

News & Notes

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He who has found
the bliss of the Eternal
is afflicted no more
by the thought,
“Why have I not done the good?
Why have I done evil?”
One who knows the self
extricates himself
from both these things.

Taittiriya Upanishad

The Ponder Corner

As the manifestation of existence, consciousness and delight made the manifestation of non-existence, inconscience, insensibility conceivable and, because conceivable, therefore in a way inevitable, for all possibilities push towards actuality until they reach it, so is it with these contraries of the aspects of the Divine Existence.

Life Divine – The Origin of Falsehood and Evil

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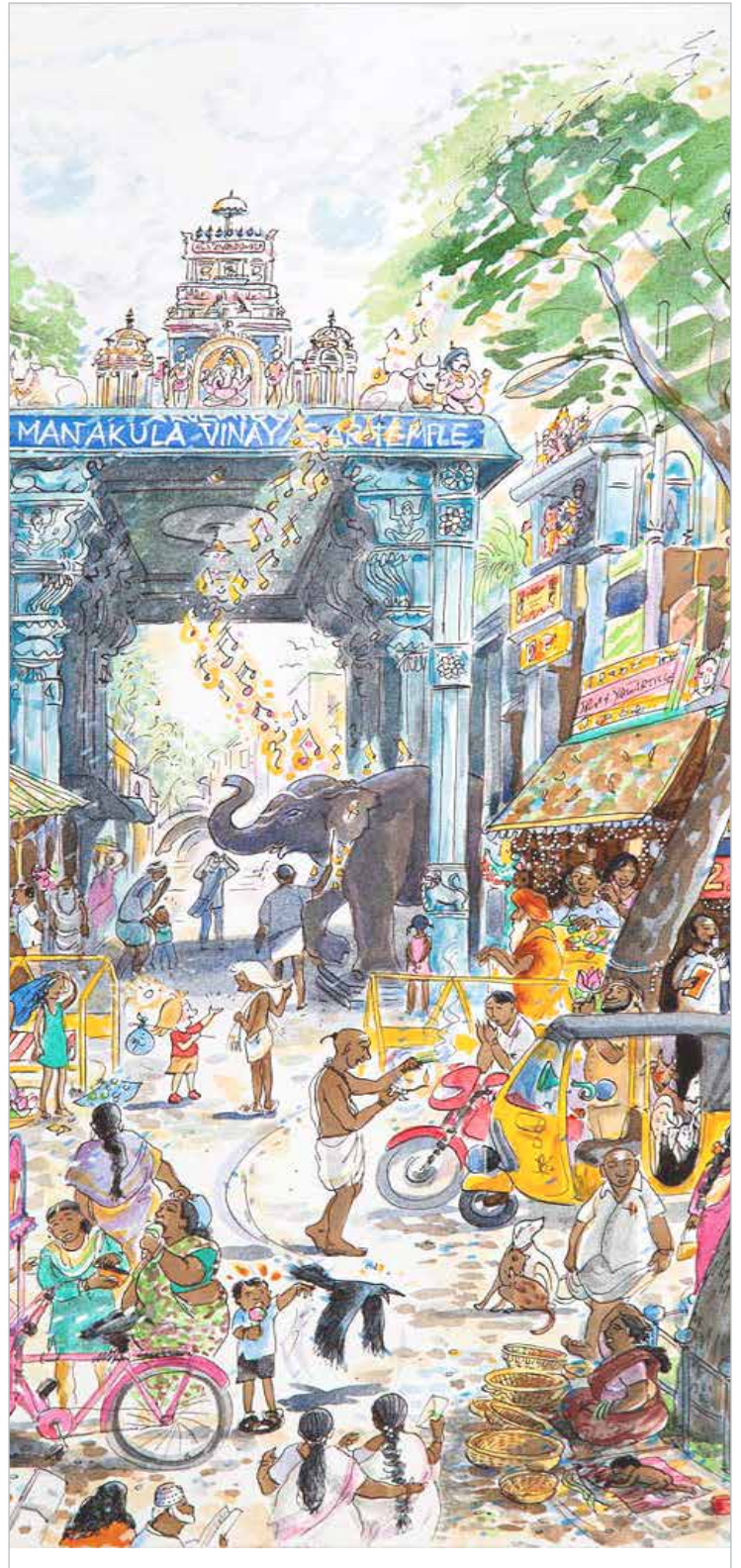


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House of Mother's Agenda

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"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

Indian Literature – 2

(continued from last week)

"I may cite as an example of this development of Vedic idea and image a passage of the Taittiriya in which Indra plainly appears as the power and godhead of the divine mind:

He who is the Bull of the Vedas of the universal form, he who was born in the sacred rhythms from the Immortal, — may Indra satisfy me through the intelligence. O God, may I become a vessel of the Immortal. May my body be full of vision and my tongue of sweetness, may I hear the much and vast with my ears. For thou art the sheath of Brahman covered over and hidden by the intelligence.

And a kindred passage may also be cited from the Isha in which Surya the Sun-God is invoked as the godhead of knowledge whose supreme form of effulgence is the oneness of the Spirit and his rays dispersed here on the mental level are the shining diffusion of the thought mind and conceal his own infinite supramental truth, the body and self of this Sun, the truth of the spirit and the Eternal:

The face of the Truth is covered with a golden lid: O fostering Sun, that uncover for the law of the truth, for sight. O fosterer, O sole Rishi, O controlling Yama, O Surya, O son of the Father of creatures, marshal and mass thy rays: the Lustre that is thy most blessed form of all, that I see, He who is this, this Purusha, He am I.

The kinship in difference of these passages with the imagery and style of the Veda is evident and the last indeed paraphrases or translates into a later and more open style a Vedic verse of the Atris:

Hidden by your truth is the Truth that is constant forever where they unyoke the horses of the Sun. There the ten thousands stand together, That is the One: I have seen the supreme Godhead of the embodied gods.

This Vedic and Vedantic imagery is foreign to our present mentality which does not believe in the living truth of the symbol, because the revealing imagination intimidated by the intellect has no longer the courage to accept, identify itself with and boldly embody a psychic and spiritual vision; but it is certainly very far from being a childish or a primitive and barbarous mysticism; this vivid, living, luminously poetic intuitive language is rather the natural expression of a highly evolved spiritual culture.

The intuitive thought of the Upanishads starts from this concrete imagery and these symbols, first to the Vedic Rishis secret seer words wholly expressive to the mind of the seer but veils of their deepest sense to the ordinary intelligence, link them to a less covertly expressive language and pass beyond them to another magnificently open and sublime imagery and diction which at once reveals the spiritual truth in all its splendour. The prose Upanishads show us this process of the early mind of India at its work using the symbol and then passing beyond it to the overt expression of the spiritual significance. A passage of the Prasna Upanishad on the power and significance of the mystic syllable AUM illustrates the earlier stage of the process:

This syllable OM, O Satyakama, it is the supreme and it is the lower Brahman. Therefore the man of knowledge passeth by this house of the Brahman to the one or the other. And if one meditate on the single letter, he getteth by it knowledge and soon he attaineth on the earth. And him the Riks lead to the world of men and there perfected in Tapas and Brahmacharya and faith he experienceth the greatness of the spirit. Now if by the double letter he is accomplished in the mind, then is he led up by the Yajus to the middle world, to the moonworld of Soma. He in the world of Soma experienceth the majesty of the spirit and returneth again. And he who by the triple letter again, even this syllable OM, shall meditate on the highest Purusha, is perfected in the light that is the Sun. As a snake putteth off its skin, even so is he released from sin and evil and is led by the Samans to the world of Brahman. He from this dense of living souls seeth the higher than the highest Purusha who lieth in this mansion. The three letters are afflicted by death, but now they are used undivided and united to each other, then are the inner and the outer and the middle action of the spirit made whole in their perfect using and the spirit knows and is not shaken. This world by the Riks, the middle world by the Yajus and by the Samans that which the seers make known to us. The man of knowledge passeth to Him by OM, his house, even to the supreme spirit that is calm and ageless and fearless and immortal."

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo,

The Renaissance in India, pages 335-337

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

Townhall Speaks

REGARDING APPEALS

Dear Community, we hereby inform you that the FAMC are refusing to cooperate with any appeals until the appeal process 2017 is reviewed, citing that the appeal process review is long overdue and that there are substantial issues with the process. This is in the light of the ATDC also having stated that their decisions should altogether not be appealable unless they validate the appeals themselves. The ATDC have also stated that they are not answerable to the RA.

In 2017 when the appeal process was ratified it was to be reviewed after 1 year. During the first year there were only 3 appeals, which did not provide enough material on how the process might be improved to undergo review. After 2 years a review was initiated but there was no substantial input so it was not concluded. Since then, and 3 more years down the line, we have had 22 appeals in total against working groups which gives us more than enough experience to warrant a review of the process.

The review of the appeal process is already underway and should be brought to the community for an RAD in the next few months. Until then the Council has decided to pause all appeals processes against the FAMC and ATDC until the process is newly ratified or either group again is willing to cooperate. Although the appeal process does state that appeals should be held regardless of working group cooperation it makes little sense to continue because implementation of appeal decisions is impossible without the acceptance of the groups involved and in a wider sense it makes little sense to create such a lack of cohesion in our organization. Also, as per the appeal process there is a 1 month time period for appeals to be received after a decision has been made, this will still apply but appeal requests will be kept in abeyance and started at a later time.

Please be assured that we tried our best to bring the FAMC and the ATDC back on board and that we will bring this subject to the community at the earliest via an RAD process. The pause of appeals against FAMC and ATDC decisions does however still allow for appeals against WCom and Council to be received.

*Kind regards,
Auroville Council*

REASONS FOR POSTPONING THE GM

Dear Community, we apologize for the abrupt announcement of postponing the GM hosted by the Council on Friday, 25.

Some of the reasons for this decision was that we have been overwhelmed with our workload over the past 2 weeks, several members have been ill, some members have been taken by the many activities of the Auroville week, we are longing for some peace and quiet reflection time during this week, and there was still much to prepare for the meeting itself. We too wish for better communication and sharing with the community, towards better organization that will instill participation, trust and respect between all of us.

*Om Namo Bhagavate,
Auroville Council*

RAS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community, we would like to inform you that the 3-month trial period for Dan (Prarthna) and Giovanni (Serenity) is coming to its end. These two members are now confirmed as official members of RAS.

The Residents Assembly Service team members at present are Dan, Giovanni, Sathish, Tatiana and Verena.

With appreciation and gratitude for RAS' service.

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

AVC REPORT

November, December 2021 and January 2022

The Auroville Council wishes for the harmonious and peaceful progress of the city with the beginning of this New year 2022.

Internal functioning of the Council

The Council is grateful to Koodam and certain resource persons for supporting the formation of the different coordination groups specific to their roles and responsibilities:

- Facilitation Coordination supports mediation and facilitation.
- Arbitration Coordination is for appeals and arbitrations.
- CRP3* Emergency (CRP3E) and
- CRP3 Coordination (CRP3C) , take care of CRP3 cases.

* **Conflict Resolution Policy section 3** – situations/incidents that contain violence or threat of violence, sexual abuse, substance abuse, psychological health issues and offences under Indian Criminal law.

The Council is exploring new ways of organizing itself. As a first step we intend to create two specialized subgroups comprised of Council members and resource persons. One to manage all conflicts, the other to oversee the creation, harmonization and observance of Auroville mandates, policies and guidelines.

In order to better understand the Auroville Foundation Act and its intended spirit, the Council has been listening to and studying Kireet Joshi's speech on the AVF Act and Auroville governance.

In the last 3 months, the usual weekly meetings with the Working Committee were not held regularly which caused delays in our work. Regret and a request for a renewed effort to collaborate was communicated to them.

Matrimandir executive selection

A sub group constituted by members of FAMC, WCom and AVC was looking into the selection process of new executives for Matrimandir. On September 23rd 2021 a call for applicants was announced. 19 self-nominations were received and the names were announced for community feedback. A round of interviews for all the candidates was conducted. In the month of November, the new Matrimandir executive team was announced to the community.

Matrimandir Design Evaluation Panel (DEP)

It was conveyed and confirmed by the Matrimandir executives in the month of December that one of the candidates had stepped down from the DEP team.

It was clearly defined in the selection process that if a panel member resigns, the next highest-rated candidate will be selected. Council approached the candidate to enquire about his availability and willingness to join the existing team. This has been communicated to the Matrimandir team.

Auronet guidelines and support team

In November the Council announced the Auronet moderation support team and put the new Auronet guidelines in place. These new Auronet guidelines were made effective from November 2021 for a 6 months trial period after which they are to be reviewed, possibly amended and then sent for an RAD making process.

Selection Process Review Task Force (SPRTF)

Following the report from the Inquiry Task Force (who investigated the tampering of the ballot boxes) and their recommendations for the selection processes of the four main working groups and Entry Board, Council with RAS wrote the scope of work for the SPRTF and made a call to the community to join. 12 candidates came forward, a team of 7 was selected via a draw of lots by the RAS.

As Council is selected by the same process it was felt best that the RAS be tasked with overseeing the SPRTF.

The SPRTF has presented their work to the community in their first RAM held on Jan 28th 2022 and are now incorporating feedback received.

ATDC selection process

A subgroup consisting of Council and Wcom members was formed to work on the selection process of ATDC in March 2021. This was abruptly dissolved with the issuing of a new office order for ATDC members in July 2021 by the Auroville Foundation office. Recently a subgroup of Council picked the work up again, largely focusing on a pre-screening process for ATDC members. It was proposed that final selection should then be held at the same time and via the same process as the other main working groups.

This work of the subgroup was shared with the SPRFT, with a request to include the selection of ATDC members in their proposal to the RA.

FAMC mandate review Task Force

This task force and Council are still in the process of finalizing their mandate review which will be presented to the community for feedback before potentially being proposed for an RAD. Council has also requested FAMC to look at the mandate that the previous FAMC team worked on to see if they want to make any amendments to it. Once they have, Council will go over it again to see whether it could also be presented as an improved alternative.

FAMC refusal to cooperate with appeals and the Appeal Process review

After ATDC had expressed concerns late last year about the Appeal Process and questioned their need to adhere to it and RA decisions altogether, FAMC have also recently informed Council that they will no longer cooperate with any appeals until the Appeal Process is reviewed.

Hoping to address their concerns, Council presented FAMC with a timeline to review the Appeal Process and a proposal for an interim Appeal Process so that appeals against FAMC decisions could still be held. But FAMC expressed that the proposed changes did not sufficiently address their concerns.

The Appeal Process is presently being reviewed by a subgroup with a timeline for completion of March 31st 2022.

Mandate and Policy Review Taskforce

A subgroup constituted by Council wants to review, update and catalog all mandated policies and guidelines. The subgroup began its work by cataloging and creating a work plan. It then started approaching some working groups for an evaluation of their own documents before determining any next steps.

Due to the recent turmoil in our community this work has stalled since December.

Mattram support for mental health and suicide prevention

In December Mattram presented posters they had designed in regard to mental health and suicide prevention. These suggest that people reach out to Mattram when caught in depression, or a desperate and hopeless situation, offering a helping hand and someone to confide in.

The posters were endorsed by AVC and WCom.

Short informative note for dismissal of an Aurovilian from workplace

A subgroup of Council with a member from FAMC, two from Koodam and one from Council, submitted their final work to Council. It was proposed that the document should be shared as an informative note and not as a policy or guideline. The note was shared with the community for feedback.

Concerns from Entry

The Entry Board has recently written to Council regarding their concern about the status given to spouses or partners of Newcomers who are unwilling to join Auroville for different reasons, but still live in Auroville houses. The reflections will be shared soon.

Another concern that was shared with WCom and Council was regarding Aurovilians and Newcomers who stay outside of Auroville. Both topics are being looked at and discussed between the Entry Board, WCom and Council.

Auroville's growth / Envisioning exercise by Secretary of the Auroville Foundation

Some members of Council participated in this exercise and attended a few meetings called by the AV Foundation office at Matrimandir, though recently this has been stopped as some Aurovilians expressed their objections to such meetings being held in the Matrimandir gardens.

Resident Assembly Decision (RAD) making process study group

The Council with the help of a member of the Citizens Assembly team has initiated a study of the gaps and shortcoming of past RAD processes. Members of RAS, WCom and resource people have been invited to contribute.

This study is being held as a first step towards developing a new collective decision-making process.

Three different RAD's were identified for this exercise:

- Exit policy
- Petition in 2019 that led to the selection process proposals and finally to the latest selection process
- Petition to pause development on the crown until further notice from the RA, including a counter petition signed by many community members

Community Announcements

The Council has reached out to the community through News & Notes, AuroNet and mass bulletin with these communications and announcements:

- Council needs your help
- Petition and Residents Assembly Decision-making (RAD)
- Communication between ATDC and AVC
- Support for the work of RAS and community-approved processes
- Reflection on the last RAM
- Response to Sindhuja
- ATDC membership update
- We condemn racism and intimidation
- Dismissal of Aurovilian from the workplace
- Welcome Note to International Advisory Council of Auroville Foundation
- Appointment of spokespersons
- AuroNet moderation support team
- RAS membership
- Interim RAD clarification
- AV Report, August, September and October 2021
- Conflict of interest guidelines

Appeal, arbitration & mediation

Appeals and arbitrations are now being held in collaboration with the newly formed Arbitration Coordination team.

• ACUR appeal

The appeal was concluded by the appeal body, the outcome has been shared with both the parties. The FAMC decision stands valid but with recommendations to them.

• African Pavilion appeal (against Council and held by WCom)

The outcome of the appeal was read to Council who changed its decision to comply with the recommendations of the appeal body. Further information on this appeal will be shared by WCom.

• Re-Center appeal

The appeal body was appointed but the ATDC have not met or cooperated with them.

• **Appeal about apartment allocation**

Appeal concluded. The outcome was communicated to both parties. The FAMC accepted the appeal body recommendations and requested the Housing Board to conduct the apartment allocation process anew.

• **Procurement unit appeal**

Appeal concluded. The outcome has been read to both parties. The decision taken by FAMC remains valid.

• **Appeal regarding a balance sheet disclosure**

The appeal was invalidated as the appellant procured the balance sheet themselves from the AV Foundation Office.

• **Appeal for Nolly's house**

The appeal is on hold because FAMC have decided not to cooperate.

• **Satyakam appeal**

The appeal is on hold because all appeals against FAMC and ATDC have been temporarily paused by Council.

• **Suggested arbitration – Sanjana**

Council has suggested an arbitration to resolve the long standing conflict between the architect, and the project management group/residents.

• **Arbitration between two Auroville farms concerning access**

The arbitration body is in place and started its work on December 28th 2021.

Conflicts and other issues

Council met with the Auroville Foundation Secretary after the events at Youth Center and Darkali to convey the concerns expressed by a section of residents as well as some of our own. A declaration form for foreigners to be signed for visa renewals and the recent visits from FRRO to Aurovillians in their homes were discussed with the WCom. Concern was expressed by all, the WCom is following up.

Several CRP3 (Conflict Resolution Policy section 3) cases are being held in collaboration with the CRP3E (Emergency) and CRP3C (Coordination) teams that are comprised of AV Security, Mattram, Auroville Child Protection, resource persons, and Council.

A group of concerned Aurovilians approached Council in regard to the dismissal of Aurovilians from their workplace at an Auroville school and a unit under Health and Healing Trust, without due process. They questioned the top-down management which they believe is common practice in many Auroville units and services. A subgroup of Council is following up.

The issue regarding a container parked in a residential community was taken up by a subgroup of Council. Meetings with both the parties were held and an agreement was prepared to be signed by them to avoid future conflict.

A situation with two dogs in the campus of an Auroville school and an incident of dog bite were followed by a subgroup. The owner of the dogs who is presently out of station was contacted. The house sitter taking care of the dog was involved and preventive steps were taken.

ATDC MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community, the ATDC has kindly shared this information with us to share with you.

Best regards, Auroville Council



Dear Auroville Council, the ATDC Standing Order (No. 1/ 2019 of 4 June 2019) states that the ATDC will consist of a maximum of 15 members.

No minimum number is mentioned. On 15 of June 2021 an Office Order was issued by the Foundation Office, whereby 7 nominees were given a term till the 14 of June 2023 and one nominee for one year. All appointments were done by the Foundation Office.

- Anbu, Toby, Saravanan, Sreevatsa and Lakshay were renominated.

- Elaine was the Working Committee nominee.
- Debo was nominated by the Secretary.
- Vidhya was nominated for one year.

Recently, Saravanan, Lakshay, Elaine and Debo handed in their resignations. As the appointment was done by the Foundation Office it has to be accepted by them as well.

Additionally, on the 7of January 2022, Dr Seetharaman was appointed by the Auroville Foundation as a representative of the Governing Board to replace Debo.

Dr. Seetharaman, Officer on Special Duty, Auroville Foundation, has been appointed Member Secretary of ATDC and Member in charge of Finance and Accounts of ATDC. Prior to the appointment of Dr Jayanti Ravi he served as an interim Secretary, for some months.

Hope this answers your questions.

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FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 123

Dated: 5-03-2022

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Ganapathy GANESAN (Indian) staying in Red Earth and working at Mandala Pottery
- Madhusudan AGARWAL (Indian) staying in Auromode and working at Samskritam Auroville (Bharat Nivas)



Ganapathy



Madhusudan

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Sufi Poorna (Indian) Born on 23-07-2019 (daughter of Madhusudan)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service

CHILD SAFETY

Dear AV residents, we would like to bring a child safety concern to your attention. We have recently become aware that a woman, often seen around Kulapalayam or in and around Auroville, has been approaching children and young teenagers, asking for their phone numbers. She also approaches adults asking for sexual relations repeatedly and inappropriately, sometimes aggressively.

For description and further details, please [see Auronet](#).


AVSST, AVCP and Working Committee

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

28.2.22

*Greetings from Auroville
to all men of good will
are invited to Auroville all
those who thirst for progress
and aspire to a higher
and truer life.*



LETTER FROM DR. KARAN SINGH



Dr. Jayanti Ravi is a highly qualified and motivated civil servant who considers building the city of Auroville as her only priority. However, as Gandhiji taught us, means are as important as ends, and if the right means are not adopted the end will necessarily get distorted. This is unfortunately what has happened in Auroville, resulting in a great deal of tension in the community and even panic when there was

a hint that some visas may be disturbed. That should certainly not be done because, over the decades, people have come from almost 60 countries giving up their homes, positions and taking up residence in Auroville as a unique inter-cultural community. It is also true, in my experience, that the Auroville community seems to be unable to come to a consensus on important matters and is constantly divided even on vital issues, which is most unfortunate.

Be that as it may, the whole dispute is now before the National Green Tribunal. I have the following suggestions to make:

1. Whatever the decision of the Green Tribunal may be, it should be accepted in good grace by both sides. Talks of going to the Supreme Court which, of course, is a fundamental right of citizens would, in my view, simply prolong the whole issue and further damage the image of Auroville in the country and abroad.

2. It is essential that the credibility gap between sections of community and the Secretary should be bridged. If 10 senior Aurovilians were to sit together, 5 from each side of the dispute, and seriously consider what can be done to overcome the present crisis they may reach some consensus. Each side could choose 5 representatives and the meeting could be held in camera in the Foundation office. This should be done urgently while the stay from the National Green Tribunal is still operative.

I must admit I have been greatly mortified by recent developments in Auroville. Having been involved in the origin of Auroville which I described in Parliament as an arrow shot into the future and then in its actual functioning for 20 years as Chairman I have a deep respect for the community and, I must add, for the present Secretary. Let us, on the eve of Auroville's birthday, pray to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for Divine guidance at this crucial juncture for the welfare of this unique experiment in human unity.

Karan Singh, February 26, 2022

Editor. The validity of this letter has been verified and we have been told a copy has been sent to the Auroville Foundation Office. However, we have not received any communication from the Foundation Office concerning this letter.

IN PASSING: SANJEEV OF SAIER

In the very early morning of 24 February, our brother and friend Sanjeev Aggarwal of SAIER passed away due to cardiac arrest at the age of 70 in JIPMER.



Sanjeev came from Delhi to Auroville at the end of 1981 and was, with his legal background and formation, the right person to continue from 1992 onwards the immense challenge of bringing to further fruition the Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research (SAIER), which had been set up in 1984 by Kireet Joshi and Alain Bernard. The Institute now oversees the many schools and other educational projects in Auroville and bio-region, and Sanjeev has been the main drive and pillar of strength in the organisation throughout the years. Certainly his focus on Auroville's Udavi school in Edayanchavadi village made the school expand enormously, and the teacher staff and pupils will very sorely miss him. Sanjeev's greatest joy was in enabling young people to discover their goal and potential in the context of Auroville. He loved the concept of Gurukul and brought up four girls. His continuous support and advice will be missed by many.



Sanjeev also enjoyed being a good host – many fondly remember having him make a cup of tea for them. He was happiest when in the company of small children and will be remembered for his sincerity and generosity.

His other passion was immersing himself in Sri Aurobindo's Savitri. Having been a member of the very first Working Committee from 1991 onwards, he continued taking up innumerable administrative functions and, with them, the accompanying complexity and tension. With his strong-willed character and deepest dedication towards the development of Mother's Auroville, Sanjeev took wholeheartedly part in Auroville's communal meetings and debates where his absence will be strongly felt. In the last years, he curtailed his administrative work due to stress related problems.

Our warmest condolences go out to Sanjeev's partner Miriam and their foster daughters Elene, Manjula, Saranya and Dakshini. OM

**Meditation under the Banyan Tree
in memory of Sanjeev, 6 March, 5pm**

CLEAR AS CRYSTAL



*The Cause that is Auroville:
The City of Dawn
Cradle of the transitional beings
Manifesting the Avataric Effect
That is the Vision and Work
Of its rEvolutionary founders
Sri Aurobindo and the Mother,
Bringers of the Supramental Future
Into the transitional moment,
The Kalki Avatars who precipitated
The long-awaited Divine Golden Age.*

To anyone who intensely resonates
With a burning thirst for change
You are most welcome to participate
In this ever-hastening upgrade
Of the undivine old
That self-destructive world.

She who is The Divine Incarnate
Oh so lovingly offered:
"I invite you to the Great Adventure."
Though also Clear as Crystal reminded
Each aspirant of a Quest Divine:
"To be a true Aurovilian...
One must be a willing servitor
Of the Divine Consciousness."

He who is also The Divine Incarnate
In these lines reiterated:
"Man is a being transitional
He is not final."

And so We are here to manifest,
Unique individual instruments
Archetypes for a collective change
Willing and intentional
Guided by the Supramental,
An inclusive progressive city
An evolutionary laboratory,
Conscious of Earth's trajectory,
For all a Life Divine.

Zech. 2022.02.22

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTEBOOKS OF AN APOCALYPSE



You can get the latest "Notebooks of an Apocalypse" Vol 16 from Satprem which have just arrived at Freeland bookshop. Welcome to Freeland.

Yagna

MOVIE AND PIZZA AT THE YOUTH CENTER

Friday, 4 March, at 7:30pm

Hi everyone, come and enjoy a movie night with yummy pizza and cakes in the Youth Centre. The money for this event will go to help Alice and her children to go to Italy to re-do little Milo's visa.

This Friday's movie will be "Ready Player One"... here a small summary:

In 2045 the planet is on the brink of chaos and collapse, but people find salvation in the OASIS: an expansive virtual reality universe created by eccentric James Halliday. When Halliday dies, he promises his immense fortune to the first person to discover a digital Easter egg that's hidden somewhere in the OASIS. When young Wade Watts joins the contest, he finds himself becoming an unlikely hero in a reality-bending treasure hunt through a fantastical world of mystery, discovery and danger.



Please come and have fun

Alice, Sasha, Kamil, Alyha, Neelan,
Milo and little Leo

AUROVILLE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY SEEKS B. VOC CERTIFICATION

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is applying for affiliation of the B.Voc. courses at Pondicherry University. (Bachelor of Vocational Studies) These are skill oriented and include industrial practice as part of the curriculum. of 3 years duration! Students will be certified by the Pondicherry University. After completing a B.Voc course of 3years duration, students may further join a Postgraduate course or apply even for a PhD.

Eligible to join these courses are 12th or equivalent pass students (interested students may contact Lavkamad@auroville.org.in).

The planned B.Voc. courses are:

1. Production Technology
2. Applied Electronics and Chip Design
3. Software Development and machine learning
4. Green Energy and Electrical Systems

Under the Guidelines of NEP2020 40% of the curriculum is to be foreseen for general and soft skills.

Our concept of education is based on Integral education and not just for acquiring a certificate.

Currently we are designing the curriculum for the above courses.

The curriculum has 2 parts, a general part and a subject oriented part!

We have planned following courses as part of the general skills:

1. Philosophy of Vedanta and Integral Yoga of Shri Aurobindo, Meditation and yoga
2. Indian heritage and Values
3. Leadership and communication
4. Entrepreneurship and starting a business
5. Applied Physics
6. Applied Mathematics
7. English communication
8. 3rd languages Hindi, German or French

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is now looking for part time faculties for each of the above general subjects with amin. qualification Master degree in either English, Physics, Mathematics or Hindi. Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Integral Yoga and Vedanta or Indian heritage and culture!

full time faculties for Production Technology, Power systems & Green Energy and Software Development!

Volunteers in Marketing in the field of education (Marketing concept, design of brochures, Video, Social Media)!

- Interested Aurovilians or new comers who are passionate and want to make a difference in educating please contact Lavkamad@auroville.org.in

AURA NETWORK UPDATE



Thanks to those who continuously share their abundance on the app, inviting us to expand our prosperity. This keeps the circular economy more alive.

Love, Aura Team, www.auranetwork.app

AUROMODE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, 5 March, from 10am to 5pm.



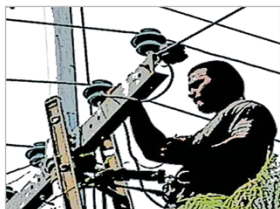
Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House. We will have free internet! All are welcome to try out our coworking space, Free of Charge!!!

For more details regarding our Plans check out our catalog at our WA Business No. 70921 97375

Auromode Hive Team, Auroshilpam,
[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Google Map](#)

MISUSE OF TNEB POWER SUPPLY

Alerting on Misuse of TNEB power supply for construction purpose – *illegal* extension OR using *lower* tariff power for *higher* tariff usage etc.



As we had done many times in the past, we are to intimate the community that the TNEB is contemplating to raid on Auroville TNEB Service Connections by the A.P.T.S. (Anti Power Theft Squad) to detect cases of TNEB power misusing such as;

- Unauthorized extension of power from one building to another
- Using lower tariff power for commercial purpose
- Using power obtained for some other activities for construction purpose
- In one building having different tariff activities under one lower tariff
- Running Guest houses, Home stays under Domestic tariff etc.

Therefore AVES is to alert all our TNEB consumers to please take note of the above instructions. Such activities out of TNEB power will attract heavy penalties. Hence be aware of the situation and also request the consumers to inform the AVES before doing any such activities, so that we can take proper steps to get it done legally.

In the event of APTS detection of any illegal, misusing OR power theft etc of TNEB power supply, they will charge sheet the consumer for violating the TNEB terms and conditions of power supply and assign a levy of heavy penalties as a defaulter.

Hence we are bringing this announcement to your knowledge, to alert you. If you have any doubts about your rightful usage of your power supply, please contact AVES @ 2622 264 and get clarified between 8am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm

*Thanking you, At your Service,
AVES Team*

CAFETERIA VISITORS LIVE MUSIC

March 6, Sunday, at 7pm



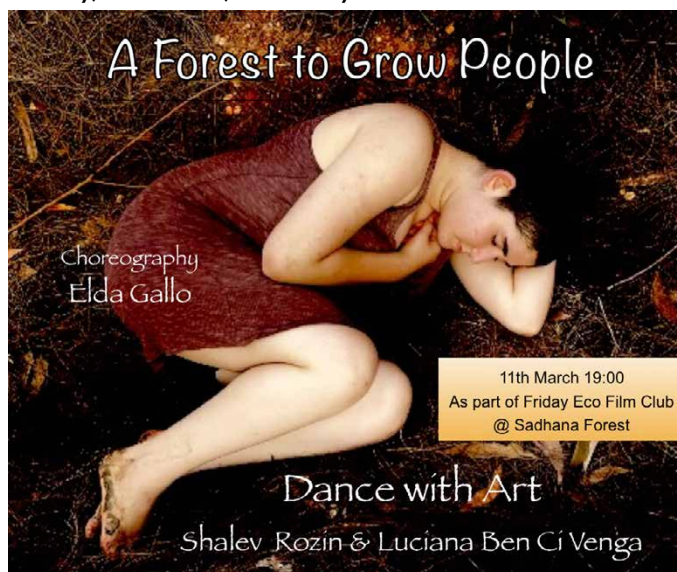
Live Music Evening at the Cafeteria Visitors Center

This week, Michael will be performing world music and meditative bansuri tunes. He might have some guests with him on stage.

Nicole and Lee

A FOREST TO GROW PEOPLE

Friday, 11 March, at exactly 19:00 at Sadhana Forest!



Join us for a special event, "A Forest to Grow People" this Friday evening, 11 March, at exactly 19:00 at Sadhana Forest! We invite you to a live dance with art performance by Shalev and Luciana, choreographed by Elda. The visual treat that will play out is a wholly authentic story, the life of a forest designed to grow itself and to grow people alongside it. This is a debut performance of the act that was presented at the Dschungelwien Theater (Viennese Theater for Youth) earlier this year. We hope to see you at Sadhana Forest to join in this unique celebration!

- There will be a bus leaving from Solar Kitchen at the center of Auroville at 18:00 to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club. This event will be followed by a delicious 100% vegan organic meal.
- By 21:15, the bus will return to Solar Kitchen. This event, the dinner and the bus ride are offered as a gift to you!

THE ARTS



Saturday, 5 March. 10am-6pm

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LEARNING FROM THE INTANGIBLE

11 March to 26 March 2022

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "Learning From The Intangible" by The Learning Community (TLC)



Exhibition opening: Friday 11 March 2022 at 4:30pm

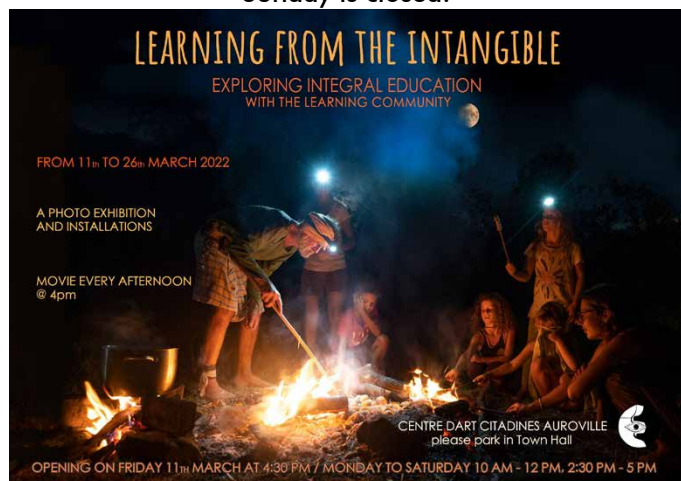
Exhibition Dates: 11 March to 26 March 2022

Movie Every Afternoon at 4pm

Gallery hours:

Monday to Saturday 10am to 12pm – 2:30pm to 5pm

Sunday is closed.



The world is crying out for change, in every area of human development.

Pedagogy has, since the beginnings, had the purpose of developing sustainable answers to contemporary needs in society, and to school future generations towards this.

The educational systems of the world today grew from a need for efficiency of the Industrial Revolution of the 1800's, economic profit continues to be the driver and criteria for successful schooling, but a pedagogy designed for that can no longer be seen as the solution to the vastness of challenges the world is facing.

Humanity has reached a point where our present circumstances have no solutions in past practices, and need to be studied as a completely new phenomenon.

Education needs to rediscover its role of guiding towards new forms of unity and responsibility, for the creation of actual earth citizenship.

How to redesign education with this specific evolutionary purpose? The purpose of Integral Education is to try to create the conditions for the emergence of a new way of being on Earth. But how do we put it into practice?

This exhibition aims at sharing our journey in this quest. It is a result of a year of filming and photographing daily life in TLC, while researching on how to assess free progress in daily practice. It is a journey into the self with all its possibilities and potentialities: a journey of trust in the process while facing the challenges between the dream of tomorrow and the reality of today.

This work is an invitation to connect and share while walking this new path.

About The Learning Community

Auroville is a place offering the opportunity to discover new ways of education for this change in humanity. The Learning Community (TLC) was created for this exploration and research. TLC is not a school, it's a living experiment, a framework for inner and outer growth. It's a community-based learning environment aiming to make pedagogy alive by moving away from classrooms and pre-determined syllabus and allow for the unfolding of each learner's idiosyncratic journey, following individual learning styles, rhythms and interests.

It embraces an unending education, at all ages and on all levels of the being and draws inspiration from values such as freedom with responsibility, care for oneself, others and the environment, non-violent communication, and rooting oneself in the capacity for engagement together with reflection.

TLC is not a fait accompli.

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HOW TO BRING UP A CHILD?

Pencil portraits of children, March 3-31, Town Hall, Exhibition by Roof Studio/AV Art Service

Statement: My mission is to bring attention to children by my drawing/painting of them. "How to Bring Up a Child?" is an essential question to our society. I do not provide an answer but hope to trigger a public discussion about it. My values are gratitude, humbleness and love. I wish all physical and emotional needs of children are met up. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information about my work.



ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk,

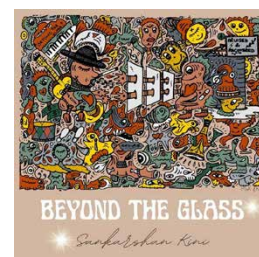
[Facebook page](#),

<http://artservice.auroville.org/ivana-frousova/>

BEYOND THE GLASS RELEASED

An EP produced by Newcomer Shanks, featuring Aurovillian musicians Matt Littlewood and Suresh Bascara among others, and mixed by Stefano Cesca has just been released.

Google 'Beyond The Glass Sankarshan Kini', or simply [click on the link here](#).



THANK YOU

Thanks for News and Notes

I want to thank Roy and AgniJata for the fantastic thing they have done and are doing to the Auroville News&Notes. Its clear layout, searchable index, the lively and well chosen illustrations and occasional deeply philosophical observations and quotes, make for pleasant, informative and important reading. Please keep it up!

With love, Mauna

Thanks for the Beautiful Photo

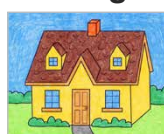
We want to thank Manohar for his beautiful photo of Matrimandir & Crystals in the Exostence Garden, that we used for the Auroville Birthday Issue, #911.

Roy & AgniJata



LOOKING FOR

Looking for a Permanent House



Hi, I have been living in Auroville since 2019. I have been working in Auro Orchard for almost 2 years, Solar Kitchen and Terra soul. I was announced Aurovillian 3 weeks ago. I'm looking for a permanent house to live in for a long time. WA 9626384416

Thanks, Bernardo

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

MATRIMANDIR DISC CLEANING TEAM

is looking for new members



Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers **only!** Matrimandir Disc cleaning team is looking for new members on the regular basics.

Description of the work: we take the bags with climbing equipment (8kg) to the roof of MM. Then we take up the sets of the ropes (same 8-9kg) to the roof from the above-chamber layer inside MM. Install the ropes. Attach ourselves to the ropes and start disk cleaning with jute clothes, one vertical line of disks per day, from the very top to very bottom of MM. The job is dirty, monotone and physically hard.

Timings: Monday to Friday, 4:30 to 6:00 for advanced workers and 4:30-

7:00 for the beginners, depending of your capability to learn.

We give training course of 4-6 classes where we teach climbing skills, equipment and security. After you pass the exam you can start the real work.

If you

- have no fear of heights,
- no allergy to the dust,
- physically strong,
- ready to commit at least 1 evening per week minimum for half year,

please contact Agni on WA +91 9843605237

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala!

You are most welcome to join us on any day from 6am onwards, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am.

Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking.

If you would like to contact us please email sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in, WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

The Sadhana Forest team

TAXI SHARE

To Chennai Airport on Sunday, March 13



To stay ECO friendly: Looking for 1 or 2 passengers to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport on Sunday, 13 March. Departure from Auroville around 11:30am.

Please contact me via WA: +34685673777, or via sms: +917289907792, or please leave a message in PTDC as I am volunteering there everyday.

Thanks, Sunny

To Chennai Airport on March 17



From Auroville to Chennai Airport. Departure from AV at 9 – 9:30pm. Could also be earlier.

+91 8300 755 099 Galina

svetgalina@list.ru, Galina Svetlova

LOST AND FOUND

Lost leather purse in green, yellow and red.

Wednesday afternoon on the way from Angiras Garden, Celebration direction Discipline, Auromode, Upasana, with important Cards inside.

Please contact Rena, Angiras Garden, 7598123660

Thank you warmly, Rena

AVAILABLE

Female Puppy

Female puppy, cute, clean and healthy, is looking for a home. Please contact rita@auroville.org.in or 89408 78665.

Rita E., Arya Community

HELP NEEDED

AUORE NEEDS A CAREGIVER IN JIPMER

We are looking for help to care for Aurore from Fertile, who is a cancer patient in Jipmer. She will be there for the next 4 to 6 weeks, 2 positions are needed:

Looking for a person to help/ take on her medical coordination: Speak to doctors, make sure medical procedures are on track. Knowledge of Tamil and some medical understanding would be an advantage. Initially maybe daily in the mornings for checking in, later maybe less time required.

Looking for a female caregiver to maintain a daily presence in the hospital. Help with personal hygiene, meal-times and attending to needs as they arise. Daily from 8am – 4pm, for 4- 6 weeks.

Financial remuneration given. Please contact Malvika

WA +62 81238572402

malvikapathak@gmail.com

AUROVILLERADIOTV 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

WHERE DOES AUROVILLE STAND TODAY ON THE WORLD STAGE?

The Mother said 'Auroville will be a peace bomb.'

I don't care if you like me or dislike me- or agree with me or don't agree with me – Nolini said, 'he who is for some and against others is outside the truth.'

I think we can each look inside ourselves and find inner peace... and from there we can find empathy and compassion for all the other beings who are sharing this planet with us – and so we can manifest a real human unity which might help the rest of the world find peace....

Jocelyn

THE GALAXY IS THE BLUEPRINT Happy Birthday Auroville!

When I joined the Community, I was asked to commit to three documents: the Auroville Charter; To be a True Aurovillian; and A Dream.

While the Galaxy is the blueprint of Auroville's body, I see these documents as the blueprint of Auroville's and Aurovillians' soul.

In developing the "City the Earth needs," we also and foremost have to focus on the new men we are called to be, in line with these documents.

I grouped selected sentences from them, and I added my ideas on how to bring it into reality – see the Google doc available at bit.ly/3vi7p3Q. Some of the ideas are bold, some are simplistic, some are only a drop in the ocean.

This is only my humble little present to the Community for its 54th birthday.

And I'd be very happy if you contribute by adding your name and ideas in the Google doc. Maybe groups will spontaneously emerge to bring any idea forward.

There is no right time to start the Work. May this be Now.

Giovanni P.

FEARLESSNESS AND COURAGE

Dear One, this week a few of us were reflecting on this quote: "You can be entirely free from fear only when you have driven out of you all violence."

The Mother (CWM-14, p. 243)

It was insightful to dive deeper into the connection between fear and violence within oneself. Some of these quotes by The Mother on Courage also helped in getting a deeper understanding on it:

"Integral courage: whatever the domain, whatever the danger, the attitude remains the same — calm and assured.

Courage is a sign of the soul's nobility. But courage must be calm and master of itself, generous and benevolent. In true courage there is no impatience and no rashness. Never mistake rashness for courage, nor indifference for patience."

(4 November 1951)

"Vital courage must be controlled to be helpful. The noblest courage is to recognise one's faults. There is no greater courage than that of recognising one's own mistakes."

(1 May 1954)

"There is no greater courage than to be always truthful."

(31 July 1954)

Felt like sharing with all for self-reflection. Thank you for reading.

With Truth and Love, Deven

TO MY AUROVILLE FAMILY

I would like to express my deep gratitude to my Auroville family, some who I have known for decades, others who I have met recently and all the others that I don't know yet. Your constant support helped me tremendously through these challenging times.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the accusations against me shared by a small group (that sent hateful letters to the GB and IAC members) are entirely false. And for those who do not know me well, at Mother's feet, I can say that I contacted neither the national nor the International press.

In fact, the morning after the "bulldozing night" Abha and I sent out a press release asking the Media not to come to Auroville until peace returns. We spoke to the Security service to help us to manage the entry of the press into Auroville too.

Simultaneously we posted a note on Auronet to organize some collective response and avoid individual outbursts with inappropriate hashtags on Social Media.

In reaction, without the least respect towards our postings and efforts, the Foundation Office appointed "Official spokespersons" and organized a press conference.

All our efforts were lost and the press conference doubled the press interest. The gagging of Outreachmedia at this very moment unleashed spontaneous actions by many members of the community who reached out to their own contacts in the media.

Despite the refusal of the FAMC to transfer the assets of Outreachmedia to Joel Van Lierde and Sindhuja Jagadeesh, the door was blocked and locks changed.

Today accusations continue: "Experts" sent by Chandresh Patel and Dev Mohanty (who is not an AV) have reported that hard drives have been cleaned at the office of Outreachmedia. Well, the computers are used by many people and every user is requested not to leave any of their work behind to avoid unnecessary accumulation of material. Not to mention that there is nothing "secret" in the computers but files, procedures and policies... This is not a James Bond film. For the rest I can't say because they forced the entry of the office without my presence.

While the FAMC is still refusing to transfer the assets or allow access to Outreachmedia email accounts to the "spokespersons", I received personal mails questioning missing assets and asking for the passwords.

The assets are not missing and in fact were checked by the accountant of the Foundation Office who spent 2 days in December at the office questioning everything. Another intimidation? However be aware that they were given access to Auronet Outreachmedia account

I am also accused of creating the website www.standforaurovilleunity and managing the Facebook and the Instagram account standforunity. Well, humbly, I am not a super woman and I don't have the work capacity of 10 people (During the 50th Anniversary we were more than 10 people). I would rather say the opposite since Gerard's passing.

I first joined Auroville in 1984: I was not trying to escape the life of Delhi or any other big cities of India for a nice green sweet home – The soil was red and life still in survival mode. My dedication to Auroville cannot be challenged and neither can Outreachmedia's and the community's commitment to freedom of speech and transparency. Using Outreachmedia to push one sided ideas is not only unethical but will also jeopardize the efforts made by many Aurovillians over the years. The many International news reports during the 50th reflected that team effort. Outreachmedia is the instrument of the RA and should stay so.

It is very regrettable that such demonstrations of hatred have been displayed in Auroville and followed by people who don't even know me personally and without any valid proof of their accusations.

In Her light and love. Truth will prevail.

With my deepest Gratitude, Fabienne

DREAMWEAVING: THE FINAL SESSIONS AND WHAT'S NEXT

On the weekend of 19/20 February, the final sessions of Dreamweaving the Crown took place. On the first day, 11 architects' teams presented their final concepts, with space for questions. The focus of the second day was on processing and reflection. It included a guided meditation, and unstructured interactions between the architects and participants. All participants then completed individual surveys to capture their feedback, before a final reflection circle where they shared what they considered the key takeaways from the process, and what they would like to be carried forward.

As the dreamweavers' designs addressed a wide range of issues integral to development of the Crown, participants gave feedback on which design ideas/elements resonated most with them on a range of topics rather than picking a single 'winning' design. Topics included how well the designs ground the galaxy, how they convey the essence of Auroville, how they address mobility etc. It was felt that this would be the best output to enable the Vastu Shilpa Foundation to understand the true poetry of Auroville.

Now a comprehensive report of the process is being prepared which will include all the designs, and the feedback and reflections from the participating technical experts, peer architects, people from particular focus areas like forest group, urban planning and development, education, bioregion etc, randomly selected community members and the wider community. This will be forwarded to the Vastu Shilpa Foundation as a basis for formulating guidelines and major design principles for the Detailed Development Plan of the city. One or more presentations based on this report will be made to the community in the coming weeks for their feedback and insights.

One practical proposal that may be manifested in the near future is for full-scale mock-ups of some of the suggested concepts to be erected along the Crown so that Aurovilians can experience what they would look like. What they would be, and how to do this, is currently being studied with the architects involved.

However, it is important to emphasize that the output from this Dreamweaving exercise was not simply the architects' concepts for the Crown. This was just one of many outcomes. Other valuable outcomes included the initial three days of presentations which provided invaluable information regarding the Galaxy concept, ground realities, climatic considerations, infrastructure requirements etc. Importantly, there was also the important feedback from the experts, focus groups and randomly selected Aurovilians which will be synthesized in the report.

Perhaps one of the most important outcomes of this process, however, is that it began to change the narrative that Aurovilians find it difficult to work together, for this exercise brought together many people from different perspectives in a new, inclusive way to find solutions. Some of those who participated shared that they found the most valuable part of the process to be 'The opportunity for dialogue and synthesis of different views', 'working with different viewpoints' and 'respectfulness and listening to each other.'

It also opened up new possibilities of working with external experts, for it is hoped this is only the beginning of a long collaborative relationship between Auroville and the Vastu Shilpa Foundation (which enthusiastically participated in and endorsed the Dreamweaving exercise) to provide valuable research, expertise and inputs for planning the town.

*The Citizens' Assembly and Dreamweaving teams
Submitted by Alan*

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

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

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

Last published podcasts

- [Av Foundation Outreach gathering –Thiruchitrambalam](#) (City Life & Bioregion development)
- [Soul Track – Se.03, ep.14 “Matt & Dhani ride Again!”](#) (Music)
- [AV Foundation Outreach Gathering- Alankuppam](#) (City Life & Bioregion development)
- [Indian Music Live Concert](#) (Music)
- [Av Foundation Outreach gathering – Edayanchavadi](#) (City Life & Bioregion development)
- [Happiness, Love and Laughter-Ep.135 “Come Together... In conversation with Divya”](#) (Wellness)
- [Audible weed Walk- Ep.72 “Mega meal from the Weedy Nation: reaching beyond the rationale”](#) (Food Education)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – ep.45](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 386](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 1](#) (Tamil Language)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil-Ep.6, Sri Aurobindo “ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு”](#)
- [Savitri, B. XI, C. I, Part 4](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [A Narration on Irumbai Mahalam](#) (Tamil Culture)
- [Happiness, Love and Laughter-Ep.134 “Bridging Divides”](#) (Wellness)
- [Stories of Tamil Aurovilians](#) (City Life)



Last Youtube live videos

- [“To Honor Sri Aurobindo – His Realisations of Nirvana and Cosmic Consciousness” A talk by Loretta](#) (Auroville Festival 2022)
- [Auroville's 54th Birthday – Dawnfire Meditation](#) (Auroville Festival 2022)
- [Auroville Festival – Closing celebration](#) (Auroville Festival 2022)

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CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

SVADHYAYA: THE STUDY OF SELF

**6-week Intensive Online Journey,
April 24 – June 26, 2022**

Dear friends, we are happy to launch one of our flagship courses, Svadhyaya – a transformative online journey to delve into the works of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

This journey is for you if:

- You are a seeker yearning to grow within
- You are willing to explore yourself through the foundations of Integral Yoga Psychology
- You are curious to know about the vision and works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.
- If you find it difficult to read the works of Sri Aurobindo, but truly aspire to read.

If yes, we invite you to follow the call. Come join us for Svadhyaya, a **6-Week Online Course in Integral Studies**. Svadhyaya is a beginner-level course to know and explore yourself and the world using the key ideas, vision and transformational practices as developed by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

Anchored by over 10 faculty, it is an intensive course for seekers looking to live what they learn with a lot of importance given to community-based transformational practices and learning by doing. A strong component of intense reading and project work involving basic video production creates a container for a deep transformation.

- The course dates are **April 24 – June 26, 2022**.
- You can apply now at <https://www.svadhyaya.auroville.org/>

Applications close on **31 March 2022**. Do apply at the earliest, as we are reaching out widely and the number of seats are limited.

For any queries please write to svadhyaya@auroville.org.in.

**An Introductory Webinar,
Saturday, March 5, 7:30-8:30pm IST**

Dear friends, we are delighted to invite you to join us for a short Webinar to know more about the Svadhyaya course with founder & core facilitator, Divyanshi. There will also be time for Q/A towards the end.

Svadhyaya is an intensive 6-week (April 24- May 26) On-line Course in Integral Studies which is crafted for self-exploration and transformation through the vision and works of Sri Aurobindo The Mother.

Our dear alumni will also be joining us to share their journeys with Svadhyaya and how it is transforming their lives.

- **When:** Saturday, March 5th 7:30-8:30 PM IST
- **Register:** <https://bit.ly/svadhyayawebinar>
- **To know more and apply** for the upcoming course, visit: <https://www.svadhyaya.auroville.org/>

Applications close on March 24. Limited seats, apply at the earliest. For any queries please write to svadhyaya@auroville.org.in.

*Warmth, Divyanshi, Surya and Harpreet
For Svadhyaya Team,
Purnam Center for Integrality*

**INTRODUCTION TO TAROT READING
as a tool for Inner Work with Valentina
Tuesday, 22 March to Friday, 25, 2-5 pm
@ Center Guesthouse, Auroville**

Level 1: Major Arcana. The Path of the Soul
For details and registration: tarot4dreamers@gmail.com
This workshop is organized by Synthesis, an activity under ASSA, a unit of the Auroville Foundation
Valentina

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH, 2ND YEAR, PART III

Saturday, 5 March 2022, from 3 to 5pm
Center Guest House



The 'Let's talk about Death' group intends to provide space, time and content on the topic of Death in Auroville. We have met several times during 2020/2021, at different locations, with each time 20+ new interested people

attending. The sharings are always heart-warming and inspiring. We learned a lot.

The 3rd date of this new series of gatherings will happen next Saturday 5 March 2022 at the Center Guest House. We'll start at 3pm with coffee & cake, followed by sharing until around 5pm.

We want to offer a space for personal experience and insights. There will be no lecture, material distribution or convincing people of one's opinions or beliefs. The sharing is open to all ages, for Aurovillians, Newcomers and Volunteers. We hope to see you soon, take care and stay healthy and open minded.

The 'Let's talk about Death' group,
Fakeera, Kalsang, Lisa, Valeria & Dan

INTRODUCTION TO TOOLS AND METHODS FOR CREATIVE COLLABORATION.

Friday, 18 March, 2 – 4pm, Yuvabe, SaraCon Campus
Yuvabe presents a workshop



What does it include?

- Introduction to a Visual collaboration tool
- Design frameworks: for effective project planning and widening your vision through efficient brainstorming.
- Learn to evaluate and choose the right ideas

The workshop is designed to introduce a visual collaboration tool that will help to: effectively plan your projects, expand your vision through brainstorming and evaluate to pick viable ideas.

Presenters:

Pranav C Raman is a passionate innovator and designer who believes in creating impact through design driven processes. He has contributed in holistic system driven solutions, majorly in healthcare and fintech.

Siddhant Prabhu has an extensive understanding of research, design and business processes. Inclined to create a synergy between business and design objectives.

Who is it for?

- Anyone who is interested in design thinking
- Interested in remote team collaboration

Contribution

- Free for Aurovillians and Newcomers
- Rs 500 for Guests / Volunteers

Registration

Contact: Punithan, +91 99445 09700

GIFT OF SAVITRI PAINTING

Gift of Savitri Painting for Participants from India and Europe Through an Intense Online Learning Journey



Dear friends, with great love and delight, we are happy to share a gift of a special Savitri Painting Online course with you. Purnam Centre of Integrality is offering this course to suit timings in Europe as well as in India. For the first time, we are offering Savitri Painting's Indo-Europe cohort (April 10 – May 15, 2022). In light of Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary, Purnam aspires to expand the touch Savitri in the lives of 150 sadhaks.

Savitri Painting is a means to move inward into greater depths of your being and soul through art, music and poetry. It is a means of sensing your soul movements and expressing them through painting. The course accesses the mantric power of Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's magnum opus, organ music and painting to help you sense your soul movements, and see the unfolding of your soulscape through the joy of painting.

The course neither requires you to be an artist nor a devotee, but it requires you to be a seeker. If the purity of Savitri, the joy of colors and the warmth of a collective attracts you, if you wish to discover your soul through painting Savitri, come join us. If you feel this course would be useful to someone else, please share with her/him.

Applications are now open to immerse yourself in this beautiful journey. [Apply now here.](https://purnam.auroville.org/savitripainting)

For any queries, write to savitripainting@auroville.org.in

Divyanshi Chugh

PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, 4 March, at 5pm



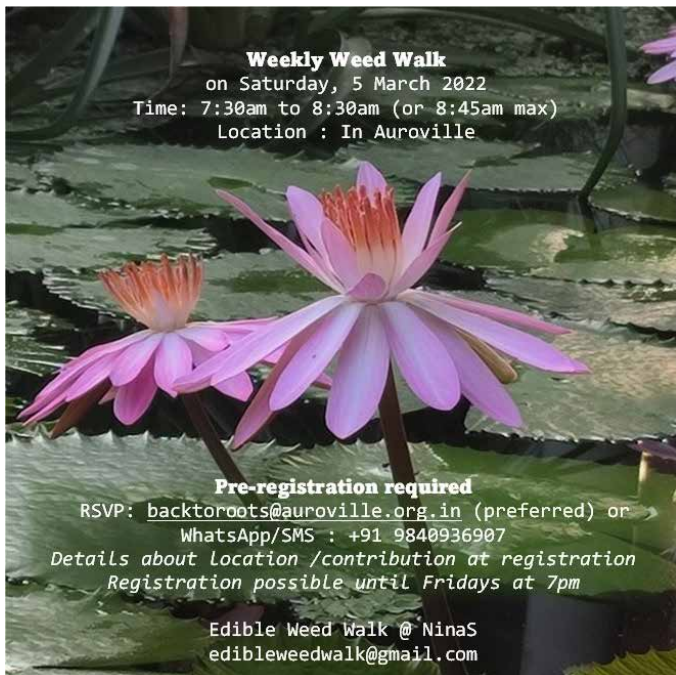
Dear photographers, Photo Circle meets on the first friday of every month, so this time we will meet on Friday, March 4 at 5pm in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines.

The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers. We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques.

Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

Everybody's welcome.

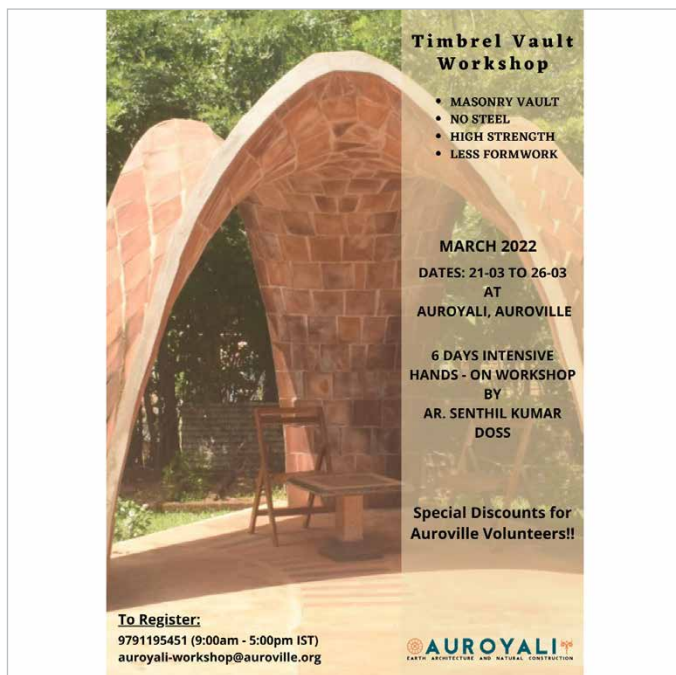
WEEKLY WEED WALK



AUROYALI ECO CONSTRUCTION

21 – 26 of March

AUROYALI Our Auroyali team aims at spreading awareness and motivating usage of Eco construction techniques among architects, engineers, students, and the general public. We conduct workshops on different EcoFriendly techniques throughout the year. We are now conducting **Timbrel Vault Workshop** from 21 till 26 of March (6 days) intensive Hands-on workshop conducted by **Senthil Kumar Doss** at Auroyali, Auroville. Mr.Senthil Kumar Doss, who has 5years of experience in Architect Dominic Dube (Auroville) and founder of Play Architecture, an experimental design studio, integrating research and practice since 2005. Graduated at (NIT) Regional engineering college, Trichy.



• Registration closes 5 days before the workshop begins. Consideration required.

Contact Number 9791195451 (9am – 5pm, IST), Auroyali (Earth Construction and Natural Construction), Auroville

Regards, Supriya S, HR Executive, AuroYali
Auroyali@auroville.org.in, www.auroyali.com
 Landline 0413 2622411

FOOLING & STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS DROP-IN

New Creation Dance Studio,
 Every Friday, 18:15-19:45



Free/Donation Basis

Facilitator background Mike: Theater Acting, Improvisational arts, founder of www.schoolofconnection.org

More info Whatsapp Mike: +447515377896

In these sessions we will be playing around with the little voice that's in our head. The voice that quite often likes to narrate, judge and dramatize things. It's that little voice that we have in the background when we are doing things, but we usually keep it to ourselves, as we deem it inappropriate to express out loud.

Voicing our inner voice can be comedic as we begin to see how petty, volatile and inconclusive it is. Hence why the word fooling, because after all it really is a playful essence seeking drama for the mere fact of experiencing drama.

It's an inner fool that likes 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. It enjoys playing out different roles: it has an access to an infinite amount of characters inside and it likes to play out these different roles: Sometimes it takes the role of a judge, a hero, a victim, etc...

We will explore expressing our inner worlds with utmost sincerity, no performance! No acting! Exploring what it feels like to access our deeper parts. To see what lies behind our logical mind, to lose ourselves in a place where we can play, create anything, fool around and be anything we want to be.

TRANSFORMATIONAL YOGA

Sound chakras healing

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



Lakshmi,

Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com or 8489764602

Under Synthesis activity of ASSA

Workshop, 5 days:

Monday, 7 – Friday, 11 March, 9am – 10:30am

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



You will learn:

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

Transformational yoga is inspired by Mother and Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga teachings. Transformational Yoga is an innovative and highly effective yogic system, which synthesizes techniques of Hatha, Raja, Mantra, and Kundalini Yoga to bring about rapid transformation within the mind, body and spirit. Powerful, yet gentle, everyone can reap the benefits of this purifying yoga practice.

For registration please contact Lakshmi

Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com or 8489764602

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QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

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Foot Reflexology Training with Ananda

**Monday, 7 – Friday, 11 March, 9am – 5pm
(lunch included)**

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

In this training, you will learn:

- anatomy of the physical and energy body;
- warm-up and self-healing techniques;
- sequence for organs, nerves, hormones, and lymphatic flush drainage;
- reading various body types and variations in approaches to apply;
- meditations to open channels for sensitivity, presence and loving energy;
- effective ways to give deep healing sessions.

Ananda is professionally trained with international certifications in the field of pranic healing, hypnotherapy, holistic rebalancing and aquatic bodywork; he shares his inner journey retreats and massage training across India, Vietnam and Europe.

Watsu® & Meditation with Dariya

Tuesday, 8 – Wednesday, 9 March, 8:45am – 6pm

Meditation is an important tool to listen, accept and know ourselves, and to become more intuitive towards ourselves and others. The purpose of meditation is to cultivate presence and peace of mind, which foster possibilities to connect to our unique essence and the world around us. It also encourages development of our intuition through the heart rather than perception through the rational mind. This might at times support making choices from a deeper place.

Meditation essentially helps to develop our capacity for personal expansion and is the basis for our ability to deeply listen to and be fully present with the person we float during a Watsu session.

Prerequisite: Watsu Basic

Watsu® for Babies with Dariya

Friday, 11 March, 8:45am – 6pm)

Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and spontaneous way of experiencing the first childhood years and is open to all those who would like to experience the joy of being in water with babies. In this course, you will discover that emotions arising from spontaneous movements in water open extraordinary borders. They allow us to be in the present moment, simply listening to the breathing of the baby while being supported by the healing power of water.

Through some Tantsu and Ai-Chi exercises, you will start listening to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You will also learn possible transitions of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in a creative way for babies. Thanks to the collaboration with Gianni De Stefani, certified WABA facilitator, Dr. Riccardo Palumbo has been able to develop a new massage, which is introduced in this course to bring Watsu into the world of babies.

In the morning, you will learn simple 'sequences' on dolls or teddy bears; please bring a large doll, teddy bear or something alike. In the afternoon, we are inviting parents with their little ones to join us on this sweet journey.

Prerequisite: Watsu Basic or a degree to work with babies in water.

Watsu® & Breathing with Dariya

Saturday, 12 – Sunday, 13 March, 8:45am – 6pm

A 2-day journey of exploring and discovering your breath and its applications in Watsu. You will also integrate the practice of Watsu qualities and the power of working with your receiver's breath. Several topics will be discussed such as the link between breathing and yourself as a giver, but also breathing and your energetic connection with the receiver. You will also be exposed to the anatomical basis of our respiratory system to better understand its functioning.

To incorporate all these elements into your water work, you will practice, explore, share your feelings, and practice again and again...

Prerequisite: Watsu Basic

Watsu® for Babies with Dariya

Friday, 11 March, 2:30 – 4pm

A Call To Parents with babies (from min. 2 months to max. 2 years) to join this course from 2:30 till 4pm.

Watsu for Babies is a water shiatsu course to ease and inspire movement with a baby in warm water, based on two main principles: presence and moving from our core, while being in water with a baby.

Parents, who would like to get inspiration to be with their little ones in water with more presence, play, deepen connection with water, and use the properties of water as stimulation for hyper- and hypo-tonic muscles of babies, are most welcome to join!

Please contact the Quiet Healing Center beforehand:
e-mail quiet@auroville.org.in or call 9488084966.



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We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion and soul, for conscious evolution. Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiQuan, Energy work, Fasting Natural Horsemanship, Horse Assisted Therapy, Medical Clowning, Yoga Nidra, Gentle Birth & Pregnancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation

Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

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

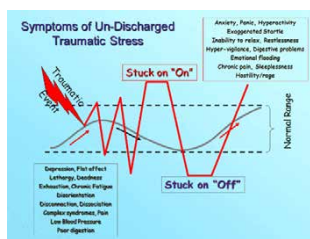


Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication – and it's just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse! Mirabelle lives with horses since she is 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfils her life's dream to bring children, adults and horses together in a healing way, in Auroville, Sharnga Guesthouse. Mirabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care – hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care, riding and therapy!

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

Transforming trauma, 5 & 6 March

How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person's full potential, energy and zest for life – and even integrate the wisdom of it all? 2 day workshop with theory and interactive exercises, A toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work.



The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

Facilitator: Sigrid Lindemann, international faculty in integral regression therapy, Sensation method homeopathy, trauma therapy in Auroville for 20 years

Time: 5 & 6 March, 9 – 5pm.

- **Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse, www.sharngaguesthouse.in
Sharnga Guesthouse is a green oasis, with a huge Banyan Tree, horses, birds, a lively tropical garden, with a small pool, gym and rooms from simple to AC, single to family units. A Yoga Hall, AC lounge with big screen, and the great service and international cuisine make it a perfect spot.
- **YEP** We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> parallel with wellness and healing sessions for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird watching, etc! WA 09626565134

Dynamic QiGong with Andres

- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 7-8am, Gaia Frisbee field
 behind Kalabhumi



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Registration required for the following intensive

Yoga Therapy For Back Pain with Bijou Friday, 11 March – from 9:30am to 12noon

A complete physio session through yogic movements and holds, aimed at helping to correct spine and core imbalances, and to ease upper-mid-lower back pain and shoulder & neck stiffness.

Gratitude – The Juice Of Our Life with Vega And Edo

(Based on non-violent communication)

Saturday, 12 March, from 9:30am to 4:30pm

We will use different tools and ways to explore the theme of gratitude that makes us alive and moves us forward. The practices are based on nonviolent communication tools, so people can join who has experienced Nonviolent communication into workshop.

Freedom From Fear with Dr. Sehdev Saturday, 12 March, from 2 to 4:30pm

Fear has an apocalyptic power; it can sap all energy, and make everything inert and lifeless.

Fear of Losing Face, Fear of Loneliness

Fear of Love & Intimacy, Fear of Failure

How can one live with full intensity and with all ebbs and tides, without knowing what fears freeze the mighty river of one's life?

PITANGA CLASSES

Taoist Qigong with Elisa

- Classes in French: Wednesdays 7:00-8:30am
- Classes in English: Saturdays 7:30-8:30am



Please note the change of timings!

Adapting to the special challenge of health this season is bringing, we invite residents to practice with Elisa a special form of Taoist Qi Gong, which is enhancing the immune system and supporting health and well-being: Great Healing Wu Dang Taoist Qigong.

Qigong is a Chinese movement practice that is an integral part of traditional Chinese medicine. The basic principle is the circulation of vital energy throughout the body and mind. By putting the energy back in motion, the body rebalances itself, health and happiness improve.

"We are going to practice the most ancient forms of Taoist Qigong. They are focused on longevity and spirituality. Taoist alchemists believe that body, breath and consciousness are complementary and inseparable and it is their purification, transformation and storage that is central to balance, harmony and health of the body. To be human.

This art of integral health consists of practicing slow movements, postures, breathing, relaxations, visualizations, meditation, self-massages, sounds, steps.

Elisa, Newcomer, is trained in Traditional Chinese Medicine, PsychoBioAcupressure, various massages (belly, Ayurvedic, Chinese), relaxation, hypnosis, mindfulness and other techniques. She studied Taoist Qi Gong for 7 years with Gérard Edde who is also a graduate in Tai Ji Quan, Kung Fu, Ba Gua and Ayurveda.

Reach us at 262 2403 or pitanga@auroville.org.in

Eight Brocade Healing Qi Gong with Shari

Thursdays 9:15 – 10:15am

Introducing a new class of Qi Gong from 10 March onwards. Eight Brocade Healing Qi Gong is an easy to learn practice to balance, harmonize and invigorate life force, health and vitality. This practice is based on the Taoist 5 Elements and Meridian system. We will learn the "secret" inner practice to understand what Qi Gong is and be able to practice in every moment. No prior experience necessary.

Shari's teachers: Master Wong- Szechuan China 1998, Mantak Chia- Chiang Mai Thailand 2000, Shifu Lily Sullivan, Hawaii 2010-2013



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CULTURAL CENTRE

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

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

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



COVID 19 Prevention

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

- Please take your temperature and sign the Covid tracking book
- Clean your hands with Sanitizer
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distance

Please remember to put your mobile phones on flight mode and switch off all wireless and bluetooth devices before you enter the lab, since it is a wireless-free space

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

Please contact 4036922 or email us at tomatis@aurovillelanguage.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations

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Learning Disorders Reading & Writing Issues Dyslexia

Creativity and Release of Potential
Children Teenagers Adults & Seniors

Certain Kinds Of Hearing Loss

Focus & Sense Of Direction In Life

Anxiety
Stress

For more information about the Tomatis program, please have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMyly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

Sanskrit For Beginners With Aravinda

Thursdays, 2:30 to 4:30pm, for 3 months.

We are happy to announce that a Sanskrit class for beginners, is about to **start** at the Language Lab, on **Thursday, 3 March**. It is held in person by **Aravinda**.

Growing up in a family with deep appreciation of Sanskrit, Aravinda has natural love and affinity for it. His dream is to see Sanskrit as a living language in Auroville.

Course features:

Starting with the sounds and the alphabet, we shall enjoy exploring simple words, conversation and chanting of selected mantras.

If you are interested:

Please [fill out our form](#) to join or inquire about any language classes at the Lab! You can drop us an email to info@aurovillelanguage.org, or call us at 2623661

Tamil Spoken For Beginners With Saravanan

Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30am

Next **Friday, 4 March** we are going to start a new Tamil Spoken Beginners group, with Saravanan.

Saravanan, follows a booklet, Fun With Tamil, an ongoing project by the Auroville Language Lab. The booklet & course covers:

- Introduction to Phonetics
- Introduction to useful everyday phrases
- Spoken grammar (Pronouns, Verbs & Conjugations, Tenses, etc)
- Basic vocabulary
- Building conversational confidence

If you are interested we still have some spots:

Please [fill out our form](#) to join or inquire about any language classes at the Lab! You can drop us an email to info@aurovillelanguage.org, or call us at 2623661

English Classes In The Afternoon

Monday to Friday, between 2 and 5:30pm

Our English teachers are available to start new English Classes for Total Beginners, Beginners and Pre-Intermediate Levels, in the afternoons.

Classes will take place at the Auroville Language Lab.

Please let us know which timing is suitable for you and if possible, indicate more than one alternative time, so that we can figure out a good time for everybody.

We hope to hear from you soon and get ready to start with this course. Spread out the word if anyone else is interested.

Language	Level	Start Date	Time	Days of Classes
English with Sandy	Total Beginner	To Start in March	3pm – 4pm	Tuesdays – Thursdays

Please [fill out our form](#) 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!

Projection of Dreamweaving Sessions

Every Day, Monday to Friday, from 4:30-5:30pm

For those without computers or good internet access, we will be projecting the Dreamweavers sessions. All are welcome to drop in. [More info is here.](#)

All Lab and Covid guidelines to be followed.

ALL: Schedule of Classes as of 28.02.2022

Language	Level	Time	Days of Classes
English	NEW To Start Total Beginners!	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	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, Wed & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	NEW, Spoken Beginner	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner	04:30pm – 05:30pm	Monday & Thursday
	Written & Spoken Beginner	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Tamil for Children, Beginner	04:15pm – 05:15pm	Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner	02:30pm – 04:30pm	Thursday
Spanish	Beginner	New cycle in February! Inquiries Welcome!	
	Intermediate	03:30pm – 05:00pm	Monday & Friday
	Conversation	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Wednesday
Japanese	Beginner	Cycle completed, a NEW one soon will start	
Italian	Beginner	04:00pm – 05:00pm	Wednesday & Friday

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

AUROFILM PRESENTS
Dead Poets Society

At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

Reminder: Friday 4 March, "La Strada" (The Road), by Federico Fellini, Italy, 1954

Friday 11 February, 8:00pm
"Dead Poets Society"

Director: Peter WEIR, US, 1989

With: Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard, Ethan Hawke

Overview: Set in 1959 at the fictional elite conservative Vermont boarding school Welton Academy, the film tells the story of an English teacher (played memorably by a brilliant Robin Williams) who inspires his students through his teaching of poetry. Some of Keating's students will revive the "Dead Poets Society", a group of dreamlike free spirits of which Mr. Keating was, in his time, one of the influential members... The wayward youth is provoked "to suck the marrow out of life", because "poetry, beauty, love, these are what we stay alive for". This rather unusual film has received numerous awards and accolades, and has been a source of great inspiration to countless millennials all over the world.



Introduced by Prof. Sehdev Kumar as part of the Aurofilm Series, "International Film Classics and the Human Condition". Short discussion and comments after the screening of the film.

Original English version, with English subtitles.

Duration: 2h08'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP at MMC.

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

21:15 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 18:30 :)



Friday 11 March

A Forest to Grow People

Premier of a live dance with art performance by Shalev and Luciana, choreographed by Elda.



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 7 March 2022 to 13 March 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 **8:00pm** 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 7 March, 8:00 pm:
PUSHPA: THE RISE – PART 1

India, 2021, Dir. Sukumar w/ Allu Arjun, Fahadh Faasil, Rashmika Mandanna, and others, Adventure-Crime, 179mins, Telugu w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Pushpa, a laborer works for a small sum but dreams of living like a king. But he is always let down by his half-brothers. He gets a chance to work in a dense forest where red sanders are smuggled and exported. He dares to trick DSP Govindappa's strict vigilance and builds his smuggling stronghold – under the banner Reddy Brothers. From then on there is no stopping...

Potpourri – Tuesday 8 March, 8:00 pm:
HYSTERIA

UK-France, 2011, Dir. Tania Wexler w/ Maggie Gyllenhaal, Hugh Dancy, Biography-Comedy, 100 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

It's 1880, young doctor Mortimer Granville gets a job with Dr Dalrymple, who relieves female patients' frustrations or hysteria – with pelvic massages allowing orgasm. Handsome Mortimer attracts a large female clientele. He also gets engaged to Dalrymple's daughter Emily. However, when constant massaging brings on a carpal injury, he is sacked. Luckily, an inventor friend came up with a power operated feather duster, to be soon transformed into a vibrator, making Mortimer a fortune.

Interesting – Wednesday 9 March, 8:00 pm:
CRYPTOPIA BITCOIN
AND THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET

Australia-USA-Germany, 2020, Dir. Torsten Hoffmann & Michael Watchulonis w/ Peter Ellwet, Michael Martin, and others Documentary, 86 mins, English W/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Bitcoin, deemed as one of the most disruptive technologies, as they are banks by building an alternative and decentralized currency system. Some say that its "blockchain" could provide a blueprint for a better and fairer Internet. Despite this potential, Bitcoin is undergoing severe price volatility. Moreover, the media coverage is often incorrect and misleading. Hence, the public is still confused about the technology and its larger implications. This film introduces the 'big brains and big egos' of this new industry.

Noteworthy films from Auroville Film Festival (AVFF) 2022

AVFF 2022 – Thursday 10 March, 8:00 pm:

- **FROM DURBAN TO TOMORROW**
- **SCHOOL OF HOPE**

From Durban to tomorrow – South Africa, 2020, Dir. Dylan M. Gray, Documentary, 40 mins, English French-Hindi-Marathi-Hungarian-Spanish-Xhosa w/ English subtitles, Rated (NR) – A mass protest led by people living with HIV in Durban, S.Africa in 2000 made a difference in access to health. Globally five frontline health advocates work towards universal human right to health.

School of hope: – Finland-Morocco, 2021, Dir. Mohamed El Aboudi, Documentary, 78 mins, Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: (G) – Children from the Oulad Boukais nomadic tribe in Morocco -travel miles through the vast desert to the east of Atlas Mountain, hoping education would make a difference.

International – Saturday, 12 March, 8:00 pm:
EAST SIDE SUSHI

USA, 2014, Dir. Anthoni Lucero w/ Diana Elisabeth Torres, Yutaka Takeuchi, Drama, 106 mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Single mom Juana can slice and dice anything with great speed and precision. After working at a fruit-vending cart for years, she decides to take a job at a local Japanese restaurant. Intrigued by the food, she learns to make a multitude of sushi on her own. Eventually she attempts to become a sushi chef, but is unable to because she is the 'wrong' race and gender. Against all odds, she embarks on a journey of self-discovery, determined to not let anyone stop her from achieving her dream.

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 13 March, 4:30 pm:
WONDER PARK

Spain-USA, 2019, Dir. Dylan Brown w/ Sofia Mali, Jennifer Garner, Ken Hudson Campbell, and others, Animation, 85mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

June, an optimistic, imaginative girl, discovers an incredible amusement park called Wonderland hidden in the woods. The park is full of fantastical rides and talking, funny animals – but all in disarray. She soon discovers that the park came from her imagination and she's the only one who can fix it, so she bands together with the animals to save this magical place!

MARCEL CARNÉ FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Sunday 13 March, 8:00 pm:

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (Children of Paradise)

France, 1945, Dir. Marcel Carné w/ Arletty, Pierre Brasseur, Jean-Louis Barrault, and others, Drama-Romance, 142 mins, French w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR (Part 2)

It is the most expensive, most star-studded film that the French ever had made, marking the summit of the director's career, glorifying the fatalism of his prewar poetic realism and exemplifying in its magnificent self-presentation, the triumph of the imagination over loss, and art over politics. A must see!

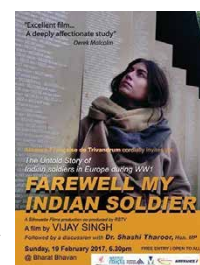
Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available. **For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Please donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.**

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FAREWELL MY INDIAN SOLDIER
 Saturday, 5 March, at 5pm,
 Cinema Paradiso

The French Pavilion presents documentary directed by Vijay Singh, in **French only**, duration: 50 min

Vijay Singh's latest film Farewell My Indian Soldier is a docu-fiction, a moving portrayal of Indian soldiers who came to fight in France and Belgium during the First World War. The presence of these 150,000 soldiers in Europe is a virtually unknown fact of history.



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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite Udayogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Enterance	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



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kuilapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About}	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

Bus Charges

- Monthly Rs.550 (Aurovilians & New comers)
- Rs.100 one way for Aurovilian & New comers
- Rs.150 one way for Guest

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- Auroville – 9442224680
- PIMS – 0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

- Auroville Safety & Security Team – 9443090107
- Auroville Police Station – 0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station – 0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station – 0413 2677368

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- Health Center – 0413 2622123
- Santé – 0413 2622803 / 0413 2623937
- Farewell – 8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Matram – 9487746051

India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

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Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 3pm

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How to submit material:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
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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.

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