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He passes in his departure from this world to the physical Self; he passes to the Self of life; he passes to the Self of mind; he passes to the Self of knowledge; he passes to the Self of bliss; he moves through these worlds at will.

Taittiriya Upanishad

The Ponder Corner

A spiritual evolution, an evolution of consciousness in Matter in a constant developing self-formation till the form can reveal the indwelling spirit, is then the keynote, the central significant motive of the terrestrial existence.

Man and the Evolution – Life Divine

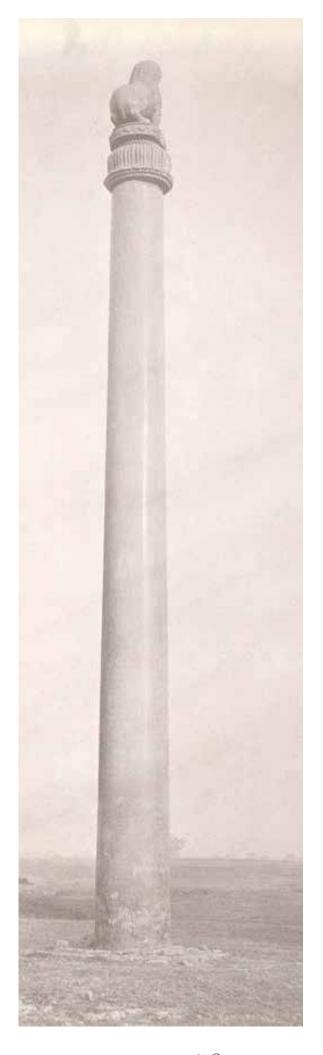
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House of Mother's Agenda

"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive section of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive section 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 (+ 50 years = 2022)

February 3, 1962

"(A visitor has written to Mother about her difficulties, saying she is the victim of a "collective karma.")

Mother: Those karma stories....

I often wonder, very often, whether it helps people to know their karma. I don't think it does.

I mean, if they themselves discover the experiences they had in their past life, then it's part of a whole inner, psychic awakening, and very useful. But if some guru or other comes along and tells you, "Here, this was your karma...." I don't think it's useful, to put it mildly!

If you discover the line of a former life on your own, that's different; it's part of an inner, psychic awakening, and it's very good. But I don't think it's helpful when someone sees something and comes and tells you, "You know, you have been this, you have done that...." I feel it makes things worse instead of better – it puts you back in touch with things you were in the process of eliminating.

(silence)

This woman... a "collective karma"! What rubbish – absolute humbug.

It may be true for some people, but not for her. If I hadn't seen her I might have been intrigued and tried to find out, but.... A collective karma.... Of course, there are all the links you have with people you've known in past lives; in that sense, yes, there is a collective karma! But really, people use such big words and big ideas for things that are actually quite natural.

Satprem: Yet I found it helpful to have some understanding of what happened in my other lives.

Mother: Because you were here.

Because before you were told about your karma, I had already seen certain things about you and was trying to set you free – not from the thing itself, but from the tendency that remained in your nature. That, yes.

But Sujata, for example, was completely, COMPLETELY free of the whole... (what shall I say?) what could be called the unhappy aspect of her karma – completely free. For I know the people around me and what they carry with them very well, and there was nothing – just one thing remained, the one part that was rather constructive, so I had left that totally intact. And when the events of her past life were revealed to her, I took the greatest care to destroy the revelation as it was being given. And I did it ruthlessly. You see, it was like dumping a load of mud on someone completely unsullied, and I didn't let it happen (I couldn't stop what entered through her physical brain, but inwardly... I utterly annihilated it).

The only thing I left untouched was the constructive part of the bond that had existed between you two, and so when she met you, she.... That's all I left, because it was good, pure, lovely – it was good. But all the rest.... And you saw how strongly I protested when I was told she had committed suicide. "No, no, no!" I said; even if somebody with perfect knowledge were to tell me so, I'd still say NO.

She is untainted by all that – pure – and I won't stand for someone pure to be soiled. She was so much my child that after her death everything was carefully cleansed, arranged, put back in place, organized, purified. So she returned unblemished and pure, and I don't want her soiled.

You see, a grace is actually working to drive those karmas away – sometimes far, far away – and it's no good to call them back. I have had dozens of similar examples.

In some instances, my work has been thoroughly mucked up, and I don't like that.

It happened again recently: K.'s sister came because she had lost her son – it had just occurred and he was still here (he hadn't left yet). So I arranged everything, saw to the mother's condition and so forth; I arranged it all nicely, very carefully keeping the son here and telling his mother he would shortly return in some family member. Everything was well organized.

But naturally that was against "the rules" – I make a habit of doing everything against the rules, otherwise there would be no point in my being here; the rules could just go on and on! So they went to see X. They shouldn't have said anything, but they did. And that was that – all sorts of things were said and my work was completely mucked up.

So now it's all going according to "rule," because that's the way it "has to" be.... I am not bothering with it any more.

Myself, I have learned a lot of rules I didn't know before (thank God!) – the divine Grace saved me from that whole hodgepodge of rules about how this happens and how that can't happen and how that must happen and how.... Oh, good Lord!... I saw things very simply, without a single rule in my brain, and so I did them just as simply, with no rules in my head – it worked very, very well, I didn't run into any trouble. Things worked out quite naturally and simply. And if I was told, "That can't be" – "Well, sorry," I would say, "but it's already done."

That "can't be"... Sometimes it can!"

(to be continued next week)

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http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda 03/1962-02-03-01 e.htm

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Townhall Speaks

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

SDZ Funding in 2022

Last date to submit is Saturday, 30 April 2022

Project Coordination Group

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting to review grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier. The last date to submit proposals for this call is Sat-

urday, 30 April 2022. You are welcome to submit earlier or send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. (If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end!) All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments, emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in.



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

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

Stichting de Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

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

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

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

- A grant application form and budget request spreadsheet are available on request from pcg@auroville.org. in or may be downloaded from the same announcement on Auronet.
- NB If you have already received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group please send in a progress report/status update (if the project is ongoing) or final report (if the project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for a new grant.
- Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (Please contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group

can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

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

The last date for submitting proposals for this call is Saturday, 30 April 2022. Please submit earlier if possible.

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

FOLLOW-UP RA MEETING

In Preparation For A Ra Decision-Making On The Selection Process Proposal



After the first RA meeting of Friday, 28th of January 2022, we would like to invite you to a follow-up Residents' Assembly Meeting (RAM) that is going to be held by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) on:

Monday, March 28 4:00 – 6:00pm Unity Pavilion

This Selection Process proposal will be put out to the community for a decision.

Please note that there have been many feedbacks requesting the addition of a way to remove members of working groups. The SPRTF consulted with the AV Council, and understood that it was under consideration on their side. Moreover the SPRTF chose not to include a "de-selection" process in its proposal at this stage as, amongst other reasons, that it could potentially delay the adoption of the new selection process. In any case, the follow-up Residents' Assembly Meeting is a good place for the community to discuss this topic and find collectively a way forward.

Tentative Agenda

- Welcome & Intention, Agenda and Ground rules
- Presentation of an updated version of the RAD proposal (after integrating feedback received from the community)
- Participative space to collaborate on refining the RAD proposal
- Defining & agreeing next steps as per the RAD Policy
- Closing

The meeting will be live streamed by Auroville Radio and the access links will be shared.

We look forward to seeing you there

Reference Documents

- Updated version of the SP proposal
- Proposal (original version)
- RAM1 Report
- Participatory Working Groups & the Selection Process of their members 2020 ()
- Provisional Amended Residents' Assembly Decisionmaking process

Warm regards, For the Residents' Assembly Service, Dan, Giovanni P, Sathish A, Tatiana S, Verena H

COUNCIL ENDORSES AURONET VOLUNTEER

Dear Community, this is to inform you that the Council endorses Jothi Prasad as a volunteer at Auronet to support Annemarie until Manoj returns from his break.

Best regards, for the Auroville Council Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh K. Meenal, Sai Suresh, Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 126

Dated: 26-03-2022

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Praveen RAJ (Indian) staying in Siddhartha Forest GH and working at Last School
- Pranit DASWANI (Indian) staying in Mohini Guest House (Gaia) and working at Botanical Garden





Praveen

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

• Madhusudan AGARWAL (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Charles ZANON (French) staying in Gaia and working at Capability Landscape
- Pranshula MANATH (Indian) staying in New Creation and working at SAVI & Aha Kindergarten





Charles Pranshula

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Tina SWEERIN (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

 Ganga PARK (Korean) staying in Youth Center and working at Youth Center



Ganga

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Harsh NISAR (Indian)
- Narandra Sridar SHANKAR aka Nittin (Indian)
- Tenzin JANGCHUP (Indian)
- Varsha JAYAVEL (Indian)

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:

Navtej Singh TALWAR aka Sunny (Belgian)

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

Michel LOPEZ (French)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer:

Angiras Garden, Ang007, Single & Couple

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

You will be directed to our Housing Transfer App at

https://housing.auroville.org.in

All you need to do is:

- click on the transfer you are interested in,
- view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer and if you wish to apply,
 - click on the "Apply" button and fill in the online application form.

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the site visit.

For any questions, please feel free to come and see Venkatesh at Housing Service Office

> Thank you The Housing Service

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

SRI AUROBINDO NOTED WITH PROPHETIC FORCE

Short extract from the passage in The Adventure of Consciousness that Satprem just read to Mother:

"... In the middle of the First World War, Sri Aurobindo noted with prophetic force: The defeat of Germany... could not of itself kill the spirit then incarnate in Germany; it may well lead merely to a new incarnation of it, perhaps in some other race or empire, and the whole battle would then have to be fought over



again. So long as the old gods are alive, the breaking or depression of the body which they animate is a small matter, for they know well how to transmigrate. Germany overthrew the Napoleonic spirit in France in 1813 and broke the remnants of her European leadership in 1870; the same Germany became the incarnation of that which it had overthrown. The phenomenon is easily capable of renewal on a more formidable scale (The Ideal of Human Unity, Cent. Ed., XV. 320). Today we are finding that the old gods know how to transmigrate. Gandhi himself, seeing all those years of nonviolence culminate in the terrible violence that marked India's partition in 1947, ruefully observed shortly before his death: "The attitude of violence which we have secretly harbored now recoils on us, and makes us fly at each other's throats when the question of distribution of power arises.... Now that the burden of subjection is lifted, all the forces of evil have come to the surface." For neither nonviolence nor violence touch upon the root of Evil...."

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http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda_03/1962-09-22-01 e.htm

> Submitted by Ganga Lakshmi House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan

AWAKENING SPIRIT



Calendar of regular events, April 2022

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm Meditation

Talk on Auroville for Newcomers by Raman (Center Field, Auroville) Saturday, 9th April at 5pm

Saturday 16th April (full moon day) at 6.30pm, for 30min Reciting Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra

Sunday 24th April Darshan Day at 6pm Reading Savitri and Meditation

> No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street Edayanchavadi, Auroville

> > kshetram2014@auroville.org.in







A Talk by Dr. Alok Pandey Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry

Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 5.30pm

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

> No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street Edayanchavadi, Auroville

> > kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



THANK YOU

BIG THANKS

I would like to send a big thank you to all the people who were around me for these last three weeks I spent in JIPMER hospital. Many came to visit me with love and we had a good time. I discovered some of you deeply.

I would like to send a bigger thanks to the PTDC kitchen team and Anandi who organized for me these last three weeks' my beautiful food, and if I regained some weight it's because of you and I'm so grateful.

I would like to thank Alex who took lot on his shoulders since few months surely too much, Lakshmi, Patricia, Pragnya and Osnat. All the people who took the time to come and give their blood.

All of you touch my heart deeply and for each of you I will be there, trust me. Briefly, I'm happy to be part of this beautiful family. I love you for who you are.

Aurora from fertile

MEDITATION WITH SAVITRI READ BY MOTHER TO SUNIL'S MUSIC.

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre – Matrimandir



Every Thursday at Sunset.

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season... Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

- The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.
- Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5:45pm.

Thank you, Surya & Amphitheatre Team

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FINAL PRESENTATION OF DREAMWEAVING THE CROWN

Dear community, our team has been working hard to compile the detailed dreamweaving report to be shared with the community and ATDC and forwarded to the Vastu Shilpa Foundation as a basis for formulating guidelines and major design principles for the Detailed Development



Plan of the city, and the dreamweavers are simultaneously putting together an exhibition which aims to capture the flavour of the dreamweaving outputs.

Upcoming dates:

- Exhibition of dreamweaving outcomes
 2 to 4 April, Bharat Nivas Auditorium Lobby
- Presentation of dreamweaving outcomes
 Saturday, 2 April, 4:30pm at Bharat Nivas Auditorium

A presentation of the process and outcomes from the Dreamweaving the Crown and Citizens' Assembly teams and architects is planned for the 2nd of April at Bharat Nivas Auditorium at 4:30pm. The presentation/talk is planned to go on for approximately 2 hours with an open ended Q & A session after.

There will also be an exhibition showcasing the outcomes from the dreamweaving from the 2nd to the 4th of April at the lobby of the Bharat Nivas Auditorium.

We hope to see you there!

In the meantime please <u>find below the FAQ</u> put together by the team to answer some of your questions on the dreamweaving process and also a list of links so far for the dreamweaving sessions. Thank you.

In Service, Dream Weaving and Citizens' Assembly teams (David, Mona, Omar, Allan, Aditi, Helen, Suryamayi, Nikethana, Anshul, Kathy, Allan, Martin, Sophie, Praveen and Alan)

List of Links:

• Dreamweaving youtube channel:

(better quality videos than the live streaming links, but not everything has been edited yet)

- Dreamweaving Session 1, morning part 2
- <u>Dreamweaving Session 1, afternoon</u>
- Dreamweaving Session 2, morning
- <u>Dreamweaving Session 2, afternoon</u>
- Dreamweaving Session 3, afternoon
- Dreamweaving Round 1 Day 1 Morning
- Dreamweaving Round 2 Day 1 Morning
- <u>Dreamweaving Round 2 Day 1 Afternoon</u>
- Dreamweaving Round 3 Day 1 Morning
- <u>Dreamweaving Round 3 Day 1 Afternoon</u>

(some Live streaming links have been removed because better quality videos are now available on the dreamweaving youtube channel)

> Warmly, Nikethana for the Citizens' Assembly team

ABOUT THE RAD ON THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Dear community members, following the events that occurred in the beginning of December 2021, three RAD petitions have been submitted to the RAS. These three petitions asked for the community to come together on the following topics: (a) pausing development work on the Crown; (b) a vote of no confidence and new selection of the Working Committee; and (c) addressing the ATDC selection / membership situation. The RAD on pausing development work on the Crown ended on the 26th of January 2022, but the two remaining RADs are still to be held.

These were not taken up straight away as there was a large number of pending RAD petitions. How to prioritise these was an issue that the Auroville Council needed to address. They recently held a community poll to prioritise these pending RADs. Since the overwhelming majority of the poll participants have selected the RAD on the Working Committee as their top priority, and this has been considered by the AVC & RAS, the petitioners' coordination team for this RAD met the RAS to launch the process. Information will be published soon, including translations into Tamil and French.

The full RAD process includes a minimum of 2 meetings in which we, as a community, come together to hear all sides of the issue and gather feedback on the voting options proposed by the petitioners. Since this entails quite a lot of work, the official petitioner representatives for this RAD (Lakshmi and Sandeep), are supported by a team of coordinators who will assist them and the RAS in preparing the RA Meetings, dealing with feedback integration, etc. This petitioners' coordination team is composed of two members of the previous team (Dinagar and Suryamayi) as well as two new members (Divya L. and Henrike), and is assisted by additional resource persons.

All members of the petitioners' coordination team are committed to uphold the RAD process with fairness and transparency. They have offered their support to this process with the intention to foster a healthy functioning of an active Residents' Assembly, which by extension includes an operational Working Committee.

We hope for a collaborative way forward, and aspire to healing and building trust once more.

In community, Lakshmi and Sandeep (Petitioner representatives), Dinagar, Divya L, Henrike, Suryamayi (Petitioners' coordination team)

Short overview on the concerns of the petitioners for the RAD petition

"Vote of no confidence in/call for a new selection of the current Working Committee team, given their failure to 'assist' and 'represent' the Residents' Assembly as stated in their mandate."

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly is one of the main organisational bodies of Auroville. According to its mandate, it is supposed to "Represent the Residents' Assembly in interactions with the Governing Board, International Advisory Council and the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation [...]." However, recently some members of the Working Committee have actively rejected and denied the position of the Residents' Assembly as a decision-making body before the Governing Board and Secretary – while they were chosen by the Residents' Assembly to represent it.

According to the Auroville Foundation Act 1988, The Residents' Assembly has the authority to choose members of the Working Committee, and how long they are to serve in this role. The petitioners who have asked for this RAD feel that it is especially important in the present context that the Working Committee represent the Residents' Assembly before the Governing Board and Secretary of the Auroville Foundation.

Other key issues with the current Working Committee noted by the petitioners are:

The Working Committee did not provide assistance to the Residents' Assembly to come to an agreement on a divisive topic (the development of the Crown).

The Working Committee did not adequately inform the Governing Board of the views of the Residents' Assembly.

The Working Committee did not adequately inform the community about the Multiversity proposal nor obtain the agreement of the Residents' Assembly.

The Working Committee did not deliver a proposed Residents' Assembly selection process for the ATDC.

Some Working Committee members, despite being present, did not try to prevent or halt violent actions on the Crown in early December 2021.

For these reasons, the petitioners, lacking confidence in members of the Working Committee, have called for these meetings. The Residents' Assembly is to come together and decide on a way forward towards the constitution of a Working Committee that is able to represent the Residents' Assembly as we work together towards realising the Mother's Dream and the Auroville Charter.

More information on each of these issues is in the extensive background document, which will be sent to you by email together with the invitation to the first RA Meeting on this topic.

If you have any questions, please write to us at dec2021rads@auroville.org.in

Translations in Tamil and French can be found on Auronet.

BHARAT NIVAS ACTIVITY REPORT

December'21 to February'22



Photo: Celebration of Republic Day of India

Republic Day of India, 26 January

Flag Hoisting Ceremony was done by Lt. General Ashoke Chatterjee and the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Dr. Ravi referred to the words from the Works of Sri Aurobindo in her speech to Aurovilian and guests. A Group of Aurovilian participated in singing the National Anthem and Sanskrit Mantra. On this occasion for the first time, a live parade show broadcast from New Delhi was projected at Bhumika Hall.

Kalakendra Art Gallery and Studio

Art Studio Residency Program

During the month of November and December 2021, Kalakendra in collaboration with Centre d'Art coordinated two artists in residence programs for visiting guest artists: Mr.Pradeep Kumar and Harsha Durugadda who are both established and reputed artists in the Indian and World Contemporary Art Scene. The entire residency program was funded by the Centre d'Art.

Mr.Pradeep and Harsha researched art production by using the medium of tree wood, creating contemporary sculptures as an art installation for outdoor and indoor exhibitions. The art residency research period for each artist lasted for six weeks followed by a public exhibition at the Centre d'Art of Citadine, Town Hall.

The inauguration of the newly renovated residency Art Studio took place on 12 January 2022.

Kalakendra Art Gallery: Exhibitions

The 3rd National Painting Exhibition was organized by the Pondicherry Art Akademy President Mr. Shegar and Sridala during the last two weeks of December. It was a successful Group Show of 85 Senior & Upcoming Indian Artists. It was inaugurated by the Auroville Foundation Secretary and the Minister of the Pondicherry Government. The media and press gave a large coverage of this event.



On the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, Ms.Sarala Daruwala, President of the Art World Center expressed her wish to offer from her art gallery, some excellent selection of art works by national caliber well-known Indian contemporary artists, to be exhibited at Kalakendra Art Gallery.

An exhibition in the month of January on the theme of "Spirit of India": India is a story of unity, diversity, freedom, spirituality, culture and the essence of legend. It is an eclectic ensemble of 13 artists celebrating the spirit of India through diverse viewpoints and philosophy with distinct interpretations.



Art as a journey, different backgrounds, distinct viewpoints, different philosophies, distinct interpretations, numerous conversations, over "chai", chat and samosas, running late to catch a flight, catching a breath to exchange ideas in planes, taxis, autos, always on the go and finally 10 artists (from Chennai, Auroville, and Pondicherry), as an eclectic ensemble offered to exhibit at Kalakendra.

An exhibition on the theme of Unity in Diversity from 18th February to 18th March. Ms.Sarala invited artists from Auroville and Pondicherry Ashram to participate in the second exhibition, along with a group of artists from Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore & New Delhi.

Exhibition of Crafts: In parallel, Kalakendra invited Mr.Janmajay Mohanty, representing the Blue Light Studio of Odisha offering Handicrafts, textiles, art objects, ornaments, sculptures and stone-carved statues. This has created a dynamic atmosphere of support and sharing of crafts exhibitions.



Regular Painting Classes

Kalakendra organized art classes offered by Christel, Art Teacher (Aurovilian) for adults and children every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2. to 4.30 pm.

Golden chain Volunteering

Golden chain group of Ashram is often visiting the campus on Sunday morning for volunteering in the garden area.

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies India and the World

On the occasion of The Mother's Birthday, Film was projected titled - "The Mother as an Artist & Life of Sri Aurobindo". An illustrated pictorial sharing on "Wildlife in & around Auroville" by Tim & Aurosylle was well attained by residents.



A talk by Devdeep Ganguly on "The End of a Rational Age" & "The Conditions for the Coming of A Spiritual Age" one in December'21 and another in January'22. Narad shared the journey(1961 to 1973) and experiences with The Mother & Sri Aurobindo in the month of February. A talk by B on his understanding of Sri Aurobindo's "Savitri" during the Birthday week was very well appreciated by newcomers, volunteers and Aurovilian.

Natyashastra study circle ended in the Month of December, weekly study circle organized by Sanskritam group and Yogini. Weekly Savitri reading session led by Aster di and Study of Synthesis Yoga led by Deepti and regular Geeta chanting by Sanskritam Team continued in Bhumika Hall during all these months.

Dream Weaver's workshop led by Auroville citizen assembly and the "Sound healing" workshop by SVARAM were major events during the month of December and January.

Performance of Kalaripayattu - An Ancient Indian Martial Art Form in collaboration with Kshetra Kalari, Auroville in Open Air Amphitheater was organized during the last week of February.

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

"The Cosmic Dance"
Dance performance
inspired from the poems by Sri Aurobindo
was well attained by
Aurovilian, volunteers
and guests. For many
of us, Sri Aurobindo's
sonnets and other
shorter poems have
been gateways to his
Yoga. In this program,
artists interpreted



eight of his most memorable poems in music, voice, and movement.



One more time Surya performance Lab Auroville organized a theatrical, choreographed, a musical performance inspired by a poem of Sri Aurobindo, called: "Is This The End?"

General campus Administration:

Bharat Nivas Technical and Finance team meet regularly to discuss and implement the repairs and renovation works of the old buildings and structures. Sri Aurobindo Auditorium roof repair work, Harmony Hall floor repairing, Shilpkendra roof repair work and India Space refurbishment work are the major work undertaken during this period of time.

The Bharat Nivas Trustees and team members continue the weekly meetings to develop, administer and coordinate the work and activities on the large campus.

Submitted by Ravindra

THE ARTS

NAMAH SHRI ARAVINDAYA

CRIPA, Monday, 4 Apri, 7:30pm Please be seated by 7:15pm

On the 150th anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, artists from Pondicherry Ashram will be offering some Invocations to Him at CRIPA on Monday, 4 April. Joining them will be a few singers from Auroville. The group of singers will be led by Deepshikha Reddy on vocals and harmonium and they will be accompanied by Tapan on Tabla.

The programme will begin at 7:30pm and is about an



hour long. Please be seated by 7:15pm.

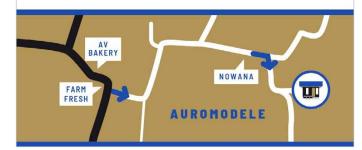
This programme is an offering by Arpanaa, currently hosted by Geeta (Kalpana) and Yogini (Kalpana). Arpanaa is a service of Auroville, funded by the City Services.

SOUND INSTALLATION

Saturday, 26 March, 4 to 7pm one day art installation designed and composed by André Schöne

ANDRÉ SCHÖNE 26TH MARCH 2022 SOUND INSTALLATION

OPENING - 4 TO 7PM - AUROMODELE LA PETITE MAISON - IN SITU



La petite Maison, in collaboration with **Svaram**, presents a one day art installation designed and composed by André Schöne, as a result of his one month residency. Tape Loop #1 is a combination of acoustic and electronic magic. Come and experience it Saturday, 26 March, from 4 to 7pm!

 And don't miss the artist talk Sunday 27, at 5pm (same place). More info on AV online events.

> Many thanks, Bhakti

HEALTH

TIBETAN MEDICAL TEAM

Friday 8, full day and Saturday, 9 April half day Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone



This is to inform you that the Tibetan Medical team lead by Doctor Tenzin Dasel based in Chennai, MenTsee khang Are visiting Auroville for the monthly regular consultation. The consultation is happening at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone, Auroville on Friday 8 as full day and on Saturday,

9 April as half day, from 8:30am till 1pm.

To get your appointment kindly reach us via WA8489067332 Or call us @ 0413 2622401.

Submitted by Kalsang Dolma. On behave of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

AV HEALTH FUND SCHEME

To all members of the AV Health Fund Scheme,

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



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

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

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

From AV Health Fund Scheme

AVAILABLE

Kalakendra Artist in Residence Studio Available



Bharatnivas group is happy to inform that our Kalakendra Artist in Residence studio has been renovated and it is available for its use on short & mid term basis, for work and fully equipped independent stay facilities.

For more detailed information about its guidelines/terms and conditions for stay & financial contribution, all are welcome to apply by writing to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

You can submit your research based project with a small write up about your artistic journey/bio-data, website link etc.

In addition to the Artist stay facilities, the Kalakendra Art gallery space is available for a concluding exhibition if requested: a request should be submitted for it's booking well in advance. Its terms & conditions for its use will be communicated.

The applications could be from the following fields: Visual and Performing Artists: dance, music, literature, theater, photography, sculpture, film, plastic arts, wood work etc.

All requests and applications will be studied and after due selection process, the Bharatnivas group will communicate with the applicant through the Kalakendra Coordinating Team. A guideline policy paper and an agreement will need to be signed between the organizer and the applicant.

Tapas, Krishna & Satyakam For Kalakendra Bharatnivas Group

Western Calligraphy Books



I have many western calligraphy books and reviews of high quality, I am willing to give them to those interested in the matter. If you are interested, please contact me: landline 0413 2623767, antarjyoti@auroville.org.in

Thank you, Antarjyoti

Honda Unicorn Available

I have a Honda Unicorn 150 CC, which is available. I put it on the road in January 2018 with low mileage and good general condition. Contact *Anne* 9488084684 or Marc 944206807

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers in search for suitable work by connecting them to Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions and in turn to find the right individuals to step in.



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

We also invite Aurovilians and newcomers that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need.

At the moment we do have a number of candidates in search for suitable working opportunities. If your Unit/Service is in need of people, feel free to contact us; we might be able to connect you with Aurovilians/Newcomers who are searching for work.

Please contact us for more information: <u>hr_hub@auroville.org.in</u>

HR Hub Team

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartful 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 Warmly, Shek

LOST AND FOUND

Lost Cat

Dear community, my ginger cat called Meera has been missing and was last seen near Arati and Invocation. She's a lactating cat and has kittens waiting for her. Please help me find her, if someone is taking care of her please let me know. Contact 8390536117, Devashish



Pair of Glasses Found



Dear Auroville Community, I found a pair of glasses in the SAWCHU-Hall in Bharat Nivas. The owner of it can reach me under following number: +91 81222 74110, *Jakob*

LOOKING FOR

Needs a long time House Sit

Looking for a long term house sit or place of stay in Auroville. My name is Carmen and I am Aurovilian.



Thank you, Carmen, 8531017772

Needs a House Sitter

House sitter required for May, June in Courage apartment. Please message 7904143719, *Elene Gkidan*

Needs a Table

I am looking for a wooden computer table/ wooden office table/ wooden study table. Contact: 8111094202, *Chloé*

TAXI SHARING



From Chennai Airport on Thursday, March 24

Happy to share the taxi ride on Thursday, 24 March at 1pm. Please contact me on WA +91 95039 98790, *Shrikant Karwa*

To Chennai Airport on Monday, March 28

March 28, Chennai Airport to AV early evening. Flight arriving at Chennai at 3:30pm. If anyone is interested in sharing a taxi to AV please contact me on 88888 60442/nilimabarde@yahoo.co.in, Nilima

To Chennai Airport on Tuesday, March 29

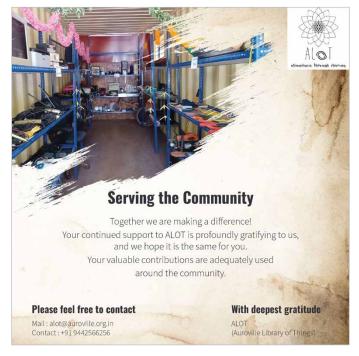
29 March, evening – AV to Chennai airport. 2623898 or 8903449398 (txt or WA), <u>SvahaUS@gmail.com</u>, **SvahaUS**

To Chennai Airport on Thursday, March 31

Going to Chennai Airport from AV on Thursday, March 31. Leaving AV at 8am. Happy to share the taxi ride. Please contact me on WA +91 95039 98790, regards, Shrikant Karwa

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

ALOT: SERVING THE COMMUNITY



NEEM TREATMENT

Method and Ingredients Details

Link to details of method and ingredients.

Again, if you want to help out to treat some trees not necessarily just in your location (such as at the town hall), either sign up here or contact me or just get the stuff and do it. But please let me know so I can record



it on a map and so we can compare results in the future.

More info about this can be found here:

- https://auroville.org.in/blog/island/90010
- https://auroville.org.in/blog/island/84961

Thanks, Island

7598103616, island@auroville.org.in

LIFE IS SEVA

Offer my services in the below areas for individuals/ units who/which do not have a qualified and experienced in-house resource.

Focus: First time youth entrepreneurs only (Ideation Stage)

- Scalable start-ups Arts and Crafts, Food and Beverages, Clothing and Apparel, Cafe and Restaurant, Tours and Walks, Yoga and Therapy, Siddha and Ayurveda
- Proposal Preparation, Budgeting, Market Research
- Email Marketing, Instagram Promotion, WhatsApp Communication

Contact Details:

Suraj (Swaraj), 988420 4918 WA, <u>surajkiranv@gmail.com</u> **Location**: Auroville **Regards, Surajkiran**

FREE CHECKUP, COURTESY OF ITS



AURA NETWORK UPDATE

3pm each Wednesday, Aura Kitchen in Sve Dame



The Aura Team would like to begin a weekly teatime at the new Aura Kitchen. Here we can meet face to face for any inquiries about the Aura, answer questions, and enjoy the gift of this network. We'll start at 3pm each Wednesday. The Aura Kitchen is in Sve Dame. At the gate is a directory/map

and you go to Volker's place. That's past the Rainbow Cafe at the end of the road. Welcome.

The Aura Team, www.auranetwork.app

MAROMA OUTLET

9am - 5pm Monday to Saturday



Maybe you didn't know that there is a factory outlet at Maroma, (next to Aspiration), offering discounted prices for Aurovilians and Newcomers paying through FS. Our products span from candles and incense to natural body care products and perfumes. Pass by!

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL SHOP

Our Travel Consultant Mr. Ganesh is available at our Kalpana office for issuing, rescheduling for all kind of ticketing Bus, Train, Flights and travel insurance which includes a **Covid 19 Cover**: This policy covers Medical Expenses arising out of Covid-19



outside India,including Medical Expenses incurred during Quarantine period subject to the policy terms and conditions. Accommodation and non-medical incidental expenses arising during Quarantine period stand excluded.

Contact:

One can meet him from 10:00 to 16:00 by phone 2623030 or / and by WA even after office timings: +91 9894598686, by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in.

All payments (including Credit / Debit cards use) should be routed via the Financial Service.

Some of the Flights from Chennai Airport to Europa and beyond:

- SpiceJet is pleased to announce the launch of its new direct flights every day from Pondicherry to Hyderabad and Bengaluru.
- Lufthansa operates flights from Chennai to Frankfurt direct weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- With the removal of commercial flight restriction in India effective 27Mar 2022, Sri Lankan Airlines will be resuming its commercial operations to and from India with enhanced frequencies from 09 Indian Cities. Accordingly, our customers will have the opportunity to visit Sri Lanka and beyond with our convenient connections.
 - SriLankan Airlines will be operating to/from Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Cochin and Trivandrum connecting our valued customers to Australia, Europe, Japan, Korea, Asia, Middle East and Africa.
 - To Australia Melbourne and Sydney, Japan & Korea Narita and Seoul, Singapore, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Canton, Shanghai, Male, Gan Island, Dhaka, Kathmandu, Karachi and Lahore
 - Europe London, Frankfurt, Paris and Moscow,
 - Middle East Riyadh, Dammam, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Bahrain, Kuwait, Doha
 - Africa Seychelles
- Air Mauritius is delighted to announce we are increasing our frequencies to Mauritius to 5 flights a week, starting 28 Mar 2022. What's more the pre-arrival PCR test requirement for visitors to Mauritius has been dropped!

Important notice: Many counties still require a Passenger Location Form (PLF) to be filed online before traveling which has to include a negative PCR test result.

AUROMODE HIVE

Saturday, 26 March from 10am to 5pm

Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Saturday, 26 March from 10am to 5pm. 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 catalogue at our WA Business No. 70921 97375

Aurmode Hive Team

Voices and Notes

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

- Soul Tracks Se.3 Ep.17 "The Rolling Stones, part 2!" (Music)
- Audible Weed Walk Ep.75 "Let's have a beautiful, colorful, fresh and weedy beginning" (Food Education)
- <u>Aarohan Ep.46 "Hori Hai !"</u> (Music)
- Marlenka's Weekly Offering ep.48 (Integral Yoga)
- <u>Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi</u>
 <u>389</u> (Integral Yoga)
- Savitri, B. XI, C. I, Part 5 (Integral Yoga)
- The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil-Ep.9 (Sri Aurobindo)
 "றீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"
- <u>Tamil Express lesson 3</u> (Tamil Language)

Please help us to relocate the radio! Donate to F.A. number 251369

...and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org

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

Peace and Love

AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTER

"The future belongs to the young, it is a young and new world which is now under process of development and it is the young who must create it." Sri Aurobindo

Vision

The AV Youth Center is a site that is a home to Youth from all over the world. This space protects and nourishes every individual, the collective and the environment by enabling growth, learning, play, experimentation, experience, work and ultimately the creation of a culture of abundance and kindness. The Auroville Youth Center creates the space and context to foster authentic human beings, aware of their potential, eager to strive progressively to a harmonious future, taking on responsibilities and challenges, nurturing nature and relationships. Self-discipline, self-awareness and self-exploration are lived in the context of community. It is a place to explore unending learning, while collectively working towards a sustainable future.

Purpose

The Auroville Youth Center is a dynamic nucleus, humming with life where an exchange of ideas, skills and experiences are possible on a daily basis. It is a focal point for interaction and communication between youth in Auroville and youth from other parts of the world. It is a pilot site for a variety of activities organised by the youth of the world. A place where Auroville youth can meet in community, a safe space at the centre of Áuroville, near the schools, sports facilities and forests. A terrain where young and old alike can meet to work on common projects, which will improve the relationship between the different generations. A learning centre for youth to focus on the 'raison d'être' of Auroville and on their own aspirations and service to the community. A forum where youth can discuss challenges of modern society. A place where youth can seek answers to their questions, based on conscious, spiritual, cultural, socio-economic and environmental concerns. A vocational training centre where youth can learn skills which will allow them to play an active role in Auroville and in the world at large. A meeting ground for youth coming to Auroville as travellers and on youth exchanges, from the bioregion, India and the world. A home away from home where it is possible to relax, have fun, meet friends, learn and share experiences with others. A substance free zone for the youth of all ages including young children from the age of three, to teenagers exploring their interests and young adults developing skills, as well as the youth that never ages, those older members of the community that provide support and guidance as well as learning alongside the youth.

Aims

To create a welcoming and encouraging atmosphere for the youth to learn new skills and apply them in action. To recycle and up-cycle the waste into products with creativity and innovation, to reduce waste production and aim for zero waste being produced by the Youth Center. To be emotionally available for those in need of attention and offer an empathetic context, a conversation or more specific support. To provide a lunch scheme and daily dinners at the Youth Center, open to all the community, creating a diverse and inclusive atmosphere of cultural exchange through food, inspired by the cuisine of different countries and cultures, prepared and served by the youth. To host cultural and social events run by and for the youth and the community as a whole. To offer well equipped multipurpose spaces for young people to spend time, socialise, rehearse (dance, theatre, music), play and exchange ideas. To enable the exploration of leadership, responsibility, independence, discipline, community living, togetherness, team work, creativity, learning and joy.

To create a space where young people can come together to live and learn sustainably. Focused on local foods and food production, solar power, sustainable construction, water management, rainwater harvesting, water recycling, sustainable forestry, living in a symbiotic relationship with our natural environment and improving our ecosystem, by being a conscious part of it. To host workshops, clinics, and intensive training to include young people of Auroville, the bioregion, India and the world in the exploration of sustainable, low cost construction, wood work, carpentry, afforestation, design, architecture, earth construction, arts such as sculpture, painting, graphic design, music, dance and theatre as well as public speaking, debating, languages learning opportunities, literature, philosophy and socio-cultural, anthropological research etc, etc. To be a site of development, change, progress, play and learning in a clear framework which allows for the transitional leadership and involvement of the youth of Auroville and the world.

Values

"... Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages..." Excerpt from the Auroville Charter The Mother, February 28, 1968

- Awareness Inclusivity Care Respect Consciousness Discipline Collaboration Presence Humility
- Creativity Creation Aspiration Innovation Progress Determination Dedication Receptivity Adaptability Humour Playfulness Celebration Sharing
- Responsibility Sustainability Honesty Kindness Gratitude Spirit of Adventure Order Guidance Direction Focus

If you have further questions or would like to give us feed-back, please write to youthcenter@auroville.org.in or stop by at the Youth Center and speak to one of our team.

Lili, on behalf of the Youth Center Team

AUROVILLE

All reveals All heals All rejoins All rejoices

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Eyelids depart
Only to meet again.
For the eyes that see
We are never apart.

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Silence
Is a womb
Pregnant with
A New Creation

With joyful Gratitude, Anandi

NOW AT THE YOUTH CENTER



A few weeks ago , in Argentina She gave flowers after a fire destroyed the forest for weeks...

Now at the Youth Center, in the middle of the broken ways She gave tomatoes and Papayas!

Thanks Mother for the gift and for the positive message.

Anandi-ayün, Certitude

№ 915 - 26 March 2022

MANIFESTATION OF A UNIVERSAL CITY

Dear friends, while we were meditating under the banyan tree of the Matrimandir for Peace in Auroville and on Earth, a particular sensation of an immense and familiar presence came to me to give me this third message which will probably be the last one!



I hesitated to communicate it because of its prophetic character but in all humility and in my soul and conscience I have finally decided to transmit it to you and to take responsibility for it.

After all, it only restates what Mother transmitted to us at the very beginning of Auroville, but this sense of urgency is for me a call to a real individual and collective awareness.

It is up to each one of us to feel how this resonates within us and to act in our Soul and consciousness.

With love, Bhagwandas

My children, This is the third message I am delivering to you at the beginning of this year and it will be the last one before the great changes. These great changes that I had already announced a long time ago, are about to be realized in your physical matter with many powerful interactions in other dimensions of consciousness to which you are also connected.

I want to remind you first of all of the immense importance of your action and of your inner and outer commitments so that this transition takes place within each of you and on the entire planet. A "uncovering" of all that you are and that you have manifested, such is the reality of this consciousness that is going to express itself and that Sri Aurobindo and myself have named "Supramental". It is therefore an immense moment, of considerable importance, and one for which you must prepare yourselves.

The events that took place in Auroville and that have divided your community, as well as those that are taking place in the Ukraine at the moment and all over the world, are the first signs of this and you will have to put into practice with courage and sincerity, the recommendations that I have given you in my previous messages.

Yes, my City descends, for it already exists in another plane*, this creation that the people of the Earth must welcome; in particular you who were called on this Indian Earth to accomplish this Divine project.

This manifestation of a Universal City, carried by many spiritual dimensions, will be revealed and embodied, throughout its construction, as was the construction of its Soul, the Matrimandir. All this I have told you and many other things still, essential to your inner preparation for this great moment that you are going to live.

What you have been experiencing lately and what the Earth is experiencing is like that moment of darkness just before the Dawn whose role is to propel you into a great "letting go", an intense "Surrender" to the Divine Will which can be expressed in these words: "What Thou wilt Lord, what Thou wilt ...", a mantra that will carry you safely along the path and accomplishment of great achievements. It will be your safest guide and your greatest protection, as it was for me when I was in my physical body.

Go beyond all judgments, opinions, beliefs that oppose you unnecessarily and find yourselves all in the wonderful sharing of the freedom of the Soul and the love of your Divinity. It is in this privileged space that you will be able to welcome my City and build the first foundations of a Brotherly Society working for Human Unity in accordance with the great Universal and Divine laws

My children, take note of this crucial moment, as important for you as for the Earth.

Love one another as I love you and in a spirit of fraternal collaboration, put all of yourselves to work to embody it.

* Mother must be referring to a revelation she made in 1970/71: "Auroville already exists in the subtle physical world and all that is needed is a little bit of good soil to receive it".

Submitted by Bhagwandas

THE UKRAINE CRISIS AND AGRICULTURE

The terrible war that is unleashed on Ukraine causes unimaginable destruction of the country and its people. It also also has great repercussions that echo all over the



world; Ukraine is one of the world's largest granaries, so with its agriculture coming to a standstill the food industry braces itself for a global supply chain disruptions of grains and sunflower oil, causing turmoil, with price rises and possibly famine and more war.

Ukraine has the most fertile soil in the world called Chernozem (black earth) built up over thousands of years from loess (fine sand with lots of minerals) by generations of grazing herds and grasses adding organic matter through their roots. Its spongy texture holds water from the generous rivers criss-crossing the country. Ukraine has been the bread basket for Europe since antiquity. Ukraine is a bit larger than France, but it's one of the world's largest grain exporters.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Ukraine became not just a breadbasket for the region, but for the world. In addition, the Black Sea became a critical trading route for agricultural products.

The ongoing Ukrainian crisis is threatening the availability of food and edible oil in countries that rely heavily on imports. After just a few days of conflict, the price of sunflower oil from Ukraine shot up from US\$ 1,480 per metric tonne to \$1,950. Grain prices soared by 50 percent in the first two weeks of the conflict, according to Matin Qaim, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Bonn. He explained that as traders try to substitute crops like wheat with others like rice or barley, global commodity prices are rising across the board.

Experts believe that the ongoing war could affect the upcoming harvesting cycle as Russia continues bombarding major ports, grain storage silos, and agricultural land. Add to this stricter sanctions on Russia limiting access to fertilisers, the closing of trading routes through the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea, plus delay in spring planting of soybeans and sunflowers...

Sunflowers are sown in April and harvested in September. Tensions and military action in agricultural areas pose risks to the supply and demand of the next growing cycle. With the suspension of trading and the absence of sunflower seeds, most food oil factories in Ukraine are closed.

Wheat and other grains. Disruption related to the pandemic and droughts and floods caused by the climate crisis had already pushed up the prices for groceries and food staples across the globe. This led to a rapid increase in malnourishment in many low-income food-importing countries, especially in Africa. The closing of export facilities has led to fertilizer scarcity, which is directly jeopardizing global production of wheat- and other staple grains. According to the United Nations' World Food Programme, the world is facing catastrophic hunger, with 1 in 10 humans not eating enough, and humanitarian organizations failing to provide food to troubled countries. It is said food prices could increase by 20% – risking further conflict in food-vulnerable regions.

The interconnected web of crises has highlighted the importance of food security, both as a cause and effect of conflict. Measures are being taken to prevent the disruption of grain supplies and avoid food being turned into a weapon of war. NATO and its allies may try to stabilize supplies and prioritize food security in countries that depend on Ukraine and Russia.

According to analysts at Politico the top five impacts the war in Ukraine is having on the world food system are:

- 1. Soaring food prices, with grains affecting all other foods.
- 2. Fears of famine. Especially in regions relying on food aid.
- 3. Rising protectionism; governments that cannot feed their populations shut the borders, stockpile food and stop exporting. Fears about hoarding and trade barriers can be self-fulfilling prophecies.

- 4. Sunflower oil shutdown and possible return to palm oil. One issue that needs to be tackled is the large number of products with 'No Palm Oil' claims. Brands would need to explain to their consumers their return to palm oil after taking years to get it out of their supply chains.
- 5. Pressure on Green Sustainable Agriculture policies. The European Commission is considering a proposal to temporarily scrap the requirement to leave a chunk of farmland out of production to help boost nature protection, and instead use it to grow animal feed. In the USA similar proposals are considered.

Similar dynamics can be seen in the energy sector. Both point to risks of overdependence on globalized trade, and the imperative to develop regional resilient food and energy systems.

Sources: Politico, Reuters, BBC, Guardian

The Green Column explores Green issues in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world. It appears bi-monthly in the News and Notes and sometimes on Auronet. We like to hear from you! avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Gijs and Lisbeth for AV Green center

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

ECSTATIC DANCE

Every Saturday, 5 to 6:40pm



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

For more information and booking contact: Vérité, 0413 2622045, programming@verite.in, www.verite.in

Warmly, Tahir

LEELA GAME

Wednesday and Sunday with appointments Play your life.



The game was designed over five thousand years ago. It is a game of life which provides insight into human consciousness and a key to divine knowledge. One or more are able to play Leela by using the game board and book, a die, and a significant item that belongs to the player.

918531017772 or carmen.palinckx@gmail.com

TAIJIQUAN (TAI CHI)

Learn "Chen Style Taijiquan Practical Method" from disciples of the lineage holder Master Chen Zhonghua. Authentic Chinese Martial Art. <u>Details</u>, <u>Dates & Videos</u>

Contact Michael & Sarah: tel 9150567003 / micha@taiji-shiatsu.de

LA PISCINE: SWIMMING LESSONS WITH SHEIDA



QIGONG



Qigong is the "Yoga of China", holistic systems to practice and refine the body, our life-energy, the mind and to nourish our soul. Suitable for all ages. Bodywork and Meditation.

More Details and Dates here.

Contact Michael: 91 505 67003/micha@taiji-shiatsu.de www.The-Taiji-Family.com

BANSURI CLASSES



Learn the North Indian Bamboo Flute. Weekly group classes and private lessons. Drop in possible at any time.

Infos, Demos and the up-to-date schedule.

Contact Michael: tel 9150567003/mail@the-sound-of-bamboo.com

LEARNING THOOYA

4 – 16 April, Monday to Friday, 5 to 7pm Auroville Youth Center

YouthLink is proud to announce a Thooya Tamil course in the first two weeks of April.



Thooya Tamil is the Proper form of Tamil, the base of all the other colloquial Tamil which is used across Tamil Nadu today.

Each region has widely varying dialects which makes crossregional verbal communications complicated, however everything from Chennai to Kanyakumari is written in Thuya Tamil, and all official channels communicate in Thooya.



Learning Thooya Tamil gives the learner access to the culture and intricacies on a whole other level, and is then able to listen to audio books, hear lectures, know parliamentary issues, listen to the news and radio as well as understand politics/scientific studies and other socio economic studies, even if they cant read and write.

While learning Thooya Tamil, we aim to also gain an understanding of Tamil Nadu and its' rich ancient culture of which the first recorded documents dates back to 300 BC.

This course will take place in the Auroville Youth Center, 4 to 16 April, Monday to Friday 5 to 7pm, and will be facilitated by Sandeep from Fertile.

To sign up please follow the link or scan the code on our poster!

HOLISTIC: HEALING AND CONSCIOSNESS



About the Ashtanga Yoga classes

Join us for the new batch of the Ashtanga yoga classes, Mysore style For three weeks and learn all the tools you need; deepen & expand your practice. Starting on Saturday 25 th march until 15 April 2022

Registration

You need to register & make the payment upfront.

Contact for registrations & more information +91 9489805493 or christine@auroville-holistic.com

Timing

- Classes will start at 7:30am (be in the shala 10min before)
- Every days except Sundays and April 1 (New moon)
- Conference with questions answers on Saturdays at 10:00am (except Saturday, March 25)





Benefits you can expect

Beginners as intermediate or advanced students are welcome and will get benefit from these classes

It will help you to go deeper in your practice for students who already practice ashtanga and get more understanding about it. For beginners, you will learn the beginning of the primary series and will be able to go on with a personal practice.

Prerequisite

The classes are For students interested to learn the science of Yoga and understand the all system as teached by krishnamacharya and by Sharath Jois from Patthabis Jois institute. Our purpose is to teach as the tradition wanted and to help each student to understand the discipline and rules, and their benefits.

Ashtanga yoga includes 8 limbs: and every student while practicing the Asanas must be aware about Yama and Nyama. Our teaching is to help each student through the study and understanding of the system to overcome their fear, to increase their equanimity and to be able to purify their body.

Venue Holistic Studio, Kuilapalayam- Opposite Blue basket supermarket, Orange building, 1st Floor.

• Bring your own mat + one towel

PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS

Friday, 1 April, 5pm, Centre d'Art Multimedia Room, Citadines



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Dear photographers, Photo Circle meets on the first friday of every month, so this time we will meet on Friday, 1 April, at 5pm in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines This will be the **last meeting before the summer break**. 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.

KALAI MĀNAVAŅ







"Arts and Crafts are a culture's identity and life's expression"

Kalai Marrum Kaiviṇai which is a coming together of Auro Deniz and Egai to serve our community. It is focused on providing training to students, youth and women in the area of arts and crafts. The goal is to teach them skills which will allow them to learn and develop knowledge and skills.

We are holding our introductory program for school students in the area of Coconut Shell Crafts. The class will be as follows: Jewelry, Cutlery, Pendant, Keychains, Cups, Lamps, Toys.

We will develop this program into a monthly activity of 12 arts and crafts taking inspiration from "The Twelve Petals of the Matrimandir."

Arts and Crafts Planned Classes Portfolio

Coconut shell	Palm leaf	Paper craft	Clay modeling
Origami craft	Crochet	Wood carving	Beeds craft
Stone Carving	Sea shell craft	Braiding Plaits	Suvarm Oviyam

Kindly share with us your plan. We need to schedule and budget, prepare the time table of this activity for your students with your aid and assistance.

We are offering this as a SEWA, any donation you can provide will allow us to better serve.

 Summer vacation extra curricular activity in crafts for students are also available (In Schools)

Contact Us

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- Auro Deniz: Arun, 76398 10621, aurodeniz@auroville.org.in

WEEKLY WEED WALK



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QUIET HEALING CENTER



www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in +91 413 2622329/+91 9488084966, 948807987

Woga (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Dariya Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 March 2022

9am – 5pm (lunch included)

Yoga in water is based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in pool water, which is waist-to-chest high. Sessions are structured like their yoga equivalents on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The difference is that you are in a warm water pool (35°C).

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

Focus of Woga 1 & 2 is Hatha Yoga (asanas in standing position, on the wall, in floating position), Pranayama and meditation.

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

KaHuna Massage Training with Claudia & Sang

- Basic Course: Wednesday 6 Sunday 10 April, 50 hours
- Intermediate Course: Wednesday 13 Sunday 17 April, 50 hours
- 8am 8pm (lunch & snacks included)

KaHuna is an ancient massage technique, which originated in the South Pacific. KaHuna body workers use their hands, as extension of the heart, as well as forearms and elbows in long fluid strokes, while performing traditional dance steps. Dance work or hula movements, combined with the breath work of the practitioner are also important and form an integral aspect of KaHuna. The movements are important to assist the energy flow both within the practitioner and the recipient.

The training consists of two 5-day courses during which you'll learn the magic of KaHuna in the beautiful surroundings of the Quiet Healing Center. The basic course includes Meditation and Yoga, Chantings and Prayers, Huna philosophy, traditional Hula dance steps, and lots and lots of massages.

The intermediate course is a continuation of KaHuna Basic. We'll focus on new techniques such as Polynesian floor work, under-body work, deepening of the Huna philosophy, and much more.

You can attend only the basic course, if you are not able to join both!

Residential Retreat: Liquid Flow Essence with Dariya & Daniel

Friday 8 – Thursday 14 April

Starts on first day at 8:45am and ends on last day at 6pm **Prerequisite**: Watsu Basic & OBA/Liquid Flow Basic

Liquid Flow is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). Developed at the Quiet Healing Center, Liquid Flow is inspired and based on the forms and qualities of Watsu, OBA, Healing Dance, and WaterDance.

This intense course with the main Liquid Flow sequence is for students of different aquatic bodywork modalities, who wish to dive deeper into their practice. In combination with practices on land, you will experience the profound effects of this powerful, yet softening, water work.Liquid Flow Essence is the favorite elective of many students. Inspired by different aquatic bodywork modalities, it offers a wonderful new sequence of essential mobilization possibilities in a flow with ease and continuity. Together with a deepening presence and unconditional holding, this course improves your therapeutic work and leads towards the essence of any aquatic bodywork: being deeply in touch with one's essence, and experiencing a sense of timelessness and connection to ALL.To make it an even deeper experience, this course is exceptionally offered as a residential retreat, so that all participants will stay on the premises without needing to leave the center during those 7 days.

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, March & April 2022



Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic,Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral,Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage,Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Ayurvedic Massage	Roberto, 393803614902, 8489202450	Monday to Friday
Holistic Reflexology,Full body Massage.	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Orthopaedist & Naturopath offering Foot Reflexology & Metamorphic treatment following Haptosynesia.	Alexandre, 9500278523	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage,Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 8778839827	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot,Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina, 9791719387, +393462258049 (WA)	Monday to Friday, Morning
Ayurvedic Massage, Gar- shana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta, 9655422346	Monday to Saturday

Classes

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



JIVA - your journey in healing and transformation www.auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961 contact@auroville-jiva.com, Facebook, Youtube

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 & Pegnancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation

Dynamic QiGong with Andres

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



Natural Horsemanship

Individual and group sessions ongoingly

Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in Natu-

ral 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!Mirrabelle lives with horses since she is 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfils her life's dream to bring children, adults and horses together in a healing way, in Auroville, Sharnga Guesthouse. Mirrabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care – hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care, riding and therapy!

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

Past and present life

Session in integral regression therapy with Sigrid Lindemann



Explore and transform past imprints to live centered in your present moment.

Unsolved questions and repeated behaviour, as well as unexplainable affinities may point to early

childhood memories or past life experiences being active in your space today.

If you are ready for change, take off on a vision journey diving into the your experience and find healing with deep release and re- evaluation of conclusions, and get to the wisdom of NOW.

Yes, its possible – through your own inner journey, with skilled yet unobtrusive facilitation.

Sigrid Lindemann, faculty and practice of "integral regression therapy" and hypnotherapy, trained in transpersonal regressiontherapy (tasso.ekaa.in), trauma therapy, and faculty in classical homeopathy "Sensation Method"

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

INTEGRAL HEALTH

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy child care

We are providing alternative health care for body, mind and emotion through classical homeopathy and transpersonal regression therapy since 2001



Homeopathy is the 2nd biggest medicine globally, practiced since 200 years, and further developed by our teacher Dr. Sankaran, Mumbai, www.theothersong.com

- Okoubaka, A homeopathic remedy, has been helpful in dealing with ill effects of the use of pesticides in spraying of Cashew Trees. Our remedy box provides Okoubaka C 30, its available at AVHealthcentre Pharmacy as well.
- Sigrid offers therapeutic consultancy since 1997, special focus on constitutional homeopathic remedies for chronic diseases, migraine, autoimmune diseases, and treatment of children incl special needs children and behavioral issues.
- Malar offers consultancy in Tamil, as well as First Aid Remedies and PC remedies.
- First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available. Please contact us if you would like to learn how to use homeopathy for First Aid. Available from our remedy box in the waiting area, 24-7, for free:
 - PC Shock Trauma, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood Pressure etc. and 70 more PC remedies for trauma, as well as chronic diseases are available. Benefits are well established – no side effects.
 - Harmony and Samata, remedies related to Mothers and Sri Aurobindo energy.
- Consultations are free for Aurovilians and newcomers, from others donations are welcome. Consultations are generally held in English, French, German, and Tamil
- Timings: Malar is managing the office, the FirstAid-Kits and PC remedies, daily Mondays to Fridays, 9 – 12:30am,

You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auro-ville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

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Registration required for the following intensives

Yoga Therapy For Back Pain, With Bijou Friday, 1 April, 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.

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Self-Love Awareness Retreat, with Ananda Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 1, 2, 3 April, 9:30am to 4:30pm

"Love and Awareness are two wings of the bird to fly in the open sky of life."

- · Inner journey retreat for self-discovery and healing
- Experiential process with awareness exercises, meditations and sharings
- Deepen body connection, mind observation, emotion exploration & energy tuning
- Rejuvenate the inner child, expand limiting beliefs, enrich presence
- Express what is unexpressed, change what is changeable, accept what is not changeable, transform, transcend & evolve with loving awareness
- Simple and practical tools to integrate in daily life for clarity, flow, health, happiness, peace, conscious relating & growth

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



COVID 19 Prevention

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

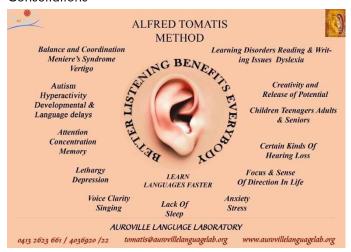
- Please take your temperature and sign the Covid tracking book
- Clean your hands with Sanitizer
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distance

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@aurovillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations



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

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

New Language Courses In March & April

Spanish with Mila

Start Date: 18 March 2022 Class Days: Tuesdays and Fridays Timings: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

This 3-month Spanish Course is meant to those students who attended the beginner course based on the book "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach", a number one book to learn Spanish in USA – Until chapter 15.

Or those students who have a basic knowledge of Spanish Vocabulary and know past and future tenses. Our teacher Mila, will continue to follow the above-mentioned book.

During the 3-month course, teacher will extend the following contents:

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

A New Beginner Hindi Course with Vatsla In April

Happy to announce that, after the great feedback from the first beginner group of students, we are going to start a new group for Beginner Hindi on 16 April 2022 with Vatsla.

In this 3-month course, the content is:

- Building confidence in conversation
- Introduction to grammar
- Reciting poems
- Playing Antakshari
- Singing & relishing the beauty of the Hindi language The classes will take place every Saturday, 10am to 12pm, for 3 months.

Italian Elementary Level With Davide From April

Our teacher Davide is happy to continue his successful Italian Course, from 1 April 2022!

Class Days: Wednesday and Fridays

Timings: 4 - 5pm

Full Duration of Course: 3 months

This new course is meant for those students who already know a bit of Italian or willing to catch with basic notions taught in the beginner's batch which is going to end. Davide will give full support and material in case if you are committed to learn this beautiful language with fun.

The teacher will extend the following contents:

- Alphabet & Phonetics
- Introduce yourself in a simple way and introduce someone else
- Spoken grammar tips: main verbs, pronouns, sentence structure, gender, singular & plural, punctuation
- Exchange simple information about your family, work, outings, plans, holidays, home, etc.
- Talk about your everyday activities and your hobbies
- Ask and answer questions in a simple way about ordinary things: shopping, restaurants, cafés, etc.
- A range of different topics can be explored based on the interests of the students

French Update

Our teacher Julien will be happy to start the following French classes:

Days: Mondays & Thursdays Time: from mid-April 2022

- 2 to 3 pm: one group of Beginner French
- 3:15 to 4:15pm: one group of Elementary French (Those students who already have a basic knowledge of the language)

The timings can be reversed in case: let us know which one is more suitable for you.

Full duration of these 2 courses: 3 months (commitment needed for the whole period)

 From 21st March onward: 4:30 to 5:30pm: one group of Beginner French for Children (under 12 years old). This is going to be a 1-month course. Commitment needed for the whole month

Tamil Written & Spoken Update

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 to 5pm

Murugesan is ready to start a new **Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil** Course, as soon as we have a minimum of 4-5 students

This 3-month course will feature:

- Alphabets, numbers & seasons
- Two letter words, three letter words, etc...
- Exploration of the difference between spoken & written Tamil through books & videos
- Developing listening & reading skills with Tamil audio songs with lyrics
- Grammar will be taught with an emphasis on practical usage

Beginner Japanese Course with Tomoko

Every Thursday, 4 to 6pm, for 2 months.

Tomoko started a new Beginner Japanese Course on 11 March This 2-month course is meant for those who know a bit of Japanese already, because is the continuation of the basic course which just ended.

English Classes In The Afternoon

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, from Monday to Friday, between 2 and 5:30pm.

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 these courses. Spread the word if anyone else is interested.

 Sandy will teach the Total Beginner Class, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3 to 4pm

If you are interested:

Please <u>fill out our form</u> to join or inquire about any language classes at the Lab! You can drop us an email to <u>info@aurovillelanguagelab.org</u>, or call us at 2623661

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

ALL: Schedule of Classes as of 21.03.2022

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes	
English,	NEW To Start,	03:00pm –	Tuesday &	
Always	Total Beginners!	04:00pm	Thursday	
Ongoing,	Beginner &	10:15am –	Tuesday &	
	Pre-Intermediate	11:15am	Thursday	
	Beginner & Pre-Inter-	10:15am –	Wednesday	
	mediate – Group 2	11:15am	& Friday	
	Intermediate –	02:30pm –	Wednesday	
	On Hold	03:30pm	& Friday	
French	Beginner – Group 1,	02:00pm –	Mon &	
	Started on 10 January	03:00pm	Thursday	
	Beginner – Group 2,	03:15pm –	Mon &	
	Started on 10 January	04:15pm	Thursday	
German	A1.1 Beginner On- line, Started on 11 January 2022	07:30am – 08:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 8 January 2022	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday	
Tamil	NEW – Spoken Beginner, Started on 4 March 2022	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday	
	Written & Spoken Beginner, Started on 1 February 2022	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday	
Sanskrit	it Beginner, Started on 02:30p 3 March 2022 04:30p		Thursday	
Spanish	Beginner Advanced,	02:30pm –	Tuesday &	
	Start date 22 March	03:30pm,	Friday	
Japanese	Beginner Advanced, Start date 11 March	02:00pm – 04:00pm	Friday	
Italian	Beginner, Started on	04:00pm –	Wednesday	
	17 December 21	05:00pm	& 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: <u>info@aurovillelanguagelab.org</u>

Find us on







@aurovillelanguagelab

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CINEMA

COUNT ON OUR OWN BODIES



Dear All, please don't miss the DW (Germany) Documentary (link here).

You can use the CC button for English subtitles. Among the unknown worlds in the universe, we can count our very own bodies. Like planet

earth, each of us is made up of fascinating landscapes that are home to all kinds of wildlife.

The film takes the viewer on a unique microscopic safari, where we encounter some of the myriad creatures that live, thrive, compete, feed, are born and die on or inside our bodies. In fact, microscopic creatures play a more powerful role than we know: These life forms impact our health, our life expectancy, our physique and even our behavior.

The film renders these hidden worlds visible with the help of special effects: Combining cinematic electron microscopy with a super macro film technique. The documentary explains cutting-edge scientific findings, by turns surprising, enlightening and amazing.

It raises questions about who we are, and how we exist in the unexplored, complex ecosystems that help constitute us. We are born 100% human, but will die 90% microbial. Between these two points in our lives lies the unexplored terrain of 'Life on Us'.

> Dr. Margarita Correa Mgecoduties – Probiotics House

TEMPLARS, VIKINGS AND CATHEDRALS

The French Pavilion presents

Saturday, 26 March, 5pm, Town Hall, Cinema Paradiso

- Directed by Oleg de Normandie
- Film only in French, duration: 96 min



In this film you will be transported to the heart of the Middle Ages, at the time of the intrigue that sealed the destiny of France and Europe until today. You will learn the true meaning and major extent of the role played by the Vikings in this pivotal period. The heroism of the famous King Ragnar Lodbrok pales in comparison to the full scope of Viking achievement. You will discover the extraordinary secret of the Templars. You will understand how and why they sponsored the most sumptuous monuments in our history. And you will be able to clearly see what were the true designs and ambitions of the various protagonists: Vikings, Templars, Kings of Francia and Popes of the Christians.

AURO FILM PRESENTS

At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

Reminder: Friday, 25 March, "Shine" By Scott Hicks,

Australia, 2006

Friday 1 April, 8:00pm "THE SEVENTH SEAL"

Director: Ingmar BERGMAN, Sweden, 1957

With: Gunnar Björnstrand, Max von Sydow, Bibi Andersson, ...

Overview: Hailed as one of the greatest movies of all time – an indisputable classic of world cinema – for decades now. The title refers to a passage from the Book of Revelation, beginning with the words

"And when the Lamb had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour."

Set during the devastating Black Death that wiped out more than one-third of the population of Europe, the film traces the earthly and spiritual journey of a medieval knight returning home from horrific crusades in far-off lands. Wreaking in guilt and futility, the knight confronts death in all its guiles and at every bend of life and in every contemptuous manifestation, without a hint of hope or redemption...

This 1957 film from Sweden, established its director, Ingmar Bergman, as the great artist of cinema, and as an eloquent voice for old-age spiritual questions about the meaning and purpose of life, and about the whims and certainty of death.

Introduced by Prof. Sehdev Kumar as part of his series, "International Film Classics and the Human Condition" in collaboration with Aurofilm. Short discussion and comments after the screening. Original Swedish version, with English subtitles – Duration: 1h36'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP at MMC, use of MASK is still mandatory!

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 19:00:)

Friday 1 April

Last Chance to See: Komodo Dragon

2009 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

Fry and Carwardine travel to Indonesia and Malaysia to out a rare, endemic species. At Snake Island they encounter a venomous yellow-lipped sea krait, causing Fry to rue his decision to wear open-toed sandals. At Turtle Island, conservationists are working to protect sea turtles. The presenters help to collect eggs from a female green turtle that has come ashore to lay, and then release new hatchlings back into the sea.



AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING

Thursday, March 31, Cinema Paradiso, 8pm

The Auroville Film Festival is pleased to do a public screening of six short films from the Aurovilians and Human Unity categories. These films will be screened on Thursday, March 31 at MMC/CP, Town Hall from 8pm onwards. The sixth film, Sheer Qorma, was not available on the online platform and this will be the only opportunity to watch it!

Robbery In the Time Of Corona

2020, Comedy, 10 min, Tamil w/ English subtitles

This is a comedy about playing computer and mobile games and how young people are obsessed with playing games on their mobiles. In this short film, robbers enter the house while the youngsters are distracted, playing games on their phones - not noticing them. The robbers end up stealing all the gold and jewels!

Director, Script, Editor: Yatra Srinivassan, Cast: Yatra Srinivassan, Jean Paul, V. Priya, Prasad Vimal Raj, J. Jayabharathi, S. Yuvasri

En Udambu (My Body)

2021, Drama (Fiction), 18 min, Tamil w/ English subtitles

A young lady does something unpredictable when 2 perverted men challenge her very existence!

Director, Script, Editor: Earthling Koushalya

Production Company: Accessible Horizon Films

Music: Varun Rao, Maverick Dass, Earthling Koushalya, Vocals: Anushka Gunputh, Cast: Semmalar Annam K, Dhinesh Kumar, Manoj Chandar, Anandhi Jayaraman, Ramamurthy, Kalaivaanan

Temple Tree – Manifestations Of Ganesha 2021, Documentary, 13 min, English

This film shows the magical bark printing work of the international artist Birgitta Volz, who is living in Auroville. It is a documentary about her last exhibition held at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture which featured prints of the bark of the Temple tree located in the premises. All the prints were made in the Auroville Art Camp 2019.

Director, Producer, Editor, Cinematographer: Marko Bosko Script: Marko Bosko, Birgitta Volz, Music: Ivan Avakian, Production Company: Aurofilm Productions Team: Surya, Susana, Photography: Marco Saroldi, Konny Von Schmettau, Birgitta Volz

The Joi Of Human Unity

2021, Documentary, 29 min, English

Anitya is the first project under the Joy Of Impermanence project. In this film we learn how they have been working on living together in human unity.

Director, Producer, Script: Serena Aurora, Production Company: Aurora's Eye Films, Cinematographer, Editor: Aurovenkatesh, Serena Aurora, Sound Engineering, Sound Remixes: Kardash, Featuring: Residents of Joy of Impermanence Anitya community

Kanya

2020, Drama, 16 min, Tamil w/ English subtitles

A coming-of-age drama about an adolescent girl growing up between the values of occidental and traditional culture, whose aspirations of becoming a competitive swimmer takes an unexpected turn when she gets her first period.

Screening /Awards:

- Student Academy Awards Los Angeles, United States
- Magnesia Award for Best Student Film Prague Official Shortlist Czech Republic
- Busan International Film Festival Busan, World Premiere Nomination - Sonje Award / Asian Short Film Competi-
- International Short Film Festival Berlin November 10, 2020 German Premiere Best Sound Design

Director: Apoorva Satish, Writers: Apoorva Satish, Vidhya lyer, Cast: Tarunya Satish, Harish Kumar, Mona Kakkade, Balaji Rajashekar

Sheer Qorma

2021, Drama, 30 min, English-Hindi-Urdu w/Eng. subtitles

Sheer Qorma is a story of belonging and acceptance, identity and family, and how it comes together under one roof, as resilient, queer Muslim women and non-binary characters of color, choose to embrace love that exists beyond their personal beliefs and social moralities.

Director, Writer: Faraz Arif Ansari, Producer: Marijke de Souza, Cast: Shabana Azmi, Divya Dutta, Swara Bhasker, Kalyanee Mulay, Priya Malik, Jitin Gulati

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 1

Monday, 28 March, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan. The Book Of Beginnings, Canto 1 The Symbol Dawn

The Destined Meeting Place, Satyavan and Satyavan and Savitri. Duration: 40min.

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In 'The Symbol Dawn' Sri Aurobindo poetically describes the time when the hour of manifestation had not yet arrived and the creation due to

the separation of the first emanations from their Origin remained inconscient. But even in the darkest Unconsciousness the Divine Origin had an urge to wake up into existence: It was the hour before the Gods awake... /Then something in the inscrutable darkness stirred; /A nameless movement, an unthought Idea/ Insistent, dissatisfied, without an aim, /Something that wished but knew not how to be, /Teased the Inconscient to wake Ignorance. /(Savitri, p.1-2)

Perpetually the Divine Avatar comes down upon earth to wake it up to the inner Consciousness. The Rays of Knowledge, of Light, of Truth descended on earth and were often poorly received so that they withdrew. This happened many times before Knowledge, Light and Truth could stay in this world for even a short time. But finally, there is a response - something seems ready.

Dawn built her aura of magnificent hues /And buried its seed of grandeur in the hours. /An instant's visitor the godhead shone.../ A Form from far beatitudes seemed to near. / Ambassadress twixt eternity and change, /The omniscient Goddess leaned across the breadths /That wrap the fated journeyings of the stars /And saw the spaces ready for her feet. /Once she half looked behind for her veiled sun, /Then, thoughtful, went to her immortal work. (Savitri, p.4) Savitri, the Divine incarnation, comes from above and brings special gifts to transform the world and make it ready to receive the Higher Light and Power. The proud and conscious wideness and the bliss /She had brought with her into the human form, /The calm delight that weds one soul to all, /The key to the flaming doors of ecstasy. (Savitri, p.6) Savitri does not share in the smallness of humanity. And the earth, the world is not yet ready to manifest the Divine in its purity, the Divine gets veiled, hidden by the ordinary form. Only step by step, the world grows towards its realisation. And Savitri knows that she must conquer Death and she is preparing herself for that. Amid the trivial sounds, the unchanging scene /Her soul arose confronting Time and Fate. /Immobile in herself, she gathered force. /This was the day when Satyavan must die. (Savitri, p.10)

This film is a sensitive version of Meditations on Savitri, Book 1, Canto 1: The Symbol Dawn – with passages from Sri Aurobindo's revelatory epic poem Savitri read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and paintings by Huta done under the guidance of and with the inspiration from the Mother. All passages from Savitri are subtitled.

The printed version of Meditations on Savitri is available at Savitri Bhavan and the films <u>can now be seen at the Savitri</u> Bhavan website.



CINEMA PARADISO Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film Program 28 March 2022 to 03 April 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. It is open to all. However, temperature check, registration and Mask (and not scarves etc.) is a must even now. Please come prepared and enjoy the films. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.

Indian- Monday 28 March, 8:00 pm: GARUDA GAMANA VRISHABHA VAHANA

India, 2021, Writer-Dir. Raj B. Shetty w/ Gopalakrishna Deshpande, Vineet Kumar, Deepak Raj Panaje, and others, Thriller-Drama, 131mins, Kannada w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)

According to the puranas, on Lord Brahma's insistence, Lord Shiva takes the form of a Vrishabha (Bull) to retrieve Vishnu (Garuda Gamana) from Paatala-loka (netherworld) who is stuck there enamored by the beautiful Apsaras. In another story, Vishnu takes the form of Mohini to unite with Shiva and they form Harihara. Both of these stories are referenced in artistically interesting ways in this film. Based on the Hari-Hara stories, this acclaimed film up tells the story about the rise and fall of two criminals, Shiva and Hari, set in Mangaladevi near Mangalore.

Potpourri – Tuesday 29 March, 8:00 pm: A SHORT STAY IN SWITZERLAND

UK, 2009, Dir. Simon Kurtis w/ Julie Walters, Stephen Campbell Moore, and others, Biography-Drama, 90mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

The true story of Dr. Anne Turner, who, in 2006, took her own life in a Zurich clinic having developed an incurable degenerative disease. As her health deteriorates, Anne's son and two daughters struggle to reach a consensus over their mother's intentions, and while they search for alternative options, silent recriminations and stubborn practicality threaten to tear the family apart. With her family at logger heads, Anne must also face the fury of her best friend, whose opposing views bring them into direct conflict.

Interesting – Wednesday 30 March, 8:00 pm: MADE YOU LOOK: A TRUE STORY ABOUT FAKE ART

Canada, 2020, Writer-Dir Barry Avrich w/ Ann Freedman, M.H. Miller, Perry Amsellem and others, Documentary-Crime, 94mins, Englis w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R) The film chronicles the events of the largest art fraud in American history, when Knoedler & Company unwittingly purchased and sold fake works by famed artists.

Noteworthy films from Auroville Film Festival (AVFF) 2022

AVFF 2022 - Thursday 31 March, 8:00 pm: SIX SHORT FILMS

- Robbery in times of Corona Auroville, 10 mins, Tamil. Robbers enter a house while young people are on their phones. En Udambu (My body) Auroville, 17 mins, Tamil. A young woman does something unpredictable when harassed.
- **Temple tree** manifestation of Ganesha– Auroville, 13 mins, Aurovilian artist Birgitta Volz's magic bark printing work.
- The joi of human unity Auroville, 29 mins, English. At Anitya, Aurovilians work on living together in human unity.
- Kanya India Czech Republic, 16 mins, Tamil. An aspiring swimmer is caught between east and west.
- Sheer qorma India, 30 mins, English-Hindi-Urdu. Queer Muslim women and non-binary embrace love.

International – Saturday, 2 April, 8:00 pm: C'MON C'MON

USA, 2021, Write-Dir. Mike Mills w/ Joaquin Phoenix, Gaby Hoffmann, Woody Norman, and others, Drama, 109mis, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Johnny is an emotionally stunted and softspoken radio journalist who travels the country interviewing a variety of kids about their thoughts concerning their world and their future. Then Johnny's saddled with caring for his young nephew Jesse. Jesse brings a new perspective and, as they travel from state to state, effectively turns the emotional tables on Johnnys

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 3 April, 4:30 pm: THE BOSS BABY: FAMILY BUSINESS

USA, 2021, Dir. Tom McGrath w/ Alec Baldwin, James Marsden, Amy Sedaris, and others, Animation-Comedy,

107mins, English-Several other languages w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

The Templeton brothers have become adults and drifted away from each other, but a new boss baby with a cutting-edge approach is about to bring them





together again - and inspire a new family business.

Michelangelo Antonioni Film Festival @ Ciné-Club Sunday 3 April, 8:00 pm: L'ECLISSE (The Eclipse)

Italy-France, 1962, Dir. Michelangelo Antonioni w/ Alain Delon, Francisco Rabal, Monica Vitti, and others, Drama-Romance, 126 mins, Italian w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR.

In the suburbs of Rome, the translator Vittoria breaks her engagement with her boyfriend, the writer Ricardo, after a troubled night. Vittoria goes downtown to meet her mother, who is addicted to the stock market, and she meets the broker Piero on a day of crash. The materialist Piero and the absent Vittoria begin a monosyllabic relationship.

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 = for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude 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



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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



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- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
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- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
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