

News & Notes

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The earliest formula of Wisdom promises to be its last - God, Light, Freedom, Immortality. The Proclamation of Truth is Fearless



The name of That is the Delight; as the Delight we must worship and seek after It.

Kena Upanishad

The Ponder Corner

The self of things is an infinite indivisible existence;
of that existence the essential nature or power is an infinite imperishable force of self-conscious being;
and of that self-consciousness the essential nature or knowledge of itself is, again,
an infinite inalienable delight of being.

*Delight of Existence: The Solution
Life Divine Sri Aurobindo*

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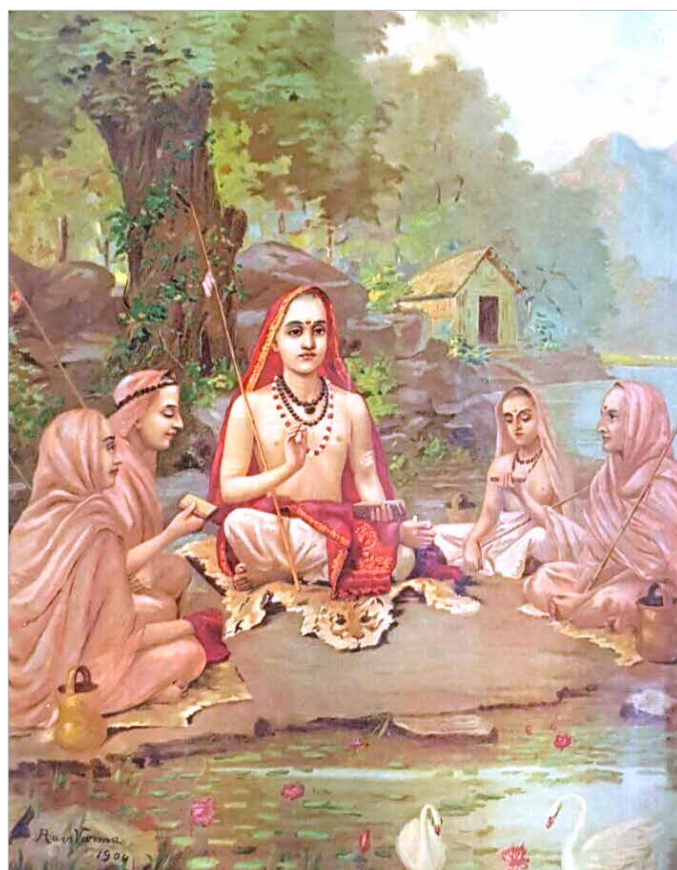


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House of Mother's Agenda

"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

(continued from last week)

"Satprem: I would like to ask you something about my japa (the continuous repetition of a mantra)... Do you feel it's getting me anywhere? Is there any sense to it?

Mother: That's what I have been studying these past two days – not for you in particular, but the general effect of japa, the reason for it in the organization of one's life... I can't say I have made any discoveries (maybe for myself, I don't know); but my study is not on higher levels, it's right here.

It would take too long to give the details; I can summarize, but I don't want to make a doctrine, and for it to be living it's bound to be long.

For some time now I have been running into difficulties with my morning japa. It's complex. I won't go into details, but certain things seemed to be trying to interfere, either preventing me from going on to the end, or plunging me into a kind of trance that brought everything to a halt. So I began wondering what it was and why. A very, very long curve was involved, but the result of my observations is the following. (All this is purely from the body's standpoint; I mean it doesn't concern the conscious, living, independent being that would remain the same even without the body – to be exact, the being whose life, consciousness, freedom and action do not depend on the body. I am speaking here of that which needs the body for its manifestation; that alone was in question.)

There has been a kind of perception of a variety of bodily activities, a whole series of them, having to do exclusively (or so it seems) with the maintenance of the body. Some are on the borderline – sleep, for instance: one portion of it is necessary for good maintenance of the body, and another portion puts it in contact with other parts and activities of the being; but one portion of sleep is exclusively for maintaining the body's balance. Then there is food, keeping clean, a whole range of things. And according to Sri Aurobindo, spiritual life shouldn't suppress those things; whatever is indispensable for the body's well-being must be kept up. For ordinary people, all other bodily activities are used for personal pleasure and benefit. The spiritual man, on the other hand, has given his body to serve the Divine, so that the Divine may use it for His work and perhaps, as Sri Aurobindo said, for His joy – although given the present state of Matter and the body, that seems to me unlikely or at best very intermittent and partial, because this body is much more a field of misery than a field of joy. (None of this is based on speculation, but on personal experience – I am relating my personal experience.) But with work, it's different: when the body is at work, it's in full swing.

That's its joy, its need – to exist only to serve Him. To exist only to serve. And of course, to reduce maintenance to a bare minimum while trying to find a way for the Divine to participate in the very restricted, limited and meager possibilities of joy this maintenance may give. To associate the Divine with all those movements and things, like keeping clean, sleeping (although sleep is different, it's already a lot more interesting); but especially with personal hygiene, eating and other absolutely indispensable things, the attempt is to associate them with the Divine Presence so that they may be as much an expression of divine joy as possible. (This is realized to a certain extent.)

Now where does japa fit into all this?

Japa, like meditation, is a procedure – apparently the most active and effective procedure – for joining, as much as possible, the Divine Presence to the bodily substance. It is the magic of sound, you see.

Naturally, if there's also an awareness of the idea behind it, if one does japa as a very active CONSCIOUS invocation, then its effects are greatly multiplied. But the basis is the magic of sound. This is a fact of experience, and it's absolutely true. The sound OM, for instance, awakens very special vibrations (there are other such sounds as well, but of course that one is the most powerful of all).

It is an attempt to divinize material substance.

From another, almost identical point of view, it fills the physical atmosphere with the Divine Presence. So time spent in japa is time consecrated to helping the material substance enter into more intimate rapport with the Divine.

And if one adds to this, as I do, a mantric program, that is, a sort of prayer or invocation, a program for both personal development and helping the collective, then it becomes a truly active work. Then there's also what I call "external" work: contact with others, reading and answering letters, seeing and speaking to people, and finally all the activities having to do with the organization and running of the Ashram (in meditation this work becomes worldwide, but physically, materially, it is limited for the moment to the Ashram).

In the course of my observation, I also saw the position of X and people like him, who practically spend their lives doing japa, plus meditation, puja (a ritual or ceremony to invoke or evoke a deity), ceremonies (I am talking only about sincere people, not fakers). Well, that's their way of working for the world, of serving the Divine, and it seems the best way to them – perhaps even the only way – but it's a question of mental belief.

Townhall Speaks

RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION (RAD) ON THE REVISED SELECTION PROCESS

to be used for the Working Committee, Auroville Council, FAMC, Entry Board, ATDC

Dear Residents, this Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) is for the community to approve or disapprove [the revised Selection Process proposal](#). Kindly note that the selection process methodology is an integral part of the PWG document (['Participatory Working Groups' & the selection process of their members](#)).



The RAD will run until Sunday, 17 April 2022

How To Participate

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

IN PERSON

- If you prefer to vote in person, a printed voting slip is also available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Please fill your ballot out and hand it over to the RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS office) every
 - Monday 2pm – 4pm,
 - Tuesday 10am – 12pm,
 - Thursday 10am – 12pm,
 - Friday 10am – 12pm.



We are happy to help you register your decision.

- In-person voting will be organized at Solar Kitchen on Sunday, April 17, 11 am – 2pm.

Reference Materials

- [Updated version of the SP proposal](#)
- [Updated version of the SP proposal with the highlighted changes \(after feedback integration\)](#)
- [Presentation of the SPRTF](#)
- [PWG 2020](#)
- [PWG 2022, as modified with the new selection process](#)
- [Steps of an RAD](#)
- Information: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))
- RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

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

PARTICIPATORY WORKING GROUP AMENDMENTS 2022

Dear Community, in regard to the task force on deselection and other amendments to the PWG document 2022, the Council had announced that it will select the members from the applicants. Instead, it has been decided to avoid any possible conflict of interest by drawing lots to select the members.

Best regards, Auroville Council: Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh, Meenal, Suresh, Suryan, Shiva and Shivaya

In any case, it's obvious that even a bit of... not exactly puja, but some sort of ceremony that you set yourself to do – habitual gestures symbolizing and expressing a particular inner state – can also be a help and a way of offering yourself and relating to the Divine and thus serving the Divine. I feel it's important looked at in this way – not from the traditional viewpoint, I can't stand that traditional viewpoint; I understand it, but it seems to me like putting a brake on true self-giving to the Divine. I am speaking of SELF-IMPOSED japa and rules (or, if someone gives you the japa, rules you accept with all your heart and adhere to). These self-imposed rules should be followed as a gesture of love, as a way of saying to the Divine, "I love You." Do you see what I mean? Like arranging flowers in a certain way, burning incense, dozens of little things like that, made beautiful because of what is put into them – it is a form of self-giving.

Now, I think that doing japa with the will and the idea of getting something out of it spoils it a little. You spoil it. I don't much like it when somebody says, "Do this and you will get that." It's true – it's true, but it's a bit like baiting a fish. I don't much like it.

Let it be your own manner of serving the Divine, of relating to Him, loving Him, of joining Him to your physical life, being close to Him and drawing Him close to you – that way it's beautiful. Each time you say the Word, let it be an invocation, let it be like the recitation of a word of love; then it's beautiful.

That's how I see it.

And so according to your mission in the world, you have to find for yourself the right proportion between this work and external, intellectual or organizational work; and then there are the body's needs, which can be met in the same way, trying to make it possible for the Lord to take delight in them. I have seen this for trivial things: for example, making your bath a pleasant experience, or caring for your hair, or whatever (of course, it's been a long time since there have been any of those stupid, petty ideas of personal pleasure), so that these things aren't done indifferently, out of habit and necessity, but... with a touch of beauty, a touch of charm and delight for the Lord.

There, that's all....

Mon petit... (Mother gazes a long time at Satprem).

For me, you know, japa means a moment when all physical life is EXCLUSIVELY for the Divine. A moment when nothing but the Divine exists – every single cell of the body, each second, is EXCLUSIVELY for the Divine, there is nothing but the Divine.

When you succeed in doing that, it's good.

Japa shouldn't become so exclusive that it's done twenty-four hours out of twenty-four, because then it's equivalent to asceticism – but there should be a good dose of it.

It's almost the one luxury of life – that's how it feels to me. The luxury of That alone, nothing but that divine vibration around you, within you, everywhere. Nothing but the divine vibration.

Now, that's luxury.

Voilà, mon petit..."

Volume 3. 1962:
Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda_03/1962-02-03-01_e.htm

UPDATE ON L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE / ATDC



**Auroville Town
Development Council**
L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear Residents of Auroville, we are restructuring l'Avenir d'Auroville/ Auroville Town Development Council in order for

us to meet the requirements of a planning office capable of building the City of Auroville, to become a professional office having effective technical teams that can realise the building of Mother's City as per the Galaxy Plan and Master Plan.

This is an important change of its functioning, as, compared to the past decades, the pace of the work needs to speed up immensely as must its quality increase.

Practically this means that the technical teams will be expanded and the planning office will take up more space in the ACUR building. We have engaged many people for the technical team both from inside and outside Auroville. When our teams are complete we will publish a list of names of those who work at ATDC and an updated list of members.

ATDC will focus on many things including planning, development of Urban Design Guidelines for every sector/zone, creation of DDPs with internal teams and external consultants, preparation of projects, implementation and monitoring of projects, surveys and mapping, resource mobilisation and much more.

While we are doing so, almost all of our time is taken up by making sure we first and foremost get settled in a new way of functioning. A lot of personal requests for buildings, extensions and renovations are reaching us, and we understand that some of you have been waiting for several weeks/months. We are attending to these individual applications in the midst of this bigger work for the building of the City which, at the moment, takes precedence over everything else.

We are undertaking in the near future several surveys in the city area and the green belt; we thank Aurovilians in advance for allowing our ground team to do their job.

Here are some updates on some topics:

1. Some requests for individual houses and extensions are presently on hold, as the DDP only can show where development is in line with the Master Plan. Those applications which are on hold will be communicated individually.

2. As part of the Master Plan implementation, we are working on opening up Residential Zone Sectors 1 and 2 for new residential projects of varying densities, along with some projects that will be located in outside Master Plan areas where land and infrastructure are available. If you are already on the list with Housing Service, then you will be contacted when a corresponding project starts. We request people with Project Holder capacities to write to ATDC as we are currently forming a pool of Project Managers that can help with various aspects of realising the projects in these 2 sectors.

We know that many people are requesting stewardship agreements for the houses that were built without any NOC's or approvals. The fact that this unclarity exists is part of the need for restructuring and a full clean-up of ATDC's records. We will not be issuing retroactive NOCs for the assets built without NOC. Once we have the base map and the corresponding information fully updated, these old issues will be looked into and dealt with case by case.

3. The ATDC has together with the Auroville Foundation approved 4 special projects as priority projects: Morning Star, Mother's Flower Garden, Svaram Musical Research Centre and The Sprout. More information will be published shortly as and when available to us.

We are grateful and immensely happy to finally have a real impetus to realise Mother's City, and hope that all of us are enjoying this beautiful development.

*Sincerely, Lieve,
for ATDC*

CROWNLIFE LIVE



**Auroville Town
Development Council**
L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear all, we are happy to announce the start of the first of a series of Crown urban design installation projects, this one

located opposite Kalpana and Humanscapes. This series will be called CrownLife LIVE.

The aim of these installations is to explore and portray what the Crown will be like and what sort of an urban experience it can offer to the end user in the Auroville City, and to dispel myths about what the Crown is.

The first of these installations will be coordinated by ATDC itself with the help of Ovoid Atelier, the architects of Kalpana. We invite all interested architects / urban designers / landscape designers of Auroville to come and collaborate, and take up different stretches of the Crown to design and implement.

A brief for the CrownLife LIVE project will be made available to those interested, please write to us at avenir@auroville.org.in to have it sent to you.

Let's make the City come alive, together.

*Best regards, Anbu, Toby
for Auroville Town Development Council*

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TASK FORCE TO INCREASE RA PARTICIPATION.



Dear Community, as part of an attempt to improve our communal functioning, we want to start a task force that studies and actively engages in how to improve participation in RA processes and decisions. There are many ideas and ways to go about this, we just need

to make the effort and surely the results will follow. This is very important work as one often hears people question the validity of RADs when having a low turnout. One also hears people question the commitment of the "silent" section of Auroville to our collective. The lack of participation of course also affects the general spirit of cohesion as a community.

This is a call to the community. If you are interested in this important work of helping all Aurovilians to come together and participate in building our collective future please write to us. Rather than the Council choosing the members or having a drawing of lots, we will create a container whereby all the applicants can choose how they wish to work together. Some Council members may join in their individual capacity, the Council will support this effort if needed.

We look forward to your participation.

*Warm regards, Auroville Council
Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh, Meenal,
Suresh, Suryan, Shiva and Shivaya*

FAMC OFFICE, NEW LOCATION

Dear community, the FAMC office has moved to the first floor mezzanine in Town Hall until our next space becomes free. This is the place where the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) used to be.

If you want to meet with Madhan (FAMC Finance Secretary), Balaji (FAMC admin), and Svenja (FAMC secretary), or an FAMC member please feel free to visit

- 9:30am to 12:30pm or 2 to 5 pm,
- Monday through Friday,
- Saturday mornings only.

*Sincerely, FAMC
(Members are: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa,
Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan)*

FOLLOW-UP RA MEETING

in Preparation for a Decision-Making on the Selection Process Proposal

Dear Residents, below you find the report of the Residents' Assembly Meeting (RAM) that happened on Monday 28th of March 2022 and all relevant materials.

Follow-up Residents' Assembly Meeting

- **Day/Date:** Monday, 28.03.2022,
- **Venue:** Unity Pavilion
- **Time:** 4 to 6pm
- **Attendees:** 90 attendees (in person in UP) and 25 online participants
- **Facilitator:** Julia

The follow-up RAM on this topic was held by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) to inform about and discuss the proposal in preparation for the decision-making process.

You can find the [RAM recording here](#).

90 confirmed Aurovillians attended the meeting at Unity Pavilion. Newcomers, volunteers, and youth below 18 were also welcomed, as stipulated in the RAD policy, as silent observers.

People started to register their attendance from 3:40pm on. The RA Meeting started at 4:05pm.

The RA Meeting:

1. The RAM was formally opened at 4:05pm by the facilitator with a welcome and a moment of silence. The facilitator set the intention, and the ground rules and got through the agenda;

2. Residents' Assembly Service members welcomed the participants of the meeting and informed about the stages that the RAD process consists of;

3. Martin and Philippe (members of the Selection Process Review Task Force) presented an updated version of the proposal on a modified method of selecting members for the major working groups;

4. The Task Force reps presented a data analysis of the 121 survey responses and 18 inputs shared via email, with feedback on the original proposal, that RAS received from the community, explaining what they did consider for the revision, what they did not, and why;

5. After the presentation the facilitator encouraged the attendees to ask questions on the proposal and share their inputs;

6. The RAS explained how to express agreement or disagreement on the revised proposal and suggested voting options to those physically present in the room (by a show of hands) and those connected online (using YouTube poll);

7. The majority expressed a common agreement to accept the refined proposal to be put out to the community for a decision; and use "YES"/"NO" voting option;

8. As per the RAD policy, the RAS will soon "disseminate an RAD announcement (along with the proposal, voting options and all relevant materials), containing a personalised voting link, through the RAS mailing system 2 weeks prior to the voting deadline. The same announcement will be published in News and Notes and Auronet";

9. The RA meeting was closed at 6pm.

For a deeper exploration, please refer to the following:

- [Updated version of the SP proposal](#)
- [SP proposal – changes after feedback integration](#)
- [Proposal \(original version\)](#)
- [Presentation of the SPRTF](#)
- [PWG 2020](#)
- [Video record \(AV Radio\)](#)
- [Photos of the meeting](#)
- [Minutes of the meeting](#)
- [Steps of an RAD](#)

• Information: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

• RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

(End Of Report)

Many Thanks!

We would like to thank all those who helped with facilitating the event, preparing and decorating the room, making kolams taking care of technical arrangements, video recording, etc.

We appreciate all the support of the Silent Presence Keepers, RAS resource persons and volunteers, Auroville Hugging team and many other groups and individuals who contributed to this RA meeting.

Warmly, The Residents' Assembly Service

FOREST GROUP MEETING

Infinity, 1 April 2022

Present: David (Aurodam), Manolo (Espace/Bliss Forest), Rita (Centrefield), R. Kannayappan, Fabian (both Pitchandikulam), Natasha, Amos and Bernardo (Evergreen), Noe (Mango Field), Philippe (Anusuya), Andrey, Marco and Vikram (Infinity), Kumar (Adventure), D.Segar (Nedaal), Jean-Luc, Arun (both Revelation), Alex (Fertile), Forest (Nilatangam), P.Elumalai (Bliss), Leela (Anusuya), Saga (Kottakarai), Balu (Azhagu Bhoomi), Thanajayan, Eric (Baraka), Edzard (Discipline) Yuval (Chairman), Ancolie (Notes) 28 members present

Topics discussed:

Revelation: Cristo remains the caretaker, Jean-Luc takes care of the fruit orchard, Olivier operates the financial service account, Nathalie does the accounting, Arun takes care of the daily management of the place and Ancolie is joining the Educative Forest project. She will be working with Arun and Patrick.

Nedaal aka the Ridge top sanctuary: Needal is a 15-acre plot at the center of the Northern Forests of Auroville. Because of its geographic location at the top of a large watershed, it has been established as a wildlife breeding ground and sanctuary forest. Sekar is requesting stewardship of this plot. The forest group could not take a decision as the decision lies with the concerned NFA stewards who were absent in this meeting. All the NFA collective forest stewards are dearly invited to attend the next meeting.

Nilatangam: As per Ambre's request, Forest, a young Canadian volunteer, announced that he will take care of Nilatangam during Ambre's absence with Ancolie's support.

Evergreen: Bernardo, a young Argentinian, who is in the process of becoming Aurovilian, has joined the Evergreen working team.

The Sprout: A survey has been carried out on the 1st of April, 2022, to mark the Sprout location 2, along with the Radial. The location has changed and needs to be reviewed. The forest group has written an email dated 13th of March, 2022, which has been ignored, as has the feedback from the community for this project. The forest group maintains their position to support development in this area as per community process and a detailed developmental plan that is made in consultation with all concerned parties including both the forest group and a community elected TDC.

Infinity: Vikram C-S has reported that fencing and bunding work has been done on two of the three outlying plots of Infinity, as well as within the main community area. Planting has been achieved on one of these plots which has currently a very low forest cover and within the community area. A lot of mining had been happening in the areas around Infinity, which had made it tricky to traverse. Now the access has been changed with the friendly willingness of the neighbors. Furthermore access via 4 wheelers needs substantial work to be viable throughout the yearly seasons. Work within the community is mainly focused on the upkeep of the fruit orchards as well as creation and upkeep of the kitchen gardens. Vikram C-S is requesting a half maintenance to help support the future work there.

The next meeting will be in Hermitage on Friday, 6 May.

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer:
Courage, COU044, 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, K. Venkatesh

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 128

Dated: 09-04-2022

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Chitra SADAYANDY (India)
- Kavitha VELMURUGAN (India)
- Susana Andrea BUSTOS GARAY (Chilean)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Anna Bianca TORRACO (Italian) staying in Arati and working at Dynamis



Anna



Malar



Valarmathi

- Malar SAGADEVAN (Indian) staying in Kalpana and working at Pre-creche
- Valarmathi ARUMUGAM (Indian) staying in Kalabhumi and working at Klara's House, Matrimandir & Puncture Service

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Luca SERRI (Italian)

NOT READY TO JOIN AUROVILLE:

The Entry Board, in consultation with the mentors concerned, has not accepted the following Newcomers joining Auroville. The reasons have been communicated to them.

- Sathish MACHAKETU (Indian)

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

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

The date of becoming Aurovillian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes. A confirmed Aurovillian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents

(RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF).

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service

Community News

PASSING ON

ERIC RAMANUJAM



On 19 March this year, Eric Ramanujam passed away at the age of 58 in PIMS where he had been taken due to advanced jaundice. While perhaps not having met him in person, many of us know his beautiful and educative wild life stone paintings placed in Pitchandikulam, at the visitors walk way to VC, as well as at the ECR toll plaza. Starting out at Aranya in 2000, where he studied, drew and wrote

about the Indian Horned Eagle for several years, he later moved to Pitchandikulam where he was employed as wildlife biologist. His detailed, gentle drawings, combining black and white ink with colour, are found in scientific articles, books and papers all over India. A detailed obituary by India's Sanctuary Nature Foundation can be found here below. **Thank you, Eric. May you be in peace. OM**

Obituary by Prasad Natarajan of the Sanctuary Nature Foundation.

Artist for Wildlife and Nature deeply mourns the death of senior wildlife illustrator and owl researcher Eric Ramanujam! Eric was very supportive of AWN's initiative's and easy to approach. He was readily reachable giving his inputs and suggestions on any project. One of the first artist to come forward to display his artworks in the annual show in 2017.

Eric was employed by Pitchandikulam, a unit under Auroville Foundation, as a Wildlife Biologist. He has a background in the Advertising Industry (which he left because of the skull duggery and deadlines he, as junior staff, had to endure) and took to autecological / behavioural studies of the Indian Eagle Owl and associated nocturnal predators and prey in 1997. Since 2002 he has undertaken field studies of the Kaliveli wetland complex (near Pondicherry), Adyar wetland complex (in Chennai) and Shevroy Hills of the Eastern Ghats. In Pitchandikulam he created an 'Art Collective' – a group of wildlife/nature artists/illustrators working together to manifest outputs on a commercial scale. So far, the collective has been successful with working with Government departments (for example, Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust on the Adyar Eco Park and Gulf of Mannar Biodiversity Reserve Trust), Corporates (like WIPRO Technologies) and many NGOs (for example WWF-Delhi) in addition to quite a few private clients. This initiative is our major foray into a 'studio based' culture.

Eric Ramanujam authored "In Achilles' Footstep – Adventures with The Indian Eagle-Owl". Brilliant illustrations and in-depth knowledge sharing on Owls of India.

His last paper was on Wildlife art and illustration – combining black and white ink drawings in the Threatened taxa Magazine. [Link to his paper can be read here.](#)

Eric was Mammal Category Award Winner of 2017 Artists for Wildlife and Nature Annual show.

His contributions to nature, art, science and his love for owls will live forever!

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

Saturday, 16 April, 3:30 – 5:30pm

Center Guest House

We, the 'Let's talk about Death' group, do think that, since life and death are deeply entangled, living fully conscious today prepares a conscious and meaningful passing away. Thus, we intend to provide space, time and content on the topic of Death in Auroville.

Our aim is to offer a space for personal experience and insights on Death. During our sharings, there is no lecture, material distribution or convincing people of one's opinions or beliefs. The sharing is open to all ages, for Aurovilians, New-comers and long term Savi Volunteers.

Furthermore, talking of one's own experience is not mandatory. Sometimes, one prefers just to attend, listen or just to reflect within. We hope to see you on Saturday 16 April 2022 at Center Guest House. We'll start at 3:30pm with coffee & cake, followed by sharing until around 5:30pm.

Please, come without booking, but open minded and with care for one another.

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



AUROVILLE MATTERS

TREATMENT OF THE NEEM TREES

affected by Dieback disease

Dear Community, we are grateful to the response of many to the initiative to help in the treatment of the Neem trees affected by Dieback disease (caused by fungus *Phomopsis Azadiractae*, that has been observed on neem trees across the region. Leaves of the affected trees dry and turn brown and slowly the trees die.)



We (Margarita's team & Island's volunteers) are now in the crusade of saving the Neem trees affected by Dieback. According to the plant pathologists from TN, AP, Telangana and Karnataka, we are losing neem trees at the rate of 10 -15% per year. Many Aurovilians believe that the Neems are OK, "they will come back and so on", but those who think that can answer me two questions?

- do you have data of how many fruits produce your neem tree?
- how much capacity of fruiting has lost your neem tree through the past years affected by Dieback disease?

Neem trees are crucial for many reasons. One of them is canopy and freshness for summer times. The root system is totally symbiotic with neighbouring plants and grasses. Neem needs less water but distribute it well as it can increase soil aeration and water holding capacity of near soils.

Today science is having better tools thanks to modern imaging equipment that allow us to see at microscopic level the microbiome of soil – water – human skin – human gut, etc. PROBACILL is the result of that science's advanced tools.

In this regard, Probiotics House is prioritizing the stock of C4 compost available ONLY for neem tree treatment and not for any pots plants and gardening as was mentioned before.

If the actual C4 compost finishes, we will make efforts to bring more from TATA's C4 compost but the price is different. The other idea is to bring awareness that communities can make their own C3 compost, but this matter is another time to explain.

Once again follow the attached link and videos and presentation for ways to know what should be done.

*Thanks and Regards, Dr. Margarita Correa
Mgecoduties – Probiotics House*

Glossary:

Microbiome: A microbiome is the community of microorganisms that can usually be found living together in any given habitat.

C3 compost from wet waste: Raw waste peels, food garbage, suitable wastes, that enhance their suitability for application to the soil as a fertilizing resource, after having undergone composting.

Please take the time to see the links:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXo-9x1bSDU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UgaL6wsXME>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8s4Ci5VVI1A>
- <https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/ondemand/vid-eo/3016116/>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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*

AUROVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB

"Auroville Football Club" invites boys and girls, age 7 to 12 years to football/futsal training @ Dehashakti sports-ground. **Timings:**

- Monday, Thursday & Saturday evening 5:15 to 7pm
- Wednesday mornings 7:30 to 8:30am

The training takes place regularly, and also during school summer holiday!

Contact on Telegram: +91 9488047368

Submitted by ARA (Awareness Research Auroville)

Registered AV activity under LEAD



9th - 21st May
@Kuilai Creative Centre
9 AM - 4 PM

With lots of Fun Activities & Games!
Snack & Lunch included!

Our group is of 50 students & 10 tutors altogether from our Bio-region. We greatly welcome Volunteers ready to help with skills that can be shared with students. Please contact us before 25th April for allotting schedules. We're also looking for a Cook to take care of the snack and lunch preparation (Contribution available)

Any kind of donation is highly appreciated. We also accept your offerings like food/stationeries! **Our Auroville account number is 102609.**

Please contact us for more details:
+91 9843195290 / +91 9677069051 kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

13 April, 2022

Dear Community Members, After our final meeting on Saturday, 2 April at SAWCHU, following team members have offered to cover the different aspect of the events on Wednesday, 13 April, from 2 to 8pm



1. Food and drinks stalls: Grace, Gandhi and Ramalingam
2. Cultural events: Suryagandhi & Shankar
3. Flower Kolam and Rangoli: Amudha and Venkatesh
4. Activity for the Kids: Sundar, Rajavelu and Balu Kuppusamy
5. Lighting & Technical setup: Selvam

Those who are interested to participate in any of the above activities or with the coordination and arrangements of the event are requested to send an email to bharatni-va@auroville.org.in or aurosangamam@auroville.org.in

Thanks, Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Aurosangamam Team.

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



We invite all of you to celebrate Tamil New year with us through this series of talks on Tamil literature at Auromode Yoga Space. We like to bring the joy of Tamil land & culture to a wider audience in these discourses in English by Balaganesh SIVA.

- April 9, 5-6:30pm: Kamba Ramayanam (கம்பராமாயணம்), an introduction
- April 10, 5 - 6:30pm: ThiruKural (திராக்கூறள்), an introduction
- April 11, 5 - 6:30pm: Thirumanthiram (திராமந்திரம்), An introduction

Free Entry. Tamil Literature series.

For any queries:

contact@auromodeyogaspace.com / WA +91 9892699804

AURODAM UNFIT FOR SWIMMING



Water quality tests have been performed on samples taken from the Aurodam "Mud Pond". It clearly demonstrates that the water is unfit to safely swimming in.

Environmental Monitoring Service

Testing and research laboratory for water, soil and food products
Aurobrindavan, Auroville, T.N., India - 605101
Phone: 0413-2964096 / 09786620685
E-mail: ems@auroville.org.in

Test Report

Customer name: Aurodam Sonja
Nature of sample: Lake water
Sample ID: Mentioned below

Sample received: 31/03/2022
Analysis completed: 01/04/2022
Sample collected: By lab person
Lab ID: 227

S.No.	Sample ID	E.coli (CFU/100 ml)
1.	High entrance	1 200
2.	Middle	180
3.	Low entrance	1 100

According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for recreational water quality standard requires less than 500 CFU of E. coli per 100 ml water. Water is not safe for using water contact activities.

SOLAR KITCHEN IS CLOSED FOR TAMIL NEW YEAR



Dear Community, Solar Kitchen is closed for both Lunch and Dinner on 14 April for Tamil New Year. Thank you.

Love, Solar Kitchen Team

THE ARTS

JOYOUS JOYOUS JOURNEY

Saturday, April 9, 4pm mingle and mix

4:15pm the journey begins

at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone

Celebrate Joyous Joyous Journey, with an interactive magical colouring storybook launch of story, music, laughter and fun. Join fif as she shares the true story of Jumba the Therapeutic MeDiClown on her joyful journey from the stars to around the world. This event is for people of all ages... A youth that never ages!

THE AUROVILLE YOUTH CHOIR IN CONCERT



April 9, Saturday and 10, Sunday
7:30 pm at CRIPA



Everyone is most welcome (no tickets required)



AUROVILLE, 2046.
AFTER THE END OF
ONE WORLD
DÉBORA NUNES



MULTIMEDIA BOOK
LAUNCH

(PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH, FRENCH,
TAMIL, ITALIAN, SPANISH,
GERMAN, CATALAN)

Audiobook, images, Brazilian and India music

DESTINATION SUMMERHILL

The older students from The Learning Community are working on a project to go to visit Summerhill school in England, and attend Summerhill Festival of Childhood. Summerhill is the first democratic school and their policy is to adapt their flexible programs to the needs of the students. It allows them to grow, developing their personal talents instead of fulfilling the expectations of the educational system.

Fundraising Event
DESTINATION SUMMERHILL
democratic education

Solitude Farm 13 April 7pm onwards

TLC

Dinner
 Live music
 Dj set with JESSE
 Fantastic Auction

Event tickets: what's your ride?

TVS	300 ₹
Splendor	450 ₹
Bullet	700 ₹
E-bike	900 ₹ or more

In August the Summerhill school is having a festival to celebrate their 100 year anniversary. Mohini, Chandini, Clara, Lea, Maisie and Manu will represent the TLC project, the integral education system and Auroville. They are trying to make it happen despite the heavy costs.

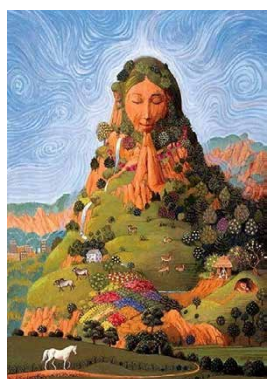
- A fundraising event has been organised on **Wednesday, April 13, from 7 pm onwards.**
- Dinner will be followed by **Live Music, a Dj set with Jesse and an auction**, where children and parents will offer their skills and products. You are welcome to help the students to realise their dream.
- The contribution will be asked according to your possibilities... from the 300₹ TVS deal to the 900₹ e-bike generous offer.

Hope you can join us for a night of good food, good music and fun

Maisie, Manu, Chandni, Mohini, Lea and Clara

PACHAMAMA CELEBRATION IN BHARAT NIVAS

Sunday, 10 April 2022, 5pm



Venue: Open air circular outdoor space near the big pipal tree, near Bhumika Hall and Kalakendra round building, Bharatnivas.

Anandi, the International Zone Coordination Group Member in collaboration with Bharatnivas Team invites you all to celebrate Pachamama, a South American native tradition, an invocation and prayer to the Mother earth for its continuous natural gifts of nature & love. Let us come together to express our gratitude together to the Universe.

Anandi & Tapas for Bharatnivas Team & International Zone Team

ADISHAKTI REMEMBERING VEENAPANI' FESTIVAL

Remembering Veenapani 2022
 A MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL
 FROM 5TH APRIL TO 3RD MAY
 7PM ON ALL SHOW DAYS
 At Adishakti Theatre, Edayanchavadi Road, Auroville P O

40 years of **adishakti**
 LABORATORY FOR THEATRE ART RESEARCH

Free Seating. First Come First Serve. Food Stalls Available On All Show Days. Donations Are Always Welcome.

@adishaktitheatre @adishaktitheatre adishaktitheatrearts.com +91 6383 070833

We are so delighted to announce the opening of the 6th edition of our "Remembering Veenapani" festival on 5 April, our dear Veenapani's birthday, at our campus near Pondicherry.

And this year is particularly special as we are celebrating Adishakti having completed 40 years in theater. Appropriately, this year's festival is going to be a mega event, a month-long carnival of performances, workshops and master classes that will extend from 5th April to 3rd May.

All nurtured in the invigorating atmosphere at Adishakti, which you know so well. It is promising to be a richly rewarding experience showcasing not only our own work but also the work of artists from diverse genres.

Do try and make it for the festival because the presence of old friends makes it really special.

*Hoping to see you here,
 Warm Regards, The Adishakti team*

DREAM IN BEAUTY

Celebrating 50 Years
 BHARAT NIVAS
 भारत निवास
 The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Bharat Nivas in Collaboration with Global Rhythms Boundary Breakers present **Dream - in - Beauty**
 Featuring World Music Traditions with 48 performers

Date: Saturday, 9th April 2022
Time: 7pm to 8pm
Venue: SAWCHU
A LEAP Presentation

HOW TO BRING A CHILD

Art Exhibition "How to Bring Up a Child?"
Children Portraits by Roof Studio / Auroville Art Service
Thursday 7 - Friday 15 April 2022
Time: 10am - 7pm



Yatra Art Gallery
 Yatra Art
 and Culture Foundation
 Near New Creation Sports Ground
 Auroville
 Kuilapalayam
 605 101 Tamil Nadu



Photo credit: Edward Sled

Contact details

E-mail: ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk

Mobile number: +91 709 434 4154

My mission is to bring attention to children and their upbringing by my drawing/painting of them. "How to Bring Up a Child?" is an essential question to our society. I do not provide an answer but hope to trigger a public discussion about it. My values are gratitude, humbleness and love. I wish the physical and emotional needs of all children are met.

If you send me a photo of your child between 6 – 18 months of age, I will send you back for free a photo of my work. I will keep the right to exhibit my work publicly and the copyright to it. I work with full confidentiality – no information about you or your baby will ever be made public. The photo should have some shadows, no flat light please. You could hold your baby so naturally it will create shadow from the side of you. And a smile needs to be there!

Contact: *ivana,*
ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk

BHARATANATYAM ARANGETRAM

Friday, 8 April, 6pm, Bharat Nivas Auditorium



Dear Community Members, we all cordially invite you to the Bharatanatyam Arangetram of our daughters and the students of Aurohamsadhvani Arts Centre, Auroville on Friday, 8 April, at 6pm in the Bharat Nivas Auditorium, Auroville.

Thanks and regards,
 Aurohamsadhvani Arts Centre Team and Parents.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

Looking forward to welcoming you!
 The Sadhana Forest team, warmly, Shek

AVAILABLE

Still available: Brand New Custom Offices and Residences available near Verité

UTSAV (Celebration) is an under construction, mixed-use project that is expected to be completed by the end of this year. It is located along the Verité Radial in the Industrial zone. As an "urban" development, Utsav provides for both commercial offices and residences.



Offices are available on the ground and first floors, while the residences are located on the second floor. The office spaces are ideal for Auroville Services/ units/ activities and startups. The ground-floor units can also be utilised for retail sales. The residences can be customised to accommodate volunteers, friends of auroville or long-term residents. Each unit type is available in multiples of 21sq mts carpet area, at reasonable costs with quality infrastructure, and can be configured as per need.

A few units are still available on GF and FF. One two bedroom apartment is available on the second floor. For inquiries please write to : utsav@auroville.org.in

UTSAV Project Holder: Bobby (Auromics),

Project Architect: Mona (Yantra),

Project Contractor: Baskar (Sincerity)

TAXI SHARING



To Chennai Airport, Friday, April 15

Sharing taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport, Friday, April 15, leaving at 10 am, with one person, no baggage. 8447181515.. Kumar

From Chennai Airport to AV, Friday, April 15

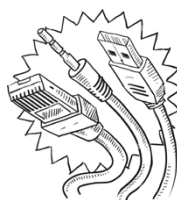
Sharing taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville, Friday, April 15, leaving at about 1 pm, with two, one suitcase. 8447181515.. Kumar

From Chennai Airport to AV, Saturday, April 24

Sharing taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville, Saturday, April 24, at about 6:30 to 7 am, with one person, no baggage. 8447181515 Kumar

LOOKING FOR

Looking for Cables



If you are planning to get rid of your old cables, I might be interested ;-) I am looking for:

- Ethernet to ethernet
- Ethernet to USB adaptor
- Jack to jack 3,5mm

Thanks, Helena @ +917868075767

Looking for a Short-term House-sitting



Looking for a short-term house-sitting (from 2 weeks till 2 month). We will be happy to take care of your house/garden/pets. Please send us a WA +79057390583

Love, Serg and El

Going to North America

Are you going to North America this year? Next year? **Can you take a cloth item to N. America**, and then send it forward to USA? Weight 1100 grams (1.5 lbs.), easy shipping or postal service to Missouri.

Patricia Henry, Creativity,
 2623750, pat@auroville.org.in

Needs Fresh and Glossy New Material

Dear all and one, Soham (my humble self) is preparing a collages exhibition called: "Glamour Grandiose" for September or October.

Let's see and be careful. I am unpredictable. The Grandiose work has already started at full peaceful speed. I now need fresh and glossy new material to be cut up, assembled in a harmoniously, hilarious and super meaningful manner. I need our gentle and generous help (Cash welcome also)!

- Please bring me all the Vogue, Elle, Jollyboys, Bimbogirls, Afrobelles and all other catalogs you don't use right now. Books of arts and pornos reviews are welcome; naked beauties or bodies are pure marvels to be worshiped. Even political stuff is welcome, it's so full of silliness!
- For Delivery, no need of an obstetrician, just come to my abode under the skies, preferably between 3pm and 5am every days except the 14 July 2022, it's the French National holiday commemoration, of the Bastille's bloody beginning of the great. (Bloody Again) French Revolution. History has such extravaganzas!

I am He the victorious, flower cowboy of the East.

Please for more information see the virtual film called:

"Once upon a time in the East" A pure delight!

Soham

HELP NEEDED

AUROVILIAN FAMILY NEEDS HELP

Dear Community, I am writing with an appeal for financial help for an Aurovilian family who are struggling to make ends meet due to medical expenses for one of their sons.

Enea and Ofa's son, Niran, needs regular treatments for his medical condition that cost up to 50,000 rupees per month. The Health Fund covers as much of that as they can with lots of goodwill, but Enea and Ofa have to cover the rest while also supporting themselves and their 2 other children and keeping their community, Miracle, going. In February, when Niran tested positive for Covid, the treatment costs went up substantially for the month because they had to be given in the isolation ward.

Any financial gifts that can be given, in any amounts, would be a great help to them, not just practically but so they feel the support and care from their Auroville family.

They have not asked me to make this appeal for them but they are aware that I am doing so.

You may make an anonymous donation into account number 252090 (Anonymous Goodwill Conspiracy), specifying 'for Niran', and I will make sure it gets to them, or you can donate directly into the account for Niran's medical expenses, number 251107.

Clarification: the Health Fund covers the maximum amount that is allowable under the current guidelines, which is already a huge help, and for which they are extremely grateful. There are still some expenses such as alternative therapies and treatments that are not covered under the Health Fund guidelines and it is for these expenses that they need additional help.

*Thank you! With love, goodwill and gratitude,
Chali, a concerned Aurovilian*

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

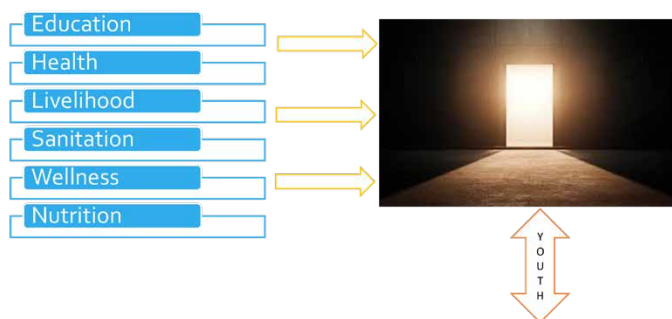
CONCEPT NOTE VĀCAL "DOORWAY"

Vācal, an Aurovilian youth journey is an ongoing SEVA, to be in service for both our Auroville Community and Bio Region Villages. The main ethos of a community is its culture expressed via human endeavor, the starting point of the journey.

As we walk on our arduous path towards the dawn, we look to your candle to light our way. Vācal is your initiative to invigorate the youth to take responsibility and work towards uplifting their own communities and people.

They can channel their education and energy to bridge the communication needs between the services Auroville provides as the Doorway of Light and required by the villages and their communities. Vācal with the guidance of our community seeks to hold The Light That Is Auroville.

To make the invisible work being done visible to those blinded by the apathy and indifference of society. Vācal can be the workhorse of all current outreach programs for youth to ensure the work benefits generations to come and grows.



"We are not here to do (only a little better) what others do. We are here to do what others cannot do because they do not have the idea that it can be done." **The Mother**



"Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages"
The Auroville Charter

Regards, Surajkiran

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL SHOP

Our Travel Consultant Mr. Ganesh is available at Kalpana for issuing, re-scheduling 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 after office timings: +91 9894598686,
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com.

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

Latest Offer:

- **There are too many to be published. Please meet Mr. Ganesh in person.**
- **Be aware that ticket prices are higher than they used to be before Covid.**

AUROMODE HIVE: OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, 9 April, 10am to 5pm

Dear All, Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Saturday, 9 April 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 catalog at our WhatsApp Business No. 70921 97375

Auromode Hive Team

AURA NETWORK UPDATE



A few features on the app have now been corrected from last week. The platform is fully functional. You are welcome for tea every Wednesday at 3pm. The new Aura Kitchen is unique with a potential to assist all who are part of the Network Community. It's located in Sve Dame at Volker's place.

Love, Aura Team, www.auranetwork.app

Voices and Notes

POETRY

INNER CHAMBER AT 527

5'27", a magic hour begins

The light turns into the rainbow colour

The ceiling becomes the screen of the world

Gazing at the transformation of light

Waiting for the moment when the spirit appears

Quietly hold a breath

5' 27" 魔法の時間がはじまる

光は七つの虹色にかわり

天井は世界のスクリーンとなる

光の変容をみつめ

精霊が姿をあらわす瞬間を待つ

静かに息をひそめて

Etsuko Shanti



POETEA

Fear

Agitates

Breaches

Contracts

Divides

Engulfs

Freezes

Grips

H, I, J...X, Y, Z

What about Love?

∞

Die to...?

Live to...?

∞

Rise, O Spirit

Master and Dweller of the house

You are not locked outside

You have the key

Open the door from inside

With joyful Gratitude,

Anandi Zhang

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovillians, 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. 19 “Lou Reed, Iggy Pop, David Bowie – the Sacred Triangle?”](#) (Music)
- [The Auroville Harmonies – Women’s Choir, live concert](#) (Music)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.76 “Wild Food and Fairness – Part 1”](#) (Food Education)
- [Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.50](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 391](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil-Ep.11](#) (Sri Aurobindo) “ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு”
- [Tamil Express – lesson 5](#) (Tamil Language)

Last Youtube Live Video:

- [Residents’ Assembly Meeting – New selection of the current working committee](#) (City Life)

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VOICES & NOTES

THE GREEN COLUMN

Trees tangled up in global politics

In Auroville the relation between humans and trees has been contentious, with some authorities calling out Acacia species as aggressive invaders, while others suspect forest stewards of making a quick buck by secretly selling timber. Where else in the world would trees turn political? Well, it seems: in Europe.



The **European Tree of the Year** is an annual contest held to find the most 'loveable tree' in Europe. The competition by the Environmental Partnership Association (EPA), an organization supported by the European commission, was founded in 2011 to celebrate the histories of old trees and develop relationships between nations around a topic that was seemingly as neutral as anything could be: trees... Most of the 15 countries (16 with Russia) that participated in the competition this year held a national contest to select the year's entry. The winner is submitted to the European-wide competition, and then members of the public vote for their two favorite entries on the [European Tree of the Year website](#). Nearly 770,000 votes were cast this year. The winner is announced at an awards ceremony in late March held in the EU Parliament, Brussels. In more recent years, a #TreesInNeed blog has been promoted by the contest organisers to highlight the plight of numerous trees across Europe under threat of destruction. Most winning are trees from Eastern Europe – maybe because the West has already cut most of its old trees.

Polish oak called Józef won the Crown

Oak Jozef ([Quercus robur](#)) from Poland won last year, with 17 thousand votes. It gave shelter to a Jewish family during World War II. The oak's image was also printed on the Polish 100 złoty bill. Oak Józef receives many visitors. On behalf of Oak Józef, an official of the District Council, received the unique wooden rolling trophy that passes from winner to winner every year. (It is not clear what Józef got out of the whole deal).



This year, with the war escalating in Ukraine, even a competition dedicated to celebrating trees found itself unable to remain separate from global politics...

In one of the latest examples of symbolic efforts to isolate Russia from the rest of the world, the group in Brussels disqualified Russia's candidate – an oak tree planted by novelist Ivan Turgenev 198 years ago. The organizers of the competition, one of the largest competitions devoted to trees, said in a statement that they cannot stand idly by and watch the unprecedented aggression of the Russian leadership against a neighbouring country.

This year Poland won the award again. This time it was a 400 year old oak tree, which the organizers felt symbolized Polish resistance to aggression and a warm welcome to refugees from Ukraine. The tree lives in the [Bialowieza](#) forest, the last primeval forest in Europe's lowlands, a UNESCO World Heritage site which stretches across the border of Poland and Belarus. It has been the site of fierce protests against logging, [which remains highly controversial](#). On top of this, construction workers began work on a 115-mile, 18-foot metal wall through the forest, intended to block migrants, mostly from the Middle East and Africa,

from crossing into Poland from Belarus. When the candidates were announced in early February, the tree was a symbol of the protest against the wall, said Josef Jary, one of the organizers.

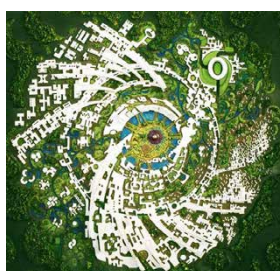
The second place in the competition went to a 250 year old oak tree in the Santiago de Compostela region of Spain while the third place was bagged by a 250 years old cork oak tree in Vale do Pereiro in Portugal.

Sources: Robert Godek, *The European Tree of the Year website*, #TreesInNeed blog

The Green Column reports on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world and appears in the News & Notes and sometimes on Auronet. We like to hear from you!

For AV Green Center Lisbeth & Gijs avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

DREAMWEAVING THE AUROVILLE CROWN 2022: COMMUNITY SURVEY & CALL FOR SUPPORT



Dear Community, We hope you have been following the Dreamweaving process for the Auroville Crown and were able to join us for the final presentation, held on Saturday, April 2 in Bharat Nivas.

We shared an overview of the process, the design outputs, the participants' evaluation (of both the process and the design elements), as well as reflections

from both participants and organisers, and the Vastu Shilpa Consultants. Thanks to all those of you who attended and followed online! In case you missed it, the event is [available to view at this link](#).

Following this presentation, we invite the whole community to participate in a short survey for us to understand how you perceived the process, design outputs, and participant evaluation of Dreamweaving the Auroville Crown 2022.

The survey results will be included in the final report, as the Auroville community's evaluation of this process and its outcomes.

This [survey is accessible online](#).

It will run until Sunday, April 10th. We hope you will take part in this community evaluation!

Funding overview and support still needed

In January, we put out a fundraising appeal to the community and our international network of supporters. This whole process has thus been entirely funded to date with donations from within the Auroville community and AVI centre's who responded to this call.

- Within Auroville ₹2,57,680 was donated from over 40 donors
- From AVI USA and UK: ₹1,74,225.
- Altogether a **total of ₹431,905.00** of donations came in.

We thank you for your generous and timely support to enable this process to happen.

Donations were used to cover costs for meals for all the dreamweaving sessions, venues, filming and documentation-related expenses including storage devices, preparation of the report for VSC, printing and exhibition costs and model making. The team all worked on a completely voluntary basis.

- We still have a **shortfall of ₹65,000** to meet all expenses as the overall costs came to just below 5 lakh rupees.

Please consider helping us fill this gap: donations can be made to AVMF account #252227

*With thanks and dedication,
The Citizens' Assembly and Dreamweaving Teams*

CRYING IN WILDERNESS

On march 10 Jipmer organ-ised events to stress prevention of hearing loss. But I think that some people can't hear but their hearing is wrong.



For example some ones used words clearing trees and they hear a musical (for them) sound of working bulldozer's motors. But I hear in these words the loud crying in the wilderness like the last song of a dying swan. It is the cry, the last song by myriads living organisms. These words clearing is a euphemism, really it means to kill the rich ecosystem which was growing for 54 years, Aurovilians in collaboration with mother nature, our green brothers and sisters give to us "joie de vivre".

The crown road is a new incarnation of the Jesus Christ's thorny crown (in Greek, crown is korone)

In China there is a principle wei-uwei (action, nonaction). According to a traditional Chinese point of view, nonaction is higher compared to action. One American proposed to Sri Aurobindo : he can organise the Ashram's life more active, more intensive, Sri Aurobindo answered:

"No, let the Ashram develop naturally like a forest..

In Japan the lifestyle wabi-sabi is popular, it means the simple life. Auroville isn't a place for people with gargantuan ambitions. Let the wide roads for the great speed be outside of our city. The plants in Auroville grew very slowly and their roots too. With the time dwellers of the city received own roots, invisible

There is a children's sentence, "if all the trees were one tree, what a great tree that would be!" But if all trees that were killed for the Crown Road, would be one tree, it would be too big to plant. This great tree cannot fall on the killers of life but they have now very negative karma.

Let the history of Buenos Aires be a useful example. Its name means "good air" but now the pollution in it is like in Delhi.

The city of the future will have nice air. In all the world there is a tradition: "the first day of a life is the day of fools. It's not for Auroville. Of course every person in our city is the green warrior.

We need not the new polluted roads but the ocean of flowers. The mother wrote "Flowers are Nature's Love for Divine." Flowers let be instead roads

Boris

FLOORING WORKSHOP

15 – 16 April, 9:30am – 4:30pm, Earthweavers Ponyfarm.

Flooring Workshop with different types and techniques of floorings with Oxide/IPF, Mosaic, Tile, Terrazzo, Natural stones and involved stages of flooring such as Floor preparation, Flooring installation and Finishing.



Get to know the Do's and Don'ts of Flooring and how to make floorings cost effective. This workshop is open to all.

To register contact:

- Instagram: @earthweavers
- WhatsApp: +918602040811

workshop-earthweavers@auroville.org.in

FOOD FOREST TOUR



With Snacks From The Garden

Every Sunday from 9:30 to 11:00 approx at La Ferme Community

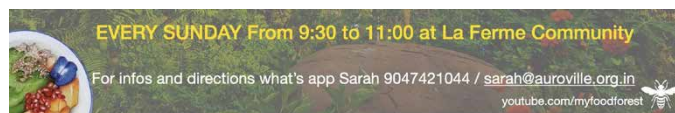
I welcome you to a tour through my permaculture garden! We will take a look at local food and you will get an idea on how to start growing your own food, and the importance of knowing where your food comes from.

This tour includes a mini – Raw Food – workshop where we will prepare a seasonal snack with the gifts collected from the garden.

You will also get an insight into food processing and have a taste of different products.

For infos and directions:

- WA Sarah 9047421044, sarah@auroville.org.in
- [youtube.com/myfoodforest](https://www.youtube.com/myfoodforest)



Thank you, Sarah

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS



VIPASSANA MEDITATION



Vipassana Meditation

April 10, 2022 (Sunday)

We warmly welcome you to the following sessions on:

Sunday - April 10, 2022 at Verite, Auroville

1) **Refresher course** for those who have completed at least one ten-day Vipassana meditation course as taught by SN Goenka. **(8 am to 12:30 pm)**

2) **Introductory session** on physical and mental health through Vipassana Meditation. Open to all. **(4 pm to 5:30 pm)**

For registration, please write to:

dhamma@auroville.org.in

With Metta, Vipassana Auroville Team

Thank you, Deven, For Vipassana Auroville Team

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

by Sasikanth Somu

22, 23 and 29, 30 April, Centre d'Art

Venue: Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville



Program & Timings:

- **Friday, 22 April, 2 – 5pm:** Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- **Saturday, 23 April, 9am – 12:30pm:** Film photo shoot, 2 – 5pm: Develop your roll of film.
- **Friday, 29 April, 2 – 5pm:** Contact Sheet Printing.
- **Saturday, 30 April, 9am – 12:30pm and 2 – 5pm:** Printing photos in the darkroom.

Registration Contact: centredart@auroville.org.in

- The workshop is free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers.
- All the material for the workshop is provided except the analogue camera.
- Analogue/Film cameras are available to the participants against a contribution.

Centre d'Art Atelier, Citadines, Auroville
+91 413 2622699, www.centredart.in

VOCAL YOGA WITH LUDMI

Thursdays 11:00 – 12:00

Hall of Light, creativity Community

Vocal Yoga is a holistic approach to voice training aimed at opening the voice and its capabilities, as well as attaining balance, liberation and relaxation. Regular 60 mins classes bring together active vocal yoga practice combining movement and sound production.



The classes will help you with:

- getting to know our voice and the way it works
- learning to use our voice in the healthiest manner
- practicing different breathing techniques

- releasing emotional blocks connected to the voice
- learning to express ourselves freely and enjoy our unique voice
- gaining confidence in your voice and yourself

Ludmi – certified Heather Lyle Vocal Yoga® teacher, singer and yoga practitioner. For the last 3,5 years I've been helping people to get rid of their voice blocks and enjoy their unique sound.

Lola

RAINBOW ECSTATIC DANCE

9 April, Saturday, morning 9 – 11:30am
at Rainbow Kitchen, Svedame



A unique space to connect with the rainbow inside, by DJ Ro-Frequency, ceremony leader: Gaia
Contact for Entry, Lunch/Smoothies Included

Venue: Rainbow Kitchen, Svedame Community (Auroville)

Contact: 9619996090 /9920996080

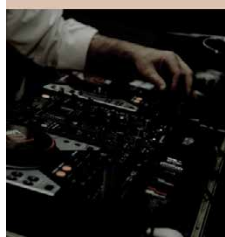
About RO: With her Shakti energy, at an early age, she had some experience in Buenos Aires and Barcelona at the Melodic Techno scene and as an Ecstatic Dance DJ in Malta, Amsterdam and Goa. Rocío makes music for people to connect with their hearts. Through this connection; movement, dance, expression and exchange arises. The different sounds and silences speak by themselves, creating "frequencies". Rocío's music selection is inspired by a fusion of the elements of nature and ancient sounds combined with groovy digital rhythms in an organic way creating a spontaneous atmosphere, where the frequency of Love leads people to a unique "inner experience"; a journey of "Re-Connection With The Soul".

In association with Hibiscus & Rainbow Kitchen, Auroville

CLASSES: AUDIO FOR LIVE CONCERT

Every Tuesday, 7-8pm, Unity Pavilion

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SERENDIPITY: ACTIVITIES AND TREATMENTS UPDATE



(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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

Karma Yoga (Permaculture) with Sanaan

Every day Monday through Saturday from 2 to 5pm, drop in.

This yoga teaches each one of us to act according to a divine purpose, freeing our mind from any attachment to work and its results. In Serendipity we have a beautiful organic vegetable garden and we follow the practice of natural farming. We will also take care of the maintenance of the community compound and the landscaping of the gardens, which are immersed in the tropical dry evergreen forest.

Qi Gong with Lhamo

Every Tuesday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:45am, drop in class.

Qigong can be described as a mind-body-spirit practice that improves one's mental and physical health by integrating posture, movement, breathing technique, self-massage, sound, and focused intent. Specifically, this form of gentle exercise is composed of movements that are repeated a number of times, often stretching the body, increasing fluid movement (blood, synovial and lymph) and building awareness of how the body moves through space.

Tai Chi with Lhamo

Every Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 5pm, drop in class.

This martial art is an ancient Chinese tradition that has evolved over centuries and even though tai chi developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, tai chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements.

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

Every Friday from 5 to 6pm, drop in class.

Starting on April 22.

In the recitation of Sanskrit Mantras the sound is very important and the specific pitches and strict rules of intonation and syllabic length should be learned according with the tradition of the great masters of the past, who figured out how to use the voice to calm the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the "sadhana" or spiritual path. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquillity.

Ayurvedic Oil Massage with Simona

On appointment only (+91 9489511648)

The speciality of this massage is that it takes up the traditional concepts of Ayurveda and marma (vital points) therapy along with modern anatomy and physiology. Prime aim of this massage is to provide health or rejuvenation thanks also to the healing qualities of the oil helping the skin to perform its diverse functions efficiently. A technique with hot stones can also be applied, which gives further release along marma points.

Gua Sha (Chinese Detox Scrub) with Lhamo

On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

This is one of China's oldest treatments. The practitioner uses a tool like a flat piece of jade to scrub the skin to help release blocks, stagnant blood, energy and restore a natural flow. When the toxins in the deep layers of the body reach the surface through scraping, they get more easily released from the body. This treatment is also suitable for healthy people to detoxify, to purify and improve the metabolism of the whole body.

Bach Flowers Remedies with Stefania

On appointment only (+91 9486363442)

These remedies are made out of watered-down extracts from the flowers of wild plants, containing its healing energy. They work not only with adults, as they are especially effective with children and even pets. It's a safe and natural method of healing that gently restores the balance between mind and body by casting out negative emotions which interfere with the equilibrium of the being as a whole.

Hatha Yoga with Ramesh

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Ramesh offers hatha yoga classes with some vinyasa flow and include pranayama, traditional sanskrit mantra chanting, and meditation. The style is gentle, adaptive and progressive where passive, gravity-assisted poses are mingled with dynamic vinyasa-style flow as needed. He places a lot of focus on breathing and body-mindfulness during the practice. It is ideal for beginners to intermediate-level practitioners. You will be exposed to authentic Sanskrit terms and their correct pronunciation. The practice will be rejuvenative and restorative. These specific classes will be on donation basis even for guests.

Conscious Life Counseling with Stefania

On appointment only (+91 9486363442)

This exploration offers a flexible and safe framework for introspection and self-discovery, which aims at personal and spiritual growth. Different techniques (like Awareness Through the Body, Psychosynthesis, Integral Psychology and Astroshamanism) will be used to develop consciousness-based attitudes and skills that help an individual to face particular moments of challenge or change in life.

Facial Acupuncture and Massage with Lhamo

On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

Facial acupuncture works on the principle that in the face there is a holographic miniaturization system covering the whole human body. The theory and techniques of facial massage comes from facial acupuncture and it is useful for people who are more sensitive and feel uncomfortable with the needles. Through massaging the face, neck, head and using acupressure, the whole body is treated and supported.

Head & Shoulders Marma Massage with Bala

On appointment only (+91 9892699804)

Marma points means "vital points that hold life force energy". In this massage the practitioner uses fingers and hands to press (isometric / constant pressure) the specific point in head, face, neck and shoulders. This massage is based on the principles of Ayurvedic and various martial art traditions. Marma massage can help in relieving deep-seated tensions and improving circulation and energy flow.

Hypnotherapy with Lhamo

On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

In modern hypnosis, the emphasis is put on our own relationship to our own creative unconscious. There are many different aspects and parts in our outer and inner life. And there are parts that don't have a positive appearance. But in hypnosis, we can turn them into positive possibilities and let them teach us how to discover their positive meaning.

Shiatsu Massage with Sara and Simona

On appointment only (+919443617308/+91 9489511648)

Shiatsu is a manipulative therapy developed in Japan and incorporating techniques of anma (Japanese traditional massage), acupressure, stretching, and Western massage in order to maintain physical and mental well being, treat disease, or alleviate discomfort. It involves the uses of kneading, pressing, soothing, tapping, and stretching techniques and is performed without oils through light, comfortable clothing.

Small Children (0-6) Chinese Massage with Lhamo

On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

A very interesting way of looking at small children's health and well being. It is a way to cure infants' daily problems (cold, digestive functions, fever, cough, etc.) and increase the immune system without medicine. It works through very soft massage using different acupressure points than adults. It is an empowering tool for parents to deal with their kids daily ailments. It is very effective for newly born babies and suitable for children up to 6 years old.



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

Explore your mind

- 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy
- 8,9,10 April

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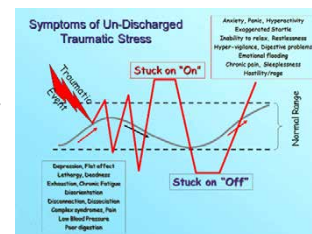
- 8 April, Friday 4 – 7pm,
- 9 & 10 April, Saturday, Sunday 9- 5pm
- at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

Trainer: Sigrind Lindemann Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression Therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Transforming trauma, 16 & 17 April

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



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

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

- **Time:** 16 & 17 April, 9 – 5pm.
- **Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in
- **Jiva Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

YEP We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEP/AV> 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

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PITANGA



Programme for April 2022

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Iyengar Yoga

Prior registration necessary

Iyengar Yoga, For Seniors, Regular	Monday, 9:30 - 11am
Iyengar Yoga, For ladies, Regular, Level 2-3	Monday, 11:00- 12:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, Drop-in, All levels	Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30am
Iyengar Yoga, Regular, Levels 2-3	Tuesday, 5:00 – 6:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, Regular, Levels 2-3	Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, Drop-in, All levels	Thursday, 5:00 -6:30pm
Yoga for Immunity, Self-Practice, Regular, Levels 2-3	Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30am

Iyengar Yoga practitioners, please note the following:

Classes earmarked “All levels” mean:

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

Classes earmarked “Level 2-3” mean:

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

Yoga

Pranayama, Regular only	Friday, 6.45 - 8:00am	François, Namrita
Gentle Yoga Practice, All levels	Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 - 9:00am	Rachel
Asanas, All levels	Thursday, 10:30 - 12pm	Rachel
Asanas on alignments, Mixed level	Tuesday, Thursday, 3:00 - 4:30pm	Rachel
Asanas on alignments, Intermediate level	Monday, Friday, 5:00 - 6:30pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, All levels	Tuesday, 10:30 - 12:00pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, All levels	Wednesday, 5:00 – 6:30pm	Rachel
Asanas, Teenagers	Monday, Wednesday, 4 - 5pm, till 13 April	Lisbeth
Private Yoga lessons	Available on request	Rachel

Body – Mind - Spirit

Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Friday, 5:15 – 6:30pm	Shari
Healing Qi Gong, Regular	Thursday, 9:15 – 10:15am	Shari
Taoist Qigong, Drop-In, Beginners, In French	Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30am	Elisa
Taoist Qigong, Drop-In, Beginners, In English	Saturday, 7:00 – 8:30am	Elisa
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In	Monday, Friday, 5:00 - 6:30pm	Suriya-Gandhi
Odissi Dance, Regular	Friday, 3:30 – 5:15pm	Rekha

Individual Sessions

Private Yoga lessons	With Rachel, Please contact the reception
Maitri Tunes, An exploration of sound and stillness	Please contact Sheetal, sheetal@auroville.org.in
Flow Game	Please contact Sheetal, sheetal@auroville.org.in

Homeopathic Clinic

“Svasti” Homoeopathic Clinic with Dr Aditi Patel, B.H.M.S., Homoeopath (Registered).

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

Patients with any urgent requirements and regular patients can drop-in Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10.30 – 11.30 am and will be attended to on first come, first served basis.

Healing Spaces

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

Energy therapy	Vani
Journey to the memory of the body	Vani
Shiatsu	Ulrike
Self-Healing – Based on Craniosacral Therapy	Kirtan
Shamballa Reiki	Pierre
Essenian Healing	Patrick

About our healing spaces:

Energy therapy: Fusion of deep guided relaxation, visualization, reiki, pranic healing, and foot & cranial reflexology.

Journey to the memory of the body: Journey through the trauma memories, emotional blockages and belief systems in order to release and heal these traumas, by getting aware & deprogramming these old believe systems put in place in the past, which keep us from living a very joyful life in the present.

Shiatsu: The Quantum Shiatsu practised by Ulrike Urvasi for over 20 years follows an understanding which is multi-dimensional and holistic, reminds of and activates the self-healing forces in each one of us.

Self-Healing based on Craniosacral therapy: Self-Healing sessions offered by Kirtan are a non-medical healing approach based on Craniosacral Therapy. It is a way for you to experience your True Self in a profoundly deep, practical, and lasting way, by attuning you to your own blueprint for health. It calls forth your natural re-alignment, resonance and healing forces.

Shamballa Reiki: Pierre is offering treatments for those who are open to using the Universal Energy, we call Reiki, to keep us aligned during the immense shift we are all going through. In his observation "the cosmic clock is turning; the Universal Energy remains the same".

Essenian Healing: Essenian treatments are a therapeutic approach that uses the healing power of light and sound as well as the massage of energy points with the aim of maintaining or restoring a harmonious balance between body, soul and spirit. The healing acts by restoring the flow of energy that has been disrupted by stress, illness, negative thought forms and the difficulties of everyday life.

Exhibition

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !



VÉRITÉ CLASSES & INTENSIVES

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treatments@verite.in

Registration required for the following Classes & intensives

Intensives

Introduction To Hatha Yoga & Yoga Nidra with Bijou
Friday, 15 April - from 9:30am to 12noon

A beginner to intermediate guide to the origins of Yoga, balance between breath & movement, physical & mental states, followed by a 30 minute yoga Nidra (guided relaxation meditation). A physical and psychological mindfulness approach to inhabiting our body.

New Classes

Vinyasa "Flow" Yoga with Deepta

Fridays from 5 to 6:30pm (only 8, 22, 29 March)

Vinyasa is also called "flow" because of the smooth way that the poses run together. It is one of the most popular contemporary styles of yoga. In this class, poses will flow together to make a complete sequence, all synchronized with the breath

Surya Namaskar for Everyone - with Etsuko

Every Monday from 8 to 9am (starts 11 March)

Learn the classic version of Surya Namaskar, a sequence of 12 postures which form the basis of Hatha Yoga. It is a perfect series to condition the body, and ideal for people just starting yoga asana practice as well as those who want to learn Surya Namaskar properly. This gentle class consists of a short prayer, warm-up of the joints, Surya Namaskar + additional asanas, and a closing prayer, followed by Pranayama.

Please note the following Cancellations

- **Yoga of Forgiveness** with Dr. Sehdev (Saturday, 16 April)
- **Tahir's classes** are canceled: Ecstatic Dance – Conscious Movement, Hatha Yoga - Sun & Moon, Vinyasa Flow Yoga, as he will be TOS.

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Birenda Massage Course

with Jean-Louis & Sivacoumar

- Thursday 21 – Sunday 24 April &
- Saturday 30 April – Sunday 1 May (36 hours)
- Timings: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (lunch included)

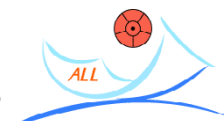
Birenda massage is a soft and profound wellness therapy, which leads the client into a state of deep relaxation in which the body is fully felt and experienced. At the same time, it provides an inner journey within oneself during which energy blockages and tensions are revealed, so that they can be recognized,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

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

The course consists of 3 sections of 2 days each: the first part is dedicated to back massage; during the two other sections, you'll learn how to massage the legs, arms, abdomen and front of the body. You'll also learn how to prepare yourself before massaging a person, create a trusting relationship with your client, and offer relevant information afterwards.

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

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:

9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

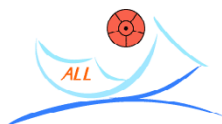
Location: International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

Find us on    [@aurovillelanguagelab](https://www.instagram.com/aurovillelanguagelab)
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**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-meth-od.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyy-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

New Language Courses In April!

- **Spanish** with Mila: is now closed to new students.
- **Beginner Hindi** with Vatsla
 - There is still space for more students in Vatsla's new Beginner Hindi Course, which starts on 23rd April 2022. Join now!
 - 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 1st April 2022! This course is in continuation of the recently concluded Beginner Course, and is therefore meant for students who already know a bit of Italian. You will be provided with all the support and material from Davide to hone your Italian language skills!
 - Classes will take place **Wednesdays & Fridays, 4pm to 5pm, for 3 months.**

- **French** with Julien. Our teacher, Julien is happy to start three new courses:

- **Beginner French:** Mondays & Thursdays, 02:00 pm to 03:00 pm, from mid-April, for 3 months
- **Elementary French:** Mondays & Thursdays, 03:15 pm to 04:15 pm (For students with basic knowledge of the language), from 11th April 2022, for 3 months
- **Beginner French for Kids:** Mondays & Thursdays 04:30 pm to 05:30 pm (For children under 12 years of age), for 1 month.

The timings of the course are amenable to change as per the convenience of the group! We request you to be committed through the entire duration of the course.

- **Tamil Written & Spoken** with Murugesan
 - Our teacher, Murugesan is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course, as soon as we have a minimum of 4-5 students
 - Classes will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 04:00 pm to 05:00 pm, for 3 months.
- **To join or enquire, please fill out our form to join or inquire about any language classes at the Lab! You can drop us an email to info@aurovillelanguagelab.org, 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 28.03.2022

Lan- guage	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English, Always Ongo- ing,	NEW To Start, Total Beginners!	3 – 4pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15 – 11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate, Group 2	10:15 – 11:15am	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate, ON HOLD	2:30 – 3:30pm	Wednesday & Friday
French	Elementary, To start on 11 April	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Monday & Thursday
German	A1.1 Beginner Online, Started on 11 January 2022	7:30 – 8:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, to start on 23 April 2022	10am – 12noon	Saturday
Tamil	NEW, Spoken Beginner, Started on 4 March 2022	9:30 – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, Started on 1st February 2022	3 – 4pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, Started on 3 March 2022	2:30 – 4:30pm	Thursday
Spanish	Beginner Advanced, Started 22 March	2:30 – 3:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
Japanese	Beginner Advanced, Started on 11 March	2 – 4pm	Friday
Italian	Elementary, Started on 1 April 2022	4 – 5pm	Wednesday & Friday

CINEMA

AUROFILM PRESENTS

At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

**Reminder: Friday 8 April,
Copying Beethoven**

By Agnieszka Holland, US/Germany/
Hungary, 2006



**Friday 15 April, 8pm,
The Lives Of Others**

(Das Leben der Anderen – original title)

Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, Germany, 2006

With: Ulrich Mühe, Martina Gedeck, Sebastian Koch, Ulrich Tukur

Overview: In 1984 in East Berlin, Gerd Wiesler, captain of the Stasi, cold, intransigent, totally devoted to the system, is responsible for monitoring the playwright Georg Dreyman and his partner. Georg's apartment is tapped and the agent finds himself increasingly absorbed in their lives... Released was 17 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, which marked the end of the German Democratic Republic. Its authenticity was considered commendable given that the director grew up outside of East Germany and was 16 when the Berlin Wall came down.

-In the midst of all the death and destruction that espionage so relentlessly unleashes on the innocent, there is suddenly a most unexpected and deeply moving Sonata vom Guten Menschen, "A Song for a Good Man". This deeply moving film reveals how amid the dark and dreary waters, a lotus can still bloom. Can a lens of compassion and truth find its way?

Rewarded by numerous prizes, the film won the Oscar for best foreign language film: best director, best screenplay, best actor and best actor in a supporting role!

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 German version, with English subtitles – Duration: 2h17'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP at MMC, please bring your mask, it 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 15 April

I Like It Raw – Raw vegan documentary

2016 / 58 minutes / Dana Giesbrecht

I Like It RAW is a documentary based on the premise that food is medicine. Join documentary filmmaker Dana Giesbrecht as she follows 5 meat-eating Albertans with pre-existing health conditions as they attempt to go fully RAW for 30 days and reclaim their health. This film will illuminate many truths about our food that are often not easily known or available.



MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 1

Monday, 11 April 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan



Canto 2: The Issue

Duration: 26min

Savitri awakens on the day when Satyavan must die and her whole life passes before her mind's eye: her childhood, her youth, her fateful meeting with Satyavan, the last twelve months of love lived with him surrounded by green deep-thoughted woods and austere sky -pointing hills and in the shadow of Death. One year ago, she was forewarned of the coming of this fateful day. She has not shared this knowledge with Satyavan or his family. Those around her know nothing of the inner burden she is bearing. She, a divine being, has taken a human birth in order to save humanity from the grip of Ignorance and Death. She knows that she must conquer Death and she is preparing herself for that task.

Whether to bear with Ignorance and death / Or hew the ways of Immortality, / To win or lose the godlike game for man, / Was her soul's issue thrown with Destiny's dice. / But not to submit and suffer was she born; / To lead, to deliver was her glorious part. (p.17)

On Savitri's tremendous task the Mother comments in the following words: "By the Power of Her Origin and the legacy of the One, She must overcome all the laws established in manifestation and conquer the resistance of all that has been organised since centuries and millenniums and show that the Supreme is All-Powerful over His own creation.

In all the world as it is now, death and dissolution reign. She wants to abolish their law in order to establish the Supreme Life and Consciousness. It is the story of the conquest that will be told in the Epic." (About Savitri, Vol.II, p.4)

This film is a sensitive version of *Meditations on Savitri*, Book 1, Canto 2: *The Issue* – 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* and *About Savitri* are available in Savitri Bhavan and the film can now be seen at the [Savitri Bhavan website](#).



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 11 April 2022 to 17 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 11 April, 8:00 pm:
ROOHI

India, 2021, Dir. Hardik Mehta w/ Rajkumar Rao, Varun Sharma, Janhvi Kapoor, and others, Horror-Dramedy, 134mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

Bharwra and Kattanni are goons who facilitate Pakdaai Shaadi – where a bride is kidnapped and forced to marry the person ordering the abduction. They kidnap Roohi for their client Guiya Shakeel but due to some mishap the wedding is delayed, and the bumbling duo must look after her in captivity. But Roohi turns out to be possessed by a spirit Afza. While one of the two falls in love with Roohi, the other falls for Afza, the spirit that possessing her. Shakeel eventually orders them to kill Roohi but then what will they do?

Potpourri – Tuesday 12 April, 8:00 pm:
YUKINOJÔ HENGE (An Actor's Revenge)

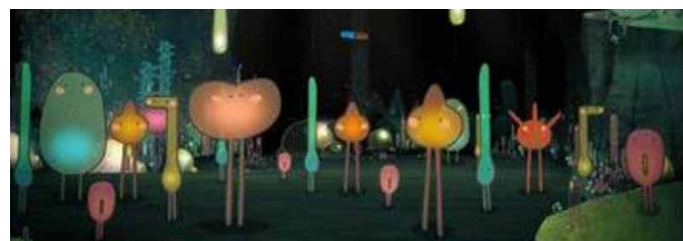
Japan, 1963, Dir. Kon Ichikawa w/ Kazuo Hasegawa, Fujiko Yamamoto, and others, Drama, 115 mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Yukinojo, a male Kabuki actor who plays female roles, seeks revenge by destroying the three men who caused the deaths of his parents. Also involved are the daughter of one of Yukinojo's targets, two master thieves, and a swordsman who himself is out to kill Yukinojo.

Interesting – Wednesday 13 April, 8:00 pm:
MICROBIOTE: LES FABULEUX POUVOIRS DU VENTRE (Microbiota: the fabulous powers of the belly)

France, 2019, Writer-Dir. Sylvie Gilman & Thierry Vincent de Lestrade w/Sylvie Gilman, Jessica R. Allegretti, Martin Blaser, and others, Documentary, 59mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Lurking in the depths of our guts, 100,000 billion microorganisms contribute to the health of the organism that shelters them. These bacteria, phages and fungi, transmitted at birth constitute the microbiota, or intestinal flora. Long unknown, and often misunderstood, this microbiota is gradually revealing its secrets and mobilizing thousands of researchers around the world. It gives hope for a scientific revolution. Not only are the microbes that make up the microbiota essential to our well-being, but they are also opening up a new therapeutic field. This film has been shared with us by the French Pavilion, Auroville.



Noteworthy films from Auroville Film Festival (AVFF) 2022

AVFF 2022 – Thursday 14 April, 8:00 pm:

- TUÃ INGUGU (Water Eyes)
- MBAS MI
- NAZARBAND (Captive)

Tuã Ingugu – Brazil, 2019, Dir. Daniela Thomas, Documentary Short, 11 mins, Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR : Chief Faramá of Brazil's Kalapalo tribe tells of the birth of water and the consequences of disrespecting it.

Mbas Mi – Senegal, 2020, Dir. Joseph Gaï Ramaka, Experimental Short, 8 mins, Wolof w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR : In Covid times, revival of an Albert Camus classic.

Nazarband – India, 2020, Dir. Suman Mukhopadhyay, Drama, 85 mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-15. Vasanti comes out of prison after five years into the megalopolis of Kolkata, to realize that her husband has not come to receive her. She accepts the help of a seasoned fraudster to help her find her way to her husband and son. This feature film is shown in Auroville for the first time, as it was not available during the online AVFF.

Eco-Film Fest 2021 – Vol 17

With the exception of 2019 we have been screening this series of ecological, environmental and related films, we call Eco-Film Fest since 2004 from the 16th April to 22nd April, coinciding with the Earth-Day. This year too we have a week full of Eco Films scheduled for you from Saturday to Friday. Please see separate announcements for the full schedule.



• **Eco-Film – Saturday, 16 April, 8:00 pm:**

The French Anarchist Who Walked To India – And Never Came Back

• **Eco-Film Matinee – Sunday, 17 April, 4:30 pm:**

Seal Team

• **Eco-Film – Sunday 17 April, 8:00 pm:**

The Year Earth Changed

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.

Thanking You,

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PARADISO - ECO-FILM FEST 2022
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 16 April 2022 to 22 April 2022

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Eco-Film Fest Since 2005, every-year except for 2020, we have brought you Eco-Film Fest in the form of a week-long series of ecological, socio-environmental films exploring various aspects of sustainable living – starting on 16 April and ending on the Earth-Day (22nd). Given the current situation, it seems more relevant than ever to reflect, and tune our lives and lifestyles with resilience and well-being that nature brings. See you at the Cinema!

Eco-Film – Saturday 16 April, 8:00pm:
THE FRENCH ANARCHIST WHO WALKED TO INDIA – AND NEVER CAME BACK

Sweden-India, 2021, Dir. Tomas Johansson & Christer Norström w/ Jean of Two Banyan, Christer Norström, and others, Documentary, 60mins, English-Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Through one of the early Auroville pioneers, Jean Pouyet., better known as Jean of Two Banyan – the film maker tells the story about the art of recreating a tropical forest. Of course, a must see!

Eco-Film – Children’s Matinee Sunday 17 April, 4:30pm:
SEAL TEAM

South Africa-USA, 2021, Dir Greig Cameron & Kane Croudace w/ J.K. Simmons, Dolph Lundgren, Sharlto Copley and others, Animation-Comedy, 101mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

After his best friend is killed in a shark attack, Quinn, a lovable yet tenacious seal assembles a team to fight back against a gang of sharks overtaking the neighborhood. But this merry band of international seals are not at all trained for such a mission. They seek the help of a much more skillful combatant, Claggart, but even his tricks and flips can’t whip these guys into shape. However, with a little bit of ingenuity, intelligence and a lot of heart, our team of seals may actually be able to bring peace back to their undersea community.

Eco-Film – Sunday 17 April, 8:00pm:
THE YEAR THE EARTH CHANGED

UK, 2021, Dir. Tom Beard w/ David Attenborough (voice), Bhashkar Bara, Dulu Bora, and others, Documentary, 48mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

The film is about the global lockdown and its impact on nature. With never-before-seen footage shows how our living in lockdown opened the door for nature to bounce back and thrive. Across the seas, skies, and lands, Earth found its rhythm when we, humans, came to a stop. A film to watch and reflect!

Eco-Film – Monday 18 April, 8:00pm:
GAAR (Hailstorm)

India, 2021, Dir. Shobhit Jain, Documentary, 61mins, Niamadi-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Following a freak hailstorm in Central India’s Narmada Valley, the film follows the lives of the region’s embattled farmers. With low average rainfall and hard rock geology, the valley has minimal groundwater levels, while peak summer temperatures soar to 48oC. The farmers must thus battle for survival— and are often forced to migrate to distant towns and cities. There they work as menial, unskilled labors, under deplorable conditions. This film portrays precarious and vulnerable lives on the margins of urban society. This screening is made possible by the filmmaker.

Eco-Film – Tuesday 19 April, 8:00pm:
MITTI: BACK TO ROOTS

India, 2018, Dir. Anshul Sinha w/ Sandeep, Anumeha, Abhinay, and others, Docu-drama, 120mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

Based on the harsh realities of the farm sector, where majority does not know where our food comes from, who produces them, under what duress, and the often ignored fact that every half an hour a farmer commits suicide, this film weaves a story of possibilities. It tells the story of a young agricultural scientist, Ekta, who tries to understand the crisis and explores alternative paths. Based on true events, this film tells a story about a village that was put up for sale. It is a story about farmers who lost their lives chasing the dreams of big yields. It is the story of a young woman who tried to restore her livelihood. It is also a story of a village that managed to gain freedom from all the clutches. It is a story of hope. A much acclaimed, must-see film, created with passion and supported by many via crowdfunding, is shared with us by the director.

Eco-Film – Wednesday 20 April, 8:00pm:
SEASPIRACY

USA, 2021, Dir. Ali Tabrizi w/ Ali Tabrizi, Richard O’Barry, Lucy Tabrizi, and others, Documentary-Adventure, 89mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

From the producers of the award winning 2014 film ‘Cowspiracy’ (which we had screened) comes this film exposing the destruction caused by the global fishing industry. The film takes a deep dive into the issue and offers an insight about the environmental impact of the industry on the marine ecosystems, its role in fueling plastic pollution, and challenges the concept of “sustainable fishing”. This screening is made possible by the film team. It is a ‘must-watch by all “who cares about the ocean and their future”’.

Eco-Film – Thursday 21 April, 8:00pm:
FAT FICTION

USA, 2020, Writer-Dir. Jennifer Isenhardt w/ Mark Hyman, Nina Teicholz, Gary Taubes, and others, Documentary, 102mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

What if everything we’ve been told about saturated fat is fiction? And what if the “low fat, heart healthy” diet represents one of the most damaging public health recommendations in the history of our country? This film examines the history of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines, which influences such guidelines elsewhere, and questions decades of dietary advice insisting that saturated fats are bad for us.

Eco-Film – Friday 22 April, 8:00 pm:
THE ANT & THE GRASSHOPPER

Malawi, 2021, Dir. Raj Patel & Zak Piper, Documentary, 74mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Anita Chitaya has a gift; she can help bring abundant food from dead soil, she can make men fight for gender equality, and she can end child hunger in her village. Now, to save her home from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge: persuading Americans that climate change is real. Traveling from Malawi to California to the White House, she meets climate skeptics and despairing farmers. Along her way, she comes across all kinds of divisions: rural-urban, race, class, and gender, to the thinking that allows Americans to believe they live on a different planet from everyone else. It will take all her skill and experience to steer people away from a logic that is already destroying the Earth. This acclaimed must-see film will be introduced to us online, by one of the directors.

Appendix

THE LONG READ

THE IDEAL OF HUMAN UNITY

Nothing is more obscure to humanity or less seized by its understanding, whether in the power that moves it or the sense of the aim towards which it moves, than its own communal and collective life.

Chapter I: The turn Towards Unity

Nothing is more obscure to humanity or less seized by its understanding, whether in the power that moves it or the sense of the aim towards which it moves, than its own communal and collective life. Sociology does not help us, for it only gives us the general story of the past and the external conditions under which communities have survived. History teaches us nothing; it is a confused torrent of events and personalities or a kaleidoscope of changing institutions. We do not seize the real sense of all this change and this continual streaming forward of human life in the channels of Time. What we do seize are current or recurrent phenomena, facile generalisations, partial ideas. We talk of democracy, aristocracy and autocracy, collectivism and individualism, imperialism and nationalism, the State and the commune, capitalism and labour; we advance hasty generalisations and make absolute systems which are positively announced today only to be abandoned perforce tomorrow; we espouse causes and ardent enthusiasms whose triumph turns to an early disillusionment and then forsake them for others, perhaps for



those that we have taken so much trouble to destroy. For a whole century mankind thirsts and battles after liberty and earns it with a bitter expense of toil, tears and blood; the century that enjoys without having fought for it turns away as from a puerile illusion and is ready to renounce the depreciated gain as the price of some new good. And all this happens because our whole thought and action

with regard to our collective life is shallow and empirical; it does not seek for, it does not base itself on a firm, profound and complete knowledge. The moral is not the vanity of human life, of its ardours and enthusiasms and of the ideals it pursues, but the necessity of a wiser, larger, more patient search after its true law and aim.

Today the ideal of human unity is more or less vaguely making its way to the front of our consciousness. The emergence of an ideal in human thought is always the sign of an intention in Nature, but not always of an intention to accomplish; sometimes it indicates only an attempt which is predestined to temporary failure. For Nature is slow and patient in her methods. She takes up ideas and half carries them out, then drops them by the wayside to resume them in some future era with a better combination. She tempts humanity, her thinking instrument, and tests how far it is ready for the harmony she has imagined; she allows and incites man to attempt and fail, so that he may learn and succeed better another time. Still the ideal, having once made its way to the front of thought, must certainly be attempted, and this ideal of human unity is likely to figure largely among the determining forces of the future; for the intellectual and material circumstances of the age have prepared and almost imposed it, especially the scientific discoveries which have made our earth so small that its vastest kingdoms seem now no more than the provinces of a single country.

But this very commodity of the material circumstances may bring about the failure of the ideal; for when material circumstances favour a great change, but the heart and mind of the race are not really ready — especially the heart — failure may be predicted, unless indeed men are wise in time and accept the inner change along with the external readjustment. But at present the human intellect has been so much mechanised by physical Science that it is likely to attempt the revolution it is beginning to envisage principally or solely through mechanical means, through social and political adjustments. Now it is not by social and political devices, or at any rate not by these chiefly or only, that the unity of the human race can be enduringly or fruitfully accomplished.

It must be remembered that a greater social or political unity is not necessarily a boon in itself; it is only worth pursuing in so far as it provides a means and a framework for a better, richer, more happy and puissant individual and collective life.

(to be continued)

Submitted by Sara

A SELF-CHOSEN VISION IN ACTION

*Humans moving on a terrestrial map
Like small inconspicuous dots
Swayed by the usually Unseen
These transitional blossoming gods.
Between each fleeting individual
The only evolutionary distinction,
When the focus is on each person
Faced with the great existential question
And the intensely felt sorrow or joy
Resulting from a particular identification,
Is to a Self-chosen Vision in Action:
To what is time-bound given
Full concentrated attention:
An undivine or a Life Divine?*

Zech, 2022.04.02

Here is a clear Vision of the Supramental realisation from our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and the Work needed, the Action, the necessary conditions, for the receptive and willing Aurovilians, the transitional beings, as they move on inwardly and outwardly towards the Divine Manifestation, the promised salvation in the awakened physical, the birth of the New Man that by then has evolved beyond human beings or Homo sapiens, the new apex species the Supramental being: how many generations or churning of the human instruments and the environment this will take is all up to the Divine:

“As I have often been questioned about it, I shall touch briefly on the meaning of true humility, supramental plasticity and spiritual rebirth. Humility is that state of consciousness in which, whatever the realisation, you know the infinite is still in front of you. The rare quality of selfless admiration about which I have spoken to you is but another aspect of true humility; for it is sheer arrogance that refuses to admire and is complacent about its own petty achievements, forgetting the infinite which is always ahead of it. However, you need to be humble not only when you have nothing substantial or divine in you but even when you are on the path of transformation. Paradoxical though it may sound, the Divine who is absolutely perfect is at the same time absolutely humble - humble as nothing else can ever be.

He is not occupied in admiring Himself: though He is the All, He ever seeks to find Himself in what is not-Himself - that is why He has created in His own being what seems to be a colossal not-Himself, this phenomenal world. He has passed into a form in which He has to discover endlessly in time the infinite contents of that which He possesses entirely in the eternal consciousness.

One of the greatest victories of this ineffable humility of God will be the transformation of Matter which is apparently the most undivine. Supramental plasticity is an attribute of finally transformed Matter. The supramental body which has to be brought into being here has four main attributes: lightness, adaptability, plasticity and luminosity. When the physical body is thoroughly divinised, it will feel as if it were always walking on air, there will be no heaviness or tamas or unconsciousness in it. There will also be no end to its power of adaptability: in whatever conditions it is placed it will immediately be equal to the demands made upon it because its full consciousness will drive out all that inertia and incapacity which usually make Matter a drag on the Spirit. Supramental plasticity will enable it to stand the attack of every hostile force which strives to pierce it: it will present no dull resistance to the attack but will be, on the contrary, so pliant as to nullify the force by giving way to it to pass off. Thus it will suffer no harmful consequences and the most deadly attacks will leave it unscathed. Lastly, it will be turned into the stuff of light, each cell will radiate the supramental glory. Not only those who are developed enough to have their subtle sight open but the ordinary man too will be able to perceive this luminosity. It will be an evident fact to each and all, a permanent proof of the transformation which will convince even the most sceptical.

The bodily transformation will be the supreme spiritual rebirth—an utter casting away of all the ordinary past. For spiritual rebirth means the constant throwing away of our previous associations and circumstances and proceeding to live as if at each virgin moment we were starting life anew. It is to be free of what is called Karma, the stream of our past actions: in other words, a liberation from the bondage of Nature’s common activity of cause and effect. When this cutting away of the past is triumphantly accomplished in the consciousness, all those mistakes, blunders, errors and follies which, still vivid in our recollection, cling to us like leeches sucking our life-blood, drop away, leaving us most joyfully free. This freedom is not a mere matter of thought; it is the most solid, practical, material fact. We really are free, nothing binds us, nothing affects us, there is no obsession of responsibility. If we want to counteract, annul or outgrow our past, we cannot do it by mere repentance or similar things, we must forget that the untransformed past has ever been and enter into an enlightened state of consciousness which breaks loose from all moorings. To be reborn means to enter, first of all, into our psychic consciousness where we are one with the Divine and eternally free from the reactions of Karma. Without becoming aware of the psychic, it is not possible to do so; but once we are securely conscious of the true soul in us which is always surrendered to the Divine, all bondage ceases. Then incessantly life begins afresh, then the past no longer cleaves to us. To give you an idea of the final height of spiritual rebirth, I may say that there can be a constant experience of the whole universe actually disappearing at every instant and being at every instant newly created!”

The Mother

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/03/true-humility-supramental-plasticity-spiritual-rebirth?search=Supramental>

Zech, 2022.04.04

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS

MARCH. 2022

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	9,18,50,419
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	3,29,07,136
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	12,47,57,555
Total Payments	2,20,88,070
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	10,26,69,486
Monthly loss/gain	1,08,19,066

Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	1,65,88,532
Services	1,29,29,726
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	21,50,315
Internal Total	3,16,68,573

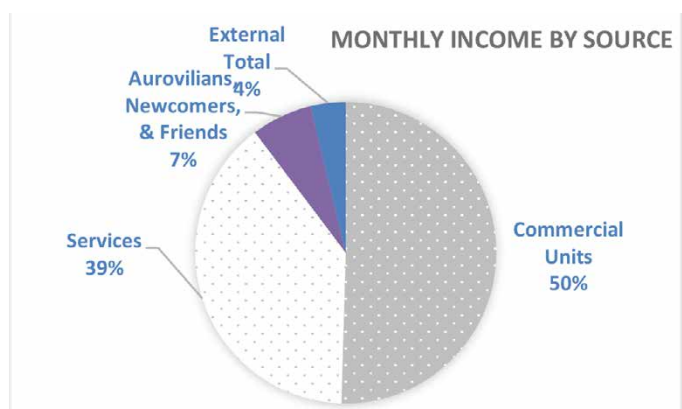
External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	12,38,563
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	12,38,563

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments
Social Support	40,63,451
Education	39,90,722
Children & Youth	28,72,320
Organization	17,92,491
Health	15,86,247
Village Education	11,81,190
Forests	11,31,306
Prosperity Services	10,77,501
Culture & Sports	7,77,131
Security	6,46,162
Farms	6,23,016
Outreach	5,98,135
Contingency	5,52,085
Land	4,24,990
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	2,97,123
Matrimandir	1,71,237
City Planning	1,41,767
Housing	1,00,725
Utilities	42,133
Projects	18,336
Total	2,20,88,070

Contribution Details



- “Total in 33%” are contributions that are counted toward calculating the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.
- “Total Contributions” includes specified contributions that are not counted as part of the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	35,13,880	35,13,880
Maroma	30,21,120	30,36,820
Cynergy	25,20,820	25,20,820
The Colors Of Nature	11,51,673	11,51,673
Tanto	10,00,000	10,45,000
Auroville Energy Products	6,39,245	6,39,245
Miniature	3,76,250	3,76,250
Auromics	3,38,170	3,48,170
Conscious Living	3,06,940	3,51,940
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	2,96,630	2,96,630
To be Two (Auromode)	2,21,205	2,21,205
Sound Wizard	2,13,880	2,13,880
Svaram	1,74,290	1,74,290
Filaure	1,31,940	1,56,940
La Ferme Cheese	1,17,790	1,17,790
Auroville Papers	1,10,410	1,13,010
Yuvabe	98,069	98,069
Aureka	91,230	91,730
C3Stream Land Designs	86,494	86,494
Right Path Café (VC Café)	77,095	89,595
Flame	66,940	67,940
AV Bakery	64,360	64,360
Painting Service	58,470	58,470
Cadd Studio	56,940	71,540
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	51,940	51,940
Shradanjali	50,410	75,410
Tapasya Design Studio	46,940	46,940
AFA-Joy Health Food	45,531	45,531
Hers	45,410	45,410
Auroyali Production	41,640	41,640
AV Consulting	38,363	38,863
Coffee Ideas	33,880	33,880
ASSA-Eternal	33,470	34,970
Aurospirul	30,410	31,410
Mandala Pottery	26,940	39,440
Aurodent	24,290	24,290
MG Ecoduties	23,470	23,470
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Eco Femme	20,820	20,820
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
Mantra	20,000	20,000
Magica	19,410	19,410
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
AV Online Store	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Naturellement	17,350	17,350
Gastronomica	17,350	17,350
Boutique Visitors Center	16,940	16,940

Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
ADPS (Aurelec)	14,598	14,598
Varuna(To Comm:Lakh14.5)	13,942	63,942
DUSTUDIO	13,880	13,880
La Terrace	13,880	13,880
Progress Landscape	13,880	14,380
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Nowana	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Eco Pro	12,410	12,410
Earth Institute	12,145	12,145
Imago	12,145	12,145
ASSA-Ilion	12,145	12,145
Artisan Revolution	10,410	10,410
Holistic	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Pitchandikulam	10,410	10,410
Pitchandikulam Forest Cons	10,410	10,410
Sumark	10,410	10,410
AFA-Aurora	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
Worktree	10,410	10,410
Café 73	10,410	10,410
H & S Design	10,090	10,090
AAS-Mona	8,675	8,675
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
The Neem Tree	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
Arthena	6,940	6,940
Aurosoya	6,940	7,140
AV Language Lab	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Eye See	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	6,940	6,940
Mitra Auroville	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	6,940
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
Mereville Trust	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940
AVA-Insapes	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
Perceptive Eye	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Bamboo Center Auroville	6,940	6,940
AVA/GODDESS/JYOTIS	6,940	6,940
AVA-Centre D’art	6,940	6,940
Anveshan	6,940	6,940
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
AVA-Procultura	6,940	6,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
AVA-LuMa	6,940	6,940
Tree House Community	6,940	6,940
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470

Pottery Sipapu	5,205	5,205
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
Abacus Accounting	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
AAS-Yatharth	3,470	3,470
CSR-AV Design Consultants	3,470	3,470
Avdzines	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470
Comfort Design	3,470	3,470
Discovery	3,470	3,470
Earth & Us	3,470	3,470
Ecoteco Pools	3,470	3,470
Freeland	3,470	3,470
Gecko!	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	3,470	3,470
Light Fish	3,470	3,470
Linea Dental	3,470	3,470
Mukti Accounting	3,470	3,470
Mystique	3,470	3,470
New Creation Corner Frites	3,470	3,470
Seasons	3,470	3,470
Prakrit	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Sunshine Music	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Natura	3,470	3,470
Auro Lakshmi Construction	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Aire	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Prod.	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Softw.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Have Fun Pottery	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AFA-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
OK Upcycling Studio	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
School for sust. Managemnt	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
Studio Eri	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
Radiance	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470

AVA-Centre de Soins Nature	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
AVARTS-Aavartan Studio	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-BHU Nausheen	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	3,470	3,470
AVARTS/Birdie	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Nomad Art	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Unitary	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Active Nature Project	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
Eco Fare	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Nirami	3,470	3,470
AVA-Octo Studio	3,470	3,470
The Drone Zone	3,470	3,470
Mancala	3,470	3,470
Purnam Center for Integrali.	3,470	3,470
MAT JIP	3,470	3,470
ASSA*INSPIRE STUDIOS	3,470	3,470
Hands For Earth	3,470	3,470
CRYSTAL ART & Craftworks	3,470	3,470
Wood Concept	3,470	3,470
RTL Academy	3,470	3,470
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
LEAD-Ara	2,448	2,448
Unity Transport Service	2,000	2,000
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
LEAD-Integral Learning Cent	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
LEAD-IPK Activities	1,735	1,735
AVARTS*INLIGHT	1,735	1,735
I and I Connection	1,735	1,735
LEAD-Aurothaima	1,142	1,142
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
AVA-Oceans	1,000	1,000
LEAD-Somagic	665	665
LEAD-Being	609	609
Kola Mandala	500	500
LEAD-SAVI	450	450
LEAD-Sunshine Network	428	428
LEAD-Rainbow Swan Studio	416	416
LEAD*DANCING TREE	234	234
LEAD-Kolam Yoga	153	153
LEAD-INNER BODY WORK	97	97
LEAD-Mohanam Program	58	58
LEAD-Hall of Light	46	46
LEAD/AV BUDOKAN	26	26
Inside India	-	350
Boutique D`Av Pondy	-	500
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
Total	1,63,04,582	1,65,88,532
Percent of Total	98%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	1,36,821	1,36,821
Isai Ambalam GH	95,311	95,311
Gaiá's Garden GH	93,902	93,902
Center GH	73,997	77,797
New Creation GH	65,880	65,880
SERENDIPITY COLLEC-TION	62,498	62,498
Samarpan GH	48,347	48,347
Sharnga GH	42,800	42,800
Verite GH	39,488	39,488
Arka GH	35,216	35,216
Abundance GH	27,200	27,200
EUU-La Maison Bleue GH	18,534	18,534
SAIIR-Mitra GH	16,094	16,094
EUU – Casa Luna GH	15,366	15,366
Needam GH	15,314	15,314
Samasti GH	14,446	14,446
EUU – Selveraj GH	12,854	12,854
EUU -Sonja & Umberto GH	11,902	11,902
SAIIR-Youth Camp GH	11,825	11,825
EUU – Transformation GH	10,680	10,680
Tibetan Bodkhang	10,089	10,089
Rainbow in Auroville GH	9,500	9,500
Aspiration GH	9,098	9,098
EUU-Vasu/Repos GH	8,330	8,330
Discovery GH	8,000	8,000
Reve GH	7,700	7,700
Tanto (Beach GH:1.53 Lak)	6,940	6,940
EUU-3 Roses GH	5,200	5,200
EUU-Nishita GH	5,200	5,200
Red Earth Black Box GH	5,115	5,115
EUU-Sita Nivas GH	5,000	5,000
EUU – Lotus GH	5,000	5,000
EUU-Suganya GH	4,800	4,800
EUU – Boomivalar GH Coll	4,760	4,760
EUU-Martuvam GH	4,700	4,700
EUU Siddhartha Forest GH	4,700	4,700
FRM-Buddha Garden Coll.	3,906	3,906
EUU-Ramachandran GH	3,600	3,600
EUU – Vikas GH	3,600	3,600
Afsanah GH	3,470	3,970
EUU Moongate GH	3,470	3,470
EUU – Kumar Samasti GH	3,000	3,000
EUU-Harsha GH	2,790	2,790
EUU – Kofpu GH	2,716	2,716
Rohini GH	1,080	1,080
Subtotal	9,80,239	9,84,539
Net Additional Guest Contrib.	6,40,983	6,40,983
Total	16,21,222	16,25,522

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	83,35,427	99,17,377
CS-Visitor Center Parking	8,86,224	8,86,224
Botanical Garden	79,810	79,810
AV Arts Service	75,615	75,615
SOLAR & UPS SERVICE	49,840	49,840
CSR	38,170	38,170
CS-Pour Tous Water Collec-tion	37,228	37,228
CS-Blue Light	30,860	30,860
Quiet Healing Centre	24,290	25,290
CS-Working Committee	24,290	24,290
CS-FAMC	17,350	17,350
Flourish	15,520	15,520
Birth Center	13,880	13,880
Visitor Center	12,145	12,145
Electrical Services	10,410	10,410
Auroville Vehicle Service	6,940	6,940
Auroville Video Production	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Sante	6,000	6,000
Thamarai	3,470	3,470
L'Avenir	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Auroville Village Action Gr.	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Child Protection Service	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Korean Pavillion	3,470	3,470
Sacgred Groves Care	3,470	3,470
Sewa	1,735	1,735
Total	97,21,254	1,13,04,204

Individual Contributions Details


Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovillian	14,85,165	14,85,165
Friends of AV	3,18,920	3,18,920
School Participation	2,97,230	2,97,230
Newcomer	49,000	49,000
Total	21,50,315	21,50,315

External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Government of India for SAIIR	12,38,563	12,38,563
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	-	-
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	-	-
External Total	12,38,563	12,38,563

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS



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

Bus Charges

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

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EMERGENCY SERVICES**Ambulance (24/7):**

- Auroville – 9442224680
- PIMS – 0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health

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

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Matram – 9487746051

India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES**Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 3pm**

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How to submit material:

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

Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.

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