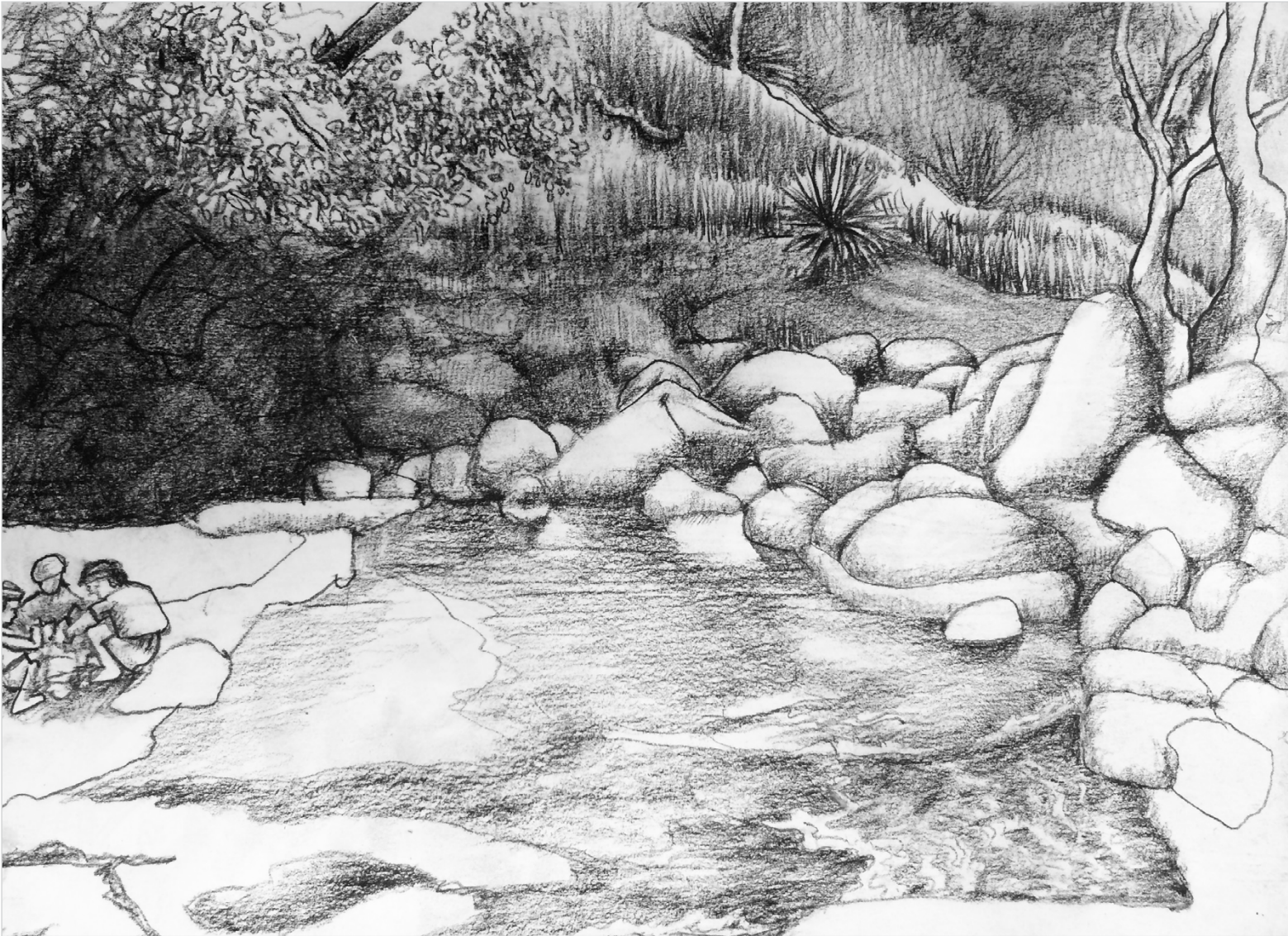


News & Notes

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Water Matters Mela, Painting by Johny

The Ponder Corner

The Law is for the bound and those whose eyes are sealed;
if they walk not by it, they will stumble;
but thou who art free in Krishna or hast seen his living light,
walk holding the hand of thy Friend and by the lamp of eternal Veda.

Sri Aurobindo
Essays Divine And Human, p.472

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House of Mother's Agenda

Our Next Matter

To "fashion" means to knead this Matter, like the potter, with our own hands, or at any rate with our consent and in our own body. Not as with other species, under the impact of a mechanical and unconscious kneading or of a calamity (we are our own calamity), but with our own conscious collaboration and under the impact of this Energy of divine Life, and to "re-create" this sort of dead man that we are in a more and more asphyxiating air.

This fact is what I am trying to tell.

This "matter" is our question mark and our field of work.

The moment the corporeal specimen I am came into contact with that other "air," with that awesome Energy "rushing" (in small doses) into this body, it started wondering, "But this can't be! There is an illusion somewhere. How can this be?"

For more than ten years I have been faced with (or inside) this stubborn Illusion, and the body persists in feeling that there is an Illusion, in the sense that you do not die from it, you do not burst to smithereens under the impact of this unbearable Density which you bear nonetheless. There is an Illusion in this very Matter as we know it, there is "something" covering the reality of Matter. I finally called it "a cloak of lead"—that is my sensory translation, but very painfully experienced by our senses, because that lead is our own body pounded by this unthinkable Energy. Were that "lead" — that envelope of lead — not an Illusion, I would have died long ago, with the very first drops of that "rush." But the rush is going on. Which is why I can say, with all that exactness of a lived physical experience: there is another Matter underneath, a true Matter, unknown, and perhaps malleable like that of the potter.

Sri Aurobindo hid his discoveries (which no one understood) under the veil of "poetic fiction" (!), and in *Savitri* has the King say:

*To the still heights and to the troubled depths
His equal spirit gave its vast assent:
A poised serenity of tranquil strength,
A wide unshaken look on Time's unrest
Faced all experience with unaltered peace...
His force could work with a new luminous art
On the crude material from which all is made
And the refusal of Inertia's mass
And the grey front of the world's Ignorance
And nescient Matter and the huge error of life.
As a sculptor chisels a deity out of stone
He slowly chipped off the dark envelope,
Line of defence of Nature's ignorance,
The illusion and mystery of the Inconscient
In whose black pall the Eternal wraps his head
That he may act unknown in cosmic Time.*

He "chipped off the dark envelope"...

That is precisely what is being pounded day after day in this body, and doubtless in the whole body of the Earth, by this awesome Energy which is a new principle of life on earth. | And Sri Aurobindo clearly says, "The mystery and the illusion."

What this human body KNOWS and LIVES is that there is an Illusion, and, underneath, a true Matter. Our next Matter, Sri Aurobindo also spoke of a "new principle of Matter." Such is the operation under way. And the whole Earth is in the operation — that is its chaos. And its mystery. The mystery of those millions of years for which it has lived—and toiled.

Shall we this time get out of our concentration camp?

— Satprem,
*The Tragedy of the Earth – from Sophocles to Sri Aurobindo,
Destiny's Turning Point*

Townhall Speaks

CALL TO FORM AURONET MODERATOR SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Community member, as per the Auronet guidelines that have been published (<https://auroville.org.in/article/86521>, see [Appendix 1 of current issue of N&N](#)) we are constituting the support group of three members as defined in the guidelines. Please write to avcouncil@auroville.org.in before Friday the 8th of October, if you are interested to be part of this team.

We emphasize that anyone offering themselves for this support group must be able to maintain neutrality and an unbiased approach.

As stated in the previous announcement, these guidelines will be used for a 6 month trial period, during which observations will be collected about what works and what might need improvement based on experiences gained during this time. After the trial period, a review of the guidelines will take place and a revised version will likely be presented to the community for feedback and final approval.

Warm regards,

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

EMERGENCY RA DECISION TO APPROVE A PROVISIONAL RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



Dear Community, after sharing a proposed interim RAD (Residents' Assembly Decision-making) process and calling for feedback, 24 individuals responded. A group consisting of 2 members of the Working Committee, 3 members of the Council and 3 from RAS went through the feedback in detail and made revisions in the proposed process (<https://bit.ly/3AJ4ukK>).

There are several points we ask you all to keep in mind:

- We acknowledge and agree with the strong call for a system with no voting, and a participatory process to come up with a completely new approach to decision-making will be proposed soon. Two residents expressed that an interim process should not be put in place because this may result in a relaxing of the need for something new. However, there is a need for a process now and during the time it will take to create a new proposal and get approval from the RA, and there are 4 RAD's that have been pending for quite some time already. Therefore, the attached interim proposal will be used until a new process, approved by the RA, is in place, which we are aiming to have done within 9 months (including the RA approval process time).

- There are several categories of feedback for which many people gave input, but that have not been addressed in this proposed interim process because we feel it is not in our mandate to make major changes at this time. All the feedback in these categories will be handed over to those involved in coming up with a new process proposal for consideration and possible integration. These categories that have not been changed in this proposal are related to Emergency RAD's, the quorum needed to validate an RAD process and the percentage needed for approval of an option in an RAD process.

- Several categories of feedback have been partially addressed and will be handed over to those involved in coming up with a new process proposal for further consideration and possible integration. An example of such a category is the number of 'voting' options.

- It is recognized that the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) mandate needs to be reviewed, and the RAS itself has requested this, so it will be done in a separate process.

We thank all those who took the time to send feedback.

After some discussion between the Working Committee, Auroville Council and the Residents' Assembly Service, it is felt that even though this will be an interim process it is important that it is accepted/ratified by the RA.

Therefore, the Working Committee is initiating an Emergency RAD process as per the current/old policy. We acknowledge that this is not an emergency, as such, but we, the Council and the RAS do believe it is urgent to restart RAD processes and so have decided to go forward in this way in order to save time.

Emergency Ra Decision:

Please select 'Yes' or 'No' for the following statement:

I agree that the Provisional RAD Process can be used until a new RAD process is in place (stated intention within 9 months).

The Emergency RAD will run until Sunday, October 17 2021.

How To Participate:

ONLINE: Use your personalized voting link sent by the RAS on 2nd October. Look out for this email and participate in voting online. Web based Gmail interface users, check the Promotions tab in case the email is not in your inbox. Good to also check your Spam / Junk folders. If you are an Aurovilian and didn't receive this email, please write to raservice@auroville.org.in or visit us at the RAS office, town hall on Monday 2pm – 4:30pm, Thursday 10am – 12pm, Friday 10am – 12pm. We are happy to help you register your decision.

IN PERSON: A printed voting slip is available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Fill out your ballot and hand it over to the RAS members.

In-person voting (meeting of the Residents' Assembly) will be organized at Solar Kitchen on Sunday October 17, 11am – 2pm.

The community will soon be informed about the review of the RAS mandate as well as the participatory process to create a new RAD process that is more reflective of the spirit and intention of Auroville.

With best wishes,

*For the Residents' Assembly Service,
Sathish A, Tatiana S, Verena H*

NEW GUIDELINES FOR AURONET

Dear Community, as you may remember, in July 2020 a draft of new guidelines for Auronet use was presented to you for feedback. This feedback was collected and reviewed, and some was integrated. However, due to the onset of the pandemic and other reasons, these guidelines did not go through the final steps for formal community approval.

Lately there have again been many voices expressing frustration, disappointment and even anger at the type of posts that are often made on Auronet and the lack of a clear code of conduct for being part of this community communication platform.

Therefore, we will be implementing the new guidelines on a trial basis for a period of 6 months, after which they will be presented to the community for final approval.

We hope this will help us all to use in a more conscious way what was intended as a healthy tool for us to communicate with each other about a wide variety of topics and issues.

Here is the link to the auronet guidelines – <https://auroville.org.in/article/86521> or [Appendix 1 of current issue of N&N](#)

With hope,

*The Working Committee and the Auroville Council
For the Auroville Council Balaji, Claudine,
Ganesh K. Meenal, Sai Suresh,
Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 101

Dated: 02-10-2021

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:



Alena



Anuradha



Vallari

Alena DEMIDENKO aka Amrita (Russian) staying in Douceur and working at Savitri Bhavan

Anuradha SENGUTTUVAN (Indian) staying in Future School Staff Quarters and working at Future School

Vallari SHAH (USA) staying in Invocation and working at Matrimandir & Savitri Nursery

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

Akshay Kumar (Indian) Born on 11/05/2005 (Son of Anuradha SENGUTTUVAN)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

Anne MADINIER (French)

Sophie BAPTISTE (French)

NEWCOMER RESTARTING THE PROCESS:

Victoria BONNEAU (French) staying in Humanscapes and working at Nandanam

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Anitha DHARMALINGAM (Indian)

Kowsalya ASHOK (Indian)

Lesley BRANAGAN (Australian)

Michael LEE aka Mike (South African)

NOTE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Yours,
The Entry Service*

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer: **Vikas, VIK012, Single**

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

AUROVILLE MATTERS

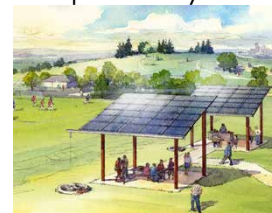
BARAKA NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT



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 of 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 shut downs 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). As many Aurovilians, Baraka residents are struggling with their own individual daily living expenses right now and are not in a position of financing 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*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SIT BY THE SAMADHI



We have the possibility of going to the Ashram from 7pm till 9 pm for Aurovilians and people staying here. And we can stay quite sitting there, as before the Lockdown. The Samadhi at this time is very special. A real good moment.

Anandi-a

FILM MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Meditations On Savitri

Book One – The Book Of Beginnings,
Canto 1: The Symbol Dawn.

Monday, 4 October 2021, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 40min.



We present a newly sensitive edited version of Meditations on Savitri, Book 1, Canto 1: The Symbol Dawn – with passages from Sri Aurobindo’s revelatory epic poem SAVITRI read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and paintings by Huta done under the guidance of and with the inspiration from the Mother.

In the beginning there is also a short video of Huta speaking about her work with the Mother.

In ‘The Symbol Dawn’ Sri Aurobindo describes poetically the time when the hour of manifestation had not yet arrived and the creation due to the separation of the first emanations from their Origin had become inconscient. But even in the darkest Unconsciousness the Divine Origin had an urge to wake up into existence:

It was the hour before the Gods awake... / Then something in the inscrutable darkness stirred; / A nameless movement, an unthought Idea / Insistent, dissatisfied, without an aim, /

Something that wished but knew not how to be, / Teased the Inconscient to wake Ignorance. / (Savitri, p.1-2)

Meditations on Savitri with its mantric words, the Mother’s voice and Her music and the paintings by Huta offer us the support of spiritual truths and direct us towards the New Consciousness. Together they enable us to experience the truth of the words: “Savitri is a Mantra for the transformation of the world”.

A NEW LIFE



Centre d’Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you for an exhibition “A New Life”, Collages and paintings by EVA of Citadines. Exhibition opening on **Friday 08 October at 10.00am**

Exhibition dates:
08 to 23rd October

Gallery hours: Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm – 03.00pm to 05.00pm

Sunday closed.

Please Park at the town hall.



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



PRISMA is about to update the latest Telephone Directory 2020.

This is an opportunity for all those whose numbers were given incorrectly or omitted from the last Directory, or want to have a recently given number included, to contact PRISMA and ensure you are correctly included.

You have just ONE WEEK to get in touch with PRISMA (write to prisma@auroville.org.in) and give your corrections.

SANTÉ SERVICES IN OCTOBER 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 12:00 pm.

No sample collection on Saturday.

Contacts

Santé – Auroville Institute for Integral Health
Crown Road, Auroville 605 101,
Tamil Nadu, India

Phone: (413) 2622803 / 94894 41703

Email: adminsante@auroville.org.in

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

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 TOS from 10.10.2021	Ayurveda with Berengere Wednesday/Thursday/ Friday
Homeopathy with Michael Monday/Wednesday/Friday	Hypnotherapy & NLP with Dan Wednesday & Thursday
Midwifery & Family counselling with Monique – Tuesday	Pregnancy Care & Women’s Wellness with Paula Tuesday & Wednesday
Physiotherapy with Rebecca Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	Physiotherapy with Osnat Monday/Thursday/Friday TOS from 11.10.2021 – 22.10.2021
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

WATER MATTERS MELA



It took a citizen's assembly to realise how critical is our dependence upon the conservation for rainwater and that at the rate we are pumping, it is diminishing.

The Water Matters Mela is an attempt to put water as high priority in our future development. But also, to celebrate our gratitude for its existence.

Venue: 7,8,9th October, Fertile, Auroville

Thursday 7th October

- 3pm.....Introductory Talk by Citizens Assembly Team
- 5pm.....Water Film Festival:
 - *Inspiration Towards Sustainable Water Management by Auroras Eye Films (30 min)
 - * Water Vision Meditation (8 min)
- 6.30pm .Talk by Toby: Desalination Project Auroville

Friday 8th October

- 9am.....The Water Awareness Tour
- 11amTalk by Aurolio: The Sea
- 12pmTalk by Lucas: Composting Toilet
- 3pm.....The Water Awareness Tour
- 5pm.....Talk by Arul: Technicalities of Water Conservation in Tamil Nadu
- 7pm.....Water Film Festival: * If You Drink Water (28 min)

Saturday 9th October

- 9am.....The Water Awareness Tour
- 11amTalk by Raman: History of Water Conservation
- 12pmTalk by Jan & Jesus: Waste Treatment Overview
- 3pm.....The Water Awareness Tour
- 5pm.....Talk by Probir: Water Conservation with Children



MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, TOWN HALL)

AUROFILM The Swallows Of Kabul
Friday 8th October 2021, 7:30 PM

Directed by Zabou BREITMAN and Eléa Gobé MÉVEL-LEC, France, 2019. Music by Alexis RAULT

Synopsis: The Swallows of Kabul is an animated film adaption of the novel of the same name by Algerian writer Yasmina Khadra. In summer 1998, Kabul in ruins was occupied by the Taliban. Since the ascendancy of the Taliban the lives of Mosheen and his beautiful wife, Zunaira, have been gradually destroyed. Mosheen's dream of becoming a diplomat has been shattered and Zunaira can no longer even appear on the streets of Kabul unveiled. But a senseless act by Mohsen will upset their lives forever... The Swallows of Kabul is an astounding and elegiac novel and a film about four people struggling to hold on to their humanity in a place where pleasure is a deadly sin and death has become routine.

A beautiful animated film, but not a children's cartoon!
Original French version, with English subtitles.

Duration: 1h21'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP.

"May we fight successfully the great battle of the future that is to be born against the past that seeks to endure, so that the new things may manifest and we may be ready to receive them."

The Mother

Aurofilm – Kalabhoomi, tel. 91-0413-2622037

On Auroville Website: auroville.org – art and culture

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS:

Aigoual, Rebirth of a Forest

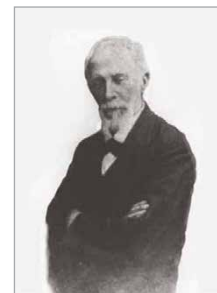
Saturday, 2 October at 5pm

Town Hall – Cinema Paradiso

Documentary, directed by Marc Khamne

English, with French subtitles, duration: 60 min

L'Aigoual, mountain of the Cévennes Lozériennes and Gardoises, which has become desert due to overgrazing, was "reforested at the end of the 19th century by two heroes, Georges Fabre and Charles Flahault" whose stele can still be found among the trees. "When you compare the ancient peeled landscapes and the majesty of the forest today, you imagine the work!" Sixty-eight million trees: this is after that of the Landes, the second reforestation in France.



Georges Fabre and Charles Flahault

"The only surviving beach from this great deforestation is now visited as a curiosity." He is currently surrounded by a beautiful young forest. Through its history, a few friends tell us about the events that once marked the region: for lack of trees, erosion has caused increasingly violent floods in the valleys. Alluvium from the Aigoual also contributed to the silting up of the port of Bordeaux. Laws that were difficult to pass met with fierce opposition in the field because they upset the economic habits of a mainly agro-pastoral society.

HUMAN UNITY & THE PROBLEM OF UNIFORMITY

On the Occasion of
Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth
Anniversary
"Human Unity & The Problem of Uniformity"



Venue: Bhumika Hall
Date: Thursday 7th October 2021
Time: 5.00 pm

Devdip Ganguli has been teaching undergraduate students at the Sri Aurobindo International Center of Education (SAICE), Pondicherry, for almost two decades, where he offers courses on the social and political philosophy of Sri Aurobindo, as well as courses on Indian culture. He is frequently invited to speak in Universities in India and abroad on topics related to Sri Aurobindo's writings. Devdip also works in one of the administrative departments of Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

An Introduction to Sri Aurobindo's Social & Political Thought



BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

2 & 4 Wheeler to be parked outside the main gate
Covid Guidelines to be respected

CHOIR CONCERT RESCHEDULED



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Auroville Choir concerts for this weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) are cancelled, and postponed to next weekend 1, 2 and 3 October.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

THE MINIATURIST OF JUNAGADH

Celebrating 50th of Bharat Nivas
Film Projection
The Miniaturist of Junagadh

with the presence of the Cinema Director Mr. Kaushal Oza

Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Time: 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Day: Friday 1st October 2021

BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

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Covid Guidelines to be respected

Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Time: 6.00pm to 6.30pm
Day: Friday, 1 October 2021

NAVARATRI SELEBRATION IN SAWCHU

BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Navratri celebrations at SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas
by Mohanam AuroShakthi women's group

MOHANAM
Village Heritage centre
Walk for Social, Artistic & Culture

Date: Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th October 2021
Time: 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Mohanam Art and Cultural Centre is dedicated to preserving the traditional culture of rural Auroville Bio-region villages.

Highlights of the program are:

- * GOLU, a tradition of placing mud dolls in rows, highlighting various epic stories of the culture., which is being followed in some parts of TamilNadu and Andhrapradesh.
- * Folk dances by Golden Girls team and women's team
- * Performance of KOLATTAM, a traditional dance form of TamilNadu, by the women's team.
- * Food stalls with traditional food for the occasion, various STEAM food from Mohanam's Steam Food cafe! Variety Herbal Dosas by the village women!!
- *Offering of THAMBOOLAM, is a custom to offer, in every occasion, to the guests , before they depart to their home.

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SAVITRI PAINTINGS



Invitation to Video Exhibition of Savitri Paintings and a Sharing by 12 Savitri Sadhaks
October 2, 11am – 12:30pm, Saturday
Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

We are happy to invite you to listen to the sharings of 12 sadhaks of Savitri who will be sharing their paintings inspired by Savitri as well as their journey of moving inward into greater depths of one's being through the transformative power of Savitri, Art and Music.

See you on October 2, Saturday, at 11am.

Check out Savitri Painting Course:

<https://purnam.auroville.org/savitripainting>

Check Out Savitri Art:

<https://purnam.auroville.org/savitriart>

PURNAM
CENTRE FOR INTEGRALITY

The Sadhana of Savitri Painting

A Sharing at Savitri Bhavan

Bask in the Light of Art Inspired by Savitri

Join us & listen to the transformative journey of 12 Savitri Art Sadhaks Visiting Auroville

October 2, 2021
Saturday | 11AM - 12:30 PM

AT THE LOTUS FEET OF
Sri Aurobindo & The Mother

Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan
The Savitri Art Sangha of Purnam Center for Integrality, Auroville

GHANDI BY RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH

Celebrating 50th of Bharat Nivas
Film Projection
Gandhi by Richard Attenborough

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas
Date: Saturday 2nd October 2021
Time: 7.30pm
Duration : 3h 11m

SHARAT NIVAS
शरत निवास
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

2 & 4 Wheeler to be parked outside the main gate
Covid Guidelines to be respected

**NOTE FROM THE EDITORS
CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF POSTERS**



Dear Designer of the Poster!

For each poster you will get a space maximum 9cm x 9cm (the square with a side equal to the width of the column of the newspaper).

If you just reduce your big poster and sent it to us, all text in your poster will become very small, almost unreadable.

We recommend you a solution: put the main text and images in the poster 9x9cm and, if needed, send us the extra text that we will put before/after the poster.

In case it is too difficult for you to do this, please send us your existing poster plus the text file duplicating the text of your poster.

*Light and Peace,
Roy, Agnijata*

NAVARATRI UTSAV:

DOLL SHOW AS PART OF DASARA CELEBRATIONS

Ilaignarkal Education Centre, cordially invites you to participate in the cultural event – Navaratri Utsav – doll show as part of Dasara Celebrations. The festival of Navratri holds significance as it represents the different stages of evolution. This year the theme is on “Reptiles – Snakes and their significant role in Indian Mythology.”

We invite all of you to be with us and participate in the evening cultural performances.

Place :- Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Auroville

Date: Wednesday, 6th to Saturday, 16th October 2021.

Time: 10am -12pm and 2.00pm – 5.00 pm

**RSVP: from Ilaignarkal Education
(0413) 2623 773 Centre Team.**

tamil@auroville.org.in

SAVITRI BHAVAN, OCTOBER 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 we present films on the series Meditations on Savitri, with passages from Sri Aurobindo’s epic poem SAVITRI – *A Legend and a Symbol*, read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and paintings made by Huta under the guidance of the Mother. We offer these films, in order to concentrate within, to be with our soul and psychic being and the Divine presence. The Darshan message of Sri Aurobindo’s Birthday in August 2021 reads: “...if we learn to live within, we infallibly awaken to this presence within us which is our more real self, a presence profound, calm, joyous and puissant... The truth of ourselves lies within and not on the surface.”

- October 4: *Meditations on Savitri, Book One – The Book of Beginnings, Canto 1: The Symbol Dawn*
Duration: 40min.
- October 11: *Meditations on Savitri, Book One – The Book of Beginnings, Canto 2: The Issue*
Duration: 30min.
- October 18: *Meditations on Savitri, Book One – The Book of Beginnings, Canto 3: The Yoga of the King: The Yoga of the Soul’s Release.*
Duration: 30min.
- October 25: *Meditations on Savitri, Book One – The Book of Beginnings, Canto 4: The Secret Knowledge, Part 1.*
Duration: 38min.

Full Moon Gathering

Wednesday, October 20

7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo’s statue

Regular Activities

- Sundays 10.30–12 noon: Savitri Study Circle
- Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm: *L’Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- 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

**GLUTEN-FREE PASTA IS NOW AVAILABLE
AT GASTRONOMICA**



Gastronomica is happy to announce that Gluten-free pasta is now available as well as Chia seeds, quinoa and Buckwheat. You can pick up ready made packets of 500grs in our shop otherwise we encourage you to bring your own container.

For bulk order or inquiry, contact +91 70102 88394.

Buon appetito! Gastronomica team

MARKET FOR ALL



Dear people of good will!

The Market For All is a project that can be managed by all stakeholders who wish. But also consumers of course The Groupe des Fermes seems to be giving up.

Maybe it's time to get moving and offer a real market to our community, right?

All food producers, cooked or raw, fruits and vegetables, seeds, cheeses, dried fruits, tofu, tea or coffee makers, people who bake their cakes at home and make take-out meals, musicians, artists of all kinds, storytellers, clothing designers who can offer their "unsold" items at low prices, potters, and all those who want to participate, **you are welcome.**

If we wait for the green lights of various groups, we will stop at the desperate red light. If you read the results of the survey, it answered with a big YES.

Let's no longer be dependent on decisions that won't be taken, people are overwhelmed, tired. **Let us take own market for all and be every saturday to serve the community.**

Yes, sometimes it won't be very crowded, but it will come day by day. Little by little, the bird makes its nest.

We hope to see you next Saturday, to give a nice surprise to our beautiful Auroville community.



Veronique,
one of the three thousand consumers of Auroville
Veronique/VersHaut
Love and Gratitude
+91 9488512678
(Whatsapp also)

Freedom it's when you don't have the choice
La liberté c'est quand on a plus le choix
Sri Aurobindo

BAMBOO CAFE

Bamboo Café

We are Back
With Your Special Bamboo Recipe
Monday - Saturday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

- Bamboo Tea
- Bamboo rice Biscuits

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

- Bamboo steamed rice
- Bamboo shoot Salad
- Chapathi
- Momos (Veg & Non-veg)
- Tomato egg soup




A day prior Pre-booking is
Appreciated for Group of people

Auroville Bamboo Centre
Mangalam campus,
Kottakarai,
Auroville

+0413 - 2622 667
+0413 - 2963 857
+91 83009 49079

LOOKING FOR

TLC Literary Cup of Tea



If you have any chairs, stools, sofas, coussins, tables, plates, cutlery or other furniture that you are willing to give for the opening of TLC's restaurant, please contact tlcliterarycupoftea@auroville.org.in or the WhatsApp number +917639720126.

Best regards, the TLC Restaurant Team.

Need two Childrens Cycles



I am Murugavel from sangamam community. My children are studying in a transition school. I need two bicycles for them.

Contact no: 9843387426

Regards, Murugavel

Painting Studio Needed



Requirement: a room well-lit with windows and natural light. Assurance: my style of painting is minute work. So, I don't drop any paint on the floor while working. I am also very quiet. Theme of my paintings is Indian spiritual concepts.

Website: www.belovedindia.com

Please contact

aparajita@auroville.org.in, 8860811953

Need to Borrow a Digital Camera



I wish to borrow a digital camera for a few months for a photo study. Please call me at 2622970 or write to claudineauroville@gmail.com

Have a nice day, Claudine

Looking for a Small Hand Blender



Looking for a small hand blender in working state as mine broke down. Simple one as it is only for soups. If you have one you are not using please let me know: 94888 18072.

Vani

Sustenance looking for People



Sustenance is looking for Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers to give their service on the farm. We are looking for either experienced or non experienced people. Work will involve preparing the land, planting, harvesting, produce distribution etc.

- A minimum of 2 months service is preferable.
- Hours will be early morning until lunchtime.
- 6 days – Monday to Saturday.
- Or alternatively 3 days – Mon/Wed/Fri.

A healthy South Indian breakfast, lunch and local fresh fruit and vegetables to take home will be provided in exchange.



The Sustenance Farm harvest of seasonal, local, organic fruits and vegetables are in abundance at this time.

Please support your community farmers by choosing local, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables available in Auroville food outlets.

We are offering to the Auroville community a daily selection of Lady finger (Okra), Brinjal (Eggplant), Cluster beans, Papaya, Banana, Pumpkin.

Akshaya Kitchen @ Sustenance Farm serves South Indian breakfast and lunch, everyday from 8am-3pm

Sustenance Farm is located on the main road, near to UTS transport service.

*Thank you kindly, Emma
For Sustenance Farm*

Looking For Dishwashers



Dear Community, we at Solar Kitchen are having a shortfall of people in washing dishes. We request the members to reduce the usage of cups/bowls for curries, sambars, chutneys & daal.

We would also be very grateful if you can offer some support in cleaning. One can commit from 12.30pm – 2pm at Solar Kitchen.

Communicate with us skoffice@auroville.org.in

*Love & Gratitude,
Solar Kitchen Team*

AVAILABLE

Mattress



Super comfortable coir mattress available. Used only six months, queen size (72*48), firm, 5 inches thick.

Contact shalini@auroville.org.in.

Thanks very much, Shalini

House available in the Green Belt



Hello dear Auroville friend's, I am Nithiya from Auroville. Our community has two very nice hut houses available in the Green Belt near Miracle, a very beautiful place and quite some facilities, Kitchen and Bathroom. Options for community weekly gatherings, Sunday offering, free lunch in our common kitchen and beautiful fruits orchard and nature for someones looking for very long-term house in Auroville

Contact auronithiya@gmail.com (9159198451)

Bilingual English/French Savitri



Few copies of the Bilingual English/French Savitri created at the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of AV are still available.

The layout of the book was specifically done to ease the reading of Savitri for French readers by having the translation on the same page.

If interested please contact

fabienmarechal@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

LOOKING FOR A TEAM MEMBER



Hello Dear Community Members, we are developing an online academy activity. We are looking for a team member in the communication department, who likes to talk & develop connections with people.

If you are looking for a long term work opportunity, then apply.

Requirement

- Good Communication Skills
- Good English
- Phone
- Laptop

Please check out the different openings as below:

- Looking for Youtube Channel Manager & Video Editor
- Looking for Content Writer for Social Media, blogs, e-books proofreading & Marketing material
- Looking for Communication team members
- Looking for Sales Team members
- Team Leader & Administrator

If Anyone of you wants to join in as a long term team member or volunteer in any of the departments

Please Contact Romel, 9619996080

Mimansha, 9003996080 (Whatsapp only)

Looking forward with warm regards,

Romel & Mimansha

STUDYING CLIMATE CRISIS ACROSS TAMIL NADU



We're hiring! Are you a Tamil speaking multi-tasker based in/near AV and available for the next 18 months? We're starting a project studying community responses to the Climate Crisis across Tamil Nadu. Our focus is on stories and narratives that feature indigenous people, farmers and fisherfolk.

Here is a link with more details about the project: <https://tinyurl.com/future-imaginaries-sea>

Our dream colleague will:

- co-shape the development of this project, helping realise its potential
- help coordinate with research sites across the state, including scientists, media professionals and community representatives
- support Tamil-English translation, ensuring we do justice to both languages.

Please get in touch, or send people our way.

socent@auroville.org.in

Looking forward to meeting you!

Gijs and Pragnya from SEA (our AV unit)

Whatsapp 9943820241

Voices and Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, your favorite radio is always 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

[Community Presentation – “Exploring Auroville’s Capacity to Flourish”](#) (Presentation)

[Savitri, B. X, C. III, Part 5](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.111 “How clowns support in surrendering and accepting death”](#) (Wellness)

[Aarohan – ep.30 “Saguna Saakar – Music of the Bhakti Tradition!”](#) (Music)

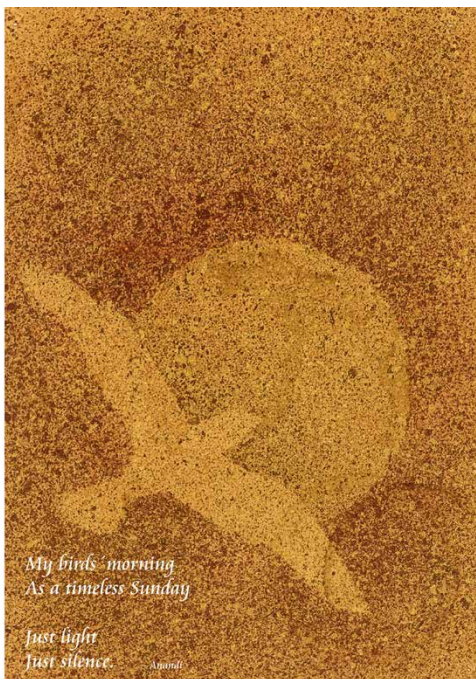
[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakhmi – 367](#) (Integral Yoga)

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

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

Peace and Love

SUNDAY POETRY



My birds' Morning
As a timeless Sunday
Just light
Just Silence

Anandi-a

PRISMA NEWSLETTER #4



As world events unfold in ever-interesting timelines, our team at Prisma continues to experiment with futuristic publishing in the play realm to present intriguing titles for a serious read in such exciting times...To begin with, the web version of our newsletter now offers a much richer viewing experience. Leap to web-based newsletter here or continue reading the text version below.

Divine Love is here

“She has come, bringing with Her a splendour of power and love, an intensity of divine joy heretofore unknown to the Earth. The physical atmosphere has been completely changed by her descent, permeated with new and marvelous possibilities.

But if She is ever to reside and act here, She has to find at least a minimal receptivity, at least one human being with the required vital and physical qualities, a kind of super-Parsifal gifted with an innate and integral purity, yet possessing at the same time a body strong enough and poised enough to bear unwaveringly the intensity of the Ananda She brings...”



Here now at Prisma, we offer to you a compilation of precious words by The Mother, how she experiences and describes Divine Love, the great and final victory in the transformation of humankind.

[Read and contribute for a web-book here.](#)

Auroville, a Dream comes true

After a long pause in production because of the lockdowns in India, our team is delighted to bring to you fresh from the press *A Dream – Aims and Ideals, The Mother on Auroville*. This important book has been featured in our last newsletter as a newly-available web-book. We are very happy to now offer this book in beautiful hard-cover, a must-read for people who are interested in the dream of a new world, which is Auroville.

You can order a copy online or pick up your copy from Prisma and other Auroville bookshops.

[Buy the print edition here.](#)

[Read and contribute for a web book here.](#)

Children are our future

If you have visited our website, perhaps you would have wondered what exactly [Prisma Dreams](#) is about. To sum up, we try to be the invisible link between the extraordinary heritage of Auroville and its amazing new generation – the power to dream and take the leap is the stuff that our future is made of, isn't it?

Some months ago, our team came across this awesome large-format print magazine published by the children of The Learning Community (TLC) in Auroville. The publication beamed with aliveness and freshness, hooting whimsical musings. We were impressed! Titled *A Literary Cup of Tea*, the magazine is 100% initiated, written, edited, designed, fundraised and carried by the TLC children, and is already in its third issue. The magazine is a living vehicle for the children to learn by doing.

And so we leapt to offer our support to the TLC children by connecting them to expert mentors from within Auroville, such as Alan of *Auroville Today* and Franz of Prisma. The full spectrum of work related to the magazine remains entirely the sovereignty and responsibility of the children.

The children are currently fundraising to have the third issue printed. Your generous support would be much appreciated. You can [visit this link](#) and follow the instructions. Please remember to mark the contribution as “TLC Magazine 25286”.

Coming soon: web-magazine format.

Glimpses of Wonder

"Children pass by. A tray with sand and a collection of objects are waiting. A game starts: placing objects, moving sand; a world appears in front of our eyes. A very simple act. A child plays and creates a world in the sand, a creation as important as the study of letters and numbers."

In this latest web-book commissioned by Aikya, she shares her approach and the glimpses of wonder she encountered in facilitating the World Game with children in Auroville. The World Game, also known as Sandplay, is an educational and creative invitation to express one's individuality and uniqueness, in an atmosphere of openness, joy of discovery and trust in the future.

Shall we play?

[Read and contribute for a web-book here.](#)

Impressions of Moongate Garden

In the Autumn month of the moon festival, Prisma is pleased to present a photo exhibition of the moon-gate garden by Chen De-Zhong in the Hamburg Arboretum, Germany. From **13 September to 15 October** at [Aurelec Cafeteria Gallery](#), Auroville.

Full moon is symbolic of union and tranquil contentment in the Chinese culture. Moongate, both decorative and practical, is an essential element in traditional Chinese garden design. It frames a fluid view of the garden as one approaches the entrance and then again as one exits from the garden. [Visit an online preview here.](#)

*Full of joy and marvel,
The Prisma team of Auroville*

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

SHRIMAD BHAGAVAD GITA

Welcome to the next session on



श्रीमद् भगवद्गीता
SHRIMAD BHAGAVAD GITA

We will focus on Chapter 2 of the Bhagavad Gita known as Sankhya Yoga (सांख्ययोगः)



Dr Sampadananda Mishra is a scholar of Sanskrit and Indian culture with over 25 years of dedicated service. He is devotee of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Presently he is working as a Professor at Rashtram School of Public Leadership and Rishihood University, Sonipat.

He will share a summary of Chapter 2 and also insights from some key shlokas, Sanskrit words and their deeper significance in everyday life.

Saturday, 2 October 2021

9:00am – 12:00pm, Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

Also online,

zoom meeting id: 929 9405 2722, passcode: yoga

09am–09.50am..... Chanting Chapter 2 (Sanskrit)

10am–11.15am..... Talk by Sampadbhai (English)

11.30am–12.00pm.... Question and Answers

For questions or registration, please write to:

devabhasha@auroville.org.in

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team

SERENDIPITY TEAM PROGRAMS

Auroville Introduction Program with Serendipity Team



7 – 10 October, 7 30 am – 4 30pm

The Auroville introduction program is for people who really want to know more about Auroville and its purpose. This is not a tour or a tourist introduction, this is a real journey within the complexities of Auroville and its Dream. The program will help interested people to get a better understanding about what Auroville is and aspires to be. In fact, participants will get an insight into Auroville's inner workings and will have first-hand experiences with various aspects of Auroville.

Specifically:

- On day 1 we unravel the roots and history of Auroville.
- On day 2 we familiarize you with some of its current activities.
- On day 3 we focus on the potentialities of the community.
- On day 4 we bring it all together in synthesis with the Dream.

The cost of the program is Rs. 2000 (including lunch, breakfast and manual), 30 % discount for Auroville volunteers. For detailed information please check our website <https://serendipity.auroville.org>

Auroville Volunteering Experience Program with Serendipity Team

6 October to 6 December, 24 hr/week commitment

This program is meant to give the opportunity for an intensive life-changing experience. In these two months you will be able to have a deep inner discovery and a thorough hands-on experience of the Auroville lifestyle by:

- exploring different projects carried on by inspiring Auroville pioneers that work on incredible alternative approaches to different aspects of society;
- living in a sustainable diverse community immersed in the grand nature of the tropical dry evergreen forest;
- volunteering in our project, in which we host guests from around India and the world and we take care of our diverse facilities and lush gardens;
- making food an alive experience, thus practicing natural farming in collaboration with the Earth, cooking together with love and enjoying wholesome healthy feasts;
- getting introduced to a number of insightful practices (mindfulness, yoga of inner discovery, qi gong, integral yoga and awareness through the body) to find your inner call for a new life that is more in tune with your soul aspirations.
- optionally training as a yoga teacher in the hatha and viniyasa flow style either to improve your skills or make it your profession recognized around the world by the Yoga Alliance.

This program is free of charge and we offer a 40 % discount on accommodation in Serendipity for the participants (in addition to a 20 % refund from Financial Service for registration in Savi). For detailed information please check our website <https://serendipity.auroville.org>

Ex. Joy Community Guest House

Opposite Center Guest House

Center Field, Auroville – 605101, Tamil Nadu, India

Email: serendipity@auroville.org.in

Landline: +91 (0)413 2965693

Mobile/Whatsapp: +919385623342

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>

**FAMILY CONSTELLATION WORKSHOPS
WITH MOGHAN**



Dates for 2021 and 2022
9 October, 6 November, 4 December,
22 January, 1 February, 19 March,
23 April, 14 May

Saturdays from 9 am to 6 pm
Venue: Creativity, Hall of Light
Please register: moghan@auroville.org.in, 9751110486

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

Rebalancing 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.

Watsu & OBA Basic with Petra

Thursday 7 – Sunday 10 October 2021
8.45 am – 6.30 pm (lunch included)

Watsu, the part during which the receiver's face remains on the surface, introduces the qualities and body mechanics to work with someone in water. During the OBA part the receiver is brought under water (with nose clip), which offers a unique experience.

Watsu & OBA offer an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas – ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each client and each session.

In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) while moving another body in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Prerequisites: no previous experience required.

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua OBA® 1 with Dariya & Daniel

Tuesday 12 – Sunday 17 October 2021
8.45 am – 6.30 pm (lunch included)

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.

MATTRAM: SHARING FOR CONNECTION



Mattram, Centre for Psychological Development & Support remains open for consultation with trained Counsellors and Psychologists.

We have resumed the Open Consultation Hour (OCH).
Walk-in, between 9.00 – 10.00 am

From Monday to Saturday
Therapists as listed below:

Monday	Palani
Tuesday	Rashmi
Wednesday	Palani
Thursday	Gopa
Friday	Chetna
Saturday	Saif

For routine appointments:

mattram@auroville.org.in, 9487746051

24/7 support: 9487746051

More information: www.mattramav.in

Location: Mitra Youth Hostel behind Town Hall.

**AUROSILLE'S ASHTANGA YOGA CLASSES
HAS RESTARTED**



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

Bring your mat, your towel.

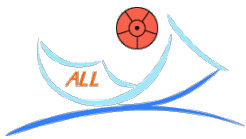
Timings: 7:30 AM

Venue: Kulapalayam Holistic Studio

Check the conditions & Subscription @

christinep@auroville.org.in, www.auroville-holistic.com

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



Mobile Phones @ The Lab!

Please ensure mobile phones are either on **Airplane Mode** or **switched off** when entering the building! We maintain a wireless-free space, as well as to avoid disruptions to Tomatis & language classes. Thank you for understanding!

Cashless Transactions

The Language Lab has already been pretty much cashless & working only with online transfers since quite a while, as most Aurovilians use the Financial Service for their transfers. This was extended to non-Aurovilians (e.g. Auroville employees, guests, etc) once we got our UPI payment option several months ago.

Anyhow, this is a reminder that **there will be absolutely no cash payments accepted at the Lab.** Thank you!

AV Employee Status

For all **Auroville Employees** that would like to join a course at the Lab, we kindly request that we receive a letter from the Employer (a registered unit/service), or the Employer must email us (at all@auroville.org.in, giving the name, number & a photo of the employee) on their Employee's behalf. In the case of Ammas, gardeners, etc. of Auroville Communities & homes, we ask that the Aurovillian where they are working should send us an email, or provide a handwritten letter to their employee, where we can then provide the Employee Rate.

New Language Courses!

Total Beginner English

Rupam will start a **Total Beginner English** course for 3 months. This is for people who absolutely do not know how to read, write or speak English at all. We know there are several people, especially women, in Auroville, in that situation. The students of the previous pre-Covid lockdown group were very happy with their progress. A new group is starting, so, if you know anyone who could benefit, of any nationality, please ask them to contact the Lab ASAP. Priority will be given to Aurovilians, Newcomers, Family of Aurovilians, & Auroville Employees.

Beginner Spanish!

Mila is to start a **new Beginner group**, also to start in October, in the afternoons.

The Spanish Beginner's course is a practical introduction to the Spanish language. We follow "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach", a number one book to learn Spanish in USA.

During the 3-month introduction course, students will learn:

- The Spanish alphabet, phonetics, listening & reading skills,
- Extensive vocabulary (more than 1000 Spanish words) that derives from English through simple rules,
- How to create verbs from nouns, learning a large set of Spanish verbs,
- Verb conjugations for past, present & future tenses for regular verbs,
- Adverbs, adjectives, & formation of sentences,
- To write and speak using all the material learnt.

Kindly inform us if you would like to join this course!

Beginner Hindi!

Rupam is ready to start a group for **Beginner Hindi** in October! This course will take place in the mornings, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Please note that the Hindi language is a beautiful and engaging language to learn, and needs regular attendance, because the course content is structured sequentially.

We still need at least 3 students to get started! If you are seriously interested and willing to make a commitment for 3 months, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In this 3-month course, the content is:

- Building confidence in conversation,
- Introduction to grammar,
- Reciting poems,
- Exploring Navarasa (the 9 emotions),
- Playing Antakshari,
- & Singing & relishing the beauty of the Hindi language.
- Please let us know if you would like to join!!

Italian Update

Originally from Italy, Enzo is ready to teach Italian to the community. We already have 2 students and, as soon as we reach a minimum of 5, we can start in October. So if you are curious to learn & explore Beginner Italian, please give us a call or send us an email!

Rachel is back!

And she would love to start a group for **Spanish Conversation** on Wednesday, 2:00-3:30pm.

If you would like to join, please give us a call or send us an email!

Please fill out our form at <http://register.aurovillelanguageguelab.org/> to join, or inquire about, any language classes at the Lab! As well as drop us an email or call!

Please Note

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

ALL: Schedule Of Classes as of 24.09.2021

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	Complete Beginners!	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
	Beginner & Pre- Intermediate	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Tuesday-Thursday
	Intermediate	03:00 pm – 04:00 pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate/Advanced	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Saturday
French	NEW Beginner	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
German	A1.1 Beginner	04:00 pm – 05:30 pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	NEW Beginner (on hold)	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Wednesday & Friday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner	09:30 am – 10:30 am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Written & Spoken Beginner	04:30 pm – 05:30 pm	Monday & Thursday
Spanish	NEW – Beginner	02:30 pm – 03:30 pm	Tuesday & Friday
	Intermediate	03:30 pm – 05:00 pm	Monday & Friday

The Language Lab is open

Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm,
Saturday: 9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguage.org

NEW THERAPY AT PITANGA:



Acupuncture with Heidi

We are welcoming back our dear friend and well-known Acupuncture practitioner Heidi S. (Vikas).

Acupuncture regulates and harmonizes the flow of life energy, the "Qi", of the whole organism. The "Qi" flows in a network of channels called Meridians. The acupuncture points are located along these channels. To regulate and tonify the "Qi", acupuncture points are stimulated with needles or treated with mugwort (moxibustion). The number of treatments varies according to symptoms. Acupuncture may help with all kinds of pain, fatigue, menstrual and menopausal disharmonies, anxiety as well as many other disorders of the body.

Heidi is a certified Heilpraktiker (Natural Health Professional) since 1991. She completed her Acupuncture course in Chinese Herbal Medicine in Germany in 1993 and 1996.

What happens when you come for a treatment? You can expect to be asked questions, have your tongue inspected and pulse taken. Very thin single-use sterile needles are generally inserted for 20 minutes. During a treatment you may be given advice concerning lifestyle and diet. Besides acupuncture Moxibustion, Cupping and Gua Sha (Scraping Massage) may be used and Ear Acupuncture for addictions.

You are invited to take your appointment with Heidi by calling our reception desk at 262 2403.

*See you at Pitanga,
With love, your Pitanga Team
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti,
pitanga@auroville.org.in*

ECSTATIC DANCE AT CRIPA



Every Saturday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

What is Ecstatic Dance?

Ecstatic Dance is a Freeform Conscious Dance. As soon as you enter the space, you are invited to let go of judgments and expectations, and allow yourself to feel your emotions, sensations, body, mind, and spirit. This is a safe space for movement and expression.

For more information contact +919384460764

Warmly, Tahir

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR THE 200 HOUR YOGA TTC



We would like to remind you to register with us for the 5 week Yoga Alliance accreditation 200hr Yoga TTC in Hatha and Vinyasa flow starting October 6, Wednesday to November 10, 2021. We provide you with certificate & manual.

Email us serendipity@auroville.org.in and balaganesh.siva@gmail.com.

Best Regards, Balaganesh

DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE



We are offering Deep tissue massage at Auromode.

Deep tissue massage involves applying firm pressure and slow strokes to reach deeper layers of muscle and fascia (the connective tissue surrounding muscles).

It's used for chronic aches and pain and contracted areas such as a stiff neck and upper back, low back pain, leg muscle tightness, and sore shoulders.

For more information and booking

contact@auromodeyogaspaces.com, +919384460764

Warmly, Tahir

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

by Sasikanth Somu



Program & Timings

Date: 22, 23 and 29,30 of October 2021.

Venue: Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines

Timings

- Friday 22 October 02.00 – 5.00pm
Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- Saturday 23 October 09.00am – 12.30pm
Film photo shoot,
02.00pm – 05.00pm Develop your roll of film.
- Friday 29 October 02.00 – 5.00pm
Contact Sheet Printing.
- Saturday 30 October
09.00am – 12.30pm and 02.00pm – 05.00pm
Printing photos in the darkroom.

Fee

- Workshop is free for the Aurovilian and SAVI registered Volunteers
- For the Non Aurovilian and SAVI registered Volunteers we charge INR: 2500.00
- Sasi May Charge RS.500.00 for the camera and film roll.
- Kindly make the payment before 15 October 2021

Banking Details

Centre d'Art, Citadines.

Auroville Financial Service Account 163101000118

Account Name: Auroville Maintenance

IFSC: ICIC0001631

Contact

centredart@auroville.org.in

Centre d'Art Atelier

Citadines Auroville-605101 Tamil Nadu India

+91 413 2622699, www.centredart.in

PHOTO CIRCLE

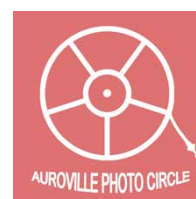


Photo Circle meets on the first friday of every month, so this time we will meet on **Friday 1st October at 5pm** in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines

The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers. We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques. Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

Everybody's welcome.

JIVA – YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION

“Jiva” is a growing collaborative of highly experienced therapists living in Auroville. www.auroville-jiva.com, Whatsapp 9626006961, contact@auroville-jiva.com, [Facebook](#)

Family constellation workshop

with Moghan Mehlem 9 October 9am – 6pm



Family constellation is an insight based mode of therapy, in which a client presents his issue and the facilitator then works with a group of people, in a perceptive, detailed and slow pace.

Facilitator Moghan Mehlem, offers family constellation facilitator training as well as group sessions in family constellation and systemic constellations.

Moghan Mehlem is a psychotherapist, NLP master and holistic health expert.

Time: Saturday 11, 9am to 6pm – full time attendance is required (lunch break)

Venue: Creativity Community, Hall of light

Registration a few days earlier required, no drop in contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 09626006961

Natural Horsemanship



Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in “Natural Horsemanship” – you choose when!

Mirrabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care – hooves, nutrition, psychology, care, riding!

Contact Whatsapp 9626565134

contact@auroville-jiva.com

Whatsapp 9626565134, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Venue Sharnga Guesthouse, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

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

AUROVILLE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COURSES



Auroville Institute of Applied Technology -ITI is taking admission in 2 years ITI courses Electronic Mechanic, Information Technology & System Management, Fitter and 1 year course in Welding.

All these courses are conducted under Dual Mode of training. Students under the Dual System of training are trained for 3-4 months/ year at the industrial site and for 8-9 months at the Institute.

AIAT has tied up with 10 companies of the region for on site training incl. Auroville units Sunlit Future and Aureka.

Eligible are 10th pass out candidates.

For more information pl. contact:

Phone 8903166923 or 0413 2980040.

aiat@auroville.org.in

SHORT INTERVALS



Dear community, we are opening a short intervals course, 2/3 days each month for 3 months.

It includes:

15, 16 October by Island

- Tree introduction (what is a tree, parts of a tree & functions)
- Tree pruning (reasons to prune, things to keep in mind when pruning, when and how to prune, equipment, pruning examples)
- Basic tree inspection (why inspect, what to look for, methods & formats, risk assessment)

18, 19 November by Island

- Urban tree planting
- Basic Chainsaw use & maintenance

15, 16, 17 December by Giulio

- Geology & the historical Geology of our region
- Field trip to the MM excavation site (weather allowing)
- Water management, concepts and principals

We will be meeting in the Botanical gardens 9:00-12:30. To sign up write to: amos@auroville.org.in

See you soon, the “short intervals” team

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:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
- 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. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. 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, Media Centre, Town Hall

0413-262-213



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 4 October 2021 to 10 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 4 October, 7:30 pm
TRIBHANGA (Triple bent)

India, 2021, Writer-Dir. Renuka Shahane w/ Kajol, Tanvi Azmi, Mithila Palkar, and others, Drama, 95mins, Hindi-English-Marathi w/ English subtitles, RatedK NR (PG)

Based on true story, this film is about a family of three women, their struggles and aspirations. Nayantara, an acclaimed writer and mother of Anuradha, a Bollywood actor-dancer. As complex and fierce as her mother – she is also a single mother to Masha. Masha, unlike rest of the women in her family is a housewife who is willing to compromise to have the “normal” life that she didn’t have. The title of film comes from a posture often seen in Indian art and Odissi dance. In the language of dance: Nayantara is Abhanga (off-center), a slightly mad genius; Masha is Samabhanga, completely balanced; and Anuradha is skewed, Tribhanga (triple bent). A brain stroke that puts Nayantara in a coma. That forces the broken family to reunite and deal with their differences. Don’t miss!

Interesting – Wednesday 6 October, 7:30 pm
PLANETS – Episode5:
Into the Darkness – Ice worlds

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

Uranus, Neptune and the new discoveries being made by the NASA New Horizons probe to reveal more about the mysterious dwarf planet Pluto and the Kuiper belt.

International – Saturday, 9 October, 7:30 pm
THE MAN WHO SOLD HIS SKIN

Tunisia-France-Belgium-Germany-Sweden-Turkey, 2020, Writer-Dir Kaouther Ben Hania w/ Yahya Mahayni, Dea Liane, Koen De Bouw, and others, Drama, 104mins, Arabic-English-French-Flemish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Inspired by the true story of Time Steiner, in this much acclaimed and awarded film, in the Syrian city of Raqqa, fiancés Sam and Abeer are separated by the Syrian Civil War. While he seeks refuge in Lebanon, her family forces her to marry a richer man and move to Brussels. In the desperate pursuit of money and paperwork to travel to Europe to rescue her, Sam accepts to have his back tattooed by one of the most controversial contemporary artists in the West. His own body turned into a living work of art and exhibited in a museum. Sam will soon realize he has sold away more than just his skin. Don’t miss!

Children’s Matinee – Sunday, 10 October, 4:30pm
FROZEN 2

USA, 2019, Dir. Chris Buck w/ Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Josh Gad and others, Animation, 103mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa’s powers in order to save their kingdom.

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,
 MMC/CP Group Account# 105106
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

APPENDIX 1

AURONET DISCUSSION FORUM GUIDELINES

January 2021

1. About Auronet

Auronet is the Intranet portal of Auroville. The purpose of Auronet is to facilitate the publication, storage, processing and exchange of information and views among its users for their individual growth as well as the collective growth of Auroville. Access to Auronet is limited to Aurovilians and long-term friends and associates of Auroville. The contents of Auronet are a reflection of the growth process of Auroville towards its ideals. The views expressed on Auronet are those of the respective users and do not represent the position of Auroville as a whole or that of the Moderators.

2. Reasons for the Guidelines

These guidelines stem from the recognition that:

- The “quality” of the documents we publish under the Auronet name has an important bearing on Auroville’s reputation.
- The written word has power. Negativity or bad will

affect the community as a whole and pollute our collective space.

- The guidelines are necessary to ensure proper use of Auronet. In the interest of Auroville as a whole, there are Moderators and a Moderation Support Group to see that these rules and guidelines are respected and followed.

3. Principles

The core principles underlying the Guidelines are that:

- Auroville believes strongly in the importance of freedom of expression. This is reflected in the Auronet platform that includes the right for Auronet members to publish controversial findings, to draw challenging conclusions, and to take a radical stance.
- With this freedom comes a responsibility to back up conclusions with thorough research, and to be sensitive to the way in which views are communicated so as to contribute to informed debate.

4. Guidance from Sri Aurobindo

In a letter to a disciple, Sri Aurobindo outlined the psychic self-control needed during discussions:

- Not to allow the impulse of speech to assert itself too much or say anything without reflection, but to speak always with a conscious control and only what is necessary and helpful.
- To avoid all debate, dispute or too animated discussion and simply say what has to be said and leave it there. There should also be no insistence that you are right and the others wrong, but what is said should only be thrown in as a contribution to the consideration of the truth of the matter.
- To keep the tone of speech and the wording very quiet and calm and unobtrusive.
- Not to mind at all if others are heated and dispute, but remain quiet and undisturbed and yourself speak only what can help things to be smooth again.
- If there is gossip about others and harsh criticism (especially about sadhaks/spiritual aspirants), not to join – for these things are helpful in no way and only lower the consciousness from its higher level.
- To avoid all that would hurt or wound others.

Sri Aurobindo, Letters on Yoga – III: Transformation of the Physical – IX

5. AuroNet Guidelines

Keeping Sri Aurobindo's words in mind and respecting the right of individuals to publish their views in a personal capacity, the following guidelines must be followed for the protection of individuals and the community at large.

- All material published must be of a minimum standard in terms of thought and expression, as courtesy and respect are at the core of any material (written or drawn) circulating among AuroNet users.
- When posting external content from the Internet, link to content (with a short introduction as to why it is relevant) rather than posting it in its entirety, unless you are the copyright holder or have permission from the copyright holder.
- Communications on AuroNet aim to inform the reader with objectivity; and where necessary the author must inform him/herself by speaking to the relevant persons or working groups, or base his/her argument on verifiable facts.
- Individuals must try to solve their personal issues with other individuals or with working groups on a one-to-one basis.
- Constructive criticism and legitimate enquiries formulated in a civil manner are welcomed. Therefore, if they fulfil the above recommendations and are constructive in character and positive in nature, any questions can be asked, and any opinion can be expressed.

Discuss ideas, not people.

In a thread of discussion stick to the topic.

Posts that include any of the following may be edited or deleted by the Moderators:

- Accusations or allegations against a specific person.
- Slander and gossip.
- Violent language.
- Any content meant to harass, insult, taunt, provoke, demean, or personally attack any individual.
- Any content with political or ideological agenda and propaganda.
- Any derogatory statement about nationalities, belief systems or religions.
- Any content containing antisemitic or racist remarks.

- Any personal correspondence quoted without expressed permission of the author indicated in the post.
- Any content that encourages violation of Indian law.

6. The Moderators and the Moderation Support Group

- The Administrators of AuroNet will function as moderators.
- The Moderators have the authority to act where guidelines have not been respected.
- The Moderation Support Group helps the Moderators decide actions in "grey areas" where guidelines do not apply easily. The Moderation Support Group consists of 3 representatives of the Auroville community.
- The Auroville Council will ask individuals with knowledge and experience in the field of editing and publishing to step forward and simultaneously make an open call for community members to come forward for the task. The Working committee and Council will do the final selection.
- In addition, all AuroNet users are encouraged to be vigilant regarding the content of our collective space and to point out insensitive or offensive language, or any violation of the guidelines, either directly through the flagging option, or by writing to the AuroNet team, in order to uphold the integrity and potential of this cooperative tool.
- If any user is dissatisfied with the Moderators' actions, redress can be sought from the AV Council.

7. Guidelines for Moderators

What is the role of a Moderator?

The purpose of the AuroNet Discussion Forum is to share and exchange information, ideas and views for individual growth as well as for the collective growth of Auroville. Guidelines for the entire community are in place to fulfil that purpose, and the job of the Moderators is to keep the forum operating for its intended purpose. All moderation action is to that end. The following are guidelines on what to do as a Moderator.

What to do when?

There are two types of categorical tasks as a Moderator. The first has to do with the operations of the forum. The second requires experience of people management.

Two explicit examples on how to tell the difference:

- a. **A user has posted an event announcement in the Discussion forum...** this is where you can go in, edit the content and guide the user on the proper use of AuroNet.
- b. **A user is rude...** this is when a user is affecting the emotional safety of others on the forum and exhibits behaviour that distracts from the key use of the forum. For situations like this, if warnings and corrections are not working, please refer to the Consequences Policy, and make sure a thread is opened in the Moderation Support Group forum.

Editing of postings that are not permitted on AuroNet

Postings that are not permitted on AuroNet will be edited or deleted. Moderators will post a new comment and send out an email to the user to explain that the inappropriate content has been removed in accordance with the AuroNet Guidelines. Moderators will inform the Moderation Support Group that they edited or deleted a particular post.

Consequences Policy

These are the consequences if a user is not following the AuroNet Guidelines:

Level 1 Warning

The Moderation Support Group will send a warning email with a yellow card to a user who is not following the Auronet Guidelines.

Level 2 Serious Warning

After once again not following the Auroville Guidelines, the Moderation Support Group will send a serious warning in the form of a second email with yellow card.

Level 3 Deactivation

Users who violate the Auronet Guidelines again after having been given two warnings (two yellow cards) will be sent a red card email by the Moderation Support Group and will not be allowed to post or comment on Auronet for a period to be determined by the Moderation Support Group. The user will be able to only access and view Auronet content during this period.

Appeal

A decision of the Moderation Support Group to issue a yellow card warning cannot be appealed.

A decision of the Moderation Support Group to issue a red card and disallow a person to post or comment on the Auronet for a period of time can be appealed through the Auroville Council.

What should I do if I encounter a problem that is not covered by these guidelines?

Moderators will report to the Moderation Support Group any situation that is not currently covered by these guidelines. This also applies to "grey areas" or when a Moderator is in doubt whether a certain action should be taken.

AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS SCHEDULE

AUROVILLE to PONDICHERRY				
	TRIP - 1	TRIP - 2	TRIP - 3	TRIP - 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite - Udyogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
Auroshilpam - Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall - Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kulilapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center (ECR)	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center (ECR)	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kulilapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Radial Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town Hall - Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam - Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite - Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00