

News & Notes

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Painting by Gino

The Ponder Corner

A selfless selfgiving is the best policy.
Only one does not do it out of policy.

Sri Aurobindo
Letters on Yoga, p.515

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by Lavanya Pawar

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House of Mother's Agenda

Our Next Matter

I will not attempt here to spell out a "theory" — when a man comes out of a Nazi concentration camp, he does not theorize on freedom. It is rather this "camp" which is unthinkable pain, rather this nonhumanity which is a deep wound. That wound has been in my heart for more than fifty years; that darkness was lived, and it was not "musty" — it is all of "Man" that was a terrible question mark. To die is nothing, even in a gas chamber, but that which one is? Where are "the others"? Where is the sense?

All the ways out have been explored — there is no "getting out," for thousands of years we have not been able to get out. We even wrote sublime tragedies, as did Sophocles, but the whole Earth is in the Tragedy. We are only faced more and more brutally with the fact of this Tragedy, with our own question mark.

*I rend man's narrow and successful life
And force his sorrowful eyes to gaze at the sun*

says Durga, India's formidable Mother, who is like the Greeks' Athena, only vaster.

There is no getting out because the only way out is to be found in this very Matter, in this very Body, despised and miserable and mortal. A true way out for the human species, less and less human because it is not what it is, neither beast nor god — it is in the camp, behind innumerable barbed wires, glistening and hypnotic, or terrifying. A species in transition, unaware of the means of its transition. And the guards of the Camp are preventing it by every possible means from finding its own key.

So I have no "theory" to offer, that would be too awful. But I can say what one man has touched, what one specimen of the Camp has breathed, the human mainsprings he has discovered, or un-covered in this body of matter like all other matters. And there is no need to "convert" anyone to an idea — the Idea is in Matter itself, and if we do not find it, it is not only our tragedy, but our disaster once again, leaving it to another interminable Evolution to find what we failed to find. For it MUST be found at last.

In a passage from *Savitri* which echoes or answers the sad chorus of King Oedipus, "Poor generations of mortal man, all I see in you is nothingness!" Sri Aurobindo says this:

*Here even the highest rapture Time can give
Is a mimicry of ungrasped beatitudes...
A wounded happiness that cannot live,
A brief felicity of mind or sense
Thrown by the World-Power to her body-slave,
Or a simulacrum of enforced delight
In the seraglios of Ignorance...
An inconsequence dogs every effort made,
And chaos waits on every cosmos formed:
In each success a seed of failure lurks.
He saw the doubtfulness of all things here,
The incertitude of man's proud confident thought,
The transience of the achievements of his force.
A thinking being in an unthinking world,
An island in the sea of the Unknown,
He is a smallness trying to be great,
An animal with some instincts of a god,
His life story too common to be told,
His deeds a number summing up to nought,
His consciousness a torch lit to be quenched,
His hope a star above a cradle and grave.
And yet a greater destiny may be his,
For the eternal Spirit is his truth.
He can re-create himself and all around
And fashion new the world in which he lives...*

(to be continued next week)

— Satprem .

The Tragedy of the Earth – from Sophocles to Sri Aurobindo.
Destiny's Turning Point

Townhall Speaks

RESIGNATION

Dear Community members, this is to let you know that Manoj Kumar who has been part of the RAS has resigned from 15th September onwards.

We wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

Warm regards,

For the Auroville Council

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

ECONOMIC RELIEF GRANTS FOR SELF-SUPPORTING UNITS AND SERVICES

Dear Community, the MERA team is happy to share that the BCC is allocating funds towards a second round of relief grants to support the fixed costs of self-supporting Auroville units, services and guesthouses that are impacted by the economic crisis brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. (Those who applied and received grants during the first round are welcome to apply again if your economic situation is still precarious).

Funding Criteria: For those units, services and guesthouses who wish to apply, below is more information on the funding criteria:

- All of Auroville’s income-generating/self-supporting units (whether commercial or service units, or guest houses) are eligible for this relief grant.
- Funds will be applicable to cover the fixed costs of units (such as salaries, rent, electricity, internet, accounting charges etc.)
- All those who apply (and are eligible i.e. are an income-generating commercial or service unit/guest house that is struggling financially) will receive support in the form of a grant amount paid in October. If the total amount requested (from all applicants) exceeds the total amount of funds available, an equal proportion of the fixed costs of each request will be granted.
- A report of expenditure and a self-assessment of impact of the grant will be requested of all recipients.

How to Apply: Please fill in an Excel form with your monthly fixed costs, reserves and liabilities (you may find the form at MERA’s Auronet page, or write to MERA) and send it to mera@auroville.org.in by Sep 30th, 2021 latest. (Please apply as soon as possible!)

Other Support available: We take this opportunity to remind all those in an economic situation that makes it challenging to continue to provide Aurovilian Maintenances that these are eligible for Temporary Emergency Maintenances provided by the BCC. Please see the latest TEM guidelines on BCC’s Auronet page, and contact bcc.care@auroville.org.in to apply.

We would like to express our gratitude, on behalf of Auroville, to all those who have contributed towards Covid relief and made this support possible.

In Community,
Team MERA

(Hemant, Rathinam, Stephan, Suryamayi)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 100

Dated: 25-09-2021

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 Aurovilian in writing to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED



Poovizhi



Saravanan

Poovizhi PATCHAIYAPPAN (Indian) staying in Udavi Staff Quarters and working at Stem Land

Saravanan MUNUSAMY (Indian) staying in Staff Quarters (Protection) and working at Aikiyam School

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED

Mohamed Abdelrahman ALSADEC MOSTAFA aka Ba-too (Sudanese)

NEWCOMER RESTARTING THE PROCESS

Ksenia NUGAEVA (Russian) staying in Transformation and working at PTDC

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED

Avinash RAVI RAGHAVAN (Indian) Staying in Realization and working with BCC & PATH Architects-Planners



AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED

Divya Bharathi ARUNACHALAM (Indian)

NOTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours,
The Entry Service

HOUSING BOARD REPORT JULY & AUGUST 2021

6 HB members (old Housing Board) were present during the period July- August 11th

Anbu (L'avenir d'Auroville on TDC related topics only), Rama Narayana (Entry Board), Prabhu (Community at large), Savithri (Housing Service), Venkatesh (Housing Service), Vivek (Community at large)

The Quorum is fixed at 5 members

Meetings: In person every Wednesday at the Town Hall Meeting Room /or virtual via Google Meet. There was no meeting on 14th July due to the lack of a quorum.

Visits: 28th July – Alain, Sophie & Matilde for Entry Board, Angelo for FAMC

Vaiya, Kalpana & Realization

Vaiya, staying in Kalpana made a request to exchange her apartment in Kalpana for one of the Newcomer houses in Realization, as she has an urgent need to have AC installed for health reasons and Kalpana is not designed to allow AC. It was agreed to by the Housing Board on the conditions that Kalpana & Realization communities were in full agreement, and it was understood that there would be no financial compensation to Vaiya. The flat in Kalpana was transformed into a Newcomer house therefore the numbers of Newcomer houses was not reduced.

David, Sanjana

David requested that he wished to transfer a room in his house to his neighbours Stefan & Anusha. This would be achieved by bricking up the doorway. He asked to open a housing account to put the estimated contribution amount into, and once the ongoing dispute at Sanjana is resolved then the final amount can be calculated and agreed. The Housing Board agreed to this as long as the final design of both houses was signed by both parties and shared with Housing Service, along with the value that they have estimated for the room.

Saga, Kalpana

It was agreed that Saga could defer his Fraternal Contribution amount until 2022 as he does not have the means until then. Therefore a house sharing agreement for his wife was signed by the Housing Service.

Repair Grants

- Gunasekaren, Pony Farm – It was agreed to give 9000 rs for an urgent roof repair
- Dhanalakshmi-Jayaram, Shanti Community – It was agreed to give 12,300 rs for an urgent door change.

8 HB Members (new Housing Board) during the period 11th August-31st August

Anbu (L'avenir), Angela (Community), Angelo (FAMC), Aravindh (Housing Service), Bharathy (Community), Rima (Community), Sundar (Housing Service) Venkat (Community), Iyappan (Community).

The Quorum is fixed at 5 members as per current housing policy.

Meetings: In person every Wednesday at the Town Hall Meeting Room

Visits with the Housing Board: Alexey from Housing Service repair team 12pm every Wednesday

Friend of Auroville – Newcomer Assets.

The Entry Board asked the Housing Board to confirm if it was possible for a Friend of Auroville to take stewardship of the asset that they had contributed to, if they were to become a Newcomer. It was agreed that there were no issues with this.

ATDC request- evaluation costs

ATDC has offered to take on the evaluations for Housing Service The Housing Board has agreed to consider their offer on a trial basis but at the same time requesting a second opinion for each evaluation. After the trial will be over, the Housing Board will reconsider the proposal.

Repair Subgroup

A repair – subgroup has been constituted whose members, Anbu, Alexey,, Bharathy Aravindh and Iyappan will be in charge to visit all those making repair requests and report back to the Housing Board for their consideration

Co – stewardship of Samasti House

The co -stewards of a house in Samasti have conflicting accounts of what was agreed when one of the stewards left the house. As their agreement was not made through the correct channels in Housing, it is not possible for the Housing Board to decide who is or is not the steward now. The people concerned were directed to the Council/Koodam to find a resolution.

Arati 3 residents query

Several members of Arati 3 wrote to the Housing Board to object to the occupants of one of the flats having sole use of what ought to be a shared space. The Housing Board agreed that the paperwork shows that the space is shared, and all of the members of Arati 3 who have the rights to this space on their agreements ought to have access to it.

Housing Board Loan Group member

It was agreed that Bharathy would become the Housing Board representative to the Loan Group, replacing Prabhu.

The Housing Board

Anbu (L'avenir), Angela (Community), Angelo (FAMC), Aravindh (Housing Service), Bharathy (Community), Iyappan (Community), Rima (Community), Sundar (Housing Service) Venkat (Community).

housingboard@auroville.org.in

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

Annual Review for Funding in 2021-2022

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting for the annual review of grant proposals for funding by Stichting De Zaaier in 2021 and the Foundation for World Education in 2022. A grant application form and budget request form are available on request from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from Aurnet.

Only those proposals that can be carried out under prevailing Covid 19 guidelines and restrictions will be considered. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by **Monday, 25 October.**

Please submit earlier if possible. You are invited to send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. *(If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end!)*

Following the procedure set up by the Foundation for World Education, the Project Coordination Group will review and select projects for approval and budget allocation by their Board members. In recent years, funds available with the Foundation for World Education for Auroville projects and programmes amounted to approx. USD 30,000 in total. **Please note that no funding is available for the maintenance of Aurovilians:** maintenance of Aurovilians is either to be covered by Auroville or from a source other than Foundation for World Education grants.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, the Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 50.000 to € 90.000 in total.

In addition to the criteria given as bullet points below, the SDZ Board has indicated that they are willing, "to consider proposals in relation to COVID-19 challenges" and, "initiatives aimed at a more sustainable economy".

Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- initiatives requiring seed money (micro-projects) for innovative and informal education and training, women's development, outreach as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that **no funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport**. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville

Stichting De Zaaier has indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

NB Both the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier have indicated that they are open to receiving proposals specifically related to the Honouring of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary in Auroville – proposals that can be considered a priority for Auroville and, that come within the scope of donor interests and stated criteria.

A grant application form and budget request form are available on request from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from Auronet.

Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (Please contact any individual schools mentioned in your proposal before submitting it to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

NB If you have already received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group please send in a progress report/status update (if project is ongoing) or final report (if project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for a new grant.

For more information or assistance please write to pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250. Last date for submitting proposals for this call is **Monday, 25 October**.

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, one asset is currently available for transfer: **Sharanga, SHR015, Couple**

To apply, please click on the new "Houses Available" button in the very right column of the Auronet 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 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

Community News

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO OS



Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Registered Volunteers, as you may be aware, when someone is in India and registered in Auroville with an Entry Visa recommended by the Auroville Foundation, it is required that s/he informs the Residents' Service if and when they will be out of Auroville for more than 2 months, even if traveling in other parts of India.

However, it is important for ALL residents, including Indians and OCI holders, to share a planned absence of more than 2 months with the Residents' Service so that current information about who is in and out of Auroville is always available. This was a big challenge during the first lockdown of the pandemic when updated lists of those present in Auroville were needed, and this information is important in other situations as well.

Also, all volunteers must be registered with SAVI, which must be kept informed about plans to be outside of Auroville during the period in which an individual is registered as a volunteer in Auroville.

We look forward to your understanding and cooperation in this.

*Best wishes, The Working Committee
(Anu, Arun, Chali, Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)*

AVSST DUTY REPORTS

Dear Community members, AVSST's duty reports for July 2021 are available on Auronet. To find it, go in the "Reports" section of Auronet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:



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ON THE GITA



We had a beautiful opening circle to study Sri Aurobindo's Essays on the Gita last Friday with around 15 participants. We all shared our relationship with the Bhagavad Gita and intentions for our collective exploration.

Here is a glimpse of a few sharings from the participants:

- "I have been chanting Bhagavad Gita since childhood. Even though I didn't understand the meaning much at the mental level at that time, I could feel the transformation at a subtle level. After reading Sri Aurobindo's Essays on the Gita, I found a better understanding and would like to go deeper through this collective study."
- The following words of the Mother were quoted by a participant: *"Sri Aurobindo considers the message of the Gita to be the basis of the great spiritual movement which has led and will lead humanity more and more to its liberation, that is to say, to its escape from falsehood and ignorance, towards the truth. From the time of its first appearance, the Gita has had an immense spiritual action; but with the new interpretation that Sri Aurobindo has given to it, its influence has increased considerably and has become decisive."*
- "I feel very inspired when I am reading Sri Aurobindo's words and sitting in this circle, but then how do I continue living according to the message of the Gita from the moment I step out of this study circle?"
- "I have been facilitating many collective book journeys and happy to share some insights and methods on how to apply what we are learning from the 'text' into the 'context' of our everyday life."
- "We need to meet each other in 'Krishna Consciousness' while we build the city of Auroville together."

In case you were unable to join on September 17 and still want to be a part of the study circle, you are welcome to join.

Essays on The Gita by Sri Aurobindo (in English)

Friday, September 24, 2021

Time: 4 pm to 5 pm

Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

We decided to take one chapter per week that we all read before the circle and then meet to share our reflections, questions and collectively progress together.

So those joining are requested to read Chapter 1: **Our Demand and Need from the Gita**. Kindly bring a copy of the book 'Essays on the Gita' by Sri Aurobindo if you have it. You can download a PDF version from here: <https://tinyurl.com/essaysongita>

On the same day and venue we will also have a chanting session after the study circle.

Chanting of Bhagavad Gita Shlokas (in Sanskrit)

Time: 5 pm to 6 pm

Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

(Kindly bring a copy of श्रीमद् भगवद्गीता with Sanskrit slokas if you have it.)

All are welcome to join either only the study circle or only chanting or both the sessions. Please register on devabhasha@auroville.org.in

पुनर्दर्शनाय पुनर्हर्षणाय, पुनर्मातृदेव्याः कृपावर्षणाय

Warmly,
Samskritam Auroville Team

MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, TOWN HALL)



There will be no film show on Friday 1st October. See you the week after!

AUROVILLE CHOIR PERFORMANCE



The Auroville Choir

Will perform at CRIPA at 7:30 PM

On Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of September

FAURE, Cantique de Jean Racine

DEBUSSY, Nuit d'étoiles

MOZART, Laudate Dominum

TALLIS, O nata lux de lumine

GJEILO, Ave generosa

JENKINS, Exultate, jubilate

JENKINS, And the mother did weep

WHITACRE, Sing gently

LAURIDSEN, Sure on this shining night

RUNESTAD, Let my love be heard

South African song Indodana

Piano accompaniment: Carel

Conducted by: Nuria

Following security protocols only 50% of the audience is allowed.

Kindly book your seat with Divya:

divya.lieser@auroville.org.in

Errata: This announcement appeared in N&N 888 stating the Performance was scheduled for April. It should have read September.

INVITATION TO VIDEO EXHIBITION OF SAVITRI PAINTINGS AND A SHARING BY 12 SAVITRI SADHAKS

When the Pandemic started in March 2020, a small group of sadhaks began to come together to read Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's epic poem, "mantra for transformation of the world". This slowly turned into a collective space to paint lines from Savitri. Eventually, this birthed an intense online course called "Savitri Painting".

"Savitri Painting" is a method to move inward into greater depths of your being through art, music and poetry. It is a means of sensing your soul movements and expressing them through painting. This is an opportunity to learn to see the unfolding of your soulscape and further refining your aesthetic sense.

Out of Savitri Painting Course, in March 2021, further emerged "Savitri Art", where sadhaks not only use painting as a tool to grow inwards, but also attempt to bring an outer perfection.

The students, artists and co-organisers of the course Savitri Painting are visiting Auroville at the end of September and would love to share their journey with you. They would also be presenting a Video Exhibition of some of their paintings.

Join us on October 2 (Saturday) at 11 AM at Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan :).

THE DIVINE MOTHER IN SAVITRI



Monday, 27 September 2021, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.
Duration: 81min.

The video 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 is about Her mission by serving the Truth and enlightening mankind, to hasten the rule of the Divine Love upon earth.

The poem Savitri has a mantric power: it has awakened and installed the Divine Shakti in the heart of humanity. Sri Aurobindo worked out and established the Supramental Mahashakti for the new creation. Usually, the Divine Shakti has been in the background, but Sri Aurobindo brings Her to the forefront of human quest. In 1926, Sri Aurobindo withdrew to his room in Pondicherry putting the Mother in the forefront. She started organizing the Ashram and working with the sadhaks.

The whole of Savitri is the story of the Divine Mother, and Dr. Alok Pandey discusses with love and joy all her aspects. Here are some of them. Savitri, divine from birth, brought down Divine consciousness and something new which had not been there in the cosmic consciousness. The Divine Mother's powers of love, sweetness, care, tenderness, compassion, and strength were needed to be established on earth – together with the new Supramental Consciousness Force. The story of the Divine Mother starts in *The Book of Beginnings*, *The Issue* with a fine description of Savitri's beauty and divine love: *Her kindly care was a sweet temperate sun... / Love in her was wider than the universe, / The whole world could take refuge in her single heart.* (p. 15) Savitri, the Divine Mother, is described as the embodiment of love, which is sweet and strong and has a transformative power.

In *The Kingdoms and Godheads of the Greater Mind* Sri Aurobindo considers how by human beings themselves in their minds and souls, the presence of the Shakti and the vastness of the Divine Mother get limited and distorted:

In a human breast her occult presence lived; / Her greatness she has suffered to be pressed / Into the little cabin of the Idea,... / But thought nor word can seize eternal Truth: / The whole world lives in a lonely ray of her sun. (p.275-276) The Divine Mother, the Divine Shakti is a living reality, and in her lives the eternal Truth. Divine Truth cannot be defined: it is something that grows, unfolds, evolves and helps us on our journey. When we are ready and have attained a true living relationship with the Divine Mother and Shakti, we can experience how She calls and guides us. Every single one of us has a beautiful story to tell about that.

The Darshans of the World-Mother, the Universal and the Transcendent Divine Mother, direct King Aswapati in his quest to help humanity and earth. He is looking to transform earth with the help from beyond. And the Universal Divine Mother has the love and power to affect the change because she: *Took to her breast Nature and world and soul ... and ...At the head she stands of birth and toil and fate,...* (p.312+314) Further, King Aswapati asks the Divine Mother of the Universe to come down and help humanity: *O Wisdom-Splendour, Mother of the universe, / Creatrix, the Eternal's artist Bride,... / Incarnate the white passion of thy force, / Mission to earth some living form of thee.* (p.345)

Finally, the Divine Mother of the Universe agrees: *"O strong forerunner, I have heard thy cry. / One shall descend and break the iron Law, / Change Nature's doom by the lone spirit's power.* (p.346) Thus Savitri, the Divine Mother, incarnates along with her love and transforming powers. And Her coming is always associated with change, revolution, and evolution.

The video of the talk can also be seen at the Savitri Bhavan website: <http://savitribhavan.org/the-talks/>

OFFERING SKILLS

I would like to offer these skills as gifts

- vinyasa yoga for lazy people/ beginners
- backpacking tips for solo woman travellers
- holistic conflict resolution in personal relations especially romantic/ intimate relationships
- living life on gifts, barter and skill exchange
- zero waste lifestyle for beginners
- 100% listening
- living with less stuff
- read this link to find a skill that may fit your need today <https://tinyurl.com/v9nwba2>



Please email Deepa, stigmatad@gmail.com to fix a time and date :)

Thanks, Laure

JANAKI: HOUSE OF AUROVILLE AT PONDICHERRY



Janaki is an Auroville unit at 16 Kosakadai, Ambalathadayar st, Pondicherry. Janaki is becoming the "House of Auroville" with Auroville's focus on excellence, beauty and innovation. As Kalki Pundy has closed, the need for a dedicated presence of Auroville has emerged. Space sharing for bigger units is open. Same time small units can present their work as well. Space for Artists and workshops is possible.

Small cafe is possible as well .

Pls write to janakipondy2014@gmail.com

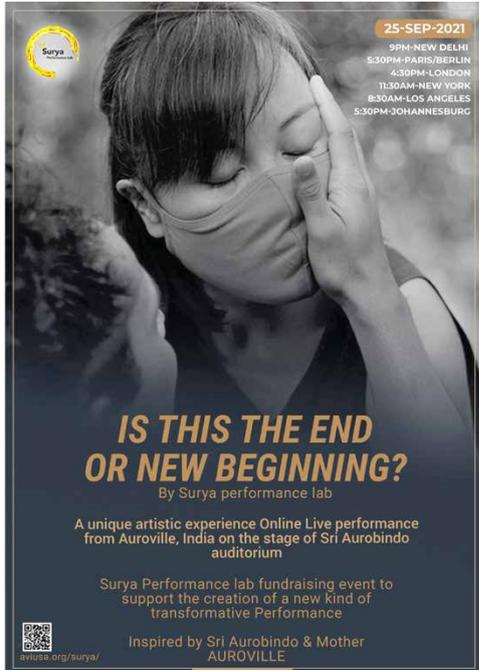
Or sms at +91 9786651470

THE ARTS



Fundraising live event to support the creation of our new show: "IS THIS THE END?" from Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Auroville, India on Saturday 25th of September online. We, Surya performance Lab Auroville, are creating a new show for the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo.

It's a theatrical, choreographic, musical performance inspired by a poem by Sri Aurobindo, called: "IS THIS THE END?" Facing a world in crisis and deep transition, our characters on stage express the physical urgency of a new breath, new link to Nature and Vastness.



We absolutely need your support to create this show. Much more than supporters or donors, Surya performance lab wishes to consider you as partners in collaboration with AVI-USA, we invite you to a unique artistic online live performance from Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Auroville, India on Saturday 25th of September via Zoom.

Surya performance lab artists will perform for you in live an extract of our new show: "IS THIS THE END?"

On the Saturday 25th of September

- 9 pm – New Delhi
- 5.30pm – Paris/ Berlin
- 4.30 pm – London
- 11.30 am – New York
- 8.30 am – Los Angeles
- 5.30pm – Johannesburg

Video presentation for this online event



"IS THIS THE END?"

By Surya Performance Lab

Considering the requests of the public from Auroville, we want to inform you that we will be happy to welcome everyone who is interested to watch our event live from Sri Aurobindo auditorium.

Please be there at the Auditorium at 8.45pm on Saturday 25th September, as the online event will start at 9pm sharp.

We will introduce our new creation "IS THIS THE END?" a show for the 150th Sri Aurobindo birth anniversary in collaboration with Auroville 150th Sri Aurobindo birth anniversary celebration team.

We will perform an extract of the show (30 minutes), we will introduce our team and we will screen a short video.

If you cannot be there at the auditorium, you can still join us online or watch the event later on zoom.

For that please register in the link: <https://aviusa.org/surya>. It's a fundraising event to support the creation of the new show. Please donate to Surya performance lab FS account: 252160.

Surya Performance Lab, Auroville
Love & Gratitude, Philippe and Thierry
suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in

ATITHI GRIHA IS READY TO PREPARE LUNCH AND DINNER



Vanakkam Aurovilians and NewComers, Atithi Griha is ready to prepare Lunch and Dinner for Aurovilians and Newcomers. The menu is below. We take a maximum of twenty people per meal. Please book one day in advance (between 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.) The price of the meal per head is Rs. 210 (Two hundred ten). We request people to come if they book the meal to avoid waste.

Weekly Menu

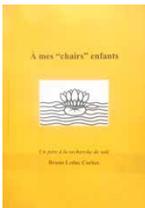
Day	Lunch	Dinner
Monday	Tomato Rice, Vegetable Sabji, Curd, Rasam, Vegetable Salad, Pappadam	Pasta, White Sauce, Vegetable Salad
Tuesday	Rice, Dal, Vegetable Sabji, Curd, Rasam, Vegetable Salad, Pappadam	Chappati, Potato Kurma, Vegetable Salad
Wednesday	Naan, Vegetable Sabji, Butter Milk, Vegetable Salad, Pappadam	Fried Rice, Raita, Pappadam, Vegetable Salad
Thursday	Coconut Rice, Vegetable Sabji, Vegetable Salad, Curd, Pappadam	Dosa, Sambar, Chutney, Vegetable Salad
Friday	Vegetable Stuffed Parotta, Vegetable Sabji, Curd, Vegetable Salad	Noodles, Tomato Sauce, Vegetable Salad
Saturday	Spinach Chapati, Vegetable Kurma, Butter Milk, Rasam, Vegetable Salad, Pappadam	Lemon Rice, Vegetable Sabji, Vegetable Salad, Rasam
Sunday	Vegetable Biryani, Raita, Vegetable Salad, Rasam, Pappadam	Pasta, Red Sauce, Vegetable Salad

E-mail: atithigriha@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413- 2622445

Thank you. Warm Regards,
Shankar and Dominique for Atithi Griha.
Menu saved under Atithi in Folder #899

BOOK RELEASE
A MES "CHAIRS" ENFANTS



Bruno is announcing the release of his Book, 'A mes "chairs" enfants' and he is looking for someone to translate from French into English. Bruno's book can be borrowed from either of Auroville's two libraries.

Contact: 9597922185
or nadopasana@auroville.org.in

Thank you, cordially
Bruno

LOOKING FOR

Needs a House



I will have to soon leave the house I am presently staying in and as of today, still haven't found another. Any help in finding another home to 'House Sit' is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your help: From 15th October onwards, possibly a long-term one. I am an Aurovilian, single, quiet, sociable, cat lover. gali@auroville.org.in

Wasteless Needs a Gate



Dear Friends, our Recentre campus (Wasteless & Upcycling studio) needs a new gate and we thought it would be cool to build an upcycled gate using scrap and discarded metal from around the community.

Please let us know if you have scrap metals that you are not using anymore and you want to get rid of them. We would be super happy to collect them and use them for our gate project.

Contact: Dinagar, Wasteless – 9655977940

Thank you.
Have a good day
Kind regards, Dinagar

The Art of Photography: need good camera



I am very interested in progressing in Art photography and wish to have a good digital camera to get a better quality photo than the one I get with my cellphone.

So, if you have one that you don't use at the moment, I will be very pleased to use it with care for a few months. Please, call me at 2622970 or write at claudineauroville@gmail.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

ENGLISH TEACHING POSITION
AT NEW ERA SECONDARY SCHOOL, ASPIRATION



NESS, a CBSE school, has a teaching position open for English. If you are passionate about teaching students of grades 10 to 12 and have the required experience and qualifications (BA English, MA English, and B.ED), please send your resume to nesstrust15@auroville.org.in ASAP.

Abha,
on behalf of Ness Trustees

CALL FOR APPLICANTS
FOR A NEW MATRIMANDIR EXECUTIVE TEAM



Dear Community, in 2017 the Auroville Council and the Working Committee held an open process to appoint a new executive team at Matrimandir. The term for that team has expired on 1 August 2021. We're sorry to be late getting this process started again and we are in earnest now to reach out to you, hold this process, and present a new executive team within the next several weeks.

The present selection process is being held by a sub-group of the Auroville Council (AVC), the Funds & Assets Management Committee (FAMC) & the Working Committee (WCom): AVC: Ganesh, Meenal, SaiSuresh, & Shiva; FAMC: Amy, Angelo, & Marc; WCom: Anu, Partha, & Srimoyi.

Here is the scope of work, which is all 'ongoing', that the new executives will take up and be responsible for during their term at Matrimandir:

1. Completion of the four entrances to the Matrimandir building
2. Completion of the Oval Island, including oval road and with particular reference to the completion of the 12 gardens
3. Constructing: the New Service Facility for the future support of Matrimandir to replace the existing old offices and facilities. (Site permission for this new Service Facility has already been given by TDC); and the new Matrimandir Visitors Reception Centre
4. Collaborate in the project of the building of the Matrimandir Lake (in close cooperation with the TDC and the community)
5. Maintenance of all buildings and gardens
6. Management of labour, finances & human resources
7. Collaborate in the management of visitors to Matrimandir with the Matrimandir Access Group.

Here are the necessary skills and qualities for being a Matrimandir executive:

- Knowledge of and dedication towards realising the Mother's vision for Matrimandir.
- Ability to work together closely with other executives, departments and department coordinators.
- Ability to deal with and manage people (workers, visitors, complaints and grievances).
- Skilled in project management, financial management and administration.
- Trusted by the community and respected for their character and integrity.

We are accepting self-nominations only. If you would like to serve in the new executive team, please complete this form (link) no later than 7 October. If you're reading this in a hard copy of the News & Notes please go to the Auronet announcement to access the form link.

[Matrimandir Executive Self-nomination Form](#)

If you have any questions you can write to us at matrimandir_selection@auroville.org.in.

Regards,
Amy (FAMC), Angelo (FAMC), Anu (WCom), Ganesh (AVC), Marc (FAMC), Meenal (AVC), Partha (WCom), Saisuresh (AVC), Shiva (AVC), Srimoyi (WCom)

TAXI SHARE

To Chennai Airport



Leaving for Chennai airport on the 30th Sept at around 10 am. Sharing is possible both ways. Contact nandita@sharan-india.org or Whatapp 9488483286

Dr Nandita Shah, SHARAN Auroville
Aurelec Premises, Kuilapalayam,
Auroville 605101 TN

0413 2622637, www.sharan-india.org

Voices and Notes

LEGACY: OUR HERITAGE



The editors of the Green Column have been in Europe amidst the confusion and restrictions of the Covid Pandemic: a totally different experience from having spent the first 17 months of the pandemic in Auroville, where we have been – and are – overall – very fortunate indeed ! The appreciation of our forests, cycle paths and farms gave us time during lockdowns to acknowledge all the physical beauty that we have here. The social fabric of looking after each other did Auroville proud. Returning to an Auroville – never having been greener at the end of summer – was wonderful, but the feeling of frustration and despair of seeing our city being so polarized about the latest development plans, left us bewildered.

In a world where these sentiments seem to be the norm and where division, strife, wars, dictatorships, massive displacements of people, rampant overproduction is causing the Climate and Biodiversity Crises, Auroville could be an example of something else: unity and collaboration... The result of human activities include global warming and loss of biodiversity: our two largest crises with a longer lasting impact than Corona.

In this column we review the latest documentary of Yann Arthus Bertrand who brings these topics together in an impressive, beautiful but shocking documentary. In our last column (April 2021), we spoke about Personal Pledges the World Wildlife Fund asked us as global citizens to make, to respond to the many conservation challenges like climate change, deforestation, overfishing and illegal wildlife trade. Our impact on the planet comes largely from what we eat, what we buy, how we power our homes, and how we travel. Of course, governmental policies and protections also play an important role. These pledges were reducing one's carbon footprint, going fossil free, reducing food waste, buying only products that have been grown or made sustainably and have not marginalized producers, being aware and communicating with one's elected representatives and officials, being a voice for the planet to help create and support policies that recognize and respect the importance of nature.



In Yann Arthus-Bertrand's new documentary film, we look back on his fifty years' commitment to document the ecology of a fast changing world. Eleven years after making the documentary "Home", he returns with "Legacy", a powerful cry from the heart in which he shares a sensitive and radical vision of our world, which he has seen deteriorate

over the course of a generation. It reveals a suffering planet, a confused humanity unable to take seriously the threat weighing on it and on all living things.

[Bande annonce de "Legacy" de Yann Arthus-Bertrand](#)

Our environment is our heritage and each of us carries responsibility for it. Each generation receives it as a gift for its lifetime, to pass on as a gift to the next generations. This movie is first and foremost an ode to the beauty of nature and humanity. It is easy to imagine such a hymn when you know the talents of the photographer who, since the early 1970s, has been magnifying the Earth on our screens. He expresses his love for the Planet, but also warns against everything that disfigures it. Life on Earth is threatened, and human beings are not exempt.

Home (2009) showed the pressure that humans put on the environment. This was not a disaster film, but a message of hope because Bertrand believes in the capacity of human beings to create and help each other. Twelve years later, little on our planet had changed. The human induced climate crisis has caused many disasters from droughts to floods, to unprecedented temperature rise, strife and human misery and displacements, not only in the Global South, but everywhere. From Siberia to Australia, from the Americas to the Mediterranean. Runaway wildfires, temperature rises never seen before, and we continue to burn fossil fuels. This new movie is more stark and insists on the issue of personal responsibility. "We all try as best as we can to manage the world's contradictions, we are faced with our own inconsistencies, and we decide all this of our own free will, so we all have to be educated on these crucial issues."

Yanne Arthus Bertrand calls the upcoming COP 26 (the UN Climate Conference due to be held in Glasgow from October 31st to November 12th) a "mirage". COP26 is nr 26 in a series of climate conferences, which started in 1994. The UN chief Antonio Guterres warned that this COP26 may fail due to mistrust between the North and South. Indigenous groups and a global coalition of more than 1,500 green groups **are calling to postpone this COP** due to fears that delegates from the world's most vulnerable countries face exclusion. More on COP 26 in the next columns.

This film is an excellent educational tool and a lesson for life for all of us. It is about to come out with English subtitles. In its French version it was shown on the 18 th of September in Cinema Paradiso. A must see for all! Here below is a link to a TV program where the film was shown.

The Green Column appears bi monthly in the News and Notes and on Auronet .

We like to hear from you!

avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

*For the AV Green center
Lisbeth & Gijs*

APPRECIATION FOR THE SOLAR KITCHEN



After my absence for a few weeks, today's meal indicated that the healthy, tasty changes are continuing at Solar Kitchen. Today I could choose mashed potatoes without milk; the "spicy" dishes were pleasant, not painful; there was much less salt and oil in the well-balanced menu.

Great service, also.

With appreciation, Patricia

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, your favourite radio is working for you! Stay tuned!

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

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

Last published podcasts

[Tamil Epics – ep.8 “மணி மகேலை”](#) (Tamil Culture)

[Arohan – ep.29 “The High priest of Sangeet & Natak- Pt.Jitendra Abhisheki”](#) (Music)

[Audible Weed Walk – ep.57 “Food Diversity or Food Fortification?”](#) (Food Education)

[The best of what’s still around – ep.29](#) (Music)

[Savitri, B. X, C. III, Part 4](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.110 “Are Doctors Clowns... or are Clowns Doctors”](#) (Wellness)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 366](#) (Integral Yoga)

...and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org

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

Peace and Love

BARAKA NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Dear community, we, at Baraka forest community, are facing energy issues. As you maybe know, as per Forest group guidelines, Auroville forest communities are not supposed to get TNEB. As many other communities, we

also don't have access to city water. We have to sustain ourselves with solar panels and batteries, a well, a water pump, a water tank and a generator.

Recently our collective water tank broke and we had to replace it asap. We bought a tank half capacity of the previous one because we could not afford a 10000l capacity tank. Now the 8 batteries of our collective solar system are ending their life-cycle which means that we don't get electricity in the evening because of no back up possibility.

Moreover, these daily shutdowns are particularly damaging to our electrical equipment (fridges, common washing machine). On top of it, Monsoon is coming and we urgently need to replace these batteries and update our whole solar system if we want to get any power at all when a bit of sun will shine.

We can't afford the amount of **2,63 lakhs** that is still needed to buy the new batteries. (The full amount for the batteries and the update of the solar system was 4,03 lakhs. We got 1,4 lakhs from AV solar fund). Like many Aurovilians, Baraka residents are struggling with their own individual daily living expenses right now and are not in a position to finance this expense.

So we come to you for help. If some of you are willing to give us financial support to buy these batteries we would be most grateful.

Please **send** your donations to **Baraka provisions A/C** number **252988**. Label your transfer as **“Baraka solar batteries”**. We thank you very much for your support.

*For Baraka community
Achilles, Dr Be, Eric and Laurence*

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

HOLISTIC STUDIO



Ashtanga Yoga Classes

Following the tradition of Mysore style with Christine Pauchard every day from Monday to Saturday.

Bring your mat, your towel. Minimum subscription is one week. Limited places available.

Timings: 7:30 AM

Venue: Kuilapalayam Holistic Studio

Subscription must be done in advance

Acupressure Therapeutic Massage

Christine has a back ground as nurse and has long experience in healing physical illness/emotional blockage through Acupressure Therapeutic massage Based On Thai Massage.

Hypnosis Sessions: Erikson Hypnosis

For therapeutic procedures, can be a highly effective form of treatment for many mental, psychosomatic, and physical disorders. We can use regressive techniques for healing of old emotional wounds, for control the pain or correcting dysfunctional behaviours. Minimum for efficiency is 2 sessions.

Health Coaching & Personal Awareness Development Program are customize programs adapted to the needs of the persons.

For whom: Anyone suffering from depression/ anxiety/ Addiction/ Burn out/ etc.

Anyone who do need to clarify their next step or their goal in life/ anyone who want to develop their consciousness and awareness/ anyone who feel stop in their progress by emotional blockage.

Appointment and info: christinep@auroville.org.in

Any questions: +919489805493 & www.auroville-holistic.com

KNOW MOHANAM


Know Mohanam

Do you know about the Mohanam Village and Heritage Centre which is the first Cultural Centre in the bio region established more than twenty years ago to bridge villages to international community by strengthening art and craft segment. Mohanam believes in the power of connecting individuals through specialized network and cultural exchange programs.

We welcome you to have a cup of tea with us and know what is happening around you. Join us if you are interested to learn, collaborate and if you are looking for mentorship or any other thing in the same field and also your suggestions are important for us.

Book Appointment:
mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in
 or call us at: +91 8300949079

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

Hand & Foot Reflexology Training with Ananda
Tuesday 28 September – Saturday 2 October 2021
9.00 am – 5.00 pm (lunch included)

Reflexology is a deeply relaxing, healing and balancing tool for body-mind-energy. With meditative presence, loving energy and by activating nerve end points, lymphatic nodes and energy points in hands and feet, we support harmonizing internal organs, blood circulation, and boosting nervous, hormonal, lymphatic and immunity channels.

In this module 1 you'll learn and practice: anatomy of the physical and energy body; warm-up and self-healing techniques; sequence for organs, nerves, hormones, and lymphatic flush drainage; reading various body types and variations in approaches to apply; meditations to open channels for sensitivity, presence and loving energy; effective ways to give deep healing sessions. Didactic material and certificate are given upon completion of the training.

Woga (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Petra
Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 October 2021
9.00 am – 6.00 pm (lunch included)

Yoga in water is based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in pool water, which is waist-to-chest high. Sessions are structured like their yoga equivalents on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The difference is that you are in a warm water pool.

The substantial decrease of gravity in warm water allows greater ease of movement, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, and removes negative tensions, thereby preventing stress, insomnia and anxiety.

Focus of Woga 1 & 2 is Hatha Yoga (asanas in standing position, on the wall, in floating position), Pranayama, and meditation. No previous experience is required (also no need to know how to swim)!

Rebalancing Massage Training with Ananda
Monday 4 – Sunday 10 October 2021
9.00 am – 5.00 pm (lunch included)

Rebalancing is a powerful healing tool for balancing body-mind-energy, offering a synthesis of deep tissue massage, joint release, fascia work, body awareness and yogic science.

In this training module 1, you'll learn and practice:

- powerful techniques of joint release to relax; deep tissue massage to release pain/holdings; energy work to heal from inside; breath work and tools for body awareness and meditation.
- special massage techniques for neck, shoulder and spine;
- five types of healing touch to balance the five elements of water, fire, air, earth, and space;

- meditations to be an open channel for presence and loving energy;
- effective ways to give deep healing sessions effortlessly.

Didactic material and certificate are given upon completion of the training.

Ananda is professionally trained with international certifications in the field of pranic healing, hypnotherapy, holistic rebalancing, and aquatic bodywork. He has been offering his inner journey retreats and massage training across India, Vietnam and Europe for more than 10 years.

CYCLE TOUR WITH BIO-REGION YOUTH + BREAKFAST

Cycle Tour with Bio-Region Youth + Breakfast

Auroville Bio – region is considered one of the best cycle trails in India. We at Mohanam would like to offer the guided cycle tour in the best selected routes to cover in and around this Bio-region and know the space in true sense. This tour will be conducted by experienced professionals of Mohanam and participants will also be offered breakfast.

Includes: Tea and snacks (breakfast)
Duration: 2 hours
Day & Timing: Saturday, 6 am to 8 am
* 1-day advance booking is necessary

ROUTE:

- Start at Mohanam Campus @ 6.00am
- Kottakarai Tea Shop
- Irumbai Lake
- Shiva Temple
- Thuruvai Lake
- And back to Mohanam Campus and Breakfast @ 8.00 am

For Bookings:
Email at: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in
or call us at: +91 8300949079



TRANSFORMATIONAL YOGA-INTENSIVE



5 days, Monday 27th – Friday 1st
7.30am – 9am

Come and join this Intensive workshop to purify the mind, body, emotions and prana. We will practice asanas along with Pranayama, Raja & Mantra yoga and Meditation. Ideally for those who want to work on the self-discovering & inner Progress

You will learn:

- hatha yoga asanas
- how to breathe
- achieve clarity, peace and stillness
- Improve balance
- boost positivity
- stabilise emotions
- self-love, self-esteem and self-compassion
- to be present
- deepened relaxation
- greater self-esteem

For registration please contact Lakshmi

Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com or 8489764602

Under Synthesis activity of ASSA

Thanks, Lakshmi

WOMEN TEMPLE



Welcome into the circle of Women exploring & connecting through embodied practices. (prayer, movement, conscious touch, self inquiry)

Times around the equinox are ever so potent with opportunities to release & receive.

If you hear a whisper or a roar of 'yes', pls register on 9786658967.

Wednesday 29 September, 5 – 7pm

VEDIC ASTROLOGY 101

Vedic Astrology 101

A one-year program, to learn to read the birth chart
Saturdays 11-1pm / 12-2pm IST

Learn about: Indian philosophy and mythology, Astronomy & Mathematical Astrology, Planets, Signs & Houses, Chart Delineations using Nakshatras, Yogas, Aspects, Dasha & Transit Analysis.

Extras being considered: Talks by other teachers, star gazing of interesting transits, study trips to the local observatory and to important temples in South India.

Fees by contribution (pay as per your capacity).

Online FAQ session on Friday, 17th Sept at 1pm.

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www.allthingsvedic.in

KAYA BODHA



The Art of Body awareness with Hans.
Regular classes.

Starting October on Fridays 14.30-16.00
At Budokan, Dehashakti. Open to all.

Relaxation, Agility and Self healing practices.
Please bring a towel or cloth

LANGUAGE AND MUSIC CLASSES

Language and Music Classes

1. Tamil Language Class with Anand Anna
Those who are interested to join in spoken Tamil class. Please enroll your name in Mohanam.

Day: Monday and Thursday.
Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

2. Indo-African Drumming Class with Tamilarasan

Thursday: 5 to 6 pm and
Saturday: 11 am to 12 noon

For registration and Enrollment:
Email at:
mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in
or call us at: +91 8300949079

MEDITATIVE ART WORKSHOP.



Minimalist Nature,
Blue Ink and Pen on Paper:
Meditative Art
by Lavanya Pawar.

*Thanking you in advance.
Warm regards,
Lavanya.*

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.

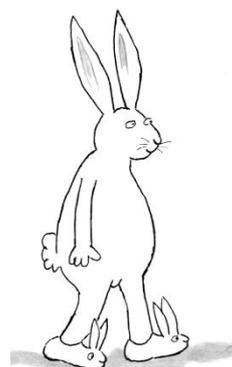
We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.

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**News & Notes,
Media Centre, Town Hall
0413-262-213**





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 27 September 2021 to 3 October 2021

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is in operation 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.** Please come and enjoy the films. To organize a seminar/program please contact us via email.

Indian – Monday 27 September, 7:30 pm
ANWAR KA AJAB KISSA (Sniffer)

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Buddhadeb Dasgupta w/ Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Ananya Chatterjee, Pankaj Tripathi, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 137mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The literal translation of the title is – odd tales of Anwar. Typical of this 13times National Award-winning director, it is a story of the underdog – who never gives up despite tribulations. The film is woven around a not-so-successful private detective, Mohammad Anwar, who lives with his dog in a lonesome rented room and works in a small-time detective agency in a large city. One day Anwar decides to stop following anyone else and starts off on a trip by himself. And so, the story unfolds. The poet and filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta passed away in June 2021. We had the opportunity to have him in Auroville a few years back. With this screening we pay our homage.

Interesting – Wednesday 29 September, 7:30 pm
PLANTETS – Episode4:
Life Beyond the Sun – Saturn

UK, 2019, Dir. Nic Stacey, Documentary Series (4 of 5) w/ Dr. Brian Cox (presenter), 59mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated NR (PG)

Cox looks at the gas giant Saturn, with its distinctive rings and a plethora of moons, examining the new evidence discovered by the NASA Cassini-Huygens mission..

International – Saturday, 2 October, 7:30 pm
JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH

USA, 2021, Writer-Dir. Shaka King w/ Daniel Kaluuya, LaKeith Stanfield, Jesse Plemons, and others, Biography-History, 126mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Fred Hampton, a young, charismatic activist, becomes Chairman of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party – putting him directly in the crosshairs of the government, the FBI, and the Chicago Police. But to destroy the revolution, the authorities are going to need a man on the inside. Offered a plea deal by the FBI, William O’Neal infiltrates the Illinois chapter of the Party to gather intelligence on Fred Hampton. But as they say, ‘you can kill a revolutionary but you can’t kill the revolution’.

Children’s Matinee – Sunday, 3 October, 4:30 pm
FROZEN

USA, 2013, Dir. Chris Buck w/ Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff and others, Animation, 102mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

When the newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn things into ice to curse her home in infinite winter, her sister Anna teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer, and a snowman to change the weather condition.

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