

News & Notes

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Auroville Bath

Long and narrow is the ancient Path, — I have touched it, I have found it, — the Path by which the wise, knowers of the Eternal, attaining to salvation, depart hence to the high world of Paradise.

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

The Ponder Corner

Secondly, that if, in the state of passivity, we open ourselves entirely to what is beyond, we can become aware of a Power acting upon us which we feel to be not our own in the limited egoistic sense, but universal or transcendental.

The Origin of the Ignorance

Life Divine

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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

(continued from last week)

"This belief in a gradual soul evolution with a final perfection or divine transcendence and human life as its first direct means and often repeated opportunity, is the pivot of the Indian conception of existence. This gives to our life the figure of an ascent in spirals or circles; and the long period of the ascent has to be filled in with human knowledge and human action and human experience. There is room within it for all terrestrial aims, activities and aspirations; there is place in the ascent for all types of human character and nature. For the spirit in the world assumes hundreds of forms and follows many tendencies and gives many shapes to his play or *līlā*. All are part of the total mass of our necessary experience; each has its justification, each has its natural or true law and reason of being, each has its utility in the play and the process. The claim of sense satisfaction was not ignored, it was given its just importance. The soul's need of labor and heroic action was not stifled, it was urged to its fullest action and freest scope. The hundred forms of the pursuit of knowledge were given an absolute freedom of movement; the play of the emotions was allowed, refined, trained till they were fit for the divine levels; the demand of the aesthetic faculties was encouraged in its highest rarest forms and in life's commonest details. Indian culture did not deface nor impoverish the richness of the grand game of human life; it never depressed or mutilated the activities of our nature. On the contrary, subject to a certain principle of harmony and government, it allowed them their full, often their extreme value. Man was allowed to fathom on his way all experience, to give to his character and action a large rein and heroic proportions, and to fill in life opulently with color and beauty and enjoyment. This life side of the Indian idea is stamped in strong relief over the epic and the classical literature. It is amazing indeed that anyone with an eye or a brain could have read the Ramayana, Mahabharata, the dramas, the literary epics, the romances, and the great abundance of gnomic and lyric poetry in Sanskrit and in the later tongues (to say nothing of the massive remains of other cultural work and social and political system and speculation), and yet failed to perceive this breadth, wealth and greatness. One must have read without eyes to see or without a mind to understand; most indeed of the adverse critics have not read or studied at all, but only flung about their preconceived notions with a violent or a high-browed ignorant assurance.

But while it is the generous office of culture to enrich, enlarge and encourage human life, it must also give the vital forces a guiding law, subject them to some moral and rational government and lead them beyond their first natural formulations, until it can find for life the clue to a spiritual freedom, perfection and greatness. The pre-eminent value of the ancient Indian civilisation lay in the power with which it did this work, the profound wisdom and high and subtle skill with which it based society and ordered the individual life, and encouraged and guided the propensities of human nature and finally turned them all towards the realization of its master idea.

The mind it was training, while not called away from its immediate aims, was never allowed to lose sight of the use of life as a discipline for spiritual perfection and a passage to the Infinite.

The Indian mind whether in the government of life or in the discipline of spirituality kept always in sight two main truths of our existence. First, our being in its growth has stages through which it must pass: if there are sometimes leaps forward, yet most of its growth is a developing progression; the swiftest race has its stadia. Then again, life is complex and the nature of man is complex; in each life man has to figure a certain sum of its complexity and put that into some kind of order. But the initial movement of life is that form of it which develops the powers of the natural ego in man; self-interest and hedonistic desire are the original human motives, — *kamā*, *artha*. Indian culture gave a large recognition to this primary turn of our nature. These powers have to be accepted and put in order; for the natural ego-life must be lived and the forces it evolves in the human being must be brought to fullness. But this element must be kept from making any too unbridled claim or heading furiously towards its satisfaction; only so can it get its full results without disaster and only so can it be inspired eventually to go beyond itself and turn in the end to a greater spiritual Good and Bliss. An internal or external anarchy cannot be the rule; a life governed in any absolute or excessive degree by self-will, passion, sense-attraction, self-interest and desire cannot be the natural whole of a human or a humane existence. The tempting imagination that it can and that this is the true law is a lure with which the Western mind has played in characteristic leanings or outbursts; but this turn unjustly called Paganism, — for the Greek or Pagan intelligence had a noble thought for law and harmony and self-rule, — is alien to the Indian spirit. India has felt the call of the senses not less than Greece, Rome or modern Europe; she perceived very well the possibility of a materialistic life and its attraction worked on certain minds and gave birth to the philosophy of the Charvakas: but this could not take full hold or establish even for a time any dominant empire. Even if we can see in it, when lived on a grand scale, a certain perverse greatness, still a colossal egoism indulgent of the sole life of the mind and the senses was regarded by her as the nature of the Asura and Rakshasa. It is the Titanic, gigantic or demoniac type of spirit, permitted in its own plane, but not the proper law for a human life. Another power claims man and overtops desire and self-interest and self-will, the power of the Dharma.

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo,

The Renaissance in India,

pages 159-162

http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37_20/the_renaissance_in_india_20.pdf

Townhall Speaks

REPORT OF FOREST GROUP MEETING

Held At Fertile on 7 January 2022

Present: Amos-Evergreen, Giri Thirumal-Fertile East, David-Aurodam, Noe-New Lands, Mani-Samridhi Windmill, Ramani-Freedom, Michael-Fertile, V. Boobalan-Siddhartha Forest, Vengatesh-Abri Forest, P. Elumalai-Bliss, Jean Luc-Revelation, Diego-Samridhi, Cristo-Revelation, Yuval-Eternity, T. Saga-Kottakarai, Dave-Silence, Fabian-Pitchandikulam, Kanniyappan-Pitchandikulam, Jonah-Eternity, Vikram-Infinity, Jessamijn-Udumbu, Island-Espace, Ambre-Nilatangam, Manolo-Bliss, Espace, Youth Center, Ilango-Fertile, Chris-Udumbu, Omid-Fertile, Sandeep-Fertile, Jan-Fertile Field, Rita-Center Field, Amy-Isai Ambalam, Eric-Baraka, Shivaraj-Martvam, Andrey-Infinity, Alex-Fertile, Julia-Fertile, Johnny-Fertile, Laurence-Baraka, Edzard-Discipline, Hans-Abri Forest, Segar-Revelation, Achilles-Baraka

Chair: Jonah, **Notes:** Rita

Topics:

1. Revelation Forest

Cristo gave an overview of the current situation in Revelation. The stewards Patrick, Nathalie and Quantin are away since two and a half years and it is not known when they will return. Meantime, Cristo, Olivier and Jean Luc are managing the place. Recently Segar has joined them and is receiving a maintenance for his work. Cristo is asking for a person as the new steward. Island, as the closest neighbour is offering help. Island and Enea have been helpful.

The FG meeting of February will take place in the meadow of Revelation. Meantime, the meeting requested Hans to send a mail to absentee stewards requesting a response to FG's earlier mail, before the next FG meeting.

2. Freedom

Ramani from Freedom requested that her half maintenance be raised to a full one. Freedom is 5.5 acres and receives a watchman budget. Meeting asked Ramani to make her request through email.

3. Fertile

There is tree clearing going on under the HT lines passing through Fertile, supposedly to set up a transformer. Stewards of Fertile have not been contacted. Stewards to send mail to Auroville Foundation, Working Committee, Land Board, Electrical Service informing of this.

4. Green National Tribunal

It was shared that the stay order continues for the time being.

5. Investment of funds into Auroville's land

It was suggested that FG compile a statement of income and expenditure, over the last four decades, to show how much money has been invested on the lands by individual stewards. It is well known in the FG that expenditure far exceeds income. The difference comes out of the stewards' pocket.

It was also suggested to make an assessment in value of the trees that have been removed.

Both suggestions were well received at the meeting.

6. Upcoming Film Festival

Jean Luc invited the forest group to watch two films relating to Forests, to be screened on Tuesday, 18 Jan. One is from Ethiopia, where a church is safeguarding the indigenous forest, "Church Forest". Second is from Germany where citizens are trying to preserve a forest in the face of a highway that is planned. "Barricade".

Next forest meeting on Friday, 4th February, at Revelation. Please come at 2:30pm for a walk through Revelation. Meanwhile, Patrick has informed the forest group that he is appointing Arun Ambathy, a volunteer, as his replacement for the time being.

COVID CASES IN AUROVILLE

Dear Community Friends, here is an update about the situation of Covid cases inside our community: in the last three days we have registered 18 new cases, 5 are Aurovilians, 11 are volunteers and 2 are guests.

For the time being most of the cases are with mild or no symptoms. It is possible that the number may increase in the coming days.

The list of Covid cases that includes only Aurovilians and Newcomers who have contacted Sante will be updated soon and will be available at this link.

People who show symptoms can contact Sante reception or Health Center for phone consultation or write to santeco-ordination@auroville.org.in.

We remind unit holders and guest house managers that they are responsible for helping to support and take care of non-Aurovillian Covid positive patients who are working or staying with them.

Covid guidelines of the Central and State Government must be respected and we advise avoiding large gatherings and large social events in the coming days.

Please, remember to continue applying 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, Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)

*For the Auroville Council, Balaji, Claudine,
Ganesh K., Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva*

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ATDC AND AV

"Dear ATDC, the Auroville Council is concerned by the dynamics in our community and especially by the lack of agreement of which your publication on Auronet dated 28.12.2021 is one of the strongest indicators.

We agree as you state that "the Crown development work has to continue in compliance with Sections 19(2)(c) and 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act".

However, as per the 57th minutes of the Governing Board (GB) you have erroneously interpreted their "view" as a "decision". As per section 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act, the GB is to "prepare" a master-plan of Auroville in consultation with the Residents' Assembly and to "ensure" the development of Auroville as so planned. Opposed to this you are suggesting that the ATDC should "impose" the development, without due process and requisite plans, against the recommendations of the RA, and this on behalf of the GB.

As you have misinterpreted the minutes of the GB and at the same time intend to ignore the RA's internal processes, although you are constituted by the RA, we must on these grounds alone place your office appointments and legitimacy in question.

On behalf of the RA, you are reminded of your legal obligation to the RA as one of the 3 authorities of the Auroville Foundation. As per AVFA 17(c), GB is to accord approval to the programmes of Auroville drawn up by the Residents' Assembly. Until the GB has had the opportunity to receive the recommendations of the RA and accord approval to said activities for the development of Auroville you are requested to respect the decisions of the RA.

We might publish this information to the community but before doing so, we would like your input.

As you have suggested, we confirm the meeting for Tuesday 11th at 10am at AvC meeting room."

Warm regards,

*For the Auroville Council, Balaji, Claudine,
Ganesh K., Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva*

FAMC PRESENTATION

to the 58th Governing Board meeting

Dear community, on 12 January we were informed by the Under Secretary to prepare a presentation of 'action taken' and 'the progress report' concerning FAMC working group related points in the 57th Governing Board meeting minutes. For the FAMC those are the points on 'Economy'.

On Saturday 15 January we were told by the Working Committee to follow a given format for the Governing Board presentation. We worked on the FAMC presentation together online Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning.

On Sunday 16th we were informed to present the FAMC presentation to the Secretary for her inputs on 17 January at 12 noon. That meeting took place. We then finalized the presentation on Monday afternoon 17 January.

We have posted it on the AuroNet [<https://auroville.org.in/article/88804>] for your information.

Regards, FAMC

(members are: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan)

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ATDC AND AVC

Dear Community, for your information, we are sharing an email sent to ATDC on January 7th 2022 as a response to their note on AuroNet dated 28th December 2021. <https://auroville.org.in/article/88278>

To this we received a response from them informing us that the concerned matter is sub-judice, and they do not want to discuss it unless and until the case is cleared by National Green Tribunal. We wish that we can create bridges so that all our differences can be resolved internally.

Warmest regards and Happy Pongal.

PETITIONS AND RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY DECISION-MAKING (RAD)

Dear Community, The RAS approached the Council regarding displeasure directed at them by members of the community in regard to the order in which upcoming RADs should be hosted, and specifically in regard to the current RAD that suggests a pause on Crown development, and why it was given priority over other older proposed RADs.

The current RAD became an urgent RAD because this topic is so central to Auroville at this time and directly affects everyone of us. Therefore it is very reasonable that it took precedence over other RADs.

In the current situation where there are several proposed RADs; RAS, in consultation with Council, has to determine the order in which these are to be held because certain RADs are of greater urgency to the community, bearing in mind that hosting simultaneous RADs is problematic and confusing.

As a first priority, the new draft of a selection process for working groups will be put to a RAD because our next round of selections is due to take place in March 2022. This was already the intention many months ago. The proposal from SPRTF (Selection Process Review Task Force) that is yet to be published will be suggested as an alternative to the current ratified PWG 2020 document. Please stay posted for the announcement.

The next RAD after this will be determined in due time with the intention of addressing the most urgent and important topics faced by the community.

We request any petitioners of RADs that were filed prior to the ratification of the interim RAD process, to please contact the RAS again if they still wish to pursue these. It is the responsibility of the representatives of the petitioners suggesting a RAD to drive and hold the process with the assistance of the RAS. Considering the many requests we propose that only one RAD is presented by any group of representatives.

Warm regards, Auroville Council

THE RIGHT TO VACCINATE

Following doubts raised by some Workers employed in one of the Units, stating that their Employer is preventing them from being vaccinated against the CoronaVirus, we wish to state that "the right to Vaccination rests with the respective individual" and hence request all the Employers to allow their Employees to get vaccinated on their own accord and not prevent anyone from being vaccinated against the CoronaVirus. The Central Government of India and State Government of Tamil Nadu have made Vaccination mandatory for Workers and there is pressure on them to get vaccinated.

In Tamil Nadu the Health Minister Ma Subramanian has said "when people are in Public places, the vaccination certificate will be verified by the appropriate authority of that place or building. Vaccination is everyone's responsibility, and we want everyone to take them. I have directed health officials to write to the Private Sector to ensure everyone in their premises is vaccinated against Covid-19. Most people in Government Offices have already taken the vaccine"

The Director of Public Health (DPH) Dr. T.S Selvinayagam has stated "The Public Health Act empowers the director of public health and preventive medicine to make vaccination and preventive inoculations compulsory. The Act empowers health officials to evacuate; seal, fine or book cases against people who refuse to abide by the rules. These must be considered as measures to improve public health administration or safeguard public health".

The Division Bench of the Madras High Court headed by Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice Senthilkumar have observed that "Vaccinating oneself may not only be to protect oneself but also in the larger interest of the public health".

With Warm Regards

Sandjivy, on behalf of S.E.W.A

S.E.W.A (Small Employers & Employees Welfare Administration, Town Hall (next to Vehicle Service, behind Blue Light), telephone: 0413-2622709, sewa@auroville.org.in

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 117

Dated: 22-01-2022

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 Aurovilian in writing to entryservice@auroville.org.in. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Nithya VENKATESAN (Indian) staying in Aurodam and working at Integral Architecture Imago
- Pablo Andrés PACHECO DEZA (Chilean) staying in Auromode and working at Future School



Nithya



Pablo

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Vegaa NITHYA (Indian) Born on 01/04/2010 (daughter of Nithya VENKATESAN)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Sivaganesan RAMAMOORTHY (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Punniyakodi MANJINI (Indian) staying in Youth Camp (Fraternity) and working at Youth Camp & Auro Orchard



Punniyakodi

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Isabel Maria TORRES MORALES aka Isabella (Spanish)

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Livia MIKAI (Brazilian)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours,
The Entry Service

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

ANNOUNCEMENT 18TH JANUARY 2022



Residents' Assembly Decision to pause all clearing, infrastructure laying and permanent construction work on the Right of Ways of Crown, Radials...

**Please Ignore This Reminder
If You Have Already Submitted Your Vote.
Thank You!**

"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".

Dear Residents, this Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) is for the community to approve or disapprove the above proposal.

The RAD will run until SUNDAY, 23rd January 2022

Regarding privacy and confidentiality of votes:

We would like to remind you that the Residents' Assembly Service has never shared the list of voters to anyone, whatever the circumstances.

RAS is a service to the Community with a specific frame of work and mandate, and each and all members of the team would like to ensure our fellow Aurovilians that RAS is much and constantly aware of its responsibility towards the Residents' Assembly.

We thank you for your understanding and support.

How To Participate

Use your personalized voting link sent by the RAS. Web based Gmail interface users, check the Promotions tab in case the email is not in your inbox. Good to also check your Spam / Junk folders. If you are an Aurovilian and didn't receive this email, please write to raservice@auroville.org.in

In Person

Attention!

In-person voting can be affected by covid-19 restrictions, so please do not wait for the last day to submit your vote in person.

We Will Keep You Informed On Any Further Update

If you prefer to vote in person, a printed voting slip is also available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Please fill your ballot out and hand it over to the RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS office) every

- Monday 2pm – 4:30pm,
- Tuesday 10am – 12pm,
- Thursday 10am – 12pm,
- Friday 10am – 12pm.

We are happy to help you register your decision.

In-person voting will be organized at Solar Kitchen on Sunday, January 23, 11am – 2pm.

Reference Materials

- [Report of the follow-up RAM](#)
- [Report of the first RA Meeting](#)
- [Recording of the first RAM](#)
- [Presentation of the ATDC](#) (for the RAM1)
- [Presentation of the petitioners](#) (for the RAM1)
- [Presentation of the petitioners](#) (for the follow-up RAM)
- [Relevant materials](#) and [Summary for navigation](#) (provided by the petitioners' representatives and coordination team)
- Clarification: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))
- RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))
- [Original petition](#)

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

CHITRA



This is to inform the community that in the afternoon of Thursday 13 January, our dear friend and sister Chitra Balaguru passed away due to suicide in her Humanscapes home, which she shared with her husband Balaguru and daughter Praveena. She was 39 years old.

Originally hailing from Chennai, Chitra came with her husband and small daughter to Auroville in 2013 and officially joined in March 2016. Having experience with senior care, she naturally gravitated towards the Auroville Health Services where she has been working as hygiene inspector and care giver for almost ten years. She was much appreciated by both AVHS and the many recipients of her care, who saw her as a conscientious, friendly and always uplifting presence in their lives. She will be sorely missed.

Chitra's body was cremated at the Auroville Mandapam in the morning of 15 January with members of family and friends attending.

Thank you, Chitra, and may you find peace. Our warmest condolences go out to the family.

OM

SRI AUROBINDO INTERNATIONAL MULTIVERSITY

Collaborate as an Individual Entity

As you must be aware, there is an attempt at bringing different educational entities related to the works of Sri Aurobindo together to offer experiential, **academic or research-based courses** as Sri Aurobindo International Multiversity (SAIM).

A total of 128 Centers and Individuals from India and around the world have signed up so far as potential collaborators of this venture to offer courses. This includes one Center and two individuals so far from Auroville as potential collaborators.

We felt, given the rich diversity of applied and experiential courses that exist in Auroville, it will be great if more Centers/Units and Individuals from Auroville sign up.

At this stage, it is a loose formation that is emerging. This is not a commitment set-in-stone.

There is a draft bill to be proposed in the parliament and that will take its own time. Meanwhile, a group of people are coming together to do preparatory work, which includes

1. Enumerating the entities associated with Sri Aurobindo's work of Integral Higher Education.
2. Roll out a small set of pilot courses on February 22, 2022.

Regarding the first point, if as an individual or a unit, you are potentially interested in offering courses as a part of the Multiversity, please fill out either of the two forms. It will be great, if you fill out these forms by January 22, 2022.

- Organisational Form: <https://bit.ly/saim-org>
- Individual form: <https://bit.ly/saim-ind>

It is preferable to fill the "organisational form" above, and even as you wish to offer a course as an individual, it is preferable you fill both the forms.

Regarding the second point i.e. to offer a pilot course: if you have a concrete online or on-campus course in mind that you can offer as a pilot course on February 22, 2022, you can fill the following form.

It is preferred that you fill the following form as an organisation, and only after filling the organisation form above.

Here is where you can fill the form for holding a pilot course: <https://bit.ly/saim-pilot>

[Please make sure you fill the organisational form as a collaborating entity before applying to offer a pilot course using this link.]

Note that your course does not need to begin on February 22, 2022. It can have a start date anytime in 2022. On February 22, 2022, will be a simple curtain raiser for your course. Also, note that at this stage there is no single learning management system on which courses are being hosted. You will be hosting your course on your own LMS/ On-Campus/Zoom etc.

The fee for your course will also be following the route that it usually follows.

The only difference is it will be listed on the SAIM website, SAIM will be making an effort at marketing/outreach of all pilot SAIM courses and thirdly, there is a small group that will be vetting courses for their academic rigour and quality. Your course can be experiential, academic or research-based.

It will be great, if you fill out these forms by January 22, 2022.

Divyanshi Chugh

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY

On the occasion of the Celebration of India's Republic Day

All are invited to attend the Flag Hoisting Ceremony with a chanting of National Anthem, followed by Vande Mataram and Sanskrit Hymns



On Wednesday, January 26th, 8:30am

at Kalakendra & Auditorium Entrance in Bharat Nivas
Post Flag Hoisting celebration; there will be a live screening of Republic Day Parade at Bhumika Hall.

All are welcome

Note: 50% crowd and Covid protocols, social distancing & masks to be respected.

Shilpa
For Bharatnivas Team

AVSST'S DUTY REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Dear Community members, AVSST's duty reports for October 2021 are available on Auronet.

To find it, go in the "Reports" section of Auronet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:

Thank you,
The Auroville Safety & Security Team
Emergency (24/7): +91 944 30 90 107

ECO FAIRIES

Our aim is:

- To facilitate the pickup of your waste from our AV EcoService.
- If needed we can help you for a better organization in your common waste place.
- Facilitating the sorting out for the correct labeled waste bin accorded to the color on the poster.
- Let us know if you didn't get this free poster till now.
- As well we organize training for your ammas on the spot.

Please contact us by:

servicefairies@auroville.org.in

- Then we can contact you.
- For this we need the name of your community as well: name and phone number from the person responsible for your waste place.

Warmly
Eco Fairies Team

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AV HEALTH FUND SCHEME

If you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, **together with your doctor prescription and your PT account number and Email**, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre or at SANTE.

As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from **April 2021 till February 2022** have to be processed before the end of **March 2022**.

Only the medical bills from **March 2022** can be paid till the **end of April 2022**.

The audit service has been told **not to process any bills** from last financial year **after March 2022**.

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

*From AV Health Fund Scheme
Kind regards, Health Fund Team*

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

SDZ Funding in 2022

Project Coordination Group

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting to review grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier. The **last date** to submit proposals for this call is **Monday, 14 February 2022**. You

are welcome to submit earlier or send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. **(If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end!)** All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments, emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in

Only those initiatives that can be carried out under prevailing COVID conditions will be considered.

Please note that in case your proposal is not ready by this date, there will be several other calls for proposals for SDZ announced for later this year.

The Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within the SDZ funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation.

Stichting de Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

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

Please note that funds are generally not available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for funding projects where the maintenance of Aurovilians is either provided by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

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

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

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

For more information or assistance please write to pcg@auroville.org.in

The last date for submitting proposals for this call is **Monday, 14 February 2022**. Please submit earlier if possible.

NB There will be other opportunities to submit proposals for funding by Stichting de Zaaier to be announced later this year.

LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA

Mr. Ganesh is available at **Kalpna** for issuing, rescheduling for all kinds of ticketing Bus, Train, Flights and travel insurance.

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.

Qatar airways resumes operation from South Africa from 13 January 2022.

Following the announcement from the authorities of the lifting of travel ban on South Africa, Air Mauritius is resuming its passenger commercial flights from Johannesburg as from Sunday 09 January 2022.

We would like to inform you regarding an update in Lufthansa's February flight schedule which is as follows:

- Bengaluru–Frankfurt
Flight Number: LH755
Departure days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Frankfurt- Bengaluru
Flight number: LH754
Departure days: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Important notice

- With a latest advisory guidance for international travelers issued on 11th Jan 2022 arriving into Chennai that mandates all passengers to undergo home quarantine for 7 days & undertake an RT-PCR test on the 8th day of arrival.
- Passengers are mandated to upload the results of a repeat RT-PCR test for Covid – 19 done on 08th day on the Air Suvudha portal.
- Children / infants under 5 years are exempted from post arrival COVID-19 test.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH TO THE SPANISH SPEAKERS



Dearest friends, Juan and I have started a News from the South to the Spanish Speakers about the Auroville news. It will come each two months. Any comment and suggestions, very Welcome!

*Anandi-ayun, Certitude-Auroville
AVI Argentina*

FUTURE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



Dear Friends, students who wish to enter the 9th or 11th grade this upcoming school year are requested to apply through our website, <http://www.future-school.org.in/>. On the admission page there are forms for 9 and 11 grade which can be submitted online. All applications have to be submitted before February 28 and all applicants will be asked to take an evaluation test on March 11 at 1pm.

Best Regards, Future School
Cameron

AUROMODE TANTO



Dear friends, we are thrilled to announce the opening of a new restaurant in the center of Auroville. Auromode and Tanto have come together to create AuromodeTanto.

Installed in a beautifully flourished garden, this gourmet kitchen will be managed by Pavitra and inspired by the original Tanto menu.

AuromodeTanto is welcoming Aurovillians, newcomers, volunteers and Auroville registered guests every day except on Sunday, from 12pm to 3pm and from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

You are invited to our Celebration Opening Aperó on Wednesday, January 26 from 6:30pm.

Drinks and snacks will be offered and the kitchen will be open till 8:30 pm for ordering dinner.

Looking forward to welcoming you soon !

AuromodeTanto Team

auromode.tanto@auroville.org.in

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ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE



Kalamkari Special Edition'

Dear friends, join us Thursdays at 10:30am for our open house session at our office in Saracon Campus!

Learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not for profit programs. Or drop in any other time from Monday- Friday, 10am to 5pm to pick up discounted cloth pads, menstrual cups, baby cloth nappies and maybe our special Kalamkari edition? It is running till mid February;-)

See you soon!

A MEAL FOR YOUR DOG

Healthy homemade dog food recipes your dog will love it.

This recipe is designed for those who want to give healthy food for their dogs. This is also one of the most eco-friendly recipes we have seen. Instead of tossing things we would usually not eat such as broccoli stems, the recipe uses these as a key part to the dog's delicious meal.



- Chicken & Veggie
- Fish & Veggie
- Beef & Veggie

Ingredients: Brown Rice/white rice, Olive Oil/Ghee, Carrots, Peas, Broccoli, Potatoes, Cabbage, Chicken/fish/beef.

We deliver at your home. Please call contact us WA 8098782233 or 9159837630

Kind Regards, Arunkumar and Valli

THE ARTS

SENHAL NOW AVAILABLE IN ITALIAN

I am happy to share that my 4th book, about yoga and personality disorders, is now available in Italian. Contact me directly for a copy or if you are interested in one of my previous books:

- Le Sette Tetradi dello Yoga Integrale
- Devi – viaggio tra gli avatar femminili del passato e del futuro
- Lo Yoga integrale e i dodici archetipi

Sono felice di condividere che il mio quarto libro, sul rapporto tra yoga i disturbi della personalità, e' ora disponibile in italiano. Contattatemi pure direttamente per una copia o se siete interessati ad uno dei miei libri precedenti:

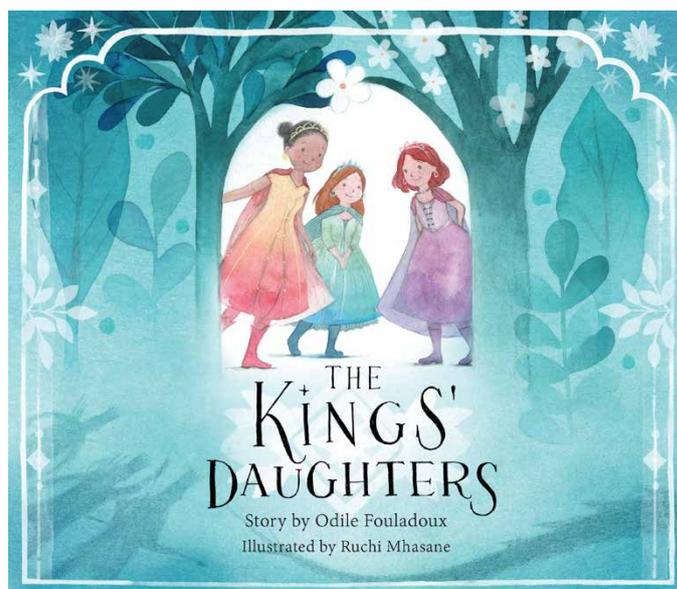
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- Devi – viaggio tra gli avatar femminili del passato e del futuro
- Lo Yoga integrale e i dodici archetipi



Giacomo

A NEW CHILDREN BOOK

SAIIR publication group is happy to announce a new children's book "THE KINGS' DAUGHTERS", written by Odile, teacher at Kindergarten, and illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane. A story of kings, princesses and a dragon.



The book was printed at Auroville Press and is available at the Seagull book shop at the Visitors Center, at Taboo at Kulilapalayam, Vaneuvil near Tanto, and soon at Auroville.com.

WERNER'S RETROSPECTIVE

Saturday Jan 22 and 29th at Werner's office in Prayatna community 9am – 1pm we will be clearing out Werner's tools and office materials for those interested to contribute to his retrospective exhibition which will run in Prayatna from Saturday Feb 5th for one month.

To prepare for this exhibition we have updated, refreshed and renovated most of Werner's landscaped community to allow a true feel of what he intended with his 'Gesamtkunstwerk' or Total Art Concept where people live in and together with art. All are welcome to come experience and explore the many architectural, sculptural and design projects that Werner realized. There will be guided tours with visits to the living spaces where possible on Saturdays at 10am.

Please reserve/contact via aurodesign@auroville.org.in

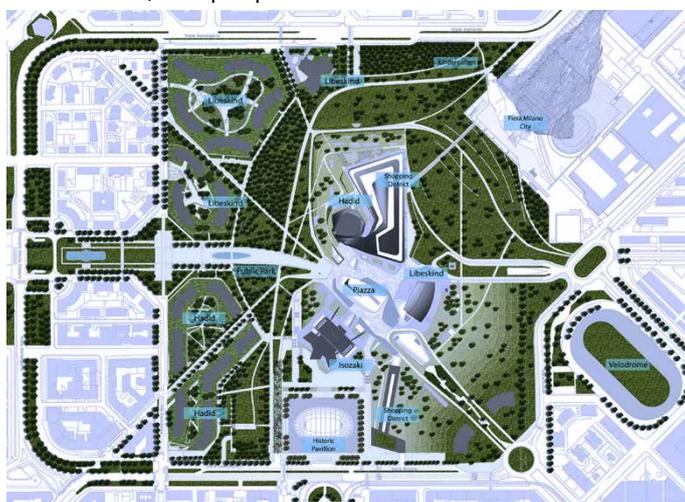
Joel (Sanjana), for Werner Prayatna
WA +32 497503502

MILAN'S FUTURISTIC ARCHITECTURE

the CityLife district

When I displayed my first exhibition on Hi Tech architecture, Kireet Joshi wrote that in every form he saw the Supermind. In "The Human Cycle" Sri Aurobindo lists domains progressively opening to it; nowhere is this more visible than in contemporary and landscape architecture, design, engineering and planning. My latest exhibition at the Town Hall is one example.

CityLife's is one of the largest regeneration schemes in Europe, at a three kilometers distance from Milan's (Italy) famous cathedral; 120 trees were saved and replanted in public parks across Milan. The master plan was designed by three international superstars: Zaha Hadid, Arata Isozaki and Daniel Libeskind. Spread over 366.000 sqms, it includes three office towers (awarded the GOLD level Leed™ pre-certification), two residential complexes, a museum and other facilities. The 140.000 sqm CityLife Shopping District, designed by prestigious firms of architects, is the largest in Italy and among the largest of Europe; engineered bamboo flooring, ceiling, columns, counters, assembled with resins under high pressure, offer a catchment area of 700,000 people.



The CityLife public park – the third largest in Milan, and also the largest privately funded park of Europe – spreads around the whole development, covering 170,000 square meters closed to traffic. It hosts five kilometers of cycle paths and over 50% of the available area is dedicated to green spaces. The landscaping design, recreating the differences in height between the mountains and the plain, reflects the diversity of the Lombardia region of which Milan is the capital; 1,500 new trees provide continuity with the biodiversity of the area. The international competition was won by the architectural studios Gustafson Porter, Melk, One Works and Ove Arup. A cycle and pedestrian path crosses the area from east to west. The surrounding gridded and diagonal streets, swept into the curving swaths of lawn and forest designed by the London-based landscape architecture firm Gustafson Porter, extend into the site only as pedestrian paths. Along with a mall located at the elevated ground level, the three office towers share two underground parking floors. The residential complexes, on the fringes, by Zaha Hadid and Daniel Libeskind have an independent circulation and access system.

Endowed with an innovative road system where cars dive underground to below-grade levels accessible at the site's edges, CityLife is the largest car-free area in Milan and one of the largest in Europe. Broad avenues lead from the residences to the center of the district with its shopping mall; invisible, the cars are confined to driving and parking underground for around 7,000 vehicles. Besides the existing public transportation network, the CityLife area is served by an underground metro line, driverless. CityLife is equipped with alternative energy systems (ground water, district heating, photovoltaics etc.).

CityLife, integrative planning and design buoyant with energy.

Paulette

HIMALAYAN YEARS:

NICHOLAS ROERICH'S STAY IN KULLU

Wednesday January 26 2022, 5-6pm

Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan



Slide-show with Explanations by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev

All are welcome

The slide-show explores the art and various cultural activities of the famous Russian artist, thinker, archeologist, and public figure Nicholas Roerich during his stay in the picturesque Kullu Valley in the present-day Himachal Pradesh in the 1930s.

It focuses on Roerich's explorations of the Trans-Himalayan Buddhist area of Lahaul, his expedition to Manchuria and Inner Mongolia in 1934-35, and founding of 'Urusvati' Himalayan Research Institute.

IN THE LAND OF MAJESTIC GIANTS

28 January to 12 February 2022

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "In The Land Of Majestic Giants" by Ashwin Ezhumalai.



Centre d'Art Auroville

- Exhibition opening on Friday 28 January 2022 at 4pm.
- Exhibition Date's 28 January to 12 February 2022



Gallery hours Monday to Saturday
10:00am to 12:00pm – 02:30pm to 05:00pm

Please Park at the town hall.

Sunday is closed.

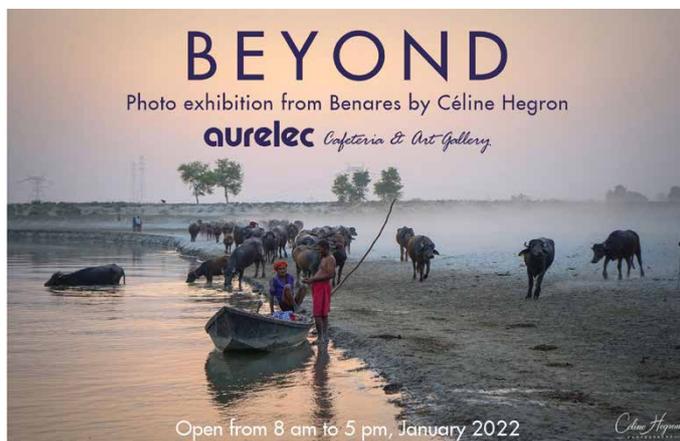


Photo exhibition from Benares by Céline Hegron
January 22 – February 22, 2022, 8am to 5pm
Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery

Céline Hegron, Photography, Nurse since 21 years, I worked for 8 years in sterile hematology at the Center Hospitalier Universitaire de Nantes (France). One day, I decided to go on a “backpack” trip to discover a new country, another culture. I was already very drawn to India, which I had discovered during a television report. This first trip in 2004 was a real revelation. After 2 weeks in Rajasthan, I arrived in Benares (Varanasi), the holiest city in India, where the Ganges flows, the one that has held my heart. This first adventure made me want to know a little more, which is why, during 6 months in 2006-2007, I went back with a backpack to do “the tour of India” with a friend of the nursing school. These 6 months have changed my life. When I returned to the hospital in France, something had changed, part of me had remained in India. I always have a thought for my patients who opened my eyes, who helped me understand that I have to live in the moment, not have any regrets. So I decided to take their advice and live my dream.

My dream was to be able to combine my passion for my nurse profession with my passion for India. I then found a French association that was running a dispensary in Benares and I decided to get involved by offering them to become volunteers. At the time, in 2009, I was leaving for a year, fulfilling my dream, then I thought of returning to France and resuming my life before. Except that I felt so out of place in Benares that I was unable to return... I worked for this association for 3 years. Then came the urge to stand on my own feet, to continue my profession with values that were mine, which is why in 2011, I created the association “Un Rêve Indien”. Thanks to this, I opened a free dispensary in Benares in September 2012. This dispensary operates from Monday to Saturday inclusive from 9am to 1pm. Within this dispensary, I work with a team of 2 people:

- Soni with whom I opened the clinic in 2012 and who was a former patient of mine. His courage and determination paid off. She had never been to school, but her dream was to help others as one had helped – that is, by caring for them. So I decided to give it a chance. We have been working together for 9 years now.
- Dr Sanjay who intervenes 3x / week for medical consultations at a lower cost (0.30 € including 3 to 4 days of free medication). All nursing care, which is mostly bandages, is free. We treat a variety of wounds ranging from bobology to of course much larger wounds (ulcers, burns, machine accidents, etc.). These twelve years of life in Benares have given birth to a new passion in me, that for photography. For me it goes way beyond a frozen moment. It is often a way to meet the Other, to exchange. It is also a way of seeing the Other beyond what he shows us, to go to the depths to bring out an emotion, it is this emotion and this beauty that I am looking for and that I have. want to share. It is sometimes difficult to put words into a feeling. Photography gives this chance.

Benarès is a city which cannot be told but which is lived. Each of these photos tells a bit of the history of this city; of his women, his men, his children. What catches my eye is the softness and beauty: of a face, of a look, of a gesture. I preferred photography to many words, it freezes moments of life, it also allows wonderful encounters, encounters that touch the heart. To take a portrait is to meet another soul, it is to bring the emotion from the gaze to the heart.

“Beyond: Beyond the eyes, closer to the heart”

WILDLIFE IN & AROUND AUROVILLE

January 21, 5pm India, Zoom meeting

An illustrated pictorial sharing on
Wildlife In & Around Auroville, by Aurosylle & Tim



Time: January 21, 5pm India. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 843 7558 6448, Passcode: BNtalk

Regards, Vani, BN Cultural group

IS THIS THE END?

Fridays, January 21 and 28 at 7:30pm at Cripa hall

“Surya performance lab, Auroville is working on the new show called” Is this the end?” It’s a theatrical, choreographically, musical performance inspired by a poem by Sri Aurobindo. Facing a world in crisis and deep transition, our characters on stage express the physical urgency of a new breath, a new link to Nature and Vastness.



Direction and choreography: Philippe Pelen assisted by Thierry Moucazambo Performers: Huong Pham, Gopal Dalami, Thierry Moucazambo Musical Composition: Zan David

We are happy to invite you to the last two public rehearsals:

• Fridays, January 21 and 28 at 7:30pm at Cripa hall behind Kalabhumi.

Please confirm your presence at suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in.

In partnership with the 150th birthday anniversary team, we will present the final version of our new show at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas on February 10, 11, 12 at 8pm.

Website: <https://www.surya-performance-lab.com/>

Link for our Newsletter: <https://www.surya-performance-lab-auroville.com/newsletter-january>

LOST AND FOUND

Birkenstock Exchange



Accidental exchange of shoes (birkenstock with silver color leather strip). Around December 23, at 8pm at the shop "Farm Fresh" in Kuilapalayam village an exchange of shoes happened. In the night, by mistake some wore my shoes and left instead shoes of the same kind, also birkenstocks but different size. Please contact this no. +918754213700 to reverse the exchange.

Helen

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

THE FAMC NEEDS AN AUROVILIAN ADMINISTRATOR / SECRETARY

Dear all, this is our third call for support. We have had a few non-Aurovilians apply for this position and after some interviews and further reflection we have reached the conclusion that we need an Aurovilian or Newcomer in this important role.

The individual will be able to take care of secretarial tasks such as taking meeting minutes, preparing meeting agendas, responding to emails, organizing the FAMC Google Drive, drafting follow-up communications, etc..

What we need from you

- Be present in the FAMC office: Monday – Saturday 9am to 12pm and 2 to 5pm
- Ease while communicating verbally and in writing
- Works well under pressure
- Maintain confidentiality on all matters
- Be self motivated and driven. We expect you to be proactive and get the work done.
- Ability to work in a team
- Be accountable: we expect you to organise your work transparently and report on deliverables / outcomes, and take the initiative to ask for help when you need it.
- We expect you to inform the rest of the team in advance of any changes in your work routine. We expect a commitment of at least 6 months after a three month trial period.

Required skills

- Excellent written and verbal English
- Good computer skills (and able to learn new technology/tools)
- Good work organisation skills (reliability and responsibility)
- Team work
- Other languages a bonus

What can you expect?

- A maintenance.
- The current team will train you on the tasks involved, most of which are recurring, so you will get used to them soon.
- If you need mentoring on specific tasks FAMC and/or secretariat members are available to guide you.
- Growth potential towards higher levels of responsibility

Please contact

famc@auroville.org.in with the subject **FAMC Secretary** along with a motivation letter and a recent CV. We look forward to hearing from you.

FAMC

(members are: Amy B., Angelo S., Jonas S., Lisa T., Marc T., M. Palani, R. Ranjith, Stephan H.)

HR INITIATIVE

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

Communication

A diverse team with diverse backgrounds and skills is looking to put together a communications team.

The work for the communications team will involve: Writing; Documentation of work on the farm; Follow up with teams within the farm; Research; Communication with the community (newsletters, website etc.); Preparing proposals for fundraising. Support/contribution for a long-term commitment can be arranged.

Handyman

A handyman is needed with skills such as electric and plumbing for a full time or half time commitment.

Co-manager

If you are interested or have studied in the sector of hospitality; Basic skills for computers as well as website and online skills would be a great plus. A welcoming personality with good team spirit and a good coordinator, results oriented and proactive.

English and possibly Tamil or another second language.

A full time commitment is required; Maintenance is available after the initial trial period.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr_hub@auroville.org.in

*HR Initiative, hr_hub@auroville.org.in
www.hriauroville.org*

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

Sara from HR HUB Initiative Team

CONSTRUCTIVE COLLABORATION

Dear community, we wish to reach out to all the Auroville Units/Activities which are working in the field of construction and are willing to collaborate with the Housing Service and Housing Board.



One of the main responsibilities of the Housing Group is to maintain and repair the existing Auroville assets either stewarded by Aurovilians or under the stewardship of the Housing Service, for which we require regular assistance.

If you would like to collaborate with us and have a registered Auroville activity/unit, please send us a short introduction about your activity and preferred mode of communication with details.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together.

Thank you!

Housing Service & Housing Board

On Behalf of the Auroville Housing Service Team

(Alexey, Aravind, Ole, Savithri, Sundar, Venkatesh)

Phone: (0413) 262 2658, housing@auroville.org.in



LOOKING FOR

Looking for House Sitting



Hello, I am currently doing my Newcomer Process and I am looking for a long-term house-sitting, with good WiFi, UPS and hot water. My previous house-sitting here has been successful. I am a quiet person, I am into Yoga, volunteering at Sanskrit Research Institute at the moment, and looking for a beautiful space to house -sit as from now on.

Please contact me WA 0033 610255602

Looking forward, Sabrina, 43, French

Looking for Furniture



Hi! I'm a Newcomer moving into my first unit in Auroville, and would love a hand getting started with some furniture and appliances. Please let me know if you are giving or selling a table, chairs or stools, a coir based mattress, a food safe, fridge etc. Very grateful!

Thanks! Daniel

WA +919787248198, danielrabin@yahoo.com

Looking for a House

Hello dear friends, this is Lakshmi (Aurovilian) looking for a long term house sitting. I'm responsible and reliable. I will take care of your house as it would be mine:)

Love and Gratitude, Lakshmi

AVAILABLE

Housekeeper looking for Work

R.Valli is looking for household work. Valli speaks and understands English well, she knows how to keep house and cooks local food very well and can also be trained to learn new dishes. She also does light garden work. She can take up half time work, morning or afternoon or full time. Valli had earlier worked with us in Gaia until we moved to Sunshin.

You can either contact Valli through her daughter Saranya 95858 48451, or speak with Jaya at Unity Pavilion or Nico at Financial Service

Jaya and Nico

Car Available

Renault Duster car is available, 2018 model, well maintained, white color. Contact Details: Dharani, Mobile – 9159372784, tharanirajan@auroville.org.in. Dharani is an aurovilian. I am writing on behalf of him.

Thank you, Manikandan.

HELP NEEDED

THE DREAMWEAVING HAS BEGUN!

The 'Dreamweaving the Crown' exercise began recently with a three day workshop in which Aurovilians and those linked with Auroville with expertise in various fields presented information relevant to the focus of the exercise – designing the Crown – to the participating architects. Topics covered included the Auroville Master Plan, the regional context, mobility, water studies, the electrical infrastructure, economy, urban forestry,



Auroville's forestation experience, ecological planning, land suitability analysis, development priorities, International Zone planning, and the Green Belt land use plan. The Line of Goodwill team also outlined their concept, ATDC presented their work and the requirements of a Detailed Development Plan, and Rajeev Kathpalia from Vastu Shilpa Consultants (Dr. Balkrishna Doshi's organization) – which have been approached to develop such a plan for Auroville – presented a few of their projects.

The workshop, which was attended by the Secretary, demonstrated the huge expertise and practical experience the community possesses in many areas. It was much appreciated, not only by the architects, but also by many community members and even friends overseas who followed the presentations online (see below for links).

Omar and David have requested the Working Committee for a time-slot to present the concept and what has happened so far to the Governing Board in their meeting on 18 January.

Meanwhile, the Dreamweaving architects are working on their individual designs and concepts for different aspects or for the whole of the Crown drawing from the presentations and technical resources. The next step, which will happen on 21st and 22nd of January, will involve them presenting their initial designs to other participating architects and offering feedback on each other's designs. Importantly, their feedback will concentrate upon what they like and are inspired by from other's designs. We will share details with the community later this week on how they can watch this session online.

The Dreamweaving architects will then go away and work further on their original concepts – with encouragement to 'steal' the best ideas of others – and they may also consider ideas generated within the larger community. Subsequently, they will present them to the other participants, their peers, and randomly selected Aurovilians to receive feedback, before again 'weaving' their ideas into their concepts, to try and illustrate the poetry and essence of the Crown.

The architects will present their final designs to each other and the different technical and representative groups for their evaluation on 18/19th February. This will then be presented to the larger community for their evaluation, before being forwarded, along with all the final designs, to the Vastu Shilpa Consultants as suggestions to inspire the DDP preparation.

The Dreamweaving team wants to help keep the positive energy, ideas and conversations flowing within the community and to find more spaces for this. A small programme is emerging from the call for collaboration and will be shared soon. Any outputs and offers will be made available to the architects, but the focus here is on a wider sharing and exploration in the community and to avoid overloading the dreamweavers.

The Dreamweaving exercise is being organizationally supported by the Citizens' Assembly team, as well as some other residents. The Citizens' Assembly team is using the experience it has acquired in previous Citizens' Assembly sessions to provide help with session design, facilitation, logistics, communication, budgeting, report writing, and other aspects of the overall organization.

Meanwhile, there are costs associated with this process for which there is no budget. We need to pay for venues, meals and snacks to sustain up to 60 participants over three weekend Dreamweaving sessions, plus community presentations. We estimate approx 3 lakhs will be needed to cover these logistical costs.

An appeal for help on AuroNet has already generated Rs 84,500 in donations within the community. This is a fantastic response and we thank all of you who generously contributed. So far Rs. 44,822 was spent to cover logistical costs associated with the first 3 day workshop.

We are seeking to raise approximately two more lakhs. Donations of any amount are welcome to account 252227 (caexploration). We will keep you informed about the income and expenses as the process unfolds. Thank you for your support.

The Dreamweaving and Citizens' Assembly team

Online links for the technical presentations:

- Day 1 <https://youtu.be/RKf54NsnT4w> | <https://youtu.be/jRmJBA1bGeY>
- Day 2 <https://youtu.be/YII3tLZNskg> | <https://youtu.be/yowLz0LSWFw>
- Day 3 <https://youtu.be/GN8IL4CVMOY> | <https://youtu.be/N4DKWiPPAFs>

FUNDRAISING FOR WORLD ULTIMATE FRISBEE CHAMPIONSHIP

Dear Auroville Family, we are excited to share with you all that three of us from Auroville have been selected to be a part of different Indian National Ultimate Frisbee teams playing in the world championships.

Selvi will be playing in the 'mixed gender' division going to the USA (in April, 2022) as well as Manjula playing for the open women's division in USA, Kumaran will be playing in the 'men's masters' division going to Ireland.

We are looking forward to this journey and very proud to be playing for India. It is a dream come true for us. To make this happen we seek the help and support of the community in finding the money to travel.

We each need a total of 1.8 lakhs per person. So far we have collected,

- Selvi: Rs.30,000
- Manjula: Rs.20,000
- Kumaran: Rs.20,000

Our account number and name in FS is: 252162

Name: FRISBEE NATIONAL TEAM

No contribution is too small! We appreciate whatever amount you can give. For any clarification or questions please mail us at: kumaran@auroville.org.in,

manjula@auroville.org.in, selvi33@auroville.org.in

Thank you all

Kumaran, Manjula and Selvi

AUROVILLE RADIO TV NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We are happy to announce that the AurovilleRadioTv is going to move to the first floor of the Archives building.

The new location having more potential for growth, we have re-think the studio taking into consideration the various needs of the community to become a full

flesh recording studio in the next future.

The project is therefore divided into two phases.

The first phase will allow the radio to shift its regular work without major interruption.

It is expected to be finished by March, thanks to a great team and a generous donor.

However, our budget is short of 5 Lakhs to finish in a timely manner.

We appeal to you to help this essential service of Auroville that have adapted to the pandemic constraints by streaming our events and meetings (with more than 15k view in the last month only!) despite a very low budget and a lack of manpower.

We are counting on your support to continue serving the community at our best.

Please donate!

Financial account number 251369, specify "Donation for relocation – Phase 1".

In addition, we are also proud to say that the project is realized with the help of Auroville units only!

Thank you!

Voices and Notes

SILENCIO DE DOMINGO – SUNDAY-SILENCE

and Lockdown

*La sombra recostada
en la piedra
chicharras cantoras
y este sol tierno
que me acaricia entera*

*The shadow reclined
on the stone
Singing cicadas
And a tender sun
Caressing me...whole*

Anandi ayun, Certitude

REQUIEM

It is a requiem about the victims of two massacres of innocence:

The first was two thousand years ago in Bethlehem and the second one last December in Auroville.

The infants were murdered in Bethlehem, but in Auroville – countless forms of life. In Bliss Forest, in the Youth Centre to the east of Townhall there are elements of hell in paradise.

What does "clearing" mean? That is killing of trees, bushes, grass, different kinds of animals: insects, molluscs etc etc. Will two seedlings replace a tree? Who counted the dead trees? What kind of trees were they? If a banyan tree was cut and two seedlings were planted instead, will that be alright? No, only birds can propagate the banyans.

On the second January there were two meetings – one in the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium and second in Bharat Nivas parking place. An ocean of motorbikes were before Bharat Nivas gate. Of course, these motorbikes don't need forests or wildlife. What they need are roads. Plants produce oxygen, motorbikes are exhausting gas.

The Mother wrote:

"O India, land of light and spiritual knowledge! Wake up to your true mission in the world, show the way to union and harmony."

The ancient sage received spiritual knowledge not on roads but in forests.

I visited two Aurovilian sages in Two Banyans – Collin from the US and Jean from France. They grew forest for

more than forty years and never invited the bulldozers and police in their place. I asked Jean: "Who created the idea about the road system in Auroville?" "Roger Anger". "Do you know him?" "Yes, in the early years of Auroville I spoke with him about canyons in the landscape.

He said: pas du problème. We will use bulldozers!"

I asked Jean what he thinks about new roads in the city. He answered: "No road – best road." The first Aurovilians cared about plants, now many citizens only think about the roads for motorbikes. Clearing for the roads – that is tragedy, environment disaster, drama of wildlife in the city. It was a green oasis, now new roads transform Auroville into a common city with pollution.

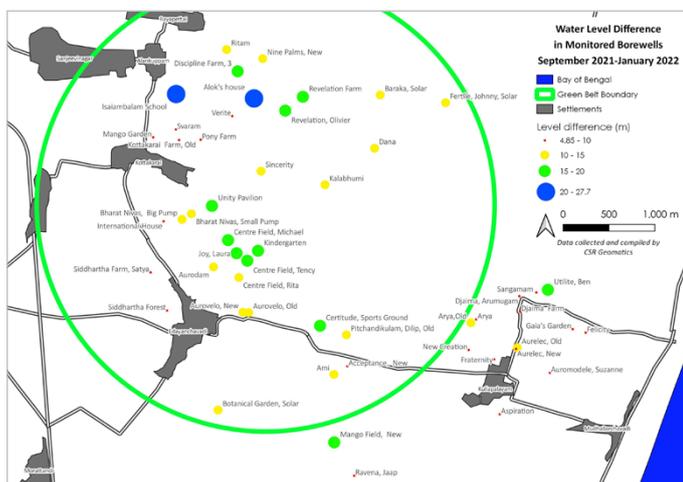
Sri Aurobindo wrote: "All life is yoga". Motorbikes, cars, roads; is it yoga? It is no life, it is not yoga of course. Glory for Aurovilians who created the green City, glory for those who stood before bulldozers. Shame for enemies of the environment who planned and created the massacre of innocent wildlife. Eco-friendly people of the world, unite! No way for technocrats, enemy of Mother Nature. Long live the green planet, resistance against technocrats!

Boris

WATER IN 2021



To say that 2021 was a wet year is an understatement. Auroville's average rainfall is about 1320mm/year, but in 2021 we had 2831 mm of rain. That's a mere 169mm short of 3 meters of rain. This info is from Charlie of Aurogreen, who has been recording rainfall in Aurogreen for the past 33 years. Other statistics include 2895mm in Invocation and 2467mm at Annapurna, showing the variation of rainfall patterns even within Auroville. Such tremendous rain broke numerous records, according to Charlie, including:



Since 1911, rainfall has been recorded in Puducherry, which on average has more rain than Auroville. In 1943 it rained 2604 mm in Puducherry, so 2021 rains set a new record. Within Auroville, the annual record stood at 2088 in 2015 (maybe you remember?), but again a new high has been set. Intensity is also something to be mentioned: the automatic weather station in Kalpana recorded 107.7 mm in one hour on the 20th of November 2021. This particular event is responsible for most of the flooding that happened in Auroville during the last monsoon.

So how did this impact our groundwater situation? In the period from September 2021 till the beginning of January 2022, the abundant rains have largely recharged the groundwater everywhere: the average rise of water levels in the wells monitored by CSR Geomatics has been just above 11 meters, with a minimum of 4.85 meters (in Svaram open well) and a maximum of 27.7 meters (in Isaiambalam school). In the map (located at the end of the N&N), the level differences are represented by symbols in different colours and sizes. Out of the 52 monitored wells, 32 have witnessed a water level rise of more than 10 meters. As of the first week of January 2022, the water level is still rising in 11 wells: even if it does not rain anymore, groundwater keeps moving under our feet. The first aquifer has been recharged everywhere: in certain places the level has risen so much that it has intercepted built-up structures, like all the Petals in Matrimandir; many ponds (including the test pond in Matrimandir) are filled with groundwater, typically clear and transparent, with a tinge of green.

Naturally, well levels have started going down again because of extraction. We ask everybody to limit irrigation and watering of fields and gardens, as the soil is still moist. We kindly remind everyone that groundwater is under immense stress, and request to use it only when strictly required; we encourage everybody to use treated wastewater or shower/kitchen used water for gardens watering.

Finally, let's acknowledge what the big rains meant for many of us: flooding within our homes, roads turning to rivers in some places, and fungus inside many places.

What does this mean for next year? Of course, it cannot be predicted. Rainfall patterns are erratic, even more so with climate change.

But the intensity of this rain and its aftermath show that we have a lot of work to do so that we don't suffer the challenging consequences of too much water again, if it should come.

Water Group

(Eric Chacra, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Tency)

Water level differences in Auroville monitored wells period 20 September 2021 – 7 January 2022

Well id	Well name	Level Difference (m), Remarks
1	Baraka, Solar	12.1
2	Bharat Nivas, Big Pump	10.33, still rising
3	Bharat Nivas, Small Pump	12.04
4	Siddhartha Farm, Satya	6.6
5	Siddhartha Forest	5.9
8	Unity Pavilion	15.14
13	Mango Field, New	17.32
16	Pitchandikulam, Dilip, Old	10.55
18	Ami	14.13
19	Certitude, Sports Ground	16
23	Arya	5.6, still rising
24	24 Arya, Old	11.32
25	Aspiration	5.65
26	New Creation	4.96, still rising
27	Auromodele, Suzanne	6.05
28	Djaima Farm	6.88
29	Djaima, Arumugam	6.94
32	Felicity	6.11
33	Aurelec, Old	10.97
34	Sangamam	7.41
37	Kottakarai Farm, Old	6.9
40	Svaram	4.85
41	Revelation, Olivier	19.98
42	Aurodam	12.17
48	Joy, Laura	15.09
49	Centre Field, Michael	15.73
50	Centre Field, Rita	13.73
51	Centre Field, Tency	16.1
52	Utilite, Ben	15.53
54	Fertile, Johnny, Solar	10.8, still rising
59	Gaia's Garden	6.91
62	Pony Farm	5.77
63	Mango Garden	6.1
65	Isaiambalam School	27.7, still rising
69	Discipline Farm, 3	16.33, still rising
73	Verite	9.22
76	Aurovelo, Old	13.22, still rising
77	Ritam	12.13
80	Nine Palms, New	10.81, still rising
85	Ravena, Jaap	5.58, still rising
86	Dana	11.51
97	Fraternity	5.53, still rising
112	Botanical Garden, Solar	11.6
119	Alok's house	25.6
120	International House	6.77
121	Aurovelo, New	12.93, still rising
122	Revelation Farm	18.9
125	Acceptance, New	9.72
236	Kalabhumi	13.99
238	Kindergarten	15.2
273	Sincerity	14.53
379	Aurelec, New	6.32

Data collected and compiled by CSR Geomatics

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, please check the latest podcasts of your favourite radio! Stay tuned!

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

Last published podcasts

- [Soul Tracks – Se.3 Ep.8: Musical Connections](#) (Music)
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- [The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, read by Lili – Ep.4](#) (Literature)
- [Interview with Lobzang Wangtak](#) (Water)
- [Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.125 “PeaceMaker and Warriors the Auroville Way – Stand Up and Embrace”](#) (Wellness)
- [Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.40](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 381](#) (Integral Yoga)

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

Peace and Love

AVI INTERNATIONAL LETTER



To: Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Members of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, Auroville Foundation Bhavan, Auroville

January 15, 2022

Dear Dr. Ravi, dear members of the Governing Board, the AVI Board has been elected by representatives of Auroville International in 37 countries around the world and we would like to praise the Indian Government for its long-standing and courageous support for the community of Auroville. For while Auroville’s ideal of realizing a living human unity is international in scope, India remains its spiritual home.

We appreciate the new energy and financial commitment shown by the Governing Board, the Secretary and the Indian Government for the development of Auroville. This is particularly welcome in the year when we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Sri Aurobindo’s birth.

Auroville is increasingly seen by the world as a beacon of excellence in many areas of work, including its work with the local villages, environmental restoration and appropriate technology for a sustainable future.

Auroville has received international recognition for its outstanding work and has been supported since its inception by UNESCO, with five resolutions of its General Assembly. They were calling the member states to support and take part in the unfolding of Auroville’s development, based on ideals and principles which are seen as resonating with UNESCO’s own values.

Auroville has received funding from various governmental and non-governmental organizations around the world for a variety of projects. The Indian Government has played a vital role in supporting these projects, for which the members of Auroville International are deeply grateful. Auroville has also received considerable funding from AVI members

themselves, especially for land purchase, as well as significant emergency financial support during the COVID crisis.

We are very glad to learn about Dr Ravi’s support for the Dreamweaving process, as introduced by a group of dedicated Aurovilians with the assistance of highly respected B.V. Doshi and members of the Vastu Shilpa Foundation. It is an important initiative to reconcile differing views on town-planning issues in the community and to collectively find ways towards speeding up town development. AVI has offered all its support for this process which is promising to bring harmony to the Auroville community and a clear vision on next steps to be taken.

The Governing Board wishes Auroville to develop and reach the aim of becoming a “universal city” of 50,000 people from countries around the globe. Auroville International has the same goals and aspirations. That is why our registered worldwide organization has, over nearly four decades, invited people from all over the world to come and join the Auroville experiment and to commit their lives to the ideals expressed by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. It is our aim and intense wish to continue these invitations, especially to youth from all over the world who are desperately looking for a new vision and new values guiding mankind to peaceful ways of human unity and international understanding.

However, there is a matter which is of grave concern to us and to the community itself, affecting the very future of the project which you have done so much to support. It is the security of residency which non-Indian members of the community must be assured of in order to be able to live in Auroville.

We have learned about a new rule for the admission of non-Indian nationals to Auroville, which demands the support for the Master Plan. Although the Master Plan is widely accepted as a framework, its scope is currently part of the decision-making process of the Residents’ Assembly. The collective processes to move forward with the city planning could be hampered by additional individual visa requirements, and create uncertainty for people who need to extend their visa. We are very concerned that this new rule will undermine harmony and balance within the Auroville community and counteract all the endeavors to increase the population of Auroville.

We therefore ask you to give this matter your greatest attention to provide our members around the world the reassurance that they will be treated with equality, in the spirit of Sri Aurobindo’s and The Mother’s ideals of Human Unity, which are at the very core of Auroville’s existence. Or we can suggest that this new clause is submitted to the Residents’ Assembly, which is statutorily the decision-making body of Auroville, for their agreement. Fundamentally it is up to the Aurovilians to take this responsibility.

The Mother invited “men and women of all countries... above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities” to come to Auroville, and to make a full and sincere commitment to the community and to living its ideals for the rest of their lives. Let us remember that the condition She gave was “to be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness”. We would be deeply grateful if you could meet our concern on this delicate matter.

*In Mother’s Grace and Love,
Yours faithfully*

**Christian Feuillette, Friederike Muehlhans, Chairman,
Auroville International, Secretary, Auroville International**

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**On behalf of members of the AVI Board, representing
Auroville International Argentina, Australia, Belgium,
Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany,
Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy,
Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Montenegro, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Mexico, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, United Kingdom, USA.**

HELPFUL HINTS/ADVERTISEMENTS

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We are happy to share that Egai offers a 10% discount on purchases above Rs.1000 on Tamil Heritage Month from 14 January to 12 February 2022.

*Anand & Rajesh,
For Egai*

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CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

Herbal Food Workshop

At Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville

Saturday
22-01-2022
9:00 am to 3.00 pm

Pitchandikulam Forest welcomes you to our **Herbal Food Workshop** with our traditional herbalist Mrs Parvathi. Re-introducing the forgotten "food as medicine" concept.

Session Details

- ▲ Registration
- ▲ Introduction to Pitchandikulam Forest and traditional food practices
- ▲ Forest walk-identification of edible herbal plants
- ▲ Herbal food cooking session using edible plants from the forest
- ▲ Introduction to establish a kitchen herbal garden
- ▲ Feedback session

Registration:
pitchandikulam.outreach@aurville.org.in
For queries Call or Whatsapp
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www.pitchandikulamforest.org

Limited to 12 people only
Registration Fees
Rs. 1000 (Including Herbal lunch)

FOOLING & STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS SESSIONS

Our usual way of communicating can often feel limiting, as words can only express a small fraction of what we really mean and the depth we come from. But all of us have an inner fool! It's neutral in its essence, it doesn't really have a preference of who or how to be, it just is. What the inner fool does enjoy is playing different roles: it has an access to an infinite amount of characters inside and it likes to play out these different roles with all varying colours that accompany them. Sometimes it takes the role of a judge, a hero, a victim... The fool enjoys playing around with different moods going from one emotion to the other. It does this for the mere joy of being able to do it. Sometimes in life, though, we can get caught up a little in a certain role that we've forgotten we're playing!

The inner fool, though, is always aware of everything, it's infinitely wise and limitless.

The fool is always sending us different suggestions. It's like an inner narrator that likes to narrate. Its that little voice we have in the background when we are doing things, but we usually keep it to ourselves, as we deem it inappropriate, but that voice is constantly sending us invitations to play. In the session we will experiment with expressing this voice. The voice that speaks when we speak.

We will explore this with utmost sincerity, no performance! No acting!

In the class we will be exploring with tapping into our inner-fools. We will be exploring what it feels like to access our deeper parts. To see what lies behind our logic. And maybe, even just for a few seconds experience moments of freedom from the tyranny of our constantly judging mind, a place where we can play, create anything, fool around and be anything we want to be. At times we can get somewhat hostages by our overthinking and judging mind: the could have, should have's... We develop an inner dialogue with ourselves, a conversation that remains private between us and our 'beloved' mind, in these classes we will be having fun with letting this inner dialogue out and fooling with it. Like an antenna that receives different signals, we will explore expressing whatever arises in the mind, with no filter, trying to avoid having a plan or a preference for what we'd like to say or do. Ultimately opening ourselves to the present moment and discovering with curiosity each moment again and again.

Venue: **New Creation Dance studio**

Times: **Every Friday at 6:15pm**

Mike, Founder of www.schoolofconnection.org

AURA NETWORK APP UPDATE



The Aura Team is doing its best to iron out any issues with the App. We made the booking process for meals at Atithi Griha simpler. May your experience with the App be joyous.

The Aura Team,
www.auranetwork.app

AUROMODE HIVE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, 22 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!

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Auromode HIVE Team

MUSIC CLASS

Saturday, 5 February, 4 – 6pm,
at Saiier-Building, first Floor.



Introduction into History and Theory of Western Classical Music on The Romantic Period of the 19th Century (from Schubert to Wagner to Mahler).

Video clips of Operas and Concerts will be shown. Beginners welcome.

Hartmut, ph. 7094812897, vonlieres@gmx.de

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: +393803614902, 8489202450	Monday to Friday
Orthopaedist & 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 Friday Morning
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, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30-8:00am Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5:00-6:30pm

SHIATSU TREATMENTS AT PITANGA BY ULRIKE



PITANGA
CULTURAL CENTRE

Another dear welcome this week: To Ulrike! She is offering Shiatsu treatments at Pitanga again.

About Shiatsu: The ancient Method from Japan can nowadays be understood as a special way of communication through touch, helping us to create the space where it will be natural and easy to avoid disease and fortify our joy of life and personal growth as the Shiatsu Practitioner activates the flow of Qi, the life energy, in the Shiatsu partner via gentle, deep pressure.

Your personal themes can hereby be individually accompanied on all the levels of your being; healing processes as well as your personal development can be initiated by the activation of your energetic potential to be found for example in the meridians and chakras. The Quantum Shiatsu practised by Ulrike Urvasi for over 20 years follows an understanding which is multi-dimensional and holistic, reminds of and activates the self-healing forces in each one of us.

Shiatsu is being practised on the dressed body, it uses floor mattresses or massage tables.

For an appointment with Ulrike, please contact Pitanga's reception desk by phone or mail.

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

NEW YOGA AND YOGA NIDRA CLASSES IN FRENCH



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We are welcoming back Sylvie Houbre who is again volunteering in Auroville and at Pitanga. She is offering the following activities in French to the community:

1. Yoga – Presence classes
Tuesday & Friday 11.00 – 12.30am
* starts on Friday, January 21

Yoga – Presence

Une pratique douce basée sur l'écoute de ses mouvements intérieurs: expérimenter en douceur cette constante interaction intime entre posture et souffle. Déployer la conscience du corps, nettoyer, équilibrer, libérer, de manière à ce que plus rien n'entrave la circulation de Prana. Être présent à ses ressentis et accueillir l'instant.

Yoga – Presence

This Hatha Yoga practice, taught in French only, is based on listening to your inner movements, on gently experiencing the constant and intimate interaction between posture and breath. It facilitates awakening of your body consciousness, cleansing, balancing, releasing, so that nothing hinders the circulation of Prana. A practice of welcoming the present moment, and being present with whatever arises in you.

2. Yoga Nidra classes

Monday 5.15 – 6.30pm, starts on January 24

Yoga Nidra / Sommeil Yoique

Yoga nidra est une relaxation profonde et complète du corps, tandis que l'esprit reste éveillé. C'est un état de conscience intermédiaire entre sommeil et éveil, une expérience consciente où le corps et l'esprit atteignent un état de semi-éveil. Cette pratique réparatrice aide en outre, à lutter contre l'insomnie, réduit le stress, la fatigue, favorise le sommeil...

Yoga Nidra / Yogic Sleep

Yoga Nidra is a deep and complete relaxation of the body, while the mind remains awake. It is a state of consciousness intermediate between sleep and awakening, a conscious experience where body and mind reach a state of semi-awakening. This restorative practice helps fight insomnia, reduces stress, fatigue and promotes sleep...

3. Coaching Session

“l’Accompagnement en Présence”

Seance D’accompagnement En Présence, 1h30

Formée à l’Accompagnement en Présence depuis 2017, je vous propose mon expérience de Praticienne. Chaque séance est une invitation à laisser venir en vous les réponses dévoilées par vos sensations corporelles. Ce processus de focusing est simple, il vous amène exactement à l’endroit du corps qui a besoin d’être entendu.

Focussing on Presence

Trained in the coaching method “l’Accompagnement en Présence” since 2017, I offer you my experience as a practitioner. Each session is an invitation to let the answers get revealed by the bodily sensations you are experiencing. This focusing process is simple, it brings you exactly to the place of the body that needs to be. Duration is 1.5 hrs

If you wish to receive a coaching by Sylvie, please book your appointment at Pitanga’s reception desk.

You can reach us at 262 2403 or pitanga@auroville.org.in

FLOW GAME WITH SHEETAL

Discover a way of finding clarity alone and together



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The Flow Game is a way of finding clarity alone and together. It is a humane and powerful practise for interactive reflection, conversation and action – opening spaces for groups, teams, individuals and families to find the answers they may be looking for. Playing a flow game is a simple way to ground, strengthen and bring clarity and flow to human beings, their life, leadership and actions. The Flow Game is deceptively simple board game and participants are always surprised at how it creates a supportive, challenging, and unique opportunity to explore the present or future in an intuitive and insightful way.

We invite you and your teams to book a slot to play by writing to sheetal@auroville.org.in to explore an important personal or group question. If you need more information, please visit www.flowgame.net

Flow Game sessions with Sheetal are taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings at Pitanga. These timings are also available for individual sessions on Maitri Tunes.

- Regular class timings are: **Maitri Tunes – Monday: 5.30 – 6.30 pm** These classes are on drop-in basis.
- **Individual sessions can be booked with Sheetal.**

Maitri Tunes is an exploratory space to experience the bridges between sound and silence. Supported by tools of breath work, vocalisation, and guided visualisation, participants will be intuitively guided to tune into the inner silence and receive insights for their journey.

Please contact Sheetal if you wish to have further information: sheetal@auroville.org.in

BALANCE PROGRAM FOR ELDER AUROVILIANS



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A Balance program of 8 sessions is proposed by Osnat (Physiotherapist) and Dan (Hypnotherapist) for elder Aurovilians in Pitanga.

- Starting on February 2,
- Every Wednesday 8.30 – 10.00 am,
- Till March 23 (8 sessions).

Through physical and cognitive exercises from different methods, we wish to help you to improve your sense of balance, to gain confidence and move more freely.

For any inquiry, please contact us by email to osnat@auroville.org.in. Please register your name at Pitanga’s reception desk by phone or mail.

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

QUIET HEALING CENTER



www.quiethalingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in

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Watsu® & OBA® Basic with Petra

Monday 31 January – Thursday 3 February

8:45am – 6:30pm

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). Watsu, during which your face always stays on the surface, introduces the qualities and body mechanics required to work with someone in water in order to create a profound state of both physical and mental relaxation. During the OBA part you are also brought under water (with a nose clip), which offers a unique experience.

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

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

Didactic material and certificate are given upon completion of the course. No previous experience required (also no need to be able to swim)!

Birenda Massage Course with Jean-Louis & Sivacoumar

Module 1: 4 – 5 February, 9am – 5pm

Module 2: 25 – 26 February, 9am – 5pm

Module 3: 18 – 19 March, 9am – 5pm

Birenda massage is a soft and profound wellness therapy, which leads the client into a state of deep relaxation in which the body is fully felt and experienced. At the same time, it provides an inner journey within oneself during which energy blockages and tensions are revealed, so that they can be recognized, released and transformed.

Birenda, a Bengali with 50 years of experience, developed this massage therapy and transmitted his unique approach to Jean-Louis in person. Jean-Louis, who has been offering Birenda Massage over the past 25 years, has committed himself since several years to teaching this innovative body treatment to both beginners and experienced therapists in India and abroad. Sivacoumar has been working as a Birenda massage therapist for the past three years. During this period, he was personally trained by Jean-Louis to become a Birenda massage instructor and co-teaches this course together with him.

This course consists of 3 modules of 2 days each. The first module is dedicated to back massage. During the two other modules, you’ll learn how to massage the legs, arms, abdomen and front of the body. You’ll also learn how to prepare yourself before massaging a person, create a trusting relationship with your client, and offer relevant information after a massage.

You’ll receive a manual with detailed instructions — both in text and colour pictures — for practice on family members and friends. A certificate is provided upon completion of the full course.



SOUL OF SOIL
Auroville & Kazhuveli
Bio-Region Eco Experience
Program, December 2021

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 (min. one and max. 8 participants)

Lunch provided

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

Contact: +91 8300949079, sahithi-mohanam@auroville.org.in

Social Entrepreneurship/Business Mentorship

Services (Contact at least one day in advance)

- LinkedIn
- Business profile
- Ideation / incubation support

Contact: +91 8300949079, sahithi-mohanam@auroville.org.in

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

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 to 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: 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 10.30 am to 1 pm (Except Sunday)
- **Meeting/Starting Point:** Lively, Opp. Ganesh Bakery
- 1-day advance booking is necessary for group bookings (for single bookings at least before 10am)

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

• **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.

- **Day & Timing:** Every Friday 6 to 8am
- **Facilitator:** Kolam Practitioner
- mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, 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, 6 to 7:30pm (Pre booking is mandatory)
- **Venue:** Mohanam Village Heritage Centre

For more information contact us:

Email: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Phone: 8300949079

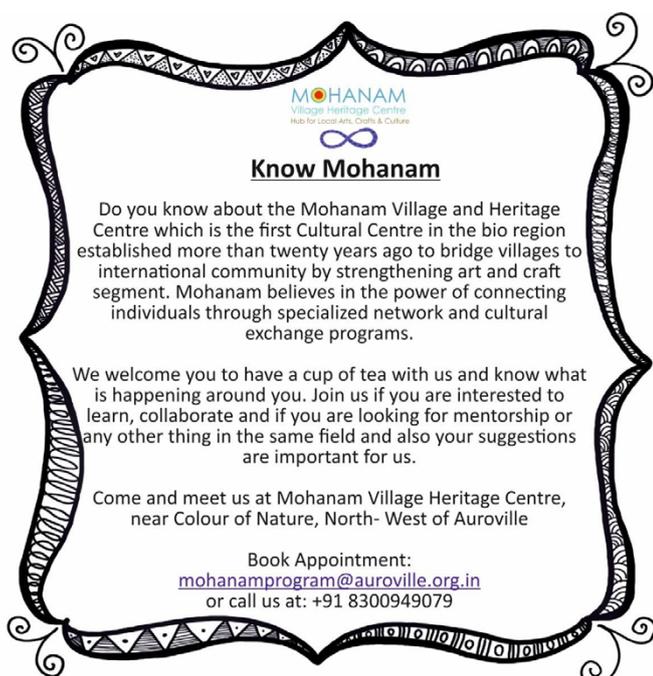
• Thiruvanamalai Tour booking

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:

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Phone: 8300949079



Our Upcoming Events in January:

- **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 (26 January)**

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

For more information contact us:

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Registration required for the following intensives.

Explorations In Consciousness with Dr. Sehdev

Saturday, 22 January – from 2 to 4.30pm

- Is Consciousness all pervasive in the universe?
 - How does it express itself in living and non-living beings?
 - Are there different levels of consciousness? Higher? Lower? Mundane?
 - Sacred?
 - What insights into Consciousness have seers, mystics and visionaries
 - rendered?
 - What do neurosciences reveal to us about Consciousness?
- Join to Understand, Explore, Question

Somatic Series: Releasing Through The Back Body with MAGGIE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 24, 25, 26 January from 9:30am to 10:45am

(attend all 3 sessions for maximum benefits)

In this series we focus on creating flexibility and comfort in the muscles of the back body through a system of slow mindful movements. Somatics is mind-body training based on neuroscience. In this series we focus on creating flexibility and comfort in the muscles of the back body including the Lower Back Muscles and Hamstrings. Open to all and especially beneficial to those who have stiffness or discomfort in the lower back, and anyone with tight Hamstrings who wished they could touch their toes!

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



COVID 19 Prevention

When you access the Language Lab, please observe the following actions:

- Clean your hands with Sanitizer
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distance

New Language Courses!

Language	Level	Start Date	Time	Day(s) of Classes
Hindi	Beginner	08 January	10am – 12pm	Saturdays
German Online	Beginner A1.1	11 January	7:30am – 8:30	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
French	Beginner Group 1	10 January	2pm – 3pm	Mondays Thursdays
	Beginner Group 2	10 January	3:15pm – 4:15pm	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 17.01.2022

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	07:30am – 08:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	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@aurovillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations

For more information about the Tomatis program, please 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-sBMlyy-wZNdZcAng/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@aurovillelanguagelab.org

CINEMA



**At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)
Friday 28 January 2022, 7:30pm**

"Babette's Feast" (Original title: **Babettes Gæstebud**)

Directed by: Gabriel AXEL, Denmark, 1987

With: Stephane Audran, Birgitte Federspie, Bodil Kjer

Overview: The film is set on a remote Danish island in the 18th century and it explores the puritanical world of a self-righteous group of people who, in the name of spiritual fulfillment, deny and mutilate the sensory world all around them. "The members of the order," we are told, "renounced the pleasures of this world, for the earth and all that it held to them was but a kind of illusion, and the true reality was the New Jerusalem toward which they were longing."

Until one day, a sumptuous feast of unimagined delights is unexpectedly presented to them by a great and unknown culinary 'artist' and a political refugee, Babette, whose quintessential life is unflinchingly committed to the world. By offering her feast, Babette sets out to throw asunder their illusory world and render a new meaning to the presence of the Divine on earth...

Based on a short story by Karen Blixen (author of 'Out of Africa'), this most unusual and scintillating film provokes us to ask afresh, how, and if, it is possible to experience the sacred in the seemingly mundane sensory world.

The film won the 1987 Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards, and several other awards.

Introduced by Prof. **Sehdev Kumar** as part of the series, "International Film Classics and the Human Condition". All are invited to a short discussion after the screening of the film.

Original Danish version, with English subtitles

Duration: 1h43'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP at MMC.

At Aurofilm/Kalabhumi (next to CRIPA)

**Saturday 29 January 2022, 5:00 – 7:30pm
Cine-Master Class**

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our **Cine-Master classes!** Welcome to this chapter led by **Dr. Alexander Pereverzev & Philippe May** on: "MIRROR" (**Зеркало/Zerkalo**) by **Andrei Tarkovsky** (1975)

Overview: Mirror is a unique experience, a beautiful poetic reflection on memories, on the past and the present, structured in the form of a nonlinear narrative. The film combines contemporary scenes with childhood memories, dreams, and newsreel footage. Its cinematography slips between color, black-and-white, and sepia. *Mirror* initially polarized critics and audiences, with some considering its narrative to be incomprehensible. It synthesises the references, the themes and the artistic processes dear to its author. The work has grown in reputation since its release, and is now considered one of the greatest films of all time.

Alexander and Philippe will offer a presentation on **Tarkovsky's** work, context and some keys to help apprehend this often called an "enigmatic" film, which will be screened thereafter; followed by an open discussion.

Film in its Russian Original version with Engl. Subtitles, dur. 1h.46'
We follow the Covid-19 SOP. For your information, the Auro-film building is half open-air. You may carry your torch light.

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 10

Monday, 27 December 2021, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.



Monday, 24 January 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan

The Dream Twilight of the Ideal, The Gospel of Death and Vanity of the Ideal, The Debate of Love and Death and The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real.

Duration: 41min.

The three figures, Savitri, Death and Satyavan slowly move through the realm of despairing darkness and deepening gloom. Eventually, light oozes through the blind dead mass and golden fire bursts in and burns the heart of the Night. Savitri finds herself in a happy, misty and illuminated world of dreaming twilight ideals filled with exquisite and vague scenes and melodies and elusive forms where nothing remains fixed and where everything has unearthly appeal and sweetness. Satyavan moves before her, and it seems that he is the centre of all this magical charm. Savitri enjoys the happiness of all this but remains in possession of her soul.

Then the voice of Death resounds, shattering hope and making the ideal world no longer like a morning twilight full of aspiration and promise. He tries to convince Savitri that all ideals are nothing but misleading wishful thinking. He proclaims that ideals are bright deliriums of human hope, and that love is a yearning of the body and the burning of the nerves.

But Savitri resists and proclaims that she will not allow Death's falsehoods to slay her soul: *Thy falsehoods mingled with sad strains of truth. / But I forbid thy voice to slay my soul. / My love is not a hunger of the heart, / My love is not a craving of the flesh; / It came to me from God, to God returns... / I cherish God the Fire, not God the Dream.* (p.612-614) To this, Death replies that Savitri is a creature of earth and must obey the earthly law.

In **The Debate of Love and Death** Savitri confronts Death and all his misleading and destructive half-truths: *"O Death, thou speakest truth but truth that slays, / I answer to thee with the Truth that saves..."* / (p.621) She claims that this world of Matter has been made by the One, starting from Nothingness and Night. The countless works in Time are regarded with mute Delight. Souls were born to house God's joy and there is a joy to be despite death and evil circumstances. And for the work of God on Earth and their sacred destiny, Savitri says the following: *"Our lives are God's messengers beneath the stars;... / To dwell under death's shadow they have come / Tempting God's light to earth for the ignorant race, / His love to fill the hollow in men's hearts, / His bliss to heal the unhappiness of the world. / For I, the woman, am the force of God, / He the Eternal's delegate soul in man... / Our love is the heavenly seal of the Supreme."* (p.633)

Death opposes and claims again that Savitri is human and that she has to remain the animal that Nature made her. Defying Death's command, Savitri says: *"Yes, my humanity is a mask of God: / He dwells in me, the mover of my acts, / Turning the great wheel of his cosmic work...."* She insists that Death needs to return Satyavan because Earth cannot flower if she alone returns to her. Such was the dialogue of the great opponents: Love and Death. The three figures move on, Satyavan, Death, and Savitri, in this order.

The scene changes as they move into another symbolic world, into **The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real**, which reflects the realities of life on earth. Death's voice again pursues the ignorant march of suffering Time: *"Hope not to call God down into his life. / How shalt thou bring the Everlasting here? / There is no house for him in hurrying Time."* (p.644)

But Savitri clings to her truth: *"If the chamber's door is even a little ajar, / What then can hinder God from stealing in /*

Or who forbid his kiss on the sleeping soul? / Already God is near, the Truth is close... / I am a deputy of the aspiring world, / My spirit's liberty I ask for all." (p. 649) And further: *"O Death, if thou couldst touch the Truth supreme / Thou wouldst grow suddenly wise and cease to be."* (p.663)

Then for the last time Death answers to Savitri: *"O human claimant to immortality, / Reveal thy power, lay bare thy spirit's force, / Then will I give back to thee Satyavan. / Or if the Mighty Mother is with thee, / Show me her face that I may worship her;..."* (p.664) Savitri does not reply. A mighty transformation comes over her. Eternity looks into the eyes of Death. Then the Voice speaks that seems the stillness' own self: *"I hail thee, almighty and victorious Death, / Thou grandiose Darkness of the Infinite... / Thou art my shadow and my instrument... / Release the soul of the world called Satyavan..."* (p. 666) Unconvinced, Death continues to resist. Then the Divine Mother's indomitable Force weighs heavily on him: *"Light like a burning tongue licked up his thoughts, / Light was a luminous torture in his heart,... / His body was eaten by light, his spirit devoured."* (p.667)

Recognising that defeat is inevitable, Death flees from the Divine Mother's dreaded touch of light. And with that the twilight realm vanishes: *"As if deprived of its original cause, / The twilight realm passed fading from their souls, / And Satyavan and Savitri were alone... / All waited on the unknown inscrutable Will."* (p.668)

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 28 January**Wonders of Life: Endless Forms Most Beautiful**

2017/52 minutes/Brian Cox

The universe is almost entirely devoid of life! Earth, the planet we call home, seems to defy the laws of physics. It is teeming with life in all colors, shapes and sizes. No-one knows for sure how many different species are alive right now, our best guess is close to 8.7 million. In this film, Professor Brian Cox asks how, from a lifeless cosmos ruled by the laws of physics and chemistry, it is possible that a planet can produce so much wonderful, varied biology.



AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

January 18-23

**AUROVILLE
7TH FILM
FESTIVAL 2022**

What's going to happen??!!
What about changing lock-down notifications?? We have been informed that the films may NOT be screened in MMC, SAIER, and at the outdoor venue during these dates.

Thanks to a wonderful partnership with Shift72, an international online film festival platform, and thanks to the financial support of AVI USA, audiences may access almost all of the films on auroville.shift72.com between the 18th and the 23rd. The link is active already and the films can be viewed during the festival period.

This year we have films in two categories only: the international category of films that develop the theme of human unity and the category of films made by Aurovilians/residents of the bioregion/guests of Auroville. Only one student submitted a film to the festival this year.

From the international category, 35 films are available online and most of these are available to be viewed from any global location. There are a few that can only be watched from India. There are no charges to view these films.

How to use the Shift72 platform

1. Go to <https://auroville.shift72.com>
2. Click "Create Account" on top right and enter email and password (only need to do this once, subsequently click "Log In")
3. Choose the film(s) you want to watch and click "Buy \$0.00" for each film
4. All "bought" films appear in your Library (top right, under your account symbol)
5. All films will only be available to watch from January 18 onwards.
6. You can "buy" films until January 23.
7. Once you "bought" films and they appear in your library you have time until February 8 to watch them.

What about the music?

The Auroville musicians have supported the Auroville Film Festival through every edition and have been responsible for the vibrant ambience that our audiences love. This year as well they are looking for the best ways to engage while keeping all lockdown protocols. Keep a look out for announcements of live stream links that will feature a daily lineup of fantastic music!

This announcement has been limited to practical details. And next week we will announce the list of wonderful people and units which have supported us. You know who you are, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Find us on FB and Instagram to get the latest information about the films, links to the music, and interesting interviews with filmmakers.

aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

auroville.shift72.com, filmfestival.auroville.org

DOCUMENTARY: THE STORY OF PLASTIC



WasteLess is very excited to invite you to our screening of the award-winning documentary called The Story of Plastic on January 24 at 3:30pm in Cinema Paradiso!

The documentary discusses the disastrous impacts of the plastic life-cycle on the environment and communities around the world, and asks what people, corporations and countries can do to drive positive change! The documentary lasts for an hour and a half, and afterwards we will have a short discussion about solutions to the plastic problem in the Auroville context.

Join us on the 24th at 3:30 in Cinema Paradiso, and remember to bring a mask!

Sincerely, Divya, www.wastelessindia.org

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- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
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- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.

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**HARD DEADLINE
FOR SUBMISSIONS OR CANCELLATIONS:
TUESDAY 3PM**



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 24 January 2022 to 30 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.

Please note: we have rolled back our timing to **7:30pm** for now. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.

Indian- Monday 24 January, 7:30 pm:
CINEMA BANDI (Cinema vehicle)

India, Dir. Praveen Kandregula w/ Vikas Vasistha, Sandeep Varanasi, Rag Mayur, and others, Comedy-Drama, 98mins, Telugu w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

When Veerababu, a driver, finds an expensive camera in the back seat of his rickshaw, he initially tries to sell it.

Then he came up with a ridiculously ambitious plan to gather the village and make a film – a ticket to get their drought-hit village out of its dreary conditions.

Before he could complete, Sindhu who lost the camera and was in pursuit of it -- manages to locate and take it back, albeit damaged by then.

However, watching the film's footage from its memory card, she is impressed and decides to help in completing the tale.

Potpourri – Tuesday 25 January, 7:30 pm:
TEMPLE GRANDIN

USA, 2010, Dir. Mick Jackson, w/ Clair Danes, Giulia Ormond, David Strathairn, Biography-Drama, 107 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

An autistic woman who overcame the limitations imposed on her by her condition to become a Ph.D. and expert in the field of animal husbandry.

She did not speak until age four and had difficulty right through high school, mostly in dealing with people.

Her mother was very supportive as were some of her teachers.

She is noted for creating her "hug box", widely recognized today as a way of relieving stress in autistic children, and her humane design for the treatment of cattle in processing plants, which have been the subject of several books and won an award from PETA.

Today, she is a professor at Colorado State University and well-known speaker on autism and animal handling.

Interesting – Wednesday 26 January, 7:30 pm:
LAST BREATH

UK-Belgium, 2019, Dir. Richard da Costa, Alex Parkinson, w/Duncan Allcock, Kjetil Ove Alvestad, Documentary, 90 mins, English W/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

A deepsea diver is stranded on the seabed with 5 minutes of oxygen and no hope of rescue.

With access to amazing archive this is the story of one man's impossible fight for survival.

Selection – Thursday 27 January, 7:30 pm:
FLORES RARAS (Reaching for the moon)

Brasil, 2013, Dir. Bruno Barreto, w/ Gloria Pires, Miranda Otto, Tracy Middendorf, Biography-History, 118 mins, English-Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: Not Rated

Grappling with writer's block, legendary American poet Elizabeth Bishop travels from New York City to Rio de Janeiro in the 1950s to visit her college friend, Mary.

Hoping to find inspiration on her sprawling estate, but she winds up with much more – a tempestuous relationship with her bohemian partner, architect Lota de Macedo Soares, that rocks the staid writer to her foundation. Alcoholism, geographical distance and a military coup come between the lovers, but their intimate connection spans decades and forever impacts the life and work of these two extraordinary artists.

International – Saturday, 29 January, 7:30 pm:
DON'T LOOK UP

USA, 2021, Dir. Adam McKay, w/ Jennifer Lawrence, Leonardo DiCaprio, Meryl Streep, Comedy-SciFi, 138 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Kate Dibiasky, an astronomy grad student, and her professor Dr. Randall Mindy, make an astounding discovery of a comet orbiting within the solar system. The problem – it's on a direct collision course with Earth. The other problem? No one really seems to care. Turns out warning mankind about a planet-killer the size of Mount Everest is an inconvenient fact to navigate.

30 January
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Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Entrance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kuilapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55

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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
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