: 14:08:15:08:4B:08) has been lost. Through a bluetooth tracker, and Google maps, it said that it is somewhere next to Certitude Sports Ground. We tried to find it, but could not. The dimensions of the place where bluetooth tracker said that the band is are 11.998157,79.815700. Now I am no longer able to connect to the band via bluetooth tracker, perhaps it's battery ran down. In case anyone finds, please inform divyanshi@auroville.org.in

Divyanshi

Drumstick Lost



Saturday evening on the way to the Language Laboratory and New Community, in Certitude I lost 25 cms. drum-stick with a round leather top.

anandi7@auroville.org.in, 9952746285

Anandi-a

Voices and Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, Soul Tracks is back for its 3rd season! Stay tuned!

[Here you can listen](#) to the stream channel (playing 24/7).

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

Last published podcasts:

[Savitri, B. X, C. III, Part 2](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Soul Tracks – Se.03 E.00 “A Tribute to Charlie Watts \(1941-2021\)”](#) (Music)

[Aarohan – ep.26 “Raga Brindavani Sarang”](#) (Music)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 363](#) (Integral Yoga)

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

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

Peace and Love

ELECTRIC-MOTORIZED-BICYCLES ON CYCLE PATHS



There has been a large upsurge of Electric-powered Cycles joining the conventional cycles now using the Cycle Paths. It's never been stated clearly in the Cycle Path Protocol how to negotiate the cycle paths while riding on an Electric-Motorized-Bicycles.

As the two styles of cycles perform very differently it's time to outline a Protocol of riding on the Cycle paths which are primarily for Pedestrian and Pedal Cycles use. It will be the same for all cycles but the need to clearly define how to behave for Everyone on the paths is necessary.

Electric-Motorized-Bicycles potentially move faster than conventional cycles and it has been observed that this in fact happens with Electric-Motorized-Bicycles, that they cycle too fast on paths, which are often narrow and bend, making for a lot of obscurity for oncoming traffic.

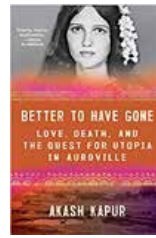
This call is for everyone to ride safely and be poised to anticipate traffic coming from each direction.

Whilst approaching pedestrians and cycles please slow down and pass carefully at all times. Top speed for Electric cycles should stay within 10 -15 kpm maximum

That's It. Happy cycling on our beautiful cycle paths.

With Love The Cycle Path Team

AKASH'S NEW BOOK ON AUROVILLE



Many of us wondered why Akash was writing a book on the life and death of Diane, his mother-in-law. Now we know. It took ten years of research. Akash interviewed countless people (and me) more than once. He kept sending emails. I saw first the reviews in the US press, and I was worried. Then I got the book in my hands and the title “Better To Have Gone” put me off. The picture on the cover of Matrimandir put me off. The subtitle: “Auroville: Love, Death and the Quest for Utopia” put me off. Utopia is a western medieval notion that's not Auroville.

Then I read the book. It's epic. I misinterpreted the title. It refers to an observation Johnny Walker's father made saying it was better for John to have gone to India than staying at home. My father had said quite the opposite. Matrimandir is on the cover because She is a core concept in the story. The narrative ends there at Matrimandir with Akash coming out of the Chamber on his birthday. He shares his experience. He and his wife Auralice sit on the rim of the Amphitheatre and watch their two boys race around the urn. Akash feels the book has a happy ending. Auralice says, “maybe.” For all of us who live in Auroville, knowing this story, whether we agree or not with its perspectives, matters. Awareness is the key for collective and personal transformation.



The story includes the myths we hold about this city the earth needs, our needs, our dreams. It's a case study of so many strands that have woven our history: how we came, why we stayed, the battle with the Sri Aurobindo Society, the birth of Pour Tous, the tragedy of the Neutrals, the phenomenon of Satprem, Diane's fall from Matrimandir, the families of John and Diane, and the personal lives of Akash and Auralice, the many Aurovilians impacted by all of these—that's why it's epic. Akash's writing is superb. I couldn't believe the colors, the details. Amazing. Nobody rode a motorcycle, They rode a yellow Rajdoot. The style and color of each one's clothes is repeatedly mentioned along with what everyone ate and drank. Etching with color, mundane details, the humanity, balances the intensities of the emotions. The red earth, the dry ever-green forest, the monsoon, the night, the birds, the flowers, and, of course, the cow mooing in the distance. I want to read this book again. Thank you Akash.

Submitted by B

PACHAMAMA CELEBRATION AT LABORATORY OF LANGUAGE 28-8-2021



Anandi-a for C.A.L.I
(House of Lationamerica-Indigenous)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS



OM CHOIR & SATSANG BY NARAD

Please join the Om Choir on 7th September at 6 PM followed by Satsang at the Matrimandir Amphitheater.

MUDRA CHI



Dear people, we have classes every Saturday at 5pm at Savitri Bhavan. From now on, we are going to add some "Corporal Consciousness Exercises" at the beginning.

*Everybody Welcome,
facilitator Anandi-a*



**CENTER FOR RESEARCH EDUCATION
EXPERIENCE IN VISUAL ARTS**

Art Sessions for September and October 2021. Make your reservation at least a day before the class.

CREEVA

- **Watercolor Landscape painting**
with A.Sathya on 6th and 20th Monday 5-7pm.
- **And outdoor Animals sketch and painting**
on 13th, 27th Monday 2:30-5:30 pm.
- **Painting The Music**
with Sangarabranan on Wednesday 10 -11:30am
- **Leaf me Alone**
with Bhavyo on Thursday 3:30-5:30pm.
- **Explore Color**
with Audrey on Friday 9:30-11:30am.
- **Drawing with Life model**
on Saturday 9-11am.
- **Mandala with Akhila**
1,3,4,6,7,8,10,11th. 2-4pm and 2, 9th. 9:30-11:30am.
contact: +919880277470.

Welcome to "Open Studio" It provides all kinds of art materials and space to work on your own exploration of visual art. Monday to Friday 9:30am-4:30pm.

Contact: Abhijit roy +917517394469.

Contact: Audrey 0413-2622641, +919489408358.
Sathya +919486145072.

creeva@auroville.org.in

*Creeva Studio, Creativity, Auroville
Warmly, Sathya*

FUNDAMENTALS OF DRAWING



bharat nivas
Presents Pavilion of India

Fundamentals of Drawing
(Graphite on Paper)

Target Audience - All humans over 6 Years of age

Achievement - Learn the basics of drawing with graphite pencil

Duration - 01:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m.
2 Hours, 10 Sessions



FAMILY CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP

with Moghan

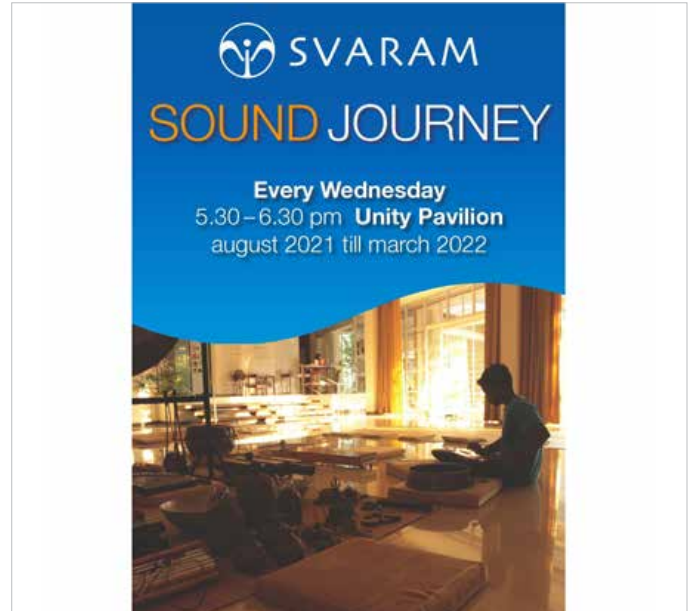
Saturday 11th of September 9am to 6pm

Creativity Hall Of Light

Contact: moghan@auroville.org.in, 9751110486

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Bamboo Workshops

- **Indigenous Musical Instrument Making Workshop**

We at Mohanam are happy to share our vast experience and knowledge gained over 15 years. Come and learn to make your own traditional / popular instruments at Mohanam Village Heritage Center from professional craftsmen and take home your own hand made instrument at the end of the workshop.

- **Bamboo Jewellery Workshop**

Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Mohanam Village Heritage Center from professional craft women and take home your every own hand made Jewellery at the end of the workshop.

- **Bamboo Toys Workshop**

Learn to make Bamboo Toys at Mohanam Village Heritage Center from professional craft men and take home your every own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.

Date: All working Days except Sunday

1-day advance booking is necessary

Contact: Preferred through e-mail

Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

or +91 8300949079

Clay Modelling Workshop

Come, invent and make to model desired articles, which may include flower petals, figurines, jewelry and numerous other objects. The resulting product hardens without firing to form a sturdy article which even if it includes thin surfaces will stand normal handling. Learn making and take your designed article.

Days & Date: All working Days except Sunday

1-day advance booking is necessary

Contact: Preferred through Email

Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

or +91 8300949079

Kolam Painting

Learn the art of painting Kolam in various mediums, starting from canvas from our experts. Book now and register to be a part of the workshop.

Days & Date: All working Days except Sunday

1-day advance booking is necessary

Contact: Preferred through Email

Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

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BAMBOO CENTRE PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER - 2021



Auroville Bamboo Centre runs many workshops throughout the year for visitors who book and pay for the courses. We do have various conditions that we hope you understand and agree.

Event

On occasion of World Bamboo day 18 & 19 of September 6th Bamboo day celebration at Bamboo centre

Trainings and Workshops

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

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

The Auroville Bamboo centre offers training to individuals and groups in:

- Bamboo workshop in Auroville 14-18 of September
- Bamboo Furniture workshop in Auroville 22-25 of September
- Guided Tour (1. 30 hr) Every Saturday 11 to 12.30

Come and enjoy every Saturday guided tour through our bamboo farm and campus

Meeting Point: Mohanam Campus, Auroshilpam, Near Color of Nature

Make and Take Workshops

- Bamboo Toys
- Bamboo Musical Instruments
- Bamboo Jewellery

Every day in the month of September in advance booking 10.00 am to 12.00pm or 2pm to 4pm

The program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.

Contribution: Contributions requested from guests/ Volunteers. Flexible training dates offered to groups

Contact: Voice call and Whatsapp: 8300949081

bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in

www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Regular Offerings September 2021

Therapeutic Treatments	Therapists
Acupuncture	Linda
Aquatic Bodywork	
(Watsu® / Oba® / Liquid Flow / Waterdance)	Daniel, Dariya, Friederike, Guido, Orev, Petra
Ayurvedic Ahbyanga Massage	Marcia
Ayurvedic Birenda Massage	Kumar
Ayurvedic Marma Massage	Kumar
Body Psychotherapy	Marcia
Deep Tissue Massage	Andrei
Foot Reflexology	Sheida
Homeopathy	Michael Z.
Hypnosis Therapy	Shola
Individual Meditation Sessions	Samrat
Kahuna Massage	Anwar
Lymph Drainage	Dodo
Physiotherapy (Pt)	Jussi
Thai Yoga Massage	Andres, Sheida

Watsu® & Elements of Vipassana.

A Residential Retreat with Petra

Monday 20 – Sunday 26 September

First day starts at 3 pm

Last day at 12 pm (noon)

An important part of aquatic bodywork is about being instead of doing: meditation is one of the best ways to enter into that state of awareness. Vipassana, which means to see things as they really are, is one of India's most ancient techniques of meditation. It's a way of self-transformation through self-observation and focuses on the deep inter-connection between body and mind, which can be directly experienced.

In this residential retreat, we combine elements of Vipassana meditation with the depth and practice of Watsu to encourage the search for our inner being. While isolating us in silence from all external contact for 7 days, we will enter into a deep contact with our inner self.

This journey of observation and self-discovery can bring us to the roots of our mind and dissolve mental and emotional impurities, giving us back balance, love and compassion.

Please be aware that this is a 7-day residential retreat, during which we stay for the entire time in isolation on the Quiet premises.

Prerequisites: Watsu Basic

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua – OBA® 1

with Dariya & Daniel

Tuesday 14 – Sunday 19 September

8.45 am – 6.30 pm (including lunch)

OBA is a deeply relaxing form of aquatic bodywork in a warm water pool. It combines in a unique way elements of soft stretching, deep tissue massage and joint release, as well as energy and breath work both above and below the water surface; especially designed movements allow your whole spine to swing and your energy to flow again.

During this 6-day course, you'll learn the various movements and techniques of this wonderful bodywork after which you'll be able to offer a complete session to your friends and acquaintances.

OBA invites you to experience the healing energies of water in a new way, during which chronic physical pain as well as emotional tensions can be released. Above all, it invites you to experience again the nurturing qualities of being held and loved, and to rediscover trust, peace within yourself, and a sense of coming home.

Prerequisites: OBA Basic or equivalent course.

**KALAKENDRA ART GALLERY EVENTS**

Kalakendra Art Gallery is happy to inform you the following events taking place in Bharat Nivas.

“Living Symbols” Exhibition

Ongoing till 15 th September 2021.

Opening hours: 10 am to 4.30 pm. (Sundays open)

Kolam Workshops

Offered by Grace : Symbols evoked through Kolam

Tuesdays and Saturdays (10-12am, 3-5pm): September 4, September 7, September 11, September 14

No. of participants: 5-12

Contribution required. Contact facilitator for details and registration.

Phone: +91 8072449091

Email: info@kolamyoga.comWebsite: <https://www.kolamyoga.com>**Sanskrit Calligraphy**

Facilitated by Aravinda Maheshwari

Sunday 5 September 3:30-4:30pm

Story-telling & relaying

Thursday 9 September 3:30-5pm

Come and join Anandi, Chitra and other friends to hear a story from the Mother, to tell yours, hear others' and co-create a story-relay.

Drawing and painting symbols

Every Friday 2.30-4pm

Charu, a visiting volunteer, is happy to explore Stone Painting on 10 September with participants.

Enjoy painting symbols and flowers on stones. Creating an exciting experience in choosing your own stones and painting on them.

Art Workshop

Offered by Crystal, (Aurovilian)

Time: Every Thursday afternoon: 2 to 4 pm**Venue:** Kalakendra Art Gallery

Automatic Drawing with Ink and Water color expressing your own voice. Contribution required Rs. 220/- per person

Art Workshop

Offered by Abhijit Roy:

A one month course and see details described below.

All are welcome to participate

As part of our efforts in the field of Arts Education, Bharat Nivas presents “Fundamentals of Drawing” in association with Artist and Educator Abhijit Roy.

Course Outline

In this course, attendees will learn Line Fundamentals, How to Draw Shapes, Form, Value and Contrast, Create Space and Perspective, Still Life Drawing, Creating Textures and How to Draw the Human Face and Figure.

Duration and Venue

This course will be delivered over a period of 10 sessions starting from 20th September, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 01:30 p.m. to 03:30 p.m. – till 11th October at 'Kalakendra' located in the premises of Bharat Nivas Pevilion.

Eligibility

All humans above the age of 6.

Contribution

Aurovilians/Volunteers – Rs. 220/- per session per attendee, Visitors – Rs. 440/- per session per attendee.

Artist Bio Abhijit has been living in Auroville since September 2020, currently residing in Grace Community with his family of 4 (wife Snehal and two children Aarohi (10) & Jay (4)). At the moment his status is that of Pre-Newcomer.

He has more than 13 years international work experience as a professional Digital Artist, Team Lead, Trainer and Technical Director in various Hollywood movies and TripleA Games in the field of Visual Effects and Motion Capture Animation, respectively.

His Film credits include – Man of Steel, Transformers 3, Conan the Barbarian, Immortals and Maleficent.

His Gaming credits include – Batman – Arkham Asylum, Tomb-raider, FIFA 2009 and Wrestle-mania.

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*All are welcome
Kalakendra Team,
Tapas and Anandi*

**PITANGA:
PRANAYAMA COURSE**

PRANAYAMA COURSE
ART OF LIVING TECHNIQUE, PART I
Thursday September 9th to Sunday September 12th 2021
daily 6.30am -8.30am
conducted by Namrita & François



The Art of Living Part I Pranayama course combines breathing techniques, meditation and features Sudarshan Kriya, a breathing technique that uses specific rhythms of breath to detoxify every cell of the body and infuse it with energy.

Please come in loose comfortable clothing and on an empty stomach.
Attendance on all 4 days is compulsory. Limited places available, please register with us.

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0411) 2622403/2622994 Pitangaauroville.org.in


ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

*Covid SOP must be followed.

Treatment	Practitioner	Time
Body Logic & Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio Sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna Massage, Bare Foot Body Massage.	Silvana 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Hair Cuts, Hair Colouring, Henna Colouring.	Meha 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Ayurvedic Marma Massage.	Roberto 7548872194	Monday to Saturday
Orthopedist & Naturopath offering Foot Reflexology & Metamorphic treatment following Haptosynesia.	Alexandre 9500278523	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco 8778839827	Monday, Friday & Saturday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy.	Chun 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry & Inner-Voice Dialogue. Also in French.	Antarjoti 0413-2623767	Monday to Saturday
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques.	Mukta 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Classes		
Acro Yoga	Damien 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates Classes	Teresa 7867998952	Tues & Thurs 7:30-8:30am. Appointment
Iyengar Yoga	Olesya 9159052743	Mon, Wed, Sat 6:30-8:00am. Mon, Thurs, Sat 5:00-6:30pm. Tue 5:00-6:30pm Regular Students only.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES
**Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations:
Tuesday 3pm**

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:

- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.
- **Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.**
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- **Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.** Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole.

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The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

**News & Notes,
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0413-262-213**



CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 28 August 2021 to 5 September 2021

Dear Friends – Pleased to announce that we open again after the 24 April 2021 following the recent regulation allowing us to operate. But there are conditions we need to fulfill.

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center will operate at 50% seating capacity as per the regulations. It is open to all. Mask is a must (and not scarves etc.) as well as Standard Covid19 protocols. If you are able to follow these pre-conditions, please come and enjoy film on the big screen with us.

We restart cautiously with one film this week on Saturday. We hope to increase gradually and steadily increase our operation.

We also open the Multimedia Center Auditorium for booking. If you would like to organize a seminar/program, please contact us via email for booking conditions and dates.

Our evening film screening will start at 7:30pm for now instead of 8pm so that at the end of the screening there is ample time for people to return by 10pm curfew time.

International – Saturday, 28 August, 7:30 pm: A Call To Spy

USA, 2019, Dir. Lydia Dean Pilcher w/Radhika Apte, Sarah Megan Thomas, Stana Katic, and others, Biography-Thriller, 123mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

[Trivia: When Tipu Sultan of Mysore was defeated by the British; his rocket making technology was taken to UK where it was further developed and credited for; and his two sons were taken away and raised in the UK. The protagonist in this film Noor-un-Nisa Inayat Khan alias Nora Baker was a descendant of Tipu Sultan. She came from a long tradition of well-known Sufi scholars and musicians].

Inspired by true events – the film depicts the early days of WWII. Churchill orders his new spy agency, the Special Operations Executive (SOE), to recruit and train women to conduct sabotage and build a resistance. SOE's head Vera Atkins recruits two unusual candidates; Virginia Hall and Noor Inayat Khan, a pacifist.

Noor was the first female wireless operator sent to occupied France to aid the French Resistance. Together, these two women helped to undermine the Nazi regime, leaving an unmistakable legacy. *Don't miss!*

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 29 August, 4:30 pm: Black Beauty

USA, 2020, Dir. Ashley Avis w/ Kate Winslet, Mackenzie Foy, Iain Glen and others, Drama, 110mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A wild horse and a teenage girl forge an unbreakable bond which keeps them connected for a lifetime.



Indian – Monday 30 August, 7:30 pm: Mandela

India, 2021, Write-Dir. Madonne Ashwin w/ Yogi Babu, Sheela Rajkumar, Sangili Murugan, and others, Comedy-Drama, 140mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This much acclaimed political satire is a directorial debut for the writer-director. Set on the backdrop of a village panchayat election scenario between two political parties where an underprivileged hairdresser becomes the gamechanger in a village where caste politics rules the roost. Will that result in any real change. *This is a must see!*

Interesting – Wednesday 31 August, 7:30 pm: Ask Dr. Ruth

USA, 2019, Dir. Ryan White w/ Susan Brown, Jonathan Capehart, Ari Einleger, and others, Biography-Documentary, 100mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)

The film chronicles the incredible life of Dr. Ruth Westheimer, a Holocaust survivor who became America's most famous sex therapist. Currently she is 93yrs old. This film was made when she was approaching 90yrs. She revisits her painful past and her career at the forefront of the sexual revolution through information and education.

International Saturday 4 September, 7:30 pm: The Father

UK-France, 2020, Dir. Florian Zeller w/ Anthony Hopkins, Olivia Colman, Mark Gatiss, and others, Drama, 97mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG13

Having just scared off his recent caregiver, Anthony, an ailing, octogenarian Londoner gradually succumbing to dementia, feels abandoned when Anne, his daughter, tells him she's moving to Paris. Confused and upset, against the backdrop of a warped perspective and his rapid, heart-rending mental decline, Anthony is starting to lose his grip on reality, struggling to navigate the opaque landscape of present and past. A wonderful film!

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 5 September, 4:30pm: Yes Day

USA, 2021, Dir. Miguel Arteta w/ Jennifer Garner, Edgar Ramirez, Jenna Ortega and others, Comedy, 86mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A mum and dad who usually say no decide to say yes to their kids' wildest requests with a few ground rules on a whirlwind day of fun and adventure.

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. Please 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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