

News & Notes

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Mr. Fox, by Natalie

○ Fosterer, ○ sole Seer, ○ Ordainer, ○ illumining Sun, ○ power of the Father of creatures,
marshal thy rays, draw together thy light;
the Lustre which is thy most blessed form of all, that in Thee I behold.
The Purusha there and there, He am I.

Isha Upanishad

The Ponder Corner

As a Matter of Fact

For, as a matter of fact, while the very keyword of the ideal creation is a plenary self-consciousness and self-possession in the infinite Soul and a perfect oneness, the keyword of the creation of which we have present experience is the very opposite;

Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo

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House of Mother's Agenda

"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive sections of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive sections of the world will be embraced – not "embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought. Those who already are have the good fortune of being the first ones, that's all."

The Mother, Agenda, 16 February 1972

A Defence of Indian Culture

"The Indian conception of life starts from a deeper centre and moves on less external lines to a very different objective. The peculiarity of the Indian eye of thought is that it looks through the form, looks even through the force, and searches for the spirit in things everywhere. The peculiarity of the Indian will in life is that it feels itself to be unfulfilled, not in touch with perfection, not permanently justified in any intermediate satisfaction if it has not found and does not live in the truth of the spirit. The Indian idea of the world, of Nature and of existence is not physical, but psychological and spiritual. Spirit, soul, consciousness are not only greater than inert matter and inconscient force, but they precede and originate these lesser things. All force is power or means of a secret spirit; the Force that sustains the world is a conscious Will and Nature is its machinery of executive power. Matter is the body or field of a consciousness hidden within it, the material universe a form and movement of the Spirit. Man himself is not a life and mind born of Matter and eternally subject to physical Nature, but a spirit that uses life and body. It is an understanding faith in this conception of existence, it is the attempt to live it out, it is the science and practice of this high endeavour, and it is the aspiration to break out in the end from this mind bound to life and matter into a greater spiritual consciousness that is the innermost sense of Indian culture. It is this that constitutes the much-talked-of Indian spirituality. It is evidently very remote from the dominant European idea; it is different even from the form given by Europe to the Christian conception of life. But it does not mean at all that Indian culture concedes no reality to life, follows no material or vital aims and satisfactions or cares to do nothing for our actual human existence. It cannot truly be contended that a conception of this kind can give no powerful and inspiring motive to the human effort of man. Certainly, in this view, matter, mind, life, reason, form are only powers of the spirit and valuable not for their own sake, but because of the Spirit within them. Ātmārtham, they exist for the sake of the Self, says the Upanishad, and this is certainly the Indian attitude to these things. But that does not depreciate them or deprive them of their value; on the contrary it increases a hundredfold their significance. Form and body immensely increase in importance if they are felt to be instinct with the life of the Spirit and are conceived as a support for the rhythm of its workings. And human life was in ancient Indian thought no vile and unworthy existence; it is the greatest thing known to us, it is desired, the Purana boldly says, even by the gods in heaven. The deepening and raising of the richest or the most potent energies of our minds, our hearts, our life-power, our bodies are all means by which the spirit can proceed to self-discovery and the return to its own infinite freedom and power. For when mind and heart and reason heighten to their greatest lights and powers, they bring embodied life to the point

where it can open to a still greater light and power beyond them; the individual mind widens into a vast universal consciousness and lifts towards a high spiritual transcendence. These are at least not sterilising and depressing ideas; they exalt the life of man and make something like godhead its logical outcome.

The dignity given to human existence by the Vedantic thought and by the thought of the classical ages of Indian culture exceeded anything conceived by the Western idea of humanity. Man in the West has always been only an ephemeral creature of Nature or a soul manufactured at birth by an arbitrary breath of the whimsical Creator and set under impossible conditions to get salvation, but far more likely to be thrown away into the burning refuse-heap of Hell as a hopeless failure. At best he is exalted by a reasoning mind and will and an effort to be better than God or Nature made him. Far more ennobling, inspiring, filled with the motive-force of a great idea is the conception placed before us by Indian culture. Man in the Indian idea is a spirit veiled in the works of energy, moving to self-discovery, capable of Godhead. He is a soul that is growing through Nature to conscious self-hood; he is a divinity and an eternal existence; he is an ever-flowing wave of the God-ocean, an inextinguishable spark of the supreme Fire. Even, he is in his uttermost reality identical with the ineffable Transcendence from which he came and greater than the godheads whom he worships. The natural half-animal creature that for a while he seems to be is not at all his whole being and is not in any way his real being. His inmost reality is the divine Self or at least one dynamic eternal portion of it, and to find that and exceed his outward, apparent, natural self is the greatness of which he alone of terrestrial beings is capable. He has the spiritual capacity to pass to a supreme and extraordinary pitch of manhood and that is the first aim which is proposed to him by Indian culture. Living no more in the first crude type of an undeveloped humanity to which most men still belong, na yathā prākṛto janaḥ, he can even become a free perfected semi-divine man, mukta, siddha. But he can do more; released into the cosmic consciousness, his spirit can become one with God, one self with the Spirit of the universe or rise into a Light and Vastness that transcends the universe; his nature can become one dynamic power with universal Nature or one Light with a transcendental Gnosis. To be shut up forever in his ego is not his ultimate perfection; he can become a universal soul, one with the supreme Unity, one with others, one with all beings. This is the high sense and power concealed in his humanity that he can aspire to this perfection and transcendence. And he can arrive at it through any or all of his natural powers if they will accept release, through his mind and reason and thought and their illuminations, through his heart and its unlimited power of love and sympathy, through his will and its dynamic drive towards mastery and right action, through his ethical nature and its hunger for the universal Good, through his aesthetic sense and its seekings after delight and beauty or through his inner soul and its power of absolute spiritual calm, wideness, joy and peace."

(to be continued next week)

[Sri Aurobindo, The Renaissance in India,](#)
pages 154-157

Townhall Speaks

CROWN DEVELOPMENT WORK HAS TO CONTINUE

Dear Community, this is regarding the possible Residents' Assembly Decision "To stop all development work on the Crown until further notice from the Residents' Assembly."

ATDC would like to clarify that irrespective of the outcome of the Residents' Assembly Meeting and the Residents' Assembly Decision that might follow, the Crown development work has to continue in compliance with Sections 19(2)(c) and 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act, and the decisions taken by the Governing Board on 2nd Nov, 2021. Below is one of the decision points minuted by the Governing Board:

"2.8 All Master Plan deviations on the land earmarked for the Crown have to be cleared so that the circular Crown Road and related infrastructure can be built without further delay. A similar exercise shall be implemented for the twelve radials and the outer ring road, where land ownership permits."

Furthermore, continuation of Crown development work shall be subject to the verdict of National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai.

Sincerely, ATDC

Anbu, Debo, Sreevatsa, Toby, Vidhya

REFLECTIONS ON THE RAM

(December, 20)

Dear Community, after the RAM on the 20th of December, the Council feels the need to share a message of reflection.

As the Council, we endeavor to represent the voices of the entire community while also trying to harmonize these many voices. We are here to manifest Auroville which requires us to embody a progressive and inclusive human unity. The Mother was very adamant that "You (Aurovilians) must agree". We cannot allow our opinions, emotions and preferences to keep us from losing sight of this simple yet most important directive of the Mother's.

The presence of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation was a surprise and understandably aggravated the existing polarities present in the meeting. The highly volatile emotions, which are a result of the extraordinary events over the past 4 weeks, were too new and raw for many of us to present them to the Secretary in a more measured form. It would have been best if the Secretary had been given her own meeting organised by the Working Committee.

Although the shock and emotions from recent events in the community are real and cannot be taken lightly, some of the behavior might have been avoided. On one hand there was a lack of courtesy from a large section directed toward the Secretary and on the other hand there was aggressive conduct from another section at the gathering. As a result we have received feedback from the community expressing concern regarding the disrespect displayed at the meeting. We are reminded of the following quote by the Mother " ... whatever may be the circumstances, rudeness or curt behavior is never permissible. "

We invite all Aurovilians attending any of the follow up meetings on the proposed RAD, irrespective of their stand in this matter, to help create a meeting atmosphere that is respectful and conducive to finding stepping stones for a harmonious community process.

May we all rise above our differences and recognise our true self in one another.

For unity and in Her service,
Auroville Council

COVID LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES

Dear Community, the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has issued on 31 December a new set of Covid lockdown guidelines. These are the key indications:

- School physical classes cannot be held for students of Std. I-VIII, and play schools and kindergartens will be closed until 10th January
- Only 50% of customers will be allowed to dine in at a given point of time at restaurants, hotels and bakeries
- Cinema, theater are allowed to function with 50% capacity
- Gyms, yoga center, salons, beauty parlors, clubs, textiles and jewelry are have to ensure only 50% capacity
- Only a maximum of 100 people is allowed to attend wedding
- Only a maximum of 50 people is allowed to attend funerals
- Sports events in open ground are allowed following norms
- Indoor stadium can allow only 50% of the audience
- No standee passengers will be allowed in public transport buses
- Public events such as social, cultural and political gatherings will continue to be banned.

The official Tamil text of the press release of the Honorable Chief Minister is available at this link. The English translation will be uploaded asap

Please remember to continue to apply all due precautions of wearing masks and maintaining distance when interacting with others and in public spaces/facilities, and regularly washing hands or using sanitizer.

With best wishes to all,

The Working Committee

(Anu, Arun, Chali (TOS), Hemant,
Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)

FIRST SESSIONS

OF COMMUNITY BUDGETING PROCESS

Dear All, the BCC is planning a series of engagements with the community throughout January and February, to help build the community's understanding of the current budgetary allocations and also to help the BCC to better understand if these are serving the needs of the community. We will use the outcomes of this process to inform the upcoming 2022/23 City Services budget. (See our announcement of this process on AuroNet, or in the N&N of Dec 4th 2021 for more details).

We hope you will join the first sessions of the Community Budgeting Process, on Friday January 7th and Tuesday January 11th, starting at 4:30pm at Unity Pavilion (in keeping with Covid guidelines; please bring a mask).

Friday, January 7th from 4:30 – 6:00pm at Unity Pavilion: This first session will introduce the overall community budgeting process, followed by a presentation of the City Services report of the last financial year (20-21). This presentation can already be accessed online at budget.auroville.org in.

Tuesday, January 11th from 4:30 – 6:30PM at Unity Pavilion: This second session will be dedicated to in-depth Q&A in a small-tables format.

We are looking forward to engaging with you on our collective budget following these two unusual and challenging years, and starting the next cycle with a common understanding of our budgetary needs and aims.

In community,

Your BCC members

(Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Fabien, Hans, Inge, Mahi,
Mathan, Rathinam, Suryamayi)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 115

Dated: 08-01-2022

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:



Abhijit Etsuko Silky

- Abhijit ROY (Indian) staying in Grace and working at Aurofilm
- Etsuko SHIMABUKURO (Japanese) staying in Verite and working at Verite Guest House
- Silky ARORA (Indian) staying in Kalpana and working at Unity Pavilion

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Aarohi ROY (Indian) Born on 31/10/2010 (daughter of Abhijit ROY)
- Jay ROY (Indian) Born on 17/01/2017 (son of Abhijit ROY)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Karan WILSON (Indian)
- Mahalakshmi PRABHAKAR (Indian)

NEWCOMER RESTARTING THE PROCESS:

- Celia DE MENGIN (French) staying in Terra Amata and working at Eco-Femme

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Agila VENGADESAN (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at BCC & Egai Crafts



Agila

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Ramana JAYARAMAN (Indian)

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Richard EGGENBERGER aka Narad (USA)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Barath Kumar SIVACOUMAR (Indian)
- Jayapriyan LAKSHMANAN (Indian)
- Mahindra CORDONNIER (French)
- Nadir SKOLES (Dutch)
- Sudarsana RAMAKRISHNAN (Indian)
- Yugasri PALANI (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 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
In Her service, Auroville Council*

OUTCOME OF THE FOLLOW-UP RA MEETING

Dear Residents,

This is to inform you that the outcome of the follow-up RA meeting of yesterday, 2 January '21, is that a common agreement to accept the suggested refined proposal has been reached through a hybrid (tokens and online) system. Those who are interested to know exact numbers, please swing by the RAS office.

The refined proposal is:

“To pause all clearing, infrastructure laying and permanent construction work on the Right of Ways of Crown, Radials and Outer Ring in order to enable the community to define a way forward for Auroville’s development, following:

- *collective processes,*
- *the ‘Master Plan: Perspective 2025’ framework,*
- *and other relevant regulations.*

The outcome shall be approved through a ratified Residents’ Assembly Decision-making process, before the above specified clearing, infrastructure laying and permanent construction work resumes. ”

It is now ready to be brought out to the community for a final decision.

A detailed report will follow soon. By the end of the week, the RAS will disseminate an RAD announcement.

*Warmly,
The Residents’ Assembly Service*

COLLECTING DOCUMENTATION

Dear community, the AV archives/digital archives team is collecting documentation on the recent events since 4 December, as we feel the changes happening now are important and will be important for people in the future. We are looking for the following material:

- photos, videos, audio recordings of the events in Bliss Forest, Youth Center and Darkali area.
- photos, videos, audio recordings of meetings and presentations held in various places.

We are compiling as well:

- written documents, newspaper/media articles (digital and printed) from India and the world.

Kindly send us your material to: isabelle-avarchives@auroville.org.in.

You may preferably use a Google shared folder or wetransfer.com. You can also pass by our office (Monday to Friday 1:30-4:30pm) to bring your material on a USB stick or printed document.

*Thanking you,
Isabelle for the AV archives/
digital archives team.*

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REPORT OF THE FAMC

Over the Months of September,
October and November 2021

Members: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan

Invitee: Mr. Srinivasamurthy (Under Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation)

Guest: Mr. Kalyani (Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, auditor)

Secretaries: Svenja, Balaji;

FAMC Finance Secretary: Madhan

The FAMC monthly report does not include regular liaison work with other working groups unless there is a final outcome, in which case the items may be reported in the reports of the respective working groups such as the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC), Working Committee, Housing Board, Land Board, Auroville Council or the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC).

Please bear in mind that this is a report of decisions or events of a certain period and in the meantime changes, progress, or/ and collaboration might have occurred in any given subject.

1. Topics of special concern of the Auroville Foundation (AVF)

a. Presentation to the Governing Board. On Monday October 25th, four FAMC members showed the FAMCs draft presentation for the Governing Board to the Secretary Auroville Foundation. It consisted of 4 slides, as demanded, and touched on the mission statement mentioned in the FAMC mandate; the vision for growth for the next 3-5 years; and the challenges such as how to maintain Auroville's freedom to explore, while safeguarding this freedom and following norms such as compliance to deadlines. The presentation to the Board happened at 6pm on November 2nd in the presence of 2 FAMC members. The slide presentation was shown. The time given was so brief that we did not have the opportunity to provide context or history.

b. Building valuations. The AVF has requested that the asset register of each unit includes a valuation of the building(s) the unit is using. Two possible valuation systems could be used: (1) the historic cost value method, if the unit has existing plans/invoices of the construction; or (2) the fair value (replacement value). At present the FAMC has decided to use the historical cost value method for non-residential buildings.

Standardized accounting. The first version of the standardized accounting format has been sent to the Trusts, units and accounting units.

c. Centralized accounting. The Tally Servers machine installations are expected to be completed by the end of December, and the Tally software is being purchased. The next step will be to run a pilot with one or two Trusts for three months and then implement it for the whole of Auroville from April 1st, 2022. The use of Centralized Accounting is to get the consolidated balance sheet in time. Access will be by the FAMC and AVF Accounts. Mapping of access in the Tally server and communication strategy which could include FAQ's will be worked out by a team with some FAMC members, AVF (Mr. Srinivasamurthy), Tally persons, Mr. Prabakaran, Mr. Lyle and other programming persons.

d. Bharat Nivas. The AVF has requested the FAMC to waive the 20% contribution payable by the guesthouses in Bharat Nivas (Atithi Griha Guesthouse and Swagatham Guesthouse) so that all guesthouse income can be used for the upkeep of Bharat Nivas, as the government grant is no longer given to Bharat Nivas to cover its running expenses. The AVF wants Bharat Nivas to be self-sufficient and to generate income by, for example, renting out the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, having restaurants with some snacks. This is not seen as commerce. The vision of Bharat Nivas

as a cultural and educational place can be respected and also be self-sustaining via income-generation. The FAMC decided to give a contribution waiver for the period Dec 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2023. Bharat Nivas is requested to submit a financial plan with a vision for the campus before 1 April 2022.

e. Cashless transactions. The AVF recommends that all 'public places' such as the Visitors Centre, the Auroville Bakery and other high cash sectors (GH, eateries, taxi, etc.) implement cashless transactions as far as possible and use digital payments. This serves accountability and the tracing of money. The FAMC has responded that amongst Aurovilians this is not much of an issue and easily realisable, but it is more difficult to achieve for visitors and guests as Auroville does not have the legal authority to refuse cash. AV needs to find solutions to encourage the visitors to reduce cash as much as possible. This is particularly difficult as the areas around Auroville are not subject to all those restrictions.

f. Total annual budget of Auroville. As of the next financial year the AVF wants the FAMC to give a projection for the next 5 years on services, education, units and all existing aspects of Auroville. Details on self sustainability and donations should be projected.

g. Internal systems of accountability. The AVF would like to ensure that proper guidance and monitoring are given to AV units on proper usage of checks, and basic accounting skills. The FAMC is identifying units that need help with accounting norms and operations.

h. Government of India (GOI) Grant status. For the present financial year, the AVF has received 1. 2 crore. The Public Finance Management System (PFMS) guidelines are to be filled before disbursement. The AVF is working on this. In the meantime, Auroville must advance the funds for the GoI capital grant beneficiaries to finish proposed projects (some funds of which have already been provided), and Auroville will be reimbursed, but only as per the original budget. If costs increases have been incurred, for whatever reason, this can not be covered by the capital grant funds.

i. 51 crore "special" budget submission The Auroville Town Development Council has submitted a so-called 'special' budget for 51 crores for the rest of this financial year directly to the AVF without going through the proper channels which is the FAMC, as specified in the Rules of the Auroville Foundation.

Mr. Srinivasamurthy explained that the budget proposal is the ATDC's response to a special request from the Governing Board and the Secretary to speed up the Auroville infrastructure development. If anything would go wrong, the responsibility would be with the AVF office, which will take full responsibility on the management of the funds and monitoring of the projects.

The FAMC expressed its unhappiness with the situation, as the Auroville community is not informed and this budget submission looks like the AVF is pushing for the matter of the Crown-, Ring- and Radial roads without obtaining the consent of the community. Mr. Srinivasamurthy replied that it is the WCom and ATDC's duty to communicate with the community, but the timeline seems very short. The spirit is about getting things moving. The FAMC decided to write a letter to the community cc WCom and ATDC, including the budget, and expressing the FAMC's concerns. The FAMC was not involved, did not endorse the budget proposal and did not participate in it. This letter and the budget has been posted on the AuroNet on 2 December; the letter published in the News & Notes dt 4 December.

j. Apartment in Maitreye II for AV Foundation staff. The FAMC has agreed to allocate a unit in Maitreye II to a staff member of the Auroville Foundation. The usage agreement, requested by the FAMC, will be prepared by the FAMC.

k. **HDFC bank requested a plot of land for an ATM machine.** The HDFC bank has requested the Auroville Foundation for a long term lease of a plot of land of 500 sq. ft. to put up an ATM machine. The FAMC did not agree to the request as such a machine would invite outsiders coming into Auroville, and would also go against the no-cash initiative.

I. Communication gap with AVF.

The FAMC has shared its concerns that there is a communication gap with the Office of the Secretary, AVF. The request is to keep the FAMC adequately informed on all the topics where FAMC may be involved or interested. Otherwise it is difficult for the FAMC to see to its proper scope of work and discharge its duties responsibly. Further, if initiatives can be channeled through the FAMC as much as possible and the FAMC as a body supported and respected, this will be in the best interest of all. This was kindly noted by the Under Secretary.

2. Appeals

a. General.

While the FAMC is in favor of a proper appeal process, which needs to be revised since 2017 as per the appeal document, it doesn't always agree with the Auroville Council's validation of an appeal request and has suggested to the Council to better define the process. The FAMC believes it is experiencing some incorrect interpretation and application of the current appeal process. The status of the revisions / extensive feedback that the FAMC has given to the Council earlier seems not to have been considered. The AV Council has requested the FAMC to continue cooperating with the appeal process and proposed to institute some immediate changes which might make things run better, like checking with the working group before validating an appeal. FAMC asked for the proposal in writing. At the end of this reporting period, the proposal had not been received.

b. Ongoing appeals

- i. An appeal has been raised against the FAMC's decision to close the city centre canteen. The appeal is pending.
- ii. An appeal has been raised against the FAMC's decision to allocate to Mita and Tapas the house formerly stewarded by Nolly (see point 4c below).
- iii. An appeal has been raised against the FAMC's decision to approve a new procurement unit Surabhi Supplies & Services, a unit under Auroville Service Trust.
- iv. An appeal has been raised against the FAMC's decision not to overturn or not follow the special audit report by Chartered Accountant Prabakaran re Kalpana housing project (see point 4a below).

c. Closed appeal regarding the reallocation of the apartment of Mr. Krishan Myer.

The appeal body has concluded that the decision of the FAMC regarding the reallocation of the apartment of Mr. Krishan Myer is to be cancelled as due process was not followed. The arbiters consider that the asset should be open to Aurovilians at large, that here should be fair hearing of all applicants, material provided by the applicants shall be studied, past institutional memory shall be studied and considered, timely official communication with the community and the applicants shall be done, transparency of process to be implemented for reallocation and the outcome (in the form of a report) is to be published via News and Notes and on AuroNet. The process shall be completed and a renewed decision be arrived at within 3 months from the date of this report. The FAMC will send back the file to HB with a strong recommendation to follow a transparent, inclusive, thorough and open community process for reallocating the apartment and any other flat that may get vacated in this process.

The FAMC agreed with the conclusions of the appeal body.

3. Units and Trusts

a. Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity managers.

Note: changes concerning trustees are approved in collaboration with the Working Committee, and approved by the Secretary, AVF.

- i. **Ilion**, an activity under ASSA (Artisana Trust): Resignation of Ms. Sabine Valeria Charpentier. Approved
- ii. **SAIER**, a unit under Auroville Foundation: Executive Appointment of Mr. Sanjeev Ranganathan as executive approved, in addition to current executives Mr Sanjeev Aggarwal, Mr. Ashoke Chatterji, & Ms. Divya Kapoor.
- iii. **LEAD**, an umbrella unit under Hospitality Trust – Executive Appointment of Ms. Helen Anne Eveleigh. Approved.
- iv. **Auromode Apartments**, a unit under Hospitality Trust – Executive Appointment of Ms. Sowmya Kumar (Pavithra). Approved.
- v. **Auroville Village Action Group**, a unit under Auroville Village Action Trust: Executive Appointment of Alain Bernard. Approved.
- vi. **Auroville Village Action**, a unit under Auroville Village Action Trust. Resignation of Ms. Bridget Horkan and appointment of Ms. Abha Tewari. Approved
- vii. **The Colours of Nature**, a unit under Artisana Trust. Reappointment of executive Ms. Juanah Andrade. Approved.
- viii. **Handy Market**, a unit under ABC Trust. Reappointment of Mr. Sathyamoorthy Patchaiappan (Kalia) and Mrs. Revathi Iyanar, and appointment of Mr. Pradyumna Rathinam. Approved.
- ix. **Pitanga Cultural Centre**, a unit under Health & Healing Trust. Resignation of Executive Mr. Sivacoumar Souprayane and appointment of Ms. Andrea Heike Boulicot and Mr. Gilles Remy Boulicot as executives. Approved.
- x. **Prakrit**, a unit under ABC Trust. Executive Appointment of Mr. Olivier Philippe. Approved
- xi. **Imago**, a unit under Auromode Trust. Executive Changes: resignation of Mr. Michael Gransitzki and appointment of Mr. Antim Singhi & Mr. Joel Van Lierde. Approved.
- xii. **Aurinoco Systems**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. Executive Appointment of Mr. Hemant Shekhar. Approved.
- xiii. **Worktree**, a unit under Kattida Kalai Trust – Executive reappointment of Mr. Luk Gastmans, Mrs. Shanti Gastmans and Ms. Jana Earley. Approved.

b. Units closed.

- i. **Volunteer Lodgings**, a unit under Guest House Trust. Unit closure approved
- ii. **Joy Living Learning**, a unit under Inside Trust. Unit Closure approved
- iii. **Para Agency**, a unit under GNP Trust. Unit Closure approved

c. New units and activities

- i. **Peace Practice Consultants**, an activity under LEAD, manager: Dr. Linda Lee. Approved.
- ii. **Kajimba**, an activity under AFA – Artisana Trust, manager Mr. Narayan Emet. Approved.
- iii. **International Pavilions**, a unit under Auroville Service Trust. Executives: Ms. Tatiana Jovtan, Ms. Hye Jeong Heo and Ms. Mirjam Sevcnikar. Approved under the condition that the pavilions agree to the protocol for all donations.
- iv. **Morning Star**, a unit under Health & Healing Trust. Executives: Ms. Paula Murphy, Ms. Krishna Lescure, and Ms. Mageswari Shanmugam. Approved

- v. **Off-grid Baking Studio**, an activity under AFA/ Artisana Trust, manager: Mr. Karthik Veerappan. Approved
 - vi. **JOI Anitya**, an activity under LEAD/Hospitality Trust, managers: Ms. Nikethana Venkatesan, Ms. Mira Tonioniand Mr. Andres Acosta Calderon. Approved.
 - vii. **Harmony Health**, a unit under Health & Healing Trust, an umbrella unit for health related activities. Executives: Mrs. Suriyagandhi Harikrishnan, Mrs. Auroomeera Rajapriyan. Approved
 - viii. **Kolam Consultants**, a unit under Kattida Kalai Trust (graduation of activity "School for Sustainable Management" into a unit). Executives: Ms. Elvira Klein & Ms. Henrike Prudon. Approved.
 - ix. **Avesa**, a proposed activity under Auroville Activities (AVA). Proposed Managers: Mr. Petar Sekuloski & Ms. Sashka Sekuloska Trajcheska. Not approved as the proposed field of activity is considered too experimental for AV at present. The proposed managers had been asked to submit a report of a reputable Indian institution that uses Quantum Healing and /or acknowledges this work. Since then the application has been withdrawn by the proposed managers.
 - x. **Flourish**, a unit under Auroville Service Trust. Executives: Ms. Helen Eveleigh and Mr. Manas Chakrabarti. Approved
 - xi. **Solitude Café**, a unit under Artisana Trust. This is an activity graduating into a unit. Executives: Mr. Duncan McKenzie Philipps (Krishna) & Mrs. Deepa McKenzie Philipps. The FAMC observes that the accounting practices of the unit needs to be improved. The executives have acknowledged this. Approved.
 - xii. **Pour Tous Purchasing Service**, a unit under Auroville Service. Resignation of Mrs. Aurokala and Mr. Denis Henly (not in AV since April 2015). Appointment of Mr. Kumar Natesan, Mr. Naren Gupta, Mr. Kumaran Saminathan & Mr. Joel de Graaf for a trial period of 6 months. The FAMC further approves the change in the unit's designation from 'commercial' to 'service'.
 - xiii. **Dancing Tree**, an activity under LEAD. Managers: Ms. Vega Moon, Mr. Francesco Colturi. Approved.
 - xiv. **Aurokiya**, an activity under Harmony Health. Manager: Mr. Vengadesan Natarajan (Aurosugan) who was an administrator for Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry for 10 years. The location of this activity is in Irumbai. Approved.
- d. **Expanding a unit's scope of work.**
- i. **Sunshine Music**, a unit under ABC Trust. Expanding the scope of work from "videography, photography, social media, web-design and music productions, marketing and performance" to "music related services and performances; digital media related services; sales of original art, crafts and printed matter". Approved.
- e. **Changing of Trust**
- i. **Mystique**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. Change of Trust from Swagatam Trust to Artisana Trust with effect from 1 April 2021. Approved.
 - ii. **Freeland**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. Change of trust from Swagatam Trust to Kattida Kalai Trust with effect from 1 April 2020. Approved.

4. Housing issues

a. **Kalpna**. Upon a further review, the FAMC does not find sufficient ground or justification exists to ignore the conclusions in the Kalpana Housing Project Special Audit. This has been communicated to the project holders Satyakam & Devasmita and the persons who objected to paying additional GST.

Various Aurovilians have requested the FAMC to publish the report of Mr. Prabakaran. The FAMC does not see any ground to do so, the more so as Satyakam has meanwhile filed an appeal against the decision of the FAMC.

b. **Eviction request of a Auroville house in Equality community**. A non-Aurovillian family who has been living in a house in Equality community for more than 10 years has been requested on September 17 to vacate the house by November 18. The family has approached the Auroville Foundation office with a request for extension of stay till 30.12.2021. The FAMC has advised against honoring this request in view of the long period this family has stayed in the house and the fact that they have a house in a nearby village.

c. **Demolishing of residence in Centre Field / allocation of residence in Samasti formerly stewarded by Nolly / funds for old age housing**. The FAMC received a request from the Auroville Foundation to find a house for those whose house would need to be demolished to make place for the Crown Road. Consequently the FAMC decided to allocate the house formerly stewarded by Nolly to Tapas and Mita. An appeal has been raised against this decision.

d. **House formerly stewarded by Werner, Prayatna Community**. The FAMC approved the decision of the Housing Board that the house formerly occupied by Werner should revert to residential use at the earliest and that any art pieces, tools or materials can be stored or exhibited in the exhibition space for up to one year.

e. **Houses in Felicity community**. The FAMC proposes that part of Felicity community be utilized for incoming-generating activities; if this moves forward there should be an open call (equal opportunity) to the whole community for suggestions. The FAMC awaits the considerations of the Land Board and Working Committee. (ongoing topic)

f. **Imagination building** As no Auroville unit has expressed interest in the first floor of the former Imagination building, the FAMC has decided that this floor can be used for residential purposes.

5. Land issues

a. Auroville Farms and Forests.

Discussions are ongoing to see how best the Auroville Farms and Forests can be administratively integrated. The discussions have not yet led to a conclusive decision.

6. Units and Trust issues

a. **Solar Kitchen**. A review done on allegations by some Aurovilians working at Solar Kitchen was published in the News and Notes of 1 October 2021.

b. **Accounting charges**. The FAMC is looking into the amounts Auroville's accountants charge to Auroville units for their accounting. Some members consider that Auroville's accountant units are service and not commercial units, and that a standard of accounting fees would need to be implemented.

c. **Treehouse Community to steward the former Telephone Service/ AVES offices**. The FAMC agrees with the report of the Abri Support Group of September 2020 that the Tree House Community (Philip and Noe) become the permanent stewards of the former Telephone Service / AVES offices.

d. **Siddha Wellness Project** The FAMC has given the green light to the ATDC for the Preliminary Design Approval of the Siddha Wellness Project.

e. **La Terrace review**. La Terrace has long functioned as an income-generating financial support for the Solar Kitchen service. Questions have been raised if Auroville still wants to have La Terrace as an income-generating unit that supports Solar Kitchen; as a service the prices could be brought down; it is operating in a service area.

Community News

LIGHT MATTERS

Mother's message to Piero

"Each one has good reasons to support his own opinion, and I am no expert to judge between them.

But from the spiritual point of view I know that with true goodwill all opinions can be harmonized in a more comprehensive and truer solution.

This is what I expect from the workers of Auroville.

Not that some give way to others, but that on the contrary all should combine their efforts to achieve a more comprehensive and perfect result.

The ideal of Auroville demands this progress – don't you want to make it? Blessings"

*(Mother's note to Piero.
Mother's Agenda, 14.11.1971)*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SHARING THE LATEST PHD THESIS ON AUROVILLE

Dear community, The Auroville Research Platform (Suryamayi, Henrike, Ravi) is happy to share the latest PhD thesis published on Auroville, by French anthropologist Marie Horassius. You may find her (french language) thesis on our Auroville research repository at this link: <http://aurorepo.in/id/eprint/226>.

Marie has been researching Auroville for close to a decade, and we thank her for her interest and work on our community, which we hope will serve many french speakers (within and without Auroville) in gaining deeper insight into this collective experiment. The subject is quite relevant to what is occurring in our community today, as you may read in Marie's message to all of you below:

Dear Aurovilians and friends,

I am glad to gift you back my PhD thesis, which I have just submitted. I am Marie Horassius, a French anthropologist. Some of you may know me, I have been studying your city since 2012 and I came several times in the last years (2012/2014/2015/2016/2018). I already wrote a Masters thesis that you can find online (<https://aurorepo.in/id/eprint/201/>) and today I am giving you my PhD work.

After studying your community, I realized that nothing was written about your shared culture: it was always built around a specific subject inside Auroville. So I tried to write a monograph of your city, presenting your history, geography, sociology and your economical and political system. In this continuity, the two last parts of my PhD thesis are focused on your «idealities»: what does it mean to be Aurovillian for those who live there, what are your shared culture and beliefs. So I took several moments of you community life, some crisis moments, to explain how a kind of equilibrium is built in your city through two ways of seeing the world, two strong energies that I shared on: «the builders and the greenbelters» and «Prometheus and Dionysius»...

I hope that I did well and that I am close to your reality. Today with the recent events I am quite secure that my reading was correct and I hope you are going to find a consensus as you always do.

I want to thank you all again for your warm welcome, your kindness toward me and your help during these long years.

*My best regards to all of you,
With all my friendship, Marie Horassius*

The suggestion was made that La Terrace be closed down as a income generating restaurant under Free Flow Trust at the end of this financial year; settle the employees etc. and re-open as a unit under the Service Trust at the beginning of the next financial year. This exploration is ongoing.

f. Atmarati Architects, GST dues. The issue of pending GST dues and penalties for late GST payment by the Atmarati Architects was discussed in depth with its executive, Mr. Pierre Elouard.

g. Loan to Aquadyn. Aquadyn submitted a request for a bridging fund loan. The request was forwarded to the Funds and Assets Resource Group (FARG) for evaluation, but was later withdrawn by Aquadyn.

h. Internal audits. The FAMC has decided to conduct the next round of internal audits by focusing on units following identified markers, eg units that have not been profitable for a few consecutive years etc. The audits will be done in-house initially, but when a serious problem is discovered during the assessment then an audit by an external party may be pursued.

7. Land issues

a. Land stewardship. The Land Board proposes that stewardship criteria for land are being reviewed. The FAMC is working on a new policy document which will be shared with the Land Board and the community for feedback.

b. Tamarind tope next to the Auroville Bakery. The road next to the Auroville Bakery is often blocked by parked vehicles of people who visit the bakery and the café. The matter was discussed with the Bakery executives, Land Board members and TDC members.

Though it is obvious that the adjacent land, the Tamarind tope, that belongs to Auroville could serve as a quick solution, this would not be ideal as the value is high and the land opposite the State Bank can be used for Auroville business outlets.

The Land Board proposed that instead, the Bakery parking could be behind the café, but this would require the removal of the old bathroom and perhaps the wood stock yard. It was agreed that a subgroup would help the Bakery to find immediate solutions. It was also suggested that the ATDC be asked to make a development plan for the area.

8. Various topics

a. Use of the name 'Auroville'. The Name and Symbol of Auroville Protection Group requested the FAMC to confirm that it is no longer allowed to have the name "Auroville" in the beginning of a unit name, a practice which was stopped several years ago. FAMC states that the current guidelines still stand.

b. Solar Energy Pool. Martin of Auroville Consulting presented a proposal for a solar energy pool, which could be created through an investment by a third party, who would own the pool and charge accordingly. In this case the third party would sell to Auroville the electricity for a defined number of years. Unutilised energy would be sold back by Auroville to the TNEB. There would be a maintenance agreement attached to it as the company owns the equipment. Alternatively, Auroville could do its own investment.

Martin asked who in Auroville is the policy making authority when it comes to electricity billing and credits for rooftop solar generated by services, units and individuals in Auroville. At the moment Auroville does not have any framework on this. As it involves assets, the FAMC is probably the relevant authority. The suggestion was made for Martin to be the driver of a new policy. It was agreed he will do so together with all the stakeholders.

AUROVILLE'S BRIGHT AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT

Dear friends of Auroville's Bright and Harmonious Development, the New Year 2022 is upon us. Let us step into it consciously with the help of words of the Mother regarding the extraordinary times we are living in.

"In this new substance which is spreading and acting in the world, there is a warmth, a power, a joy so intense that all intellectual activity seems cold and dry beside it. And that is why the less one talks about these things the better it is. A single moment, a single impulse of deep and true love, an instant of the understanding which lies in the divine Grace brings you much closer to the goal than all possible explanations."

(Ref. CWTM, V. 09, 14 May 1958)

Coming to our work, we are happy to report that the year gone by has seen success with the purchase and consolidation of 12 new plots (comprising 20 acres & 29 cents) by Auroville's Land Board in the planned township area, mostly in the water-catchment area next to Irumbai Lake – all thanks to your generous contributions!

Our annual New Year's card, shown above, is a way to connect with you and to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for your contributions and collaboration, and to let you know that the efforts for providing a unified ground for Auroville's flowering are continuing unabated.

Besides this e-version, we will be sending our land donors a printed copy of our New Year's card by post. If you don't want to receive a hard copy by post, please drop us a line at lfau@auroville.org.in However, due to Omicron, postal service from India to certain countries may unfortunately be delayed.

If you are in Auroville, these beautiful cards will be available for free at major places in the City of Dawn township.

We take this opportunity to thank Aurovilian Ptero Cefaloni for the cover photo and Aurovilian Lalit Kishor Bhati for the photos on pages 2 & 4. We sincerely thank Aravinda, along with Jasmin, who this year once again did the design and printing so this inspiring card could see the light of day.

As a special plus, we are pleased to communicate the most recent update from Auroville's PRISMA Books. Facing unprecedented odds, like many others, as the pandemic unfolded in 2020, PRISMA chose to experiment with novel open-access publishing methods, and you can [read a reflection](#) on their experience so far in their latest newsletter. They write: "As world events unfold in ever-interesting timelines, our team continues to experiment with futuristic publishing to present intriguing titles for a serious read in such exciting times." Two of their recent open-access publications include "Sri Aurobindo's Savitri: The Auroville Radio Talks" by Loretta Shartsis, a four-volume work that emerges from talks recorded by her for Auroville Radio over the last seven years, [available here](#), and "Auroville, A Dream", a rich text on its aims and ideals, [available here](#). You can see [more of their open access publications](#) or order print books worldwide through [their website](#) or through auroville.com.

Each year, your donations have brought Auroville closer to a more consolidated physical base. Present circumstances show that your support remains vital, and precious. Solidarity works – so let us keep up our collective dynamism! By supporting Auroville's harmonious land consolidation, you strengthen Auroville's ability to be an inspiring beacon of hope and light!

With confidence in Auroville's bright future, our sincere appreciation, and our warmest wishes for a Happy 2022!

Lands for Auroville Unified (LFAU) and its two campaigns "Acres for Auroville" (ALL Master Plan land) & "GreenAcres" (Greenbelt only)

www.land.auroville.org
<https://land.auroville.org/new-years-card-welcoming-2022/>

INSIDE INDIA IS OPEN AGAIN

Mr. Ganesh is from the 4 January onwards available at Kalpana for issuing, rescheduling for all kind of ticketing Bus, Train and Flights.



One can meet him from 10:00 to 16:00

- by phone 2623030 or / and by WhatsApp after office timings: +91 9894598686
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com

All payments other than done by bank cheque or cash (including Credit / Debit cards use) should be routed via the Financial Service.

Airlines keep maintaining their international flights under the special agreement program. Before making a flight booking please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements while travelling and the entry procedures of the country of destination.

We advice not to make bookings a long time in advance because of the changing situations.

AUROMODE HIVE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, 8 January, from 10am to 5pm.



Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House. We will have some biscuits and free internet! All are welcome to try out our coworking space free of Charge!

- Open from **9am to 5pm** on All Days Except Sundays
- Fully Air Conditioned, Clean & Quiet, Professional Coworking Space
- Two Fully-Equipped Conference Rooms with Projector
- Reliable **High-Speed Internet** Facility
- **Colour Printing** and Scanning Facilities up to A3 size
- Small Self-Service Kitchen, Restroom & Outdoor Zone
- Easy access to Auromode Guest House, Dining
- 24/7 Power Backup and Security, Parking
- Aquadyn Drinking Water.

For Further Queries contact us:

✉ auromodehive@auroville.org.in

☎ 70921 97375

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Please Follow COVID-19 Regulations

Auromode HIVE Team

NEWS FROM AURODENT



Hello dear all! The Aurodent team is happy to announce an offer for professional oral hygiene (scaling or cleaning as people call it). This dental procedure with 50% discount will be available with doctor Gomathi.

This offer is available for 6 month of this year 2022 (January to July). We also would like to remind you that we always vote for prevention of dental diseases rather than for treatment of them.

Dr. Gomati is a young dental specialist with one year experience trained in Aurodent and is working under the guidance of Dr. Valentina. There will also be discounts for other dental treatments with Dr. Gomathi: details on this you can find out at our reception.

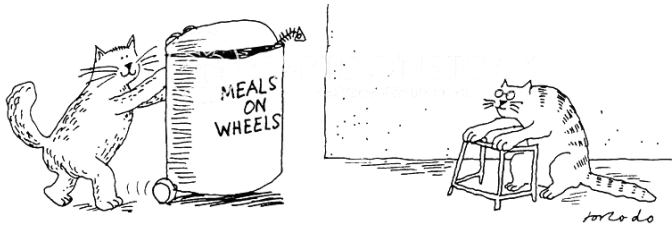
Aurodent Phone number: 04132622063,

WA +91 9629199328, aurodent@auroville.org.in

Happy to see more healthy smiles!

With warm and love, Aurodent team

FOODS AND GOODS



MEALS ON WHEELS

Dear Friends, we deliver Lunch/dinner at your home or your workplace. The delivery system is working even on Sunday too.



- Indian Lunch/Dinner delivery system for Aurovilians/Newcomers/volunteers and Guests
- Also we are making lunch/dinner/snacks/tea for the small gathering/birthday party/meetings/workshops too.
- For your kind information we are providing a lunch scheme for a month (Rs. 2040) and the menu is: Rice, Dal, Salad (Veg.), Veg. curry, Chapati.
- Other Non-Veg. foods for Lunch/dinner based on the customer needs and call us at least a day before.

Please call by in advance whatsapp 8098782233 or 9159837630

*Thanking you, kind regards
Arunkumar and Valli*

AURA NETWORK NEWS



We are so happy to now have Atithi Griha Guest House on board. They are offering 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners (daily) in exchange for auras (50 for breakfast, 75 for meals). We invite you to book these meals before 10am via the Aura App. Soon there will be more units/services on the Aura Network.

*Love, Aura Team
www.auranetwork.app*

THE ARTS

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary Bharat Nivas Presents

An the Illustrated Pictorial sharing on WILDLIFE IN & AROUND AUROVILLE

by **Aurosylle & Tim**

Long time Aurovilians, they will share their passion for the Wildlife in & around Auroville.

Venue: Bhumika Hall
Date: Friday 21st January 2022
Time: 5 to 6.15 pm

BHARAT NIVAS
ਭਾਰਤ ਨਿਵਾਸ
The Pavilion of India, Auroville
2 & 4 Wheeler to be parked outside the main gate
Covid Guidelines to be respected

Mexique 1967

The Fonds de dotation Art et Recherche Paris and the Centre d'art in Auroville present their best wishes for the new year

Kalabhumi Goes Live

Sunday, 9th of January 2022 at 5pm (IST)

Online livestreaming fundraising concert by Kalabhumi Music Studio. Inviting you to join the fun from wherever you are!

www.bit.ly/kalabhumigoeslive

Kalisai
Punk and Ska

Jazz
Dhani, Jurriagan and Suresh

Online live-streaming event only. No public attendance is requested. Help us honor TN covid guidelines!

Fundraising details in the description box below the livestream video.

ART WORLD
Sarala's Art Centre

The Spirit of India

Asma Menon, Gita Hudson, Jacob Jebaraj, Kavitha Prasad, BO Shailesh, Thejomaye Menon, Hufreesh, Adil Writer, Sarvana, Vishwajyoti, Kashmiri, Aparajita Barai, Sumanto Chowdhury

India is a story of unity, diversity, freedom, spirituality, Culture and the essence of legend. It is an eclectic ensemble of 13 artists celebrating the spirit of India through diverse viewpoints and philosophies with distinct interpretations.

Inauguration: Monday, 3rd Jan 2022 at 4.30pm
Exhibition: Monday 3rd - Friday 28th Jan 2022, Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery
Opening hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm (Sunday open)

●● Bharat Nivas - The Pavillion of India - Auroville

Please park your vehicles outside the gate Covid guidelines to be respected

AVAILABLE

Bow saw available



Good condition. Bought at the Botanical garden shop 2 years ago. One spare new blade available. Fixed contribution requested. Contact: yvelise@auroville.org.in (e-mail only for first contact)

Rubber wood bed available.

Doesn't absorb humidity, so no mold. Very good condition, custom made in 2015. Middle "plank" is plywood marine. Total length (including side panels): 190 cm – Length within the side panels: 185 cm (plan the mattress length according to this size) – Width: 90 cm – Height of bed floor: 35 cm. Fixed contribution requested. Contact: yvelise@auroville.org.in (e-mail only for first contact)

TAXI SHARE



- Arrival with Domestic Flight Chennai airport 7 January at 3:40pm, taxi share both ways possible,
Contact sigrid@auroville.org.in
- Arrival with international flight 7:30am, 13 January Chennai airport, taxi share both ways possible,
Contact Clapton 9047074711

LOOKING FOR

Hope all had a beautiful, light-filled start to this year!

Youthlink – Looking For



Dear Friends, YouthLink's office, based under Le Morgan Cafe – Town Hall, is looking for items in the below list, all in preferably GOOD CONDITION please, to help create a super environment for service:



- Working wall clock!
- Clipboards or any stationery items, such as magazine stands.
- A metal/steel shelving unit (Depth 40cm).
- Letter trays and/or large plastic trays.
- Small metal shoe rack!
- Whiteboards.

Please contact us at youthlink@auroville.org.in, or feel free to drop by our office in the mornings!

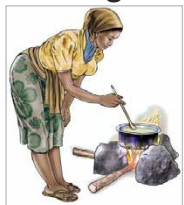
*Much appreciation, YouthLink Team:
Tenzin, Ankita, Lucrezia, Devna*

Looking for a Housekeeper

I'm looking for an Amma for 2 days a week in At Fertile. I'm looking only for an honest and good worker. Contact: +91 9818909935

Thanks, Ms. Christine Pauchard

Looking For Garden And House Help

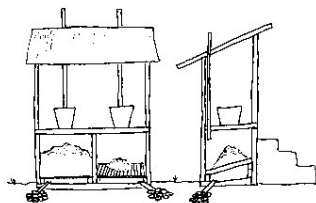


3 days a week or other arrangements. Could also be a long time volunteer in exchange of lodging.

ambre@auroville.org.in, Amber

HELP NEEDED

TERRASOUL FUND RISING COMPOST TOILETTE



Dear community, first I want to thank you all for your kind support and financial contribution.

Since we started our petition we have already raised Rs36,400, still we need Rs45,000

more to be able to complete the project and for this we need to publish one more time an appeal for your generosity. We are very close!

TeraSoul farm is facing toilet issues. As you may know, the 7 acres of land has quite a few buildings in varying conditions. There are currently 3 houses in good condition. In addition to these buildings, there is one community kitchen (we just repaired the thatch/keet roofs), one windmill and one bore well.

To host our volunteers we have 2 individual huts; 1 females dormitory with 3 beds and 1 males dormitory with 5 beds. Volunteers have access to 3 outdoor showers and only 1 dry/compost toilet. It's existing for quite a long time and needs a lot of repairs, which means that we don't get enough commodities for the volunteers. Juan has offered some of them to use the toilets from his own house as a temporary solution. But some potential volunteers prefer not to join the farm because of this situation. After Monsoon, we'll be starting a new growing season with a lot of work and we urgently need to host volunteers in a proper way.

The use of flush toilets constitutes a huge waste of clean water and nutrients. That's one reason why dry/compost toilets are very important in the flow of the land. Grey waters are useful for bananas, papayas etc. Organic matter is collected for Biochar to enrich the quality of the soil. After a year the compost becomes clean and rich and fertile. This compost should only be used in the food forest, not in the vegetable garden. It is safe to use after a composting period of about 12 months in the tropical climates depending on the right mixture of carbon and nitrogen, moisture and heat.

That's why there is an urgent need to build a new dry/compost toilet in TerraSoul, it would totally make a difference. But we can't afford the amount of 80'000 INR that is needed to build a proper installation.

As many Aurovillians, TerraSoul residents are struggling with their own individual daily living expenses right now and are not in a position of financing this expense.

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

Please send your donations to TerraSoul A/C number 105205. Label your transfer as "TerraSoul dry toilets"

If you wish to make a donation but you don't have an Aurovillian account number please write us an email we will send you information how to send directly from a bank account to Auroville.

We thank you very much for your support,

Terrasoul community

*Juan: +91 94434 34182
terrasoul@auroville.org.in*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in.

We invite the Auroville Services/Units to use our service; if you are in need to find someone to fill out a work position in your unit, we can help you by screening and finding suitable applicants.

We also invite Aurovilians and newcomers that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need. Please contact us for more information: hr_hub@aurville.org.in

HR Hub Team

LAB COORDINATOR REPORTING

Project Coordinator Roles & Responsibilities:

- Cataloging and maintenance of library books.
- Coordination and follow-up of everyday activities.
- Handling the logistics and other admin-related responsibilities.
- Recording the classroom activities, video editing, documenting and maintaining archives (act as back up for Social media coordinator).



Essential Qualifications:

- Must have good verbal and written communication skills.
- Expertise in MS Office. Preferred having good knowledge of Canva, Adobe Photoshop etc.
- Knowledge in library management and video-editing, preferred but not mandatory.
- Must have a good sense of responsibility and should have ownership skills.

Working days: Monday to Saturdays

Location: Language Research Lab, Isai Amabalam School, இசை அம்பலம்

Auroville Contact: Raghu Prashanth

Email: isai_language_lab@gmail.com

Voices and Notes

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our gratitude to Santoch, who assisted us with registration, and finding our way around on our visit to Jipmer 2 weeks ago. Also to the AVSF team, with the hopes that this can become a regular service. Medical expertise at JIPMER, we found superior to many private hospitals, we have encountered. Admittedly it is busy,

servicing a big area, and charging according to means, so patience is required, but any wait was worth the effort.

We hope this encourages anyone who would like to attend JIPMER. But I lack confidence because of the language difficulty.

Aurore & Julia from Fertile

HOW CAN WE BE TRULY WORTHY OF SRI AUROBINDO'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY?



When I think of Sri Aurobindo, two words spring to my mind, vastness and compassion. It is a vastness within which all contraries are reconciled and find their respective and luminous places in an integral truth. He is the herald of the Supermind, described as Satyam, Ritam and Brihat in the Vedas, translated as the Truth, the Right, the Vast. And for Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary, this is what we are invited to explore in our

Auroville context.

Phew ! Not an easy task, but nevertheless this is what today's imbroglia is asking us to look into. We all seem to be convinced that we know the truth, we know what is the right way forward in building this township. But somehow we seem to be fighting about this, so definitely there is something wrong in this truth that we claim to possess in a township dedicated towards human unity. And for this, we have to study the key word "Right" more deeply. A truth is right when it finds its right place in relationship with the whole, but it can very easily be distorted when it claims itself as the only truth or it places itself in a wrong configuration to the whole. And I think, we are all guilty in some way or the other towards this distortion !

Now hold your horses, you will say the others are the ones in the wrong, asserting themselves rigidly and foolishly ! But the word 'Right' not only encompasses the right relationship of the truth to the whole, but also the right process and skill in manifesting it. If you attempt to manifest it by alienating all the others by using distorted and perverse means, it will then definitely taint the whole. You will have an Auroville filled with strife and disharmony, trauma and anger ! So we have to attempt to manifest an integral reality that manifests spontaneously, skillfully and harmoniously because it is so true, there is no other way for it to manifest. This is why in the Supermind Sri Aurobindo mentions that there is the perfect marriage of consciousness and will, truth and force of manifestation.

And this is why I am so much for the Dream Weavers' approach, wherein all parties concerned, all experts concerned come together, and manifest something so whole and many-sided that all of us have no choice but to acknowledge it as the only way forward for manifesting this town of human unity.

Now you will ask me but what about compassion that I had mentioned at the beginning while describing Sri Aurobindo ? Personally, that is the key mystery for making this process graceful, joyful and bonding. Unconditional love comes to mind, respect and caring communication, openness to recognize the other's truth and finally the vast embrace in which all becomes one. Let us collaborate together in trying to manifest this, through bridges of openness, understanding and love. Let us remain poised on the edge of the unknown, not assuming to know it all, and allowing the Grace to manifest through us as willing, humble servants. This is the only way forward to manifest Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's dream, let us attempt to be worthy instruments in this divine unfolding.

With much love to all my fellow Aurovilians no matter where your stand is,

Samrat

POETRY

*This tender green
This light that draws
Dark transparent
Yeroglyphics
Light of Autumn.*

Anandi ayun, December 2021

HALLELUJAH!



This word is now in every language, but its origin – in Hebrew, it means “Praise Jah (God)”.

Once I slept and in my dream I heard: “Hallelujah! A highway, railway and underground will transect Auroville. Hello, disturbance, noise, pollution! Good-bye greens, oxygen, tranquility, peace, spirituality!” Was it a dream only or a gloomy reality of the nearest future? Oh my dear city!

When I arrived in Auroville in 1991, I saw a note on a road: “Don’t hurry, be happy.” Of course I felt more happy on the bicycle than any people on motorbikes. According to the Roman wisdom, “festina lente” – “be in hurry slowly”.

One Aurovilian used a motorbike and met a holy cow on the road. He was sure that it’s easy for him to move near the creature without problem. But, man conjectures, God disposes. The cow suddenly changed direction of its movement – and this unhappy Aurovilian fell and lost his consciousness. The animal moved with natural speed but man – with supernatural speed. Crime and punishment.

I hope that the animal was lucky to be undamaged in this case. The newspapers inform us regularly about the cases of elephant’s deaths on highways and railways. It is only the tip of an iceberg. Innumerable animals find their deaths on the roads every second. Our roads are the roads of death for God’s creatures. Maybe we have the right to kill them? And for killing trees – the old plants for the sake of the new roads?

According to the Mother, one kind of Auroville’s flowers has the spiritual name “Progress”. The Mother commented: “ This is why we are on earth”. What is our purpose of life or, in French, raison d’être? Will it be spiritual progress of human beings or technical progress of the roads and machines?


The word “entropy” has Greek origin, from “trophe” – transformation. This word is used usually if they speak about the degree of disorder of the system. In our situation, we can speak about entropy before Auroville received green cover. Sunbeams reached semi desert landscape and returned to the cosmos. Now greens in Auroville catch sunbeams and produce oxygen and biomass.

Auroville is not a city for people who like comfort. Aurovilians are biophiles – they like life. Technocrats are enemies of life. Naturally it is only my private point of view.

Boris


On the Occasion of
Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary
Bharat Nivas Presents

"A Gnostic Society"



Venue: Bhumika Hall
Date: Thursday 20th January 2022
Time: 5.00 pm

Devdip concludes his exploration of Sri Aurobindo's social and political philosophy with a series of 3 presentations based on the final chapters of Sri Aurobindo's *The Human Cycle* and *The Life Divine*.



BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

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

AUROVILLE RADIO



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- [Savitri, B. XI, C. I, Part 1](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Christmas concert – live in Cripa](#) (Music)
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- [Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep. 38](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 379](#) (Integral Yoga)

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

*Peace and Love
With love, Bhagandas*

HELPFUL HINTS

FOR THE CATS LOVERS ... AND NOT LOVERS

Probiotics House Tip Series # 35

If you’re like me, you adore cats. Why do we find these creatures so irresistible? Perhaps like me, you’ve owned a cat — or more likely, been owned by one. You know the joy that cats can bring, even when they’re being obnoxious.

What about cats and Climate Change: What’s Your Pet’s Carbon Pawprint? Dogs and cats are responsible for a quarter of the greenhouse gas emissions caused by animals, according a study out in 2017, which adds up to a whopping 64 million tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent emitted in the production of their food.

How to cut your pet’s carbon footprint for the climate? The carbon pawprint of our four-legged pals largely depends on how we take care of them. Here’s how to slash those emissions in a couple of simple steps.

1. The cat litter. Place PROBACILL in the cat litter box. Add it at the bottom with a teaspoon and after add the new clay – bentonite – silica – paper – sawdust – sand or any material to contain the litter. Don’t forget that your pet’s waste can be harmful for the environment, especially cat poop, which can contain a parasite that is dangerous to humans and animals. Don’t flush animal waste down the toilet, use PROBACILL and made it biodegradable waste into compost instead. Additionally, the benefit of tremendous reduction on odours.

2. Ditch fancy pet food to minimize waste. The largest environmental impact of the pet food industry stems from how proteins are sourced. High-end pet food that uses human-grade meat requires more animals to be raised, which generates more greenhouse gases. But this type of food won’t necessarily make your pet happier or give it the nourishment it needs. MGEcoduties and Probiotics House are working hard with a Tamilnadu PET food manufacturer to provide a balanced Pet food that reduces carbon footprint meanwhile given to animals a balance of nutrients. This Pet food with Probiotics LIVE BACTERIA will be available in 2022 in our shop in Reve.

PROBACILL is available in PTDC and Probiotics House in Reve. Soon in HERS and PTPS.

*Margarita and Guidelma
For MGEcoduties – Probiotics House*

GROUNDING AND BALANCING ENERGIES



In Ayurveda, out of the 3 doshas (Vata, Pitta, Kapha) Pitta is the bilious humour, it is the capacity to digest anything that enters the 3 levels of consciousness: in the physical (to digest food, liquids, air, sensations), in the vital (to transform emotions, feelings, desires, ambitions...) and in the mental (to shine light and intelligence).

In the physical, it is the energy of heat, digestion and transformation that is secreted between the stomach and the bowel and flows through the liver, spleen, heart, eyes and skin. When the energy is not centred in this area, it will create the following symptoms:

Bloating, abdominal distension, retention or constipation, acidity, reflux, indigestion, vomiting, PMS, menses pain, muscle tension, body pain (inflammation in the joints), body rigidity, disturbed sleep, insomnia

In the vital, it is the capacity to observe and understand manifestations in the inner being or what comes through the 5 senses. It flows through the outer layer of the heart, the pericardium. When the light is down, it creates stress, frustration, impatience, anger, bitterness, grudge, nervousness, anxiety, mood swings, pretension, arrogance, intolerance

The intelligence and knowledge pour through the mental when poised. When agitated, it leads to a lack of clarity to understand situations, over-thinking, recurrent thinking, restlessness, over-activity, agitation, loss of values, opinionated, preconceived ideas, hypersensitivity, distorted or distorting thoughts, smart aleck, mental rigidity

Some special food items and activities or herbal remedy can help to ground the energy in the heart and to nourish the body, making the liver happy again and the pericardium inflated with nice energy

Recommended food and liquids:

Proteins: veg – lentils, all dal, sesame seeds; non-veg – chicken and chicken liver, fish, eggs, sardines, octopus, crab
Grains/Cereals: corn, millet (eg: varagu, ragi, kambu...), rye, oats, wheat

Vegetables: all green vegetables (alfalfa, broccoli, celery, leek, spinach), beetroot, cabbage, carrot, fennel, lotus roots, pumpkin, radish, tomato

Fruits: dates, grapes or raisins, pomegranate

Herbs: chamomile, fennel seeds, fresh ginger, mint, oregano, parsley, thyme

Gather the energy in the heart or navel:

Deep breathing, sighing, yawning, pranayama (anuloman viloman, sheetali, sheetakari, chandra bhedana: left nostril breathing, OM chanting), athletic sports (including cardio, collective sports, individual sports), TaiChi, Qi Gong, manifesting love, listening to relaxing music, gardening, contact with nature, earthing, contact with water (water sports, walking in the sea), walking barefoot, full moon bathing, stargazing, all forms of art (painting, dancing, singing, playing an instrument), massage, crying

Mother's flowers or Bach flowers can be of good help with stagnant energies or recurrent emotions.

In the work place: drink regularly water, take regular breaks from the screens and breathe, spray Holy Basil essential oil or do fumigation with dry tulsu leaves

When Pitta is balanced it shines loving kindness and has excellent capability of observing, learning, understanding, organising, planning for the benefit of all or a greater cause.

Love and Light, Be@Sante clinic

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

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: Tuesday and Thursday.
Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

2. Indo-African Drumming Class with Mathew Prabhu

Wednesday: 5 to 6 pm and
Friday: 11 am to 12 noon

Pre-registration is mandatory

Email at:

mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

or call us at: +91 8300949079

MUSIC-WORKSHOP ON WESTERN MUSIC

Thursday, 13th of Jan 4-6pm



History and Introduction into Theory, Part Two. The Classical Period and the history of the Opera

SAILER-building first floor, all Are Welcome

The demonstration of the different points of the workshop will be supported by Videos and Music-Samples. The workshop is given by Hartmut in the SAILER building 4-6pm each month one time. For date-details please contact me under 7094812897 and vonlieres@gmx.de

Because of rainfalls the event will be held again: Thursday, 13th of January 4-6pm.

INTENSIVE PERMACULTURE WORKSHOP

Editor's note: Dear Designers of the posters! Please check the way your posters look in Grayscale, to be sure that people can read your information in Printed version of N&N!

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING WORKSHOP

Whether you're interested in building up your speaking confidence when speaking in front of others, or you're a performer/ actor interested in developing more stage presence, come join us! The classes are really beneficial for those interested in building their confidence, whether for ordinary, professional life or performance. If you struggle with stage fright, a fear of public speaking, performance anxiety or social anxiety please join us.

We will be exploring how to be our authentic true selves in a social setting; practicing being who we are, instead of trying to be who we think we need to be. In these workshops we will explore what it means to be sincere to ourselves in public and how this can help us to connect to our own individuality, to others and to audiences. A lot of emphasis in this workshop will be about embracing our vulnerability, instead of hiding it. When we are sincere and we drop our guard, we communicate in a way that truly connects to others. These classes will combine a mix of improvisational games, public speaking techniques, theatre exercises, movement and mindfulness practices.

Oh and expect lots of PLAY J

A little about our philosophy

The conventional way of looking at confidence follows an approach of "fake it till we make it". In these classes we will explore something different, which isn't about trying to conceal your fear, but daring to reveal it. We believe if there is nothing to hide there is nothing to fear. Learning how to be vulnerable is at the cornerstone of developing true confidence. We'll encourage our participants to go beyond their 'learned personas', we invite them to take off their 'masks'.

Our society celebrates extrinsic success; confidence is presented to be smooth, slick, suave and charismatic. Because of this we neglect parts of our personality: certain feelings, our idiosyncrasies, our uniqueness, our quirkiness and ultimately our vulnerability in pursuit of becoming confident, according to what society deems as confidence. However, we risk becoming 'well-rehearsed robots' and not sincere individuals, who aren't afraid of expressing their humanness. Our approach offers a non-conventional way of building confidence, one that is directly associated with how willing you are to be truly seen in your totality. Totality meaning, not just learning how to present one side of yourself, i. e. your polite, happy side, but also sharing your other qualities that so often we conceal, like our sadness, shyness etc.

(to book a place please Whatsapp Mike on +447515377896 or email michaelsokolin@gmail.com)

A little about the facilitator

Mike Sokolin, founder and senior coach @ www.scholarconnection.org. Trained theatre actor (Cockpit Theatre, London). Experienced in Meisner technique. Improvisational theatre training. Public speaking training & national championship finalist in the London International public speaking contest organized by Toastmasters International 2018. Lead role as John Smith in a London production of Ray Cooney's: 'Run for Your Wife' in Baker Street London: Rudolf Steiner Theatre 2017.

PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR NADA YOGA

Following the workshop on 18th December, we are inviting all those interested in regular practice of Nada Yoga with Mandar and Dakshayani. These sessions are held in Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas (behind Sawchu).

Those attending for the first time, please come 5-10 minutes earlier. The announced schedule of Mondays and Thursdays morning and evening may be modified or expanded depending on the number and level of participants. For further enquiries, please write to devabhasha@auroville.org.in

SOUND CHAKRAS HEALING

Guided vibrational journey using (chakras mantras, Tibetan bowls and tuning forks) to help to reduce stress, anxiety, depression, stimulating the natural cellular healing process, rebalancing the emotions & reconnecting with your true essence. Individual session or small group (max 4 people) **on request**. Please contact me for an Appointment :)

Lakshmi 8489764602 or lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

Under Synthesis activity of ASSA trust

Thanks, Lakshmi

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!

Any Day from 6:00am Onwards



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

contact us please email sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or call 8525038274. Looking forward to welcoming you!

The Sadhana Forest team

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21 day yoga program that includes asana practise, history & philosophy of yoga, human anatomy and physiology, sequencing, teaching methodology, etc. ,



Learn multiple styles of yoga like Hatha & Vinyasa, Kalari, meditation and chanting for improving your own self practice to lead a happy and healthy life, even if your intention is not to teach others.

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TRANSFORMATIONAL YOGA WORKSHOP

@ Pavilion of Tibetan culture International zone

5 days: Monday, 10 – Friday 14, January, 8:30 – 10am

Hello dear Friends, 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. Designed 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: 8489764602, Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com.

Covid guidelines to be respected

Thank you, Lakshmi

904 - 8 January 2022



PITANGA
 Samasti, (0413)262 2403
 pitanga@auroville. org. in

Program for January 2022

Please note: Respecting present Covid protocols the access to classes is limited.

Iyengar Yoga

Prior registration necessary

Iyengar Yoga, For Seniors, Starting 10th Jan	Monday, 9:30 – 11:00am
Iyengar Yoga, For ladies, [Level 2-3]	Monday, 11:00 – 12:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, Drop-in, [All levels]	Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30am
Iyengar Yoga, [Levels 2-3]	Tuesday, 5:00 – 6:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, [Levels 2-3]	Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, Drop-in, [All levels]	Thursday, 5:00 – 6:30pm

Iyengar Yoga practitioners, please note the following:

Classes earmarked "All levels" mean:

- Students can come to the class regardless of experience of Iyengar Yoga practice
- Performing inverted poses in this class is optional.
- If the student is unable to complete the basic pose, the teacher will offer an alternative.

Classes earmarked "Level 2-3" mean:

- The class is designed for experienced practitioners!
- In each lesson, inverted poses are performed.
- If the student cannot perform the basic version of the asana, he/she should know alternative options for replacement according to the peculiarities of his/her practice.

Yoga

Gentle Yoga Practice, [All levels]	Mon, Wed, Sat, 7. 30 – 9. 00am	Rachel
Asanas, [All levels]	Thursday, 10. 30 – 12. 00pm	Rachel
Asanas, [All levels]	Friday, 9. 00 – 10. 30am	Rachel
Asanas on alignments, [Mixed level]	Tuesday, Thursday, 3. 00 – 4. 30pm	Rachel
Asanas on alignments, [Intermediate level]	Monday, Friday, 5. 00 – 6. 30pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, [All levels]	Tuesday, 10. 30 – 12. 00pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, [All levels]	Wednesday, 5. 00 – 6. 30pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, [All levels]	Saturday, 3. 00 – 4. 30pm	Rachel
Yoga Therapy, [All levels]	Mon, Wed, Fri, 8. 30 – 10. 00am	Gala
Asanas, Teenagers	Monday, Wednesday, 4. 00 – 5. 00pm	Lisbeth
Asanas, Children, 7 – 9yrs	Saturday, 10. 00 – 11. 00am	Gala
Private Yoga lessons	Available on request	Rachel
Pranayama, [Regular only]	Friday, 6. 45 – 8. 00am	François & Namrita

Exercises

Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Monday, 5:15 – 6:30pm	Shari
Maitri Tunes, Drop-In, An exploration of sound and stillness	Monday, 5:30 – 6:30pm,	Sheetal
Self-Shiatsu, Drop-In, In French / English	Monday, 4:15 – 5:30pm	Patricia
Self-Shiatsu, [Regular only]	Wednesday, 5:15 – 6:45pm	Patricia
Taoist Qigong, Drop-In, [Beginners], In French	Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:00am	Elisa
Taoist Qigong, Drop-In, [Beginners], In French	Saturday, 7:00 – 8:30am	Elisa
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In, [not on 6/1]	Monday, Friday, 5:00 – 6:30pm	Suriya-gandhi
Odissi Dance, [Regular]	Friday, 3:30 – 5:15pm	Rekha

Discovery Spaces

Flow Game, Finding clarity alone and together	Friday / Saturday, 9:30 – 12:30pm, For booking, write to: sheetal@auroville.org.in	Sheetal
Energy Games & Art class, Children 7-9 yrs	Saturday, 11:00 – 12:00noon	Gala

Homoeopathic Clinic opening at Pitanga

Pitanga warmly welcomes Dr. Aditi Patel, B. H. M. S. , Homoeopath (Registered), to the team of Pitanga. Dr Aditi is opening her homoeopathic clinic "Svasti", an activity under Harmony Health, from Tuesday 11th January onward for consultations at Pitanga.

Consultations for new cases are held by appointment only. Please take your appointment with Dr Aditi directly, by calling +91-9428429642.

Emergencies and regular patients can drop-in from Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 – 11:30am and will be attended to on a first come, first served basis.

Healing Spaces

Please book your appointment for a healing space by phone: 262 2403

Energy therapy:	Vani
Rediscovering the Self-healing power and natural Intelligence of the body	Vani
Journey to the memory of the body	Vani
Essenian Healing	Patrick D.
Reiki	Pierre
Self-Healing – Based on Craniosacral Therapy	Kirtan

If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: pitanga@auroville.org.in

Feldenkrais movements resume

We are glad to welcome back Shari who continues Feldenkrais movement classes: From Friday 7th January onward, **Fridays 5:15 – 6:30pm.**

Feldenkrais movements are a wonderful and potent method to rebalance, realign and heal areas in our physical, emotional, and mental coordination.

The method is slow, very gentle, and awakens a curiosity about our inherent potential. With Feldenkrais awareness we can recognize easeful activity and find ways of functioning that are healthy, strengthening, joyful, beautiful and pain free. This does not only happen on the physical plane but ripples out into the rest of one's life. Everyone can enjoy the benefit of learning something new, especially something that brings joy and grace to our lives. No prior experience necessary.

Present Covid protocols respecting, access to all classes is limited.

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

You can reach us at 2622403 or pitanga@auroville.org.in

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Watsu® 1 (Transition Flow) with Dariya & Daniel

Wednesday 12 January – Sunday 16 January

8:45am – 6:00pm

In this course you will be taught to connect the basic movements and positions you have learned in Watsu Basic with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this work to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions.

You will also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible. On land, you will be introduced to both Co-Centering and Tantsu.

Didactic material and certificate are given upon completion of this course.

Prerequisites: Watsu Basic

Liquid Flow Essence with Dariya & Daniel

Sunday 23 January – Saturday 29 January

8:45am – 6:00pm

Liquid Flow is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). Developed at the Quiet Healing Center, Liquid Flow is inspired and based on the forms and qualities of Watsu®, OBA®, Healing Dance®, and Water-Dance®. It offers a wonderful sequence of essential movement options in a flow executed with ease and continuity.

This intense course with the main Liquid Flow sequence is for students of different aquatic bodywork modalities, who wish to dive deeper into their practice. In combination with practices on land, you will experience the profound effects of this powerful, yet softening, work.

Together with a deepening presence and unconditional holding, this course improves your therapeutic work and leads towards the essence of any aquatic bodywork: being deeply in touch with one's essence, and experiencing a sense of timelessness and connection to all.

Didactic material and certificate are given upon completion of this course.

Prerequisites: Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic or Watsu & OBA Basic.

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL



*Covid SOP must be followed.

Treatments

TREATMENT	PRACTITIONER	TIME
Body Logic & Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio Sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna Massage, Bare Foot Body Massage.	Silvana 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Hair Cuts, Hair Colouring, Henna Colouring.	Meha 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Ayurvedic Massage	Roberto +343803614902	Monday to Friday
Orthopedist & Naturopath offering Foot Reflexology & Metamorphic treatment following Haptosynesia.	Alexandre 9500278523	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, OsteoThai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco 8778839827	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy.	Chun 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina: 9791719387, +393462258049 (WA)	Monday to Saturday
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques.	Mukta 9655422346	Monday to Saturday

Classes

Acro Yoga	Damien 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates Classes	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday 7:30-8:30am. Wednesday: 4:15pm, Friday: 5:30pm Appointment.
Iyengar Yoga	Olesya 9159052743	Monday, Friday, Saturday 6:30-8:00am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday 5:00-6:30pm.

HOLISTIC - HEALING & CONSCIOUSNESS



Yoga, Meditation & Stress-management workshop
17 – 22 January 2022

Organized by Holistic a health care unit of Auroville. This workshop is conducted by our Yoga Teacher Christine Pauchard & Mradul Jain. 6 Mornings Workshop, 7:45 – 9:30am and 10:45am – 1:00pm

Registration:

For registrations & more information, please [look here](#), +91 9489805493 or contact@auroville-holistic.com

JIVA



“Jiva” is a growing collaborative of highly experienced therapists living in Auroville. Therapy, Workshops, Retreats and Courses and Classes. We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion.

And soul, for conscious evolution, Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Qi-Gong, TaijiChuan, Energy work, Fasting Natural Horsemanship, Horse assisted Therapy, Medical Clowning, Yoga Nidra, Gentle Birth & pregnancy, Integral Regression therapy, trauma therapy, advanced classical homeopathy Systemic constellation & family constellation

See our newly uploaded Photos and Videos: www.auroville-jiva.com!

WA 9626006961, contact@auroville-jiva.com, [Facebook](#)

NEW: regular classes in Taijiquan and QiGong

- **Dynamic QiGong with Andres**

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 7-8am, behind Kalabhumi

- **Taiji Quan and Qigong with Michael & the Taiji-Family**

Qigong: Tuesday, Thursday 4 – 4:45pm

Qigong is the “Yoga of China”, a holistic system to practice and refine the body, our life-energy, the mind and to nourish our soul.

Suitable for all ages. Bodywork and Meditation

- **Taijiquan (TAI CHI)**

Tuesday, Thursday 4. 45pm – 6pm

Learn “Chen Style Taijiquan Practical Method” from disciples of the lineage holder Master Chen Zhonghua. Authentic Chinese Martial Art.

Venue “The Learning Community” near Transition

Check our www.auroville-jiva.com Video & Photo Section to see the practices

Explore your mind

3-day workshop in hypnotherapy 7, 8, 9 January

“The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when is still”

What is hypnosis?

- How do right and left brain function practically?
- How do conscious and subconscious interact?
- Explore the depths of your mind and relax!
- Meditate with ease!
- Expand your therapeutic toolbox!
- Apply Selfhypnosis!



Workshop combining experiential learning and “Theory of the Mind”. Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in

7 January, Friday, 4 – 7pm,

8 & 9 January, Saturday, Sunday, 9 – 5pm

at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann, Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regressiontherapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Yoga Nidra 7 – 25 January



Webinar with Egle

“Nothing behind, everything ahead”: 21-day Yoga Nidra online course, 7 – 25 of January

The course includes 9 live zoom sessions 2 times a week, audio recordings for practice, home exercises & sharing.

Description:

What is your aim? What do you want to achieve? This is not a rehearsal. This is not a drill. This is your life. You are here to make the most of it.

It’s your consciousness that is the vehicle of change, that undergoes radical change from one life to another. It’s your consciousness that’s on a remarkable journey. But where is it going?

Into the heart of the subconscious mind, where all the answers lie, where one can discover ones Divinity. The treasures lie in the subconscious mind, not in the conscious part/Ego. Consciousness needs to become the partner of the unconscious, not its lifelong sworn foe.

Contents:

In this course we will explore one of the theories of the subconscious mind and the Archetypes of Self, Ego, Person, Shadow, Animus/Anima, what is a “God-program” and OBE (Out of Body experience).

Each topic will be followed by Yoga Nidra session to deepen the knowledge. Yoga Nidra is a tool, which enables a rapid shift from Beta to Theta brain wave state, which alters our perception. The knowledge is then not a mere mental construct anymore, but is reified and becomes an experience;

Details:

Live sessions on 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23 & 25 January 8pm IST, Indian time (3:30pm CET; 6:30am PST)

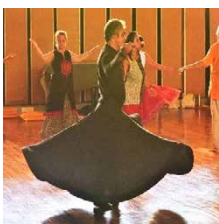
Contact@auroville-jiva.com,

WA 09488047368

Sufi – the Path of Love

Retreat with Nirupam Gyan, 9 – 13 January 22

- Find yourself whirling. . .
- Sufi Zikr & Whirling, Sacred Gurdjeff dances, active meditations, breath, dance. . . woven together magically. . .
- Your heart will open wide, your mind is still and you watch the world flying by. . .



Sufi Whirling is an ancient transformative practice

The Sufi Way Retreat – a life changing 5 days.

Nirupam Gyan Sufi is sharing Sufi & Gurdjeff & more internationally for over a decade, 5 previous workshops here have met with an overwhelming response.

All info and registration Sigrid, contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 9626006961, [Sufi Meditation Video](#)

Gurdjeffs Sacred Dances

16 – 20 January, with Nirupam Gyan



Experience the Sacred Dances of Gurdjeff – a tool to being present, in the moment, aware – and not asleep.

Gurdjeff movements help to balance our 3 centers: the physical, the emotional and the intellectual.

Through the unusual combination of movements, the asymmetry, the will to break habits, they help us to acquire a new quality of presence. It's a meditation through the movements. While being in the movement, we may experience the stillness inside, and be simultaneously aware of our inner and outer space.

Facilitator: Nirupam Gyan

Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 09626006961

Natural Horsemanship

Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in "Natural Horsemanship", individual and group sessions ongoingly

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

Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication – and its just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse!

Mirrabelle lives with horses since she is 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfils her life`s dream to bring children, adults and horses together in a healing way, in Auroville, Sharnga Guesthouse.

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

Contact: WA 9626565134, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse,

www.sharngaguesthouse.in

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



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

MOHANAM
Village Heritage Centre
Hub for Local Arts, Crafts & Culture

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.

Come and meet us at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre, near Colour of Nature, North- West of Auroville

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



SOUL OF SOIL Auroville & Kazhuveli Bio-Region Eco Experience Program

Touch ◦ Ride ◦ Feel ◦ Taste ◦ Hear ◦
Discover ◦ Experience

Hands on Experience

• Bamboo Musical Instrument Workshop

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

• Bamboo Jewellery Workshop

Choose to craft, out of bamboo and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Mohanam Village Heritage Center from professional crafts men and take home your own handmade Jewellery at the end of the workshop.

• Bamboo Toys making Workshop

Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys at Mohanam Village Heritage Center and take home your own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.

• Clay Modelling and Terracotta Workshop

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

• Kolam Mandala Painting Workshop

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

Days & Date: All working Days except Sunday

1-2 days advance booking is necessary

Contact: Preferred through e-mail at Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or +91 8300949079

- **Social Entrepreneurship Experiential Workshop by Sahithi Divi**

Now based in Auroville, calls it home as path shown by mother. Sahithi is a Forbes India 30 under 30 special mention, 2021, who has a masters degree in social entrepreneurship from, Hult international business school, California, San Francisco, a design thinking practitioner, national brand ambassador for SDGs by (CISMSE / ICTMAE) and founder of women leadership platform called Impact Scientist which is now a project of Mohanam.

- Introduction to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and social entrepreneurship
- Design thinking session and activity (human centric problem-solving mechanism)
- Visit to two Auroville based social enterprises or rural enterprises (based on choice of participants to understand the business model, challenges and opportunities)

Time duration: 4 hours (minimum one and maximum 8 participants). Lunch provided

Cost: 2500 INR (must apply 2 days in advance)

Contact: +918300949079, sahithi-mohanam@auroville.org.in

- **Social Entrepreneurship/Business Mentorship**

Services (Contact at least one day in advance)

- LinkedIn
- Business profile
- Ideation / incubation support

Contact: sahithi-mohanam@auroville.org.in, +918300949079

Bio Region Village Tours

- **Cycle Tour with Bio-Region Youth + Breakfast**

Auroville is considered one of the best cycle trails in India. We at Mohanam would like to offer our experienced staff as guides to take advantage of the best routes in and around Auroville using cycles. Includes Tea and snacks

Duration: 2hours

Date: 1-day advance booking is necessary

Day & Timing: Sunday 6am – 8am

- **Village Walk with Mohanam Youth**

Come and experience Simple Village Life and Culture by walking through the village with village youth for 3 hrs either morning or evening. Prior booking is necessary for preparation. (Min. 5 persons)

Date and Time: Every day (Except Sunday)

Meeting/Starting Point: Mohanam Village Heritage Centre

1-day advance booking is necessary

For Bookings: e-mail at mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

or call us at: +91 8300949079

- **Auroville North-West Cycle Tour + Lunch**

This tour is designed for the audience to make them more aware about the beauty and richness of our culture, tradition and our heritage in this north-west zone of Auroville. Also, this is a must take walk to understand the inspiring stories of various entrepreneurship units and the way they are carrying forward our age-old traditions with modern techniques.

Date and Time: Every day 10:30am – 1pm (Except Sunday)

Meeting / Starting Point – Lively, Opp. Ganesh Bakery

1-day advance booking is necessary for group bookings (for single bookings at least before 10 am)

- **Morning Kolam Village Walk (every Friday)**

Let the inner spirit and emotions lead the flow of Kolam. Enjoy the Tamil breakfast after the small trip inside the village, earlier in the morning made by women, to support them economically.

Timing: 06:00 am to 08. 00am

Facilitator: Kolam Practitioner

E-mail: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Phone: 8300949079

- **Indo African Drum Circle with Food and Campfire**

Enjoy the evening with blissful fusion of instrumental music, freestyle dancing and traditional drumming with campfire, accompanied by traditional Tamil dishes.

(with basic Contribution from each participant)

Day and Time: Every Wednesday between 6. 00 to 7:30 pm (Pre booking is mandatory)

Venue: Mohanam Village Heritage Centre

For more information contact us:

E-mail: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Phone: 8300949079

- **Thiruvanamalai Tour booking**

You can book the complete tour (cab, food, stay, local visit to spiritual places) by the mohanam youth to Thiruvannamalai

For more information contact us:

E-mail: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Phone: 8300949079

Our Upcoming Events in January:

- **National Youth Day (12th January)**

We invite the youth of the world to come and celebrate the national youth day on 12th of January to celebrate the foundation laid by swami vivekanda for the young blood and in remembrance of Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth year with many events and sharing

- **Celebrating Tamil Heritage Month (2nd week of January)**

We warmly invite you to participate in special programs

Talks and introduction to Tamil culture and its artistic essence, Seminar and Interactive sessions with Tamil Scholars

- **Kolam Retreat (3 days workshop – 11th, 12th, 13th January)**

We will have events and programmes to be in touch with the beauty and significance of Kolam. We are starting the festival, with a Kolam Competition. Village women will be presenting their art by decorating their entrance with traditional Kolam designs.

We invite you all to be a part of it and get a feel of the traditional art and life, which is aesthetically preserved by the localities.

- **Pongal Festival (15th January)**

Pongal is a traditional South Indian harvest festival. This celebration includes the celebration of the harvests and it also notes that the monsoon season in the region is over for the year.

Come and enjoy the celebration with us at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre, North-west Auroville.

- **Aurosanthai saturday market (Every Saturday)**

Mohanam Village Heritage Centre puts up Saturday market called Aurosanthai for the support and economic benefit of artists in bio-region areas around Auroville. Join us to support Vocal for Local and visit us to relish the creativity and sumptuous dishes by the locals.

Main Attractions

- Auroville and local Village Arts & Craft stalls (with the farmers market)
- Traditional and modern Food Fusion stalls.
- Live Music Performances.
- Hands-on Workshops.

- **Republic Day Drumming Circle Special (26th January)**

Come and enjoy the joyous celebration with national fervor on 26th January, 2022

For more information e-mail at Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call: +91 8300949079.

**NEWS FROM
AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB**



New Language Courses

Language	Level	Start Date	Time	Day(s) of Classes
Hindi	Beginner	8 January	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturdays
French	Beginner Group 1	10 January	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Mondays – Thursdays
	Beginner Group 2	10 January	03:15pm – 04:15pm	Mondays – Thursdays

Please fill out our form at <http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.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 03. 01. 2022

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	Complete Beginners!	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:00am – 11:00am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate – Group 2	10:00am – 11:00am	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate	02:30pm – 03:30pm	Wednesday & Friday
French	Beginner – Group 1	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	Beginner – Group 2	03:15pm – 04:15pm	Monday & Thursday
German	A1. 1 Beginner Online – To Start – Inquiries Welcome!	07:30am – 08:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	NEW from January 8, Beginner	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner	04:30pm – 05:30pm	Monday & Thursday
	Tamil for Children	04:15pm – 05:15pm	Friday
Spanish	Beginner	02:30pm – 03:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
	Intermediate	03:30pm – 05:00pm	Monday & Friday
	Conversation	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Wednesday
Japanese	Beginner	10:00am – 12pm	Saturday
Italian	Beginner	04:00pm – 05:00pm	Wednesday & Friday

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes! Please contact 4036922 or email us at tomatis@auvillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations

For more information about the Tomatis program, please

ALFRED TOMATIS METHOD

Balance and Coordination
Meniere's Syndrome
Vertigo

Learning Disorders Reading & Writing Issues
Dyslexia

Autism
Hyperactivity
Developmental & Language delays

Creativity and Release of Potential
Children Teenagers Adults & Seniors

Attention Concentration Memory

Certain Kinds Of Hearing Loss

Lethargy Depression

LEARN LANGUAGES FASTER

Focus & Sense Of Direction In Life

Voice Clarity Singing

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have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBM-lywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:

9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

Email: info@auvillelanguagelab.org

AUROVILLE 20th FILM FESTIVAL
January 18-23

AUROVILLE FOOD FESTIVAL
Jan 18 - 23 Town Hall
Book food: anveshan@auville.org.in

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AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL
Jan 18 - 23 Town Hall
filmfestival.auroville.org

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL 2022

Auroville Food Festival 2022

January 18 – 23, Town Hall

**AUROVILLE
7TH FILM
FESTIVAL 2022**

Auroville is going through a difficult time and, without ignoring all that we are experiencing, this event simply presents excellent films and good food.

The selected films in the category of films that develop the theme of human unity show problems and solutions from around the world.

All applicable Covid guidelines and protocols will be followed and this may mean sudden changes to the schedule.

For the first time, the festival will be streamed online worldwide at: auroville.shift72.com

Tell your friends! We are still looking for artists to make art installations for the town hall area, on the theme of human unity. If you are an artist with ideas that inspire greater community harmony and reconnection, please reach out to Marco at 9443262654. aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in. To book dinner, please contact anveshan@auroville.org.in

GREAT PYRAMID K2019

Saturday 8th January 2022 at 5pm

Town Hall – Cinema Paradiso

French Pavilion Presents



Directed by Fehmi Krasniqi

Film in French with English subtitles, duration: 100 min

It's a very popular documentary film about Egypt. Unlike other documentaries on the subject, the theories discussed and explained in the documentary run counter to the majority of classical theories of Egyptology. Based on works like that of Professor Cheick Anta Diop, Fehmi Krasniqi, the director of this documentary has reshuffled the cards of classical Egyptology and come up with a new story justified

by the theories explained in the film.

AUROFILM PRESENTS

At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

• **Reminder: Friday 7 January, "The Little Prince"** by Mark OSBORNE, France, 2015. FRIDAY 8 JANUARY, "Cine-Master Class" at Aurofilm Kalabhoomi, 5:00 pm.

• **Friday 14 January 2022, 8:00pm**
"The Color Of Paradise"

Original title: Rang-e khoda

Directed by: Majid MAJIDI, Iran, 1999

Music by: Alireza Kohandairy

With: Hossein Mahjoub, Mohsen Ramezani, Salameh Feyzi

Synopsis: Mohammad, a boy at Tehran's institute for the blind, waits for his dad to pick him up for summer vacation. The lad is a loving student of nature and longs for village life with his family, but his father is ashamed of him, wanting to send the boy out to clear the way for marriage to a woman who knows nothing of this son. The father sends Mohammad for apprenticeship far away from home to a blind carpenter. Can anything bring father and son together? . . . The film will be introduced by Profesor Sehdev Kumar, as a part of the program "International Film Classics & The Human Condition", proposed by him and organized by Aurofilm until April. Original Persian version, with English subtitles.

Duration: 1h30'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP.

INTERNATIONAL FILM CLASSICS & THE HUMAN CONDITION

Aurofilm Presents

In collaboration with film historian Prof. Sehdev Kumar, Professor Emeritus in Canada and a Friend of Auroville, known to many of us as an exponent of the verses of the great poet Kabir, during December 2021-April 2022, Aurofilm will be presenting a set of about 10 films from different countries and genres that illuminate the Human Condition in its rich and varied fecundity.



Like other arts and modes of communication – theatre, literature, paintings, sculpture – films, in their short history of 125 years, have explored cultural, historical, political, and spiritual aspects of the human journey on the earth in a hundred different ways, sometimes with profound insights that both illuminate and deepen our understanding of who we are, and who we may become.

In earlier Cine-Master Classes during 2021, as part of Aurofilm "Cine-Master Classes", Prof. Kumar introduced the cine-lovers in Auroville to three classics, *Hiroshima Mon Amour* (French), *In the Heat of the Night* (American), and *Woman of the Dunes* (Japanese). As well, he discussed special cinematic, cultural and spiritual nuances of each film, and how, and why, the film was an important part of our artistic repertoire.

To continue to see and experience some other classics and outstanding films as part of a new series, entitled "International Film Classics & The Human Condition" (having started with American film, *On The Waterfront* on Sat. 18 December) Prof. Kumar will be presenting and discussing the following films over the next four months in 2022:

1	Color of Paradise (Iran)	MMC Town Hall	Friday, 14 January, 8pm
2	Babette's Feast (Denmark)	MMC Town Hall	Friday, 28 January, 8pm
3	Monsoon Wedding (India, USA)	MMC Town Hall	Friday, 4 February, 8pm
4	Coming Home (China)	MMC Town Hall	Friday, 11 February, 8pm
5	Divided We Fall (Czechoslovakia)	Aurofilm	Saturday, 19 February, 5pm
6	La Strada (Italy)	Aurofilm	Saturday, 5 March 5pm
7	Dead Poets Society (USA)	MMC Town Hall	Friday, 11 March, 8pm
8	Shine (Australia)	MMC Town Hall	Friday 18 March 8pm
9	The Seventh Seal (Sweden)	Aurofilm	Saturday, 2 April, 5pm
10	Lives of Others (Germany)	MMC Town Hall	Friday, 8 April, 8pm

The program is subject to unpredictable changes, so please watch out for confirmed dates and venues before each film, as the 2022 calendar and events unfolds. . .

Aurofilm very much hopes to continue presenting such a series regularly in future, at least once a year under the direction of Prof. Kumar. In the mean time, Aurofilm's Cine-Master Classes are regularly scheduled in our premises/ Kalabhoomi, presented by different enthusiast and knowledgeable speakers/researchers.

Wishing you all a beautiful and meaningful year,
Aurofilm team & Prof. Sehdev Kumar

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 7

Monday, 10 January 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.



 B H A V A N
The Book Of Yoga, Canto 1-7**Duration: 74min.**

The Joy of Union; The Ordeal of the Foreknowledge of Death and The Heart's Grief and Pain, The Parable of the Search for the Soul, The Entry into the Inner Countries, The Triple Soul-Forces, The Finding of the Soul, Nirvana and the Discovery of the All-Negating Absolute and The Discovery of the Cosmic Spirit and the Cosmic Consciousness.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A living image of the original Power descends into her heart and as it touches her feet a mighty movement rocks her inner space and activates all her chakras:

All underwent a high celestial change... / Each part of the being trembling with delight... / In the country of the lotus of the head... / In the castle of the lotus twixt the brows... / In the passage of the lotus of the throat... / In the kingdom of the lotus of the heart... / and finally: In the deep place where once the Serpent slept... / A firm ground was made for Heaven's descending might. (p. 529-530)

Finding her soul and being united with it, Savitri is serenely happy and her happiness spreads all around. But there are still some challenges to face. Savitri goes through the experience of Nirvana and the Discovery of the All-Negating Absolute, and hears the Voice of Night followed by the greater Voice of Light that tells her:

Fear not to be nothing that thou mayst be all... / God must be born on earth and be as man / That man being human may grow even as God. ... / Cast off thy mind, step back from form and name. / Annul thyself that only God may be." (p. 536-538)

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

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

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

Schedule of Events:

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

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

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

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

20:00 Dinner is served

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

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

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

**Friday 14 January
Last Chance to See: Aye-aye**

1990 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

This documentary showcases the efforts taken to conserve the elusive and fascinating aye-aye. Conservationists are battling to preserve the remaining fragmented islands of forest by planting green corridors and engaging local communities. In a Malagasy village, Fry and Carwardine witness a traditional healing ceremony. The aye-aye has been a victim of cultural beliefs as well as habitat loss, regarded by some natives as a symbol of death.





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 10 January 2022 to 17 January 2022

*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 prepared and enjoy the films. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. **Please note:** we have rolled back our timing to our regular slot **8pm** for now. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.*

*On **18 January 2022 – Auroville Film Festival (AVFF)** will start. As a precursor to that event some films which are not part of the AVFF but are much liked by the expert panel have been scheduled this week, as a precursor.*

Indian– Monday 10 January, 8 pm:

MIMI

India, 2021, Dir. Rajesh Bhatia & Laxman Utekar w/ Kriti Sanon, Evelyn Edwards, Pankaj Tripathi, and others, Comedy-Drama, 132mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Mimi is a small-town girl from Rajasthan who gets offered Rs. 20 lakhs to act as a surrogate for an American couple. The middleman is Bhanu who, in his impeccable style, manages to convince both parties. The only hindrance being: how Mimi will hide her pregnancy from her parents and society at large. A twist of fate – poses even more challenges for Mimi. Can she embrace the adventure life throws at her? The film touches upon the challenges of surrogacy and how society looks at it. *A good topical film to watch*

Potpourri – Tuesday 11 January, 8 pm:

BELFAST

UK, 2021, Dir. Kenneth Branagh, w/ Jude Hill, Lewis McAskie, Caitriona Balfe, and others, 98 mins, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Late 1960s, the Northern Ireland Troubles between Protestants and Catholics was challenging all families, his endearing portrait of Buddy as a curious and sweet, albeit precocious, school boy for whom the biggest conflicts are figuring out how not to emigrate from Belfast because of the violence and connecting with the elusive little blonde who occupies the top of her class with Buddy.

Interesting – Wednesday 12 January, 8 pm:

BORDERLAND

India, 2021, Dir. Samarth Mahajan, Documentary, 67 mins, Bengali-Hindi-Nepali w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

This film is an intimate exploration of how everyday lives intertwine with borders in the subcontinent. It brings together six characters whose lives are defined by personal and political borders. Conversations between characters reveal their efforts to find meaning in a world beyond their control. Divided families meet, love blossoms, traffickers get caught – in this slice of life film. *A precursor to AVFF 2022.*

Special – Thursday 13 January, 8 pm:

UNWOVEN THREAD OF KASHI

India, 2021, Dir. Abhishek Singh, w/ Veena Sahay, Trishith Chatterjee, Navin Chandra, Drama, Hindi w/ English subtitles, 84 mins, Rated: NR

In the city of Kashi, a women's ethnic wear, "Banaras Saree" is on a journey where it decides the fate of individuals who are victims of bygone societal practices. It is an anthology, which is divided into three short stories but connected with a single thread of the Benarasi saree. The theme is complex yet subtle. *A precursor to AVFF 2022.*

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

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International – Saturday, 15 January, 8 pm:

EXIL (Exile)

Germany-Belgium, 2020, Dir. Visar Morina, w/ Misel Maticevic, Sandra Hüller, Rainer Bock, and others, 121 mins, Drama, German-Albanian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Xhafer, from Kosovo, pharmaceutical engineer living in Germany who suddenly feels discriminated and bullied at work because of his ethnic background, plunging him into an identity crisis. His German wife Nora is tired of him playing the racism card all the time. Do his colleagues simply dislike him? Or is there more to their hostility? Is this all in his mind or is it the actual reality? *A precursor to AVFF 2022.*

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 16 January, 4:30 pm:

EXTINCT

USA, 2021, Dir. David Silverman w/ Joel H. Cohen, John Frink, Rob LaZebnik and others, Animation, English w/ English subtitles, 84mins, Rated G

Op and Ed accidentally time-travel from the Galapagos Islands in 1835 to present-day Shanghai. They make their way through the city in confusion and make the horrifying discovery that the species to which they belong became extinct shortly after.

MARCEL CARNÉ FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club Sunday 16 January, 8:00 pm:

LES VISITEURS DU SOIR (The Devils Envoys)

France, 1942, Dir. Marcel Carné w/ Arletty, Fernand Ledoux, and others, Romance-Fantasy, 123 mins, French w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR

At the end of the 15th century, two minstrels, Gilles and Dominique, come from nowhere to the castle of Baron Hugues. Gilles charms Hughes' daughter Anne, while Dominique charms both Hugues and Anne's fiancé, Renaud. Gilles and Dominique are not really in love; they have been sent by the Devil to drive people to despair.


Indian– Monday 17 January, 8 pm:


INDIA'S FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

UK, 2020, Dir. Deana Uppal, W/Deana Uppal, Documentary, English w/ English subtitles, 109 mins, Rated: PG13

From respected forgers of Armour for Hindu kings in the 16th century through to impoverished nomadic blacksmiths who forge and sell items from waste metal scraps. The history and story of India's proud but largely forgotten Gadia Lohar community is for the first time sensitively investigated in this film. *A precursor to AVFF 2022.*

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Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
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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 – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kuilapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	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 Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main 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



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