

News & Notes

#920 A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville 30 April 2022

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



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He whose self has become all existences, for he has the knowledge, how shall he be deluded,
whence shall he have grief, he who sees everywhere oneness?

Isha Upanishad

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

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

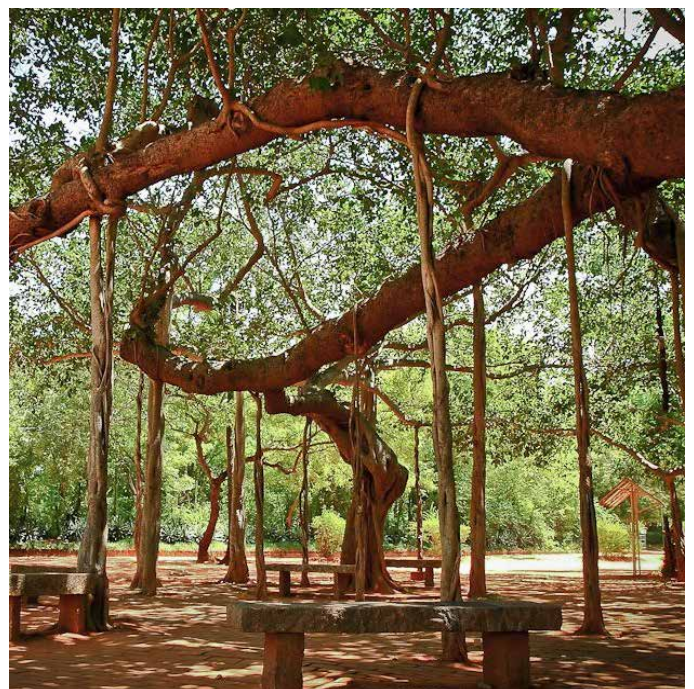
The Ponder Corner

THIS THEN is the origin, this the nature, these the boundaries of the Ignorance. Its origin is a limitation of knowledge, its distinctive character a separation of the being from its own integrality and entire reality; its boundaries are terminated by this separative development of the consciousness, for it shuts us to our true self and to the true self and whole nature of things and obliges us to live in an apparent surface existence.

Life Divine – Reality and the Integral Knowledge

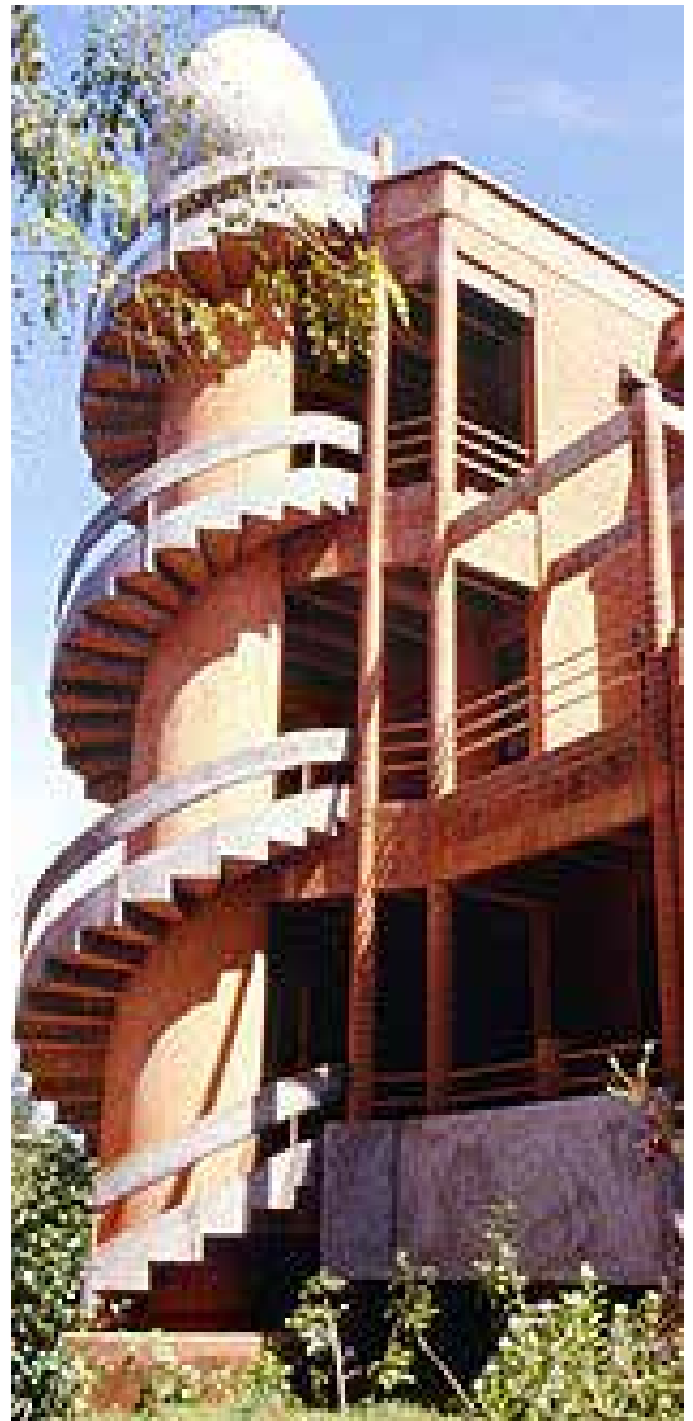
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House of Mother's Agenda

"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)

"Is India Civilized?" – 1

(continued from last week)

"But many questions may arise, — and principally whether such a spirit of defence and attack is the right spirit, whether union, harmony, interchange are not our proper temperament for the coming human advance. Is not a unified world-culture the large way of the future? Can either an exaggeratedly spiritual or an excessively temporal civilisation be the sound condition of human progress or human perfection? A happy or just reconciliation would seem to be a better key to a harmony of Spirit, Mind and Body. And there is the question too whether the forms of Indian culture must be preserved intact as well as the spirit. To these queries the reply of the author is to be found in his law of graduality of the spiritual advance of humanity, its need of advancing through three successive stages.

The first stage is the period of conflict and competition which has been ever dominant in the past and still overshadows the present of mankind. For even when the crudest forms of material conflict are mitigated, the conflict itself still survives and the cultural struggle comes into greater prominence. The second step brings the stage of concert. The third and last is marked by the spirit of sacrifice in which, because all is known as the one Self, each gives himself for the good of others. The second stage has hardly at all commenced for most; the third belongs to the indeterminate future. Individuals have reached the highest stage; the perfected Sannyasin, the liberated man, the soul that has become one with the Spirit, knows all being as himself and for him all self-defence and attack are needless. For strife does not belong to the law of his seeing; sacrifice and self-giving are the whole principle of his action. But no people has reached that level, and to follow a law or principle involuntarily or ignorantly or contrary to the truth of one's consciousness is a falsehood and a self-destruction. To allow oneself to be killed, like the lamb attacked by the wolf, brings no growth, farther no development, assures no spiritual merit. Concert or unity may come in good time, but it must be an underlying unity with a free differentiation, not a swallowing up of one by another or an incongruous and inharmonious mixture. Nor can it come before the world is ready for these greater things. To lay down one's arms in a state of war is to invite destruction and it can serve no compensating spiritual purpose.

Spiritual and temporal have indeed to be perfectly harmonised, for the spirit works through mind and body. But the purely intellectual or heavily material culture of the kind that Europe now favours, bears in its heart the seed of death; for the living aim of culture is the realisation on earth of the kingdom of heaven. India, though its urge is towards the Eternal, since that is always the highest, the entirely real, still contains in her own culture and her own philosophy a supreme reconciliation of the eternal and the temporal and she need not seek it from outside. On the same principle the form of the interdependence of mind, body and spirit in a harmonious culture is important as well

as the pure spirit; for the form is the rhythm of the spirit. It follows that to break up the form is to injure the spirit's self-expression or at least to put it into grave peril. Change of forms there may and will be, but the novel formation must be a new self-expression or self-creation developed from within; it must be characteristic of the spirit and not servilely borrowed from the embodiments of an alien nature.

Where then does India actually stand in this critical hour of her necessity and how far can she be said to be still firmly seated on her eternal foundations? Already she has been largely affected by European culture and the peril is far from over; on the contrary it will be greater, more insistent, more imperatively violent in the immediate future. Asia is rearing; but that very fact will intensify and is already intensifying the attempt, natural and legitimate according to the law of competition, of European civilisation to assimilate Asia. For if she is culturally transformed and conquered, then when she again counts in the material order of the world, it will not be with any menace of the invasion of Europe by the Asiatic ideal. It is a cultural quarrel complicated with a political question. Asia must become culturally a province of Europe and form politically one part of a Europeanised if not a European concert; otherwise Europe may become culturally a province of Asia, Asiaticised by the dominant influence of wealthy, enormous, powerful Asiatic peoples in the new world-system. The motive of Mr. Archer's attack is frankly a political motive. This is the burden of all his song that the reconstruction of the world must take place in the forms and follow the canons of a rationalistic and materialistic European civilisation. On his reasoning, India if she adheres to her own civilisation, if she cherishes its spiritual motive, if she clings to its spiritual principle of formation, will stand out as a living denial, a hideous "blot" upon this fair, luminous, rationalistic world. Either she must Europeanise, rationalise, materialise her whole being and deserve liberty by the change or else she must be kept in subjection and administered by her cultural superiors: her people of three hundred million religious savages must be held down firmly, taught and civilised by her noble and enlightened Christian-atheistic European warders and tutors. A grotesque statement in form, but in substance it has in it the root of the matter. As against the attack — not universal, for understanding and appreciation of Indian culture are now more common than before, — India is indeed awaking and defending herself, but not sufficiently and not with the whole-heartedness, the clear sight and the firm resolution which can alone save her from the peril. Today it is close; let her choose, — for the choice is imperatively before her, to live or to perish.

(to be continued next week)

— Sri Aurobindo . "Is India Civilised?", pages 58-61

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

Townhall Speaks

RAM REPORT

Follow-Up RA Meeting in Preparation for the Decision-Making On: "Vote of No Confidence in and a New Selection of the Current Working Committee..."



Dear Residents, below you find the report of the Residents' Assembly Meeting (RAM) that happened on Wednesday, 20 April 2022 and all relevant materials.

Follow-up Residents' Assembly Meeting

Day / Date: Wednesday, 20.04.2022

Venue: Unity Pavilion

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Attendees: 173 attendees (in person in UP) and 35 online participants

Facilitator: Elisa

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

You can find the RAM recording here: <https://youtu.be/MD03tNGEmJE>

164 confirmed Aurovilians 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 3:30pm on. The RA Meeting started at 4:10pm.

The RA Meeting:

1. The RAM was formally opened at 4:10 pm by the facilitator with a welcome and introduction of the topic;

2. The Residents' Assembly Service members informed the participant about the structure of the RAD process;

3. After a moment of silence, the facilitator set the intention, and the ground rules and got through the agenda;

4. The petitioners' coordination team then presented a data analysis of the 214 survey responses, with feedback on the original proposal, that RAS received from the community;

5. The petitioners' coordination team presented the revised proposal they drafted, as per the RAD policy, to take into account this feedback, explaining what they did consider for the revision, what they did not, and why;

6. The petitioners' coordination team outlined potential scenarios that may unfold based on the RAD outcome;

7. The refined proposal was read in English, Tamil and French;

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

9. The petitioners' coordination team decided to reformulate the RAD proposal, according to a suggestion from the participants of the meeting. The final proposal is as follows (modification is in italic): "I agree to remove individual members of the Working Committee from office through this current RA decision-making process, given their failure to 'assist' and 'represent' the Residents' Assembly as stated in their mandate. If more than 50% of voters agree that a member is to be removed, the term of that member ends with immediate effect. I agree that any remaining members of the Working Committee will continue in office and can choose to appoint interim members. They can only do

so in consultation with the Auroville Council. These interim members can only be chosen from members of previous Working Committees. The term of the interim Working Committee members shall be until the next RA-approved Selection Process has been held, and new Working Committee members have been selected. In the unlikely event that all Working Committee members are dismissed, the three Working Committee members who have the most votes to stay on will remain, as interim members, until the next RA-approved selection process";

10. The RAS explained how to express agreement or disagreement on the refined proposal and possible voting options to those physically present in the room (by a show of hands) and those connected virtually (using an online questionnaire);

11. 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;

12. 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";

13. The RA meeting was closed at 6:15pm.

For a deeper exploration, please refer to the following:

- [Video record](#) (AV Radio)
- [Presentation of the petitioners' coordination team](#)
- [RAM1 report](#)
- [Steps of an RAD](#)
- Information: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))
- RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

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, for the Residents' Assembly Service
Dan, Giovanni P, Sathish A, Tatiana S, Verena H*

RESIGNATION OF AVC MEMBERS AND REQUEST FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dear Community, this is to inform you that as of Monday, 25 April 2022, Mr. Sai Suresh and Mrs. Meenal Sanjay have resigned from their position at the Auroville Council for personal reasons.

For the next Selection Process, we request that 4 new members are selected to join the Auroville Council.

We thank both of them for their service in the Council during their time.

Kind regards, Auroville Council

UPDATED PWG 2022 (APRIL) DOCUMENT

Dear Community, we share for your reference a link to the updated Participatory Working Group 2022 (April) document which includes the newly ratified selection process for the Working Committee, Auroville Council, FAMC, ATDC and Entry Board. [Link](#)

The Tamil version will be shared at a later time.

Kind regards, Auroville Council

RAS ON RAD

RAD on the proposal: "I agree to remove individual members of the Working Committee from office through this current RA decision-making process..."



Dear Residents, This Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) is for the community to approve or disapprove the following proposal:

"I agree to remove individual members of the Working Committee from office through this current RA decision-making process, given their failure to 'assist' and 'represent' the Residents' Assembly as stated in their mandate. If more than 50% of voters agree that a member is to be removed, the term of that member ends with immediate effect.

I agree that any remaining members of the Working Committee will continue in office and can choose to appoint interim members. They can only do so in consultation with the Auroville Council.

These interim members can only be chosen from members of previous Working Committees. The term of the interim Working Committee members shall be until the next RA-approved Selection Process has been held, and new Working Committee members have been selected.

In the unlikely event that all Working Committee members are dismissed, the three Working Committee members who have the most votes to stay on will remain, as interim members, until the next RA-approved selection process".

- The RAD will run until Sunday, 8 May, 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 in person to the RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS office) **Every Tuesday 10am – 12pm and Thursday 10am – 12pm**. We are happy to help you register your



decision.

- In-person voting will be organized at **Solar Kitchen on Sunday, May 8, 11am – 2pm**.

Reference Materials

- [Report of the first RAM](#)
- [Report of the Follow-up RAM](#)
- [Statement by 4 WCom members](#)
- [Statement of the Auroville Council](#)
- [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
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FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 131

Dated: 30-04-2022

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

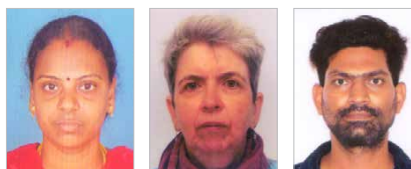
NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Avantika NIRUPAMA (USA) staying in Center Guest House and working at Aspiration Team



Avantika

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:



Gayathri

Isabelle

Jaya-
prakash

- Gayathri SUDHAKAR (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at Gas Service
- Isabelle PIEGAY (French) staying in Dana (Marc & Anne's house) and working at Up-Cycling
- Jayaprakash JAYABALAN (Indian) staying in Shanti and working at Health Services (AVHS)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Charles ZANON (French)
- Pranshula MANATH (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Ganga PARK (Korean)

SPOUSE OF AN AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Dhayalan RAMACHANDIRAN (Indian) Staying in Pony Farm (Spouse of Jayasudha)



Dhayalan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENTRY SERVICE

April 2021 to March 2022

Dear community members, as you all know, the Entry Service consists of its four parts: The Entry Board (The Admission Committee), The Entry Secretariat, The Aspiration Team and the Mentor Pool.

The Entry Board consists of 9 members selected through the Participatory Working Group (PWG) selection process. After 4 new members selected in Jan 2021, the present Entry Board includes Alain (Invocation), Dheena (Aspiration), Jayanthi (Auromodele), Lakshmanan (Kuilapalayam), Matilde (Madhuca), Matriprasad (Prayatna), Rama Narayana (Courage), Sophie (Invocation) and Swadha (Courage). [See Auronet]

The Entry Secretariat consists of 4 members, namely Ishita, Shanti, Suvedha and William and the **Aspiration Team** of Amir, Falguni, Rakkhal and Ramya. Another important wing of the Entry Service is the **Mentor Pool** which presently consists of about 250 committed members of the community from diverse cultures, nationalities and ethnic backgrounds who have been confirmed as Aurovilians for a minimum of 3 years. The mentors have played their role as bridge between the Entry Board, the community and the applicants which was very important, and they were well appreciated for their commitment.

The Entry Board has welcomed and met the applicants from all categories who expressed their willingness to participate in the Auroville experiment and have followed their process of integration. During this year (2021-2022) the Board has conducted 250+ Sharings / Interviews in collaboration with the respective mentors. Additionally, the EB has met all the foreign applicants before they start their processes in order for the Secretary, AV Foundation to issue them a Letter of Recommendation for their visa.

The Entry Secretariat is following each and every case diligently and assists to their level best the Entry Board to take appropriate decisions.

In spite of the Covid-19 restrictions on and off, the Aspiration Team has tried its best to inform the potential applicants in their decision of joining Auroville and support their newcomer journey and integration with up-to-date valid information and resources. Those interventions of support are very much valued and appreciated by the participants. Our monthly mailing list providing a series of links to watch movies on Auroville is being sent to the applicants to further their exploration and integration in Auroville.

During the Covid-19 period there was no Welcome Talk in the year 2021. The Entry Board had to face a situation where candidates have been “trapped” by the covid. The backlog of people in need of information had been partially treated in November and December 2021. The program resumed in January 2022 and so far there has been 3 sessions (one per month) welcoming a total of 81 participants. As for the Yucca program, the team resumed the sessions in July 2021 and have organised a total of 8 sessions until March 2022. The total number of participants has been 147.

From April 2022 onwards the Aspiration Team has scheduled a regular session of both Welcome Talk and Yucca program every month.

Also, Dhanalakshmi at Savitri Bhavan offers her much appreciated services in helping the local applicants in their understanding of the aims and objectives of Auroville and knowledge about the founders, The Mother and Sri Aurobindo and Their Dreams.

The Entry Board has met the Secretary of Auroville Foundation on her request to present the functioning of the Entry

Service and another time regarding how to welcome more Aurovilians. Some members of the Board participated in the Envisioning Exercise sessions along with the representatives from all the working groups. The Entry Board in participation and collaboration with the other working groups has identified a set of bottlenecks which are to be addressed before inviting unusual numbers of applicants from all over the world. The document has been posted by the Working Committee on Auronet.

Despite the difficulties and challenges mentioned below, we are happy to have been able to welcome a great number of applicants from varied countries. (See statistics):

Please find below some **statistics for the year 2021-22**:

- New Aurovilians joined in 2021-22: 95
- Youth turned 18+: 27
- Total Newcomers as of 31/03/2022: 109
- Total Applicants as of 31/03/2022: 88
- New Friends of Auroville (FoA) – 06
- New Relatives of Aurovilians (mainly spouses) – 08

	AV Confirmed	NC Confirmed	RAV	FOA	Youth	Spouse / Partner	Left / Not Ready
Australia	2						
Belgium	1	1					1
Brazil					1		1
Canada	3	1					1
Chile	1	1					
China	1				1		
Colombia	1						
Germany	3	2					1
Denmark							1
Spain	2	2			1		2
Finland	1						1
France	5	11	1		4	1	3
Croatia	1						
India	49	33	1	6	15	7	2
Iran	1						
Italy	3	4			3		1
Japan		1					1
Cambodia	1						
Korea	6		1				3
Mexico	1						
Netherlands					2		
Russia	1	3					3
Sweden							2
Sudan		1					
Ukraine	1						
United Kin	5	2					1
USA	4	3	2				2
South Africa	2						
TOTAL	95	65	5	6	27	8	26

For more statistics and details, please refer to the article on [Auronet LINK](#)

The challenges we faced include

1. Long delay to get the Letters of Recommendation signed by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation in order for potential Newcomers to apply for an Entry Visa from their country of residence,
2. A new self-declaration emitted by the Foundation that has to be signed by applicants in order to get their Recommendation Letters,
3. Mandatory Aadhaar cards,
4. Lack of long-term tourist visas,
5. Lockdown & Covid regulations.
6. Availability of more quality mentors from diverse backgrounds to support the new applicants and help the board make decisions.
7. The lack of housing is still a major problem for the applicants as they need to have a long-term housing contract in Auroville to complete their newcomer process and to become an Aurovilian. The cost is also an issue for many people who cannot afford to finance an accommodation from their own funds.
8. The Entry Board is facing the issue that some Aurovilians don't mind writing attestation about the situation of certain applicants, especially with regard to their place of living and/or their works which are not always accurate. The lack of confidence in certain cases and the vigilance of other Aurovilians who testify to certain facts, oblige us sometimes to verify where the Newcomers live and work. It is, honestly, a painful task.

The Entry Service

Note: Please ask for an appointment to submit documents or for any inquiries. Please wear MASK when you visit the office.

We bid farewell to our dear friend with the following words...

I am free
 Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
 I'm following paths God made for me
 I took his hand, I heard him call
 Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found my peace ... at close of play

And if my parting left a void
 Then fill it with remembered joy
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow
 I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
 My life's been full I've savoured much
 Good friends, good times
 A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
 God wanted me now
 He set me free.

THANKS TO ALL THE AMAZING BEINGS

My dearest Auroville community, I wanted to thank all the amazing beings that form this lovely crowd. People come and go, I know, but I didn't want to say "good bye" or "till next time" without giving space-time to appreciate what I lived here. I never felt so much peace and so many challenges than in Auroville, but every time I felt defeated or confused, I bumped into this uplifting energy. No matter the circumstances, there was someone to give me a hand or just accompany me, even complete strangers. And I never experienced that before. This place but mostly these people and energies have been the closest to home and a sangha I ever had, sometimes a little disperse, but always in a continuing movement that brings us together and ready to depart at times. Everyone, the more permanent and the more fugacious presence of the being that transits through this place, enriches it so much, the most constant and the most twinkling. This movement is something magical, it allows so much growth and I really grew a lot. In these 2 years I have learned more than in my entire life and it is because of the support, allowance of time-space and the vigorous and dynamic vibe.

Auroville is a place full of contradictions, but I think that that is also what allows so much diversity. I know right now there is some tension in the air, but I know that with love, compassion and trust, we will all grow for the better. I really think actions more than words are needed now. Sounds cliché, but we really have to become the change we want to see and hopefully not turn into what we dislike just trying to accomplish something. We are here in a process, an experiment, and we should not forget that. There is not an ultimate goal or an ending path so the means are really more important than the goal, I would say they are the goal. I go with so much trust and hope because I know that the uplifting energy that took care of me during challenging times will only grow and nurture this world. I am eager to come back and see everything wonderful that life and the thriving of the community will bring. I really trust you and believe in your nurturing and healing power.

See you soon, with kind love,
 Mar (Colombian Mar)

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

PASSING ON

Sawitri, daughter of Sonja and Krishnaprem from Angiras Garden, informed us of the passing of Axel, her step-father, and sent the announcement below.

Axel

It is with a heavy heart that we would like to inform the community of the passing of Axel Johann Björnsson.

Axel passed away peacefully in his sleep on the night of the 14th of February in his home in Vilcabamba, Ecuador at the age of 59, after a long struggle due to a failed surgery. He was cremated on the 19th of February in Loja, Ecuador, in the presence of his girlfriend, his sister, and oldest daughter.

His funeral is currently being planned for July, in the presence of his entire family in his home country, Iceland.

Axel joined Auroville in 2005 and was, as many may recall, not only an enthusiastic actor in the Auroville theater group, but also a math teacher at Transition school.

He had left Auroville in the beginning of 2013 for a new adventure in Ecuador, South America. This is where he built up his own business, a restaurant, which quickly became the place to be in town.

Like many of you will remember, he was always a joyful and happy person, there are definitely many moments of laughter he will be remembered by. He will be greatly missed by us all for his unique sense of humor and joyous ways.



AKSHAY ARRIVES

We are happy to share with the community the arrival of our little prince Akshay born on 05.04.2022 at Nallam Clinic. A big thanks to Dr.Vandhana, Hilde, Auradha and Sante for their love and support.

Love, Archana and Jayaprakash
Little sister Kanishka

Grandparents Kanniyappan and Dhanalakshmi

OUR LAND FUNDRAISERS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

This time our bulletin honors the landmark date of April 24th and the 150th year with 8 inspiring articles and the announcement of new land purchases <https://land.auroville.org/news/>:

1. **A4A Flier** – The Mother said the “dream is on the way of becoming a reality” for, despite the human lack of the needed conscious capacity, what we do have is aspiration – individual and collective – with its power to overcome all opposition and difficulties. In English, Tamil & French. [Link is here](#)

2. **LFAU Letter** – 102 years ago, a vastly significant event took place for the creation of a new world and a new India: The Mother’s permanent return to Pondicherry for her collaboration with Sri Aurobindo. As he wrote in Savitri: “The united two begun a greater age.” In English, Tamil & French. [Link is here](#)

3. **Three new plots of master plan land – all thanks to your solidarity!** 2022 began with the purchase of 3 new plots of Master Plan land in Auroville’s Greenbelt – two in Pitchandikulam and one at Fertile, all three financed by land donations! [Link is here](#)



4. **A Grateful Being** – By B (William Sullivan) After discovering Sri Aurobindo, B settled in Auroville in 1974 and has worked non-stop for 48 years on the creation of many of its key developments. With humorous insight, B reviews the highs and lows of some of his AV experiences. [Link is here](#)

5. **The Seeker Is The Finder** – By Ellie, A New Aurovilian From Iran. Ellie came as a volunteer and became an Aurovilian in 2021. A Chartered Accountant, she brings her skills to two AV units. She says, “Auroville has become a dear and beautiful home to my heart.” [Link is here](#)

6. **Solidarity – Garden Of The Unexpected Postcards & Stickers** – Proceeds Go To A4A! The GOU was created for children as “a place of wonder and unexpected learnings”. This solidarity artwork set celebrates the GOU and supports land purchase. [Link is here](#)

7. **The 150th Year – Human Unity, Inspiration & Resources** Auroville was founded for creating human unity, with Sri Aurobindo’s teachings at its core. This year exponents of his teachings present aspects of his vision, of which we provide a few inspiring ones, with contacts. [Link is here](#)



8. **Inspiring Quotes** – 24 April 2022 Sri Aurobindo and The Mother shared so many helpful perspectives on human life, our personal roles, and the attitudes needed for being and acting world. Here are seven quotes from their talks and writings that are a compass for turbulent times. [Link is here](#)

We thank you for your support for the land!

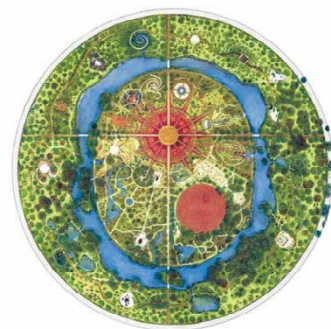
Contact: lfau@auroville.org.in and +91 413 2622657

Donating: <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/> and <https://land.auroville.org/donate/>

Love, Mandakini

DREAMWEAVING THE AUROVILLE CROWN 2022: REPORT ON PROCESS AND OUTCOMES

We are happy to announce that the Dreamweaving the Auroville Crown 2022 report is now [available at this link](#). This marks the end of the process which the Dreamweaving team and Citizens’ Assembly team set out to achieve.



The report contains comprehensive information about the process, content and final output of the recent Dreamweaving process, along with feedback and evaluation of the designs and the process by all the participants. There is also an introduction to the concept and history of Dreamweaving, and why it was chosen for this topic.

A resource guide additionally provides video links to all the presentations, as well as links to the artwork of the exhibition and to all the information shared and feedback received during the process.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all the participants and people who gave themselves – their time, energy and skills – so fully to this very concentrated process, as well as to those members of the community and of Auroville International who generously supported it financially.

A great deal of information was shared and interesting new perspectives opened up as a result of this intense but joyful collaboration.

We hope this report can help the Auroville Town Development Council and the Vastu Shilpa Consultants to integrate the voices of the community in the development plans for the city, and that it may also serve as a reminder for our community of what has been shared and accomplished during these past weeks, and as a possible model for collaborative planning in the future.

In case of questions or comments on the report, please reach out to dreamweaving@auroville.org.in.

In service,

Dreamweaving and Citizens’ Assembly teams
(Aditi, Alan, Allan, Anshul, David, Helen, Kathy, Martin, Mona, Nikethana, Omar, Praveen, Sophie, Suryamayi)

REMEMBERING ILSE ON 05.05.2022 (16th Anniversary)



My dear friend, it is very difficult to forget you even though it is 16 years now. My son still remembers the Gratitude flowers which you will be plucking for him on the way to his Transition creche.

Thanks a lot, Love, Raji

AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre – Matrimandir



Every Thursday at Sunset.

During the summer the Meditation is with Mother and Sunil's "New Year Music", before we restart a cycle of Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music.

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.
- Please be seated by 5.55 pm.

*Thank you,
Surya & Amphitheatre Team*

SAVITRI BHAVAN

May 2022, Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** the series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts in the Square Hall
- **Sri Aurobindo:** A life sketch in photographs in the upper corridor

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM



BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of regular events of May 2022

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm
Meditation

3rd & 17th, Tuesday 5:30 - 6.30pm, reading
"The Mother's Questions & Answers- Vol-7"
in English by Rama Narayana

6th & 20th, Friday 4:00 - 5:00pm, reading
"The Sunlit Path"
in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi

Talk on Auroville for Newcomers by
Raman (Center Field, Auroville)
10th, Tuesday at 5.00pm

15th, Sunday at 6:00pm full moon, reciting
Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra for 30min

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

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

WELCOME TO READ SAVITRI

Welcome to read Savitri with us. Tuesdays 6:45am to 7:40am prompt timing. Courage community. We have a diverse group with different languages including English, and a lovely atmosphere.

Contact Patricia pat@auroville.org.in, 2623750 or Ram ramanarayana@auroville.org.in 9487061185

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GUEST REGISTRATION SERVICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:30 to 12:30 (Monday – Saturday)

Guest Registration Service in Town Hall will be open ONLY in the mornings during the month of May 2022. Our working hours will be 9:30 to 12:30 (Monday – Saturday).

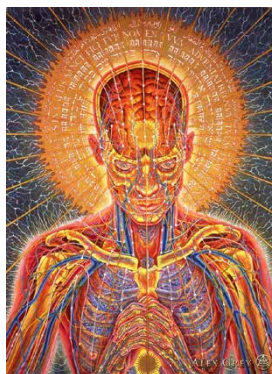
*Warm Regards, Guest Registration Service,
Visitor Center, Opp. Dreamer's cafe,
Email: grs@auroville.org.in*

Phone: +91 413 2622704, 2623449

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

Saturday, 7 May 2022, 3:30 – 5:30pm

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture



Our next sharing will happen on Saturday 7 May 2022 at 3:30pm at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

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, Newcomers 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, 7 May, at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. We'll start at 3:30pm with coffee & cake, followed by sharing until around 5:30.

Please be sure to let us know if you are planning to join us by sending us an email to letstalkaboutdeath@auroville.org.in before 3 May

THE ARTS

**Concert at
Bharat Nivas Auditorium**



**Ludmi
& Band**

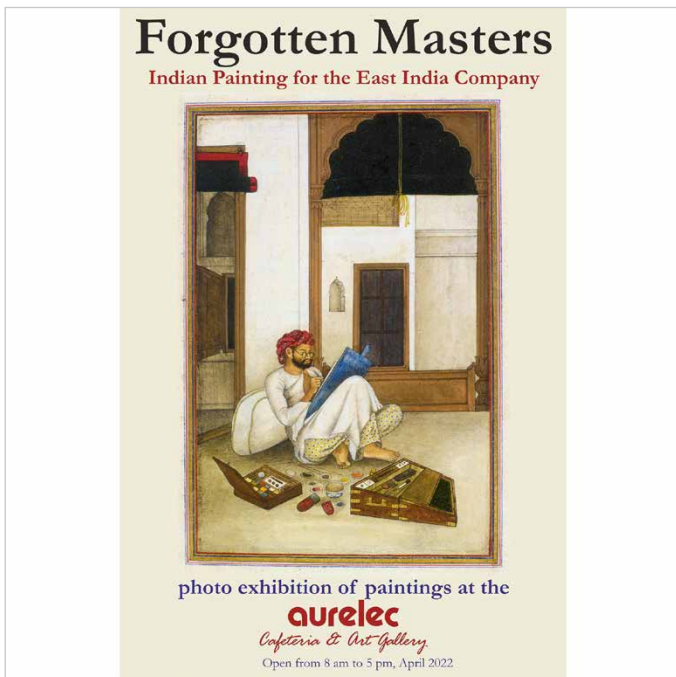
"Soul, Latin, Jazz"

Ludmi – vocals
Matt – sax
Aman – piano
Rolf – bass
Suresh – drums

Sunday 1st May at 7.30 pm

FORGOTTEN MASTERS

8am to 5pm, April 2022, Aurelec Cafeteria



As the East India Company extended its sway across India in the late eighteenth century, many remarkable artworks were commissioned by Company officials from Indian painters who had previously worked for the Mughals. These masterworks of the Wallace Collection celebrate the work of a series of extraordinary Indian artists, each with their own style and tastes and agency, all of whom worked for British patrons between the 1770s and the bloody end of the Mughal rule in 1857.

These hybrid paintings explore both the beauty of the Indian natural world and the social realities of the time in one hundred masterpieces, often of astonishing brilliance and originality. They shed light on a forgotten moment in Anglo-Indian history during which Indian artists responded to European influences while keeping intact their own artistic visions and styles. These artists represent the last phase of Indian artistic genius before the onset of the twin assaults – photography and the influence of western colonial art schools – ended an unbroken tradition of painting going back two thousand years. As these masterworks show, the greatest of these painters deserve to be remembered as among the most remarkable Indian artists of all time.

CHILD PORTRAIT

I (Roof Studio/Auroville Art Service) offer to draw your baby so that you can keep the memory of his/her first smile forever.

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.



My work is my impressions of the happy child, not a photo-like picture. I purposely chose smiling kids of an early age as they smile only when they are really happy. I enjoy my work and 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 the picture 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.

Please contact me on: ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk
Love, Ivana

AUROVILLE THEATER GROUP'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

CRIPA, 29 and 30 April, 7:30pm



The Auroville Theater Group invites you to a celebration of our 25th Birthday at Cripa, Kalabhumi on the 29 & 30 April, at 7:30pm

- We will share with you scenes from past performances: **Hamlet, Equus, A Streetcar Named Desire, The Glass Menagerie**, and more;

- PLUS Good Food, Music and some surprise guests.

Admission is free, in collaboration with Auroville Arts service
Love, Jill for The Auroville Theater Group
9486416173

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Event Manager with experience

The Unity Pavilion is looking for an Event Manager (Aurovilian & Newcomer only) with experience and possibility to work out of office hours. Friendly and social person with capacity and experience managing larger and smaller events.



Largely this is a team work so communication and ability to collaborate in the team is very important.

Contact Unity Pavilion by email with resume & experience : unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Unity Pavilion Looking for a caretaker

Our caretaker unit is now getting ready and we are looking for a live-in care taker, single or couple, Aurovilian or New comer. We are looking for an individual or couple well-grounded in the ideals of Auroville with handy-man skills and interest in gardening.

Contact Unity Pavilion by email giving your reference and experience: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Regards, Aru, Unity Pavilion, 0413 2623576

Web Site: unitypavilionauroville.com

HR Hub Initiative

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



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

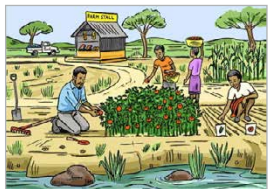
We also invite Aurovilians and newcomers that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need. Please contact us for more information: hr_hub@auroville.org.in

HR Hub Team

HONORARY VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Where does honorarium come from? The first records of honorarium come from the 1600s. The word comes from the Latin **honōrārium**, meaning "fee paid on taking of-fice." In Latin, *honōrārium* is the noun form of the adjective *honōrārius*, meaning "honorary. Editors

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*

LOST AND FOUND

Kinisi E-Cycle Stolen



My kinisi E-cycle got stolen from Humanscapes parking on Sunday. If anybody sees a similar cycle without a battery or battery without any stickers or battery with number 425,

Please stop the person and call me ASAP +918682043919 or Kinisi. I Request you to observe while going in and around Auroville.

Thank you, Anand

LOOKING FOR

Needs an Air Cooler

For my mother's health reasons I am looking for an Air Cooler in good condition. Anyone has it, wants to give it away or is willing to lend it for some time, kindly let me know. Thanks for the great help.

Dheena, Aspiration
dinar@auroville.org.in,
8489537303

Looking for a responsible Person



Looking for a responsible person for a house sitting in a well designed, high-tech house in Acceptance for 3 months. More info on 09361697365 and matej@auroville.org.in. Matej



TAXI SHARING

From Chennai Airport, 10 May, 4:30am

I will be traveling from Chennai Airport to Auroville, with baggage, on 10 May at around 04:30am. I would like to share a taxi if you plan on coming to Chennai or if you are going back to Auroville at around that time. If you are interested, please contact me at ranierisatya@gmail.com.

Thank you, Satya

AVAILABLE

Stainless Steel 4 Burner Hob



Kaff Cooking Range Stainless Steel 4 Burner Hob available. Stainless steel hob with front black glass, stainless steel body with 4 gas and 1 triple flame burners, cast iron grills, auto electric ignition, gas operated oven double glass oven, with timer, one grill shelf, one oven tray, cavity cooling system, with rotisserie adjustable legs, thermostat 250 degree. 600Wx-600Dx900H, Capacity of oven – 59 Litre
+91 9442067481, Orly

Available BMX

Kid's BMX cycle for 6 – 10 years old child

Contact: Samata, WA 9443797601



Aquadyn Available

- Aquadyn available for contribution. Please contact +919766126866 if interested.
- Medium size dog transport cage available against contribution. Please contact +919766126866.

Regards, Shruti

Revolt Electric motorbike available



Revolt Electric motorbike available, to use for a few months, for a monthly contribution. Quiet, sleek and in good condition. Sensitive bike which likes careful drivers. It needs to be in good hands while I am traveling. Priority given to Aurovilians, Volunteers, and people supporting sustainable mobility.

Contact sattvig@gmail.com, or by WA 8407997970.

Serious inquiries only.

Thanks, G Vig

HELP NEEDED

COSTUMES NEEDING A CARETAKER.

Dear Community members, this is a call to any Aurovilian or Newcomer who enjoys dealing with costumes (taking care of them, lending and getting them back), to come forward to look after the costumes stored in a room at the Bharat Nivas. They have been lovingly made by Aurovilians over 25 years or more and were very often used by community members for plays and dance performances. A lot of energy, creativity and funds have been spent on making these costumes. They deserve some loving care.



I have been taking care of this costume-room for many years, but now feel it is time to hand it over to someone else. Please contact me if you are interested and want to know more.

Thank you, Joy (Dana)
joy@auroville.org.in

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

FOUNDATION CAFETEIRA HAS BEEN REOPENED

Timing: 8am to 3pm everyday

Closed only on Sunday.



Regards, Dominique, S.A. Auroville Foundation

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVELSHOP

Important notice for International Travelers:

Some countries require a Passenger Location Form (PLF) to be filed online before traveling. Recognised vaccination certificates and /or negative PCR test results (not older than 48 hour from the moment of taking the test) are required for international travel. Such a document may be requested to enter an International Airport, but latest at boarding. Please know in detail which documentation is required for your travel.



Contact: Our Travel Consultant Mr. Ganesh is available at Kalpana for issuing, rescheduling for all kind of ticketing Bus, Train, Flights and travel insurance which includes a **Covid 19 Cover:**

This policy covers Medical Expenses arising out of Covid-19 outside India, including Medical Expenses incurred during Quarantine period subject to the policy terms and conditions. Accommodation and non-medical incidental expenses arising during Quarantine period stand excluded.

Contact:

- One can meet him from 10:00 to 16:00,
- by phone 2623030 or / and by WA 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:

Several Airlines have short duration promotional offers who are only valid for booking within one week. The only chance to avail of such is to inform Ganesh of your travel plan and he contacts you when such special offers are available.

UPCYCLED E-BIKES & E-BICYCLES FOR A GREEN FUTURE

Opening hours:
8am - 1pm and 2 - 5pm
every day except Sundays
and holidays.



Green Move is an activity registered under Auro Small Scale Activities (ASSA).

Our mission is to provide reliable and affordable upcycled mobility solutions.

Our vision is to accelerate the transition of Auroville's transport sector towards shared and sustainable mobility solutions, as well as to inspire other towns, villages, and especially the younger generation to adopt similar solutions.

This is an **open call** for all Aurovilians, friends of Auroville, volunteers and long-term guests. If you wish to go green, we offer you our services.

- We will convert your cycles, petrol or diesel run two-wheelers (bikes, scooters, and mopeds) into electric two-wheelers for everyday use.
- We can also convert them into electric three-wheelers that are specifically designed for seniors or for disabled adults and children.
- We have all kinds of e-bikes for rent
- All kinds of vehicles can be given for servicing.

Join us on the ride towards building a green future for Auroville. Call us now for more information.

- Phone number: 9442070213, 848920431
- Horizon (Near Upasana),

*Thanking you, Laxmanan
Green move Team*

SOLAR KITCHEN WILL BE CLOSED



Dear Community, Solar Kitchen will be closed for Lunch and Dinner on the **Friday, 6 & Saturday, 7 May 2022**. We are closed for our maintenance work & annual team tour.

We hope that the members of the community kitchen understand and make alternative arrangements.

Love, Solar Kitchen Team & Volunteers

PROBIOTICS HOUSE WILL REMAIN CLOSED



Dear All, MGEcoduties is doing electrical work along with AVES. For that reason, the shop in MGEcoduties – Probiotics House will remain closed on **April 30, Saturday**, from 1:30 to 5pm and **May 3, Tuesday** from 1:30 to 5pm.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Regards, MGEcoduties – Probiotics House

HIVE OPEN HOUSE

Dear All, Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Saturday, 30 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 WAp Business No. 70921 97375

Auromode Hive Team

SUMMER AT AUROVILLE LIBRARY

• Closed on Monday, 2 May
We will also be starting our summer **timings starting next week for May & June:**

- Open 9am – 12:30pm Monday to Saturday
- Open 4pm – 6:30pm Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
- Storytime for children will be resuming each Saturday, 10 – 11am from the 7 May.



Wishing everyone a cool summer!

The Auroville library team
0413 2622 894, avlib@auroville.org.in
Website: library.auroville.org.in

Voices and Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

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

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

Last published podcasts

- ["The Way of the Sunlit Path"- A personal sharing by B' \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Soul Tracks – Se.3 Ep.21 "A Musical Melange" \(Music\)](#)
- [Savitri, B. XI, C. I, Part 8 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.79 "Earth Day – Earth Action – Earth Food" \(Food Education\)](#)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – ep.53 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 394 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil – Ep.14 \(Sri Aurobindo\) "ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"](#)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 8 \(Tamil Language\)](#)

Last Youtube Live Videos

- [Residents' Assembly Meeting - New selection of the current working committee \(Meeting\)](#)
- [Tamil's connection to Asia and the World - Seminar Series 1 \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Amrit Howard Iriyama talk about Sri Aurobindo Integral Yoga - Talk 2 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)

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

Peace and Love

POETRY

POETEA

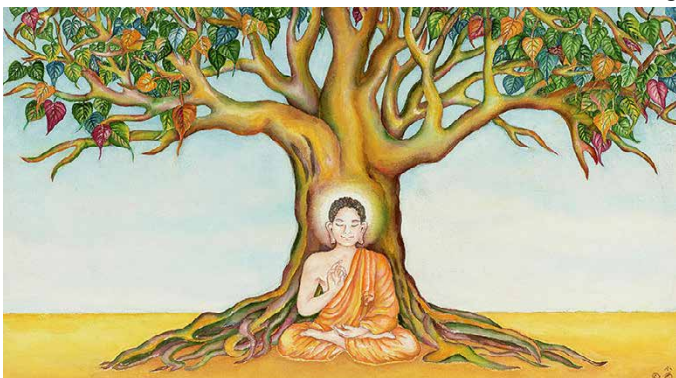
Summer heats up.
Neem cools down.
Nature's art of balance.

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Summer summons.
Service tree starts to
Spread a golden carpet.
Smell the scented air.
Savour the moment.

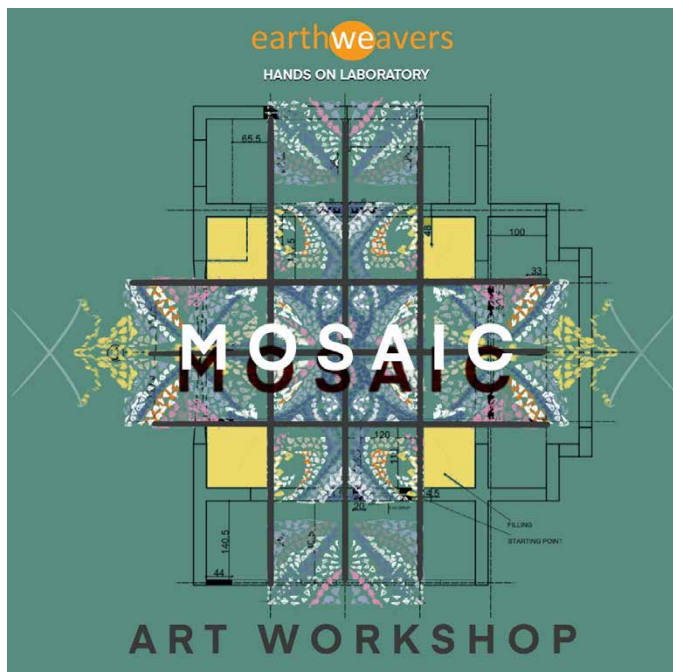


With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang



CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

MOSAIC ART WORKSHOP



Mosaic art workshop is about making mosaic art alive with the weaves of colors, placements, patterns, sizes & shapes to a live project. This workshop is to see how architecture and art combined serves the essence we've all been looking for, the workshop is open to all.

Contact details :

Instagram: @earthweavers

Phone: +91-7411511891

Email: workshop-earthweavers@auroville.org.in

Address: Pony Farm, Auroville, Tamil Nadu - 605101

Date: 07/05/2022 to 08/05/2022, saturday and sunday

Timings: 09:30am- 4:30pm

Thank you, Meera, For Earthweavers

SITAR CLASS

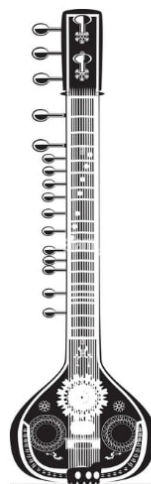
Sitar Class

by Nivedita (AV vol)

Let the music of Sitar take you with it!

Every **Sunday 11am**

@ La Maison De Junes



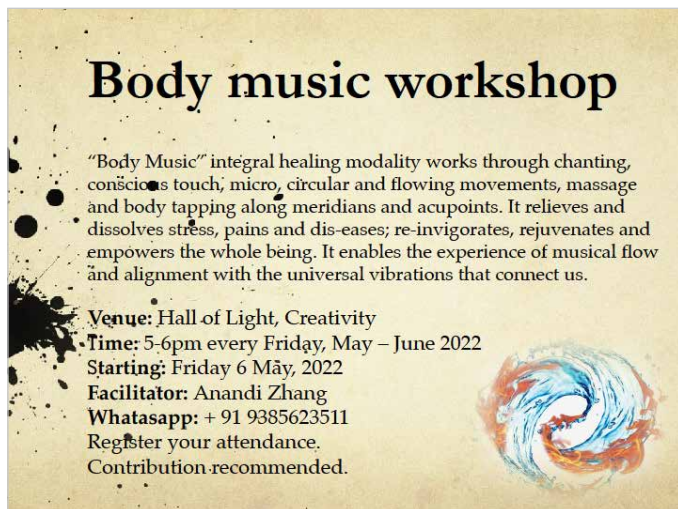
Call / whatsapp text on 9110654617 to book a class.

My name is Nivedita. I am a volunteer in Auroville teaching at last school. I would like to teach Sitar in Auroville and it would be a great help if you can put this poster on News and Notes. I will be in Auroville till 31 May. The student doesn't need to have an instrument of his/her own. I think it would be a good opportunity for anyone who is just interested to explore their interest in Sitar before they buy their own instrument. Thank you.

Warm regards, Nivedita

920 - 30 April 2022

BODY MUSIC WORKSHOP



Body music workshop

“Body Music” integral healing modality works through chanting, conscious touch, micro, circular and flowing movements, massage and body tapping along meridians and acupoints. It relieves and dissolves stress, pains and dis-eases; re-invigorates, rejuvenates and empowers the whole being. It enables the experience of musical flow and alignment with the universal vibrations that connect us.

Venue: Hall of Light, Creativity
Time: 5-6pm every Friday, May – June 2022
Starting: Friday 6 May, 2022
Facilitator: Anandi Zhang
Whatsapp: + 91 9385623511
 Register your attendance.
 Contribution recommended.

UPCOMING STEM EVENTS



Meet the Teachers and Students of STEM Land on Saturday, April 30

STEM Land is on a mission to make learning math and science more meaningful through making, tinkering, and engineering. Join AV Cafe for a free, live online event to meet the founders and current teachers of STEM Land to learn more about how the program empowers children through independent learning in the areas of science, technology, research, art, engineering, and math.

- **Saturday, April 30**
 - 08:00am Los Angeles
 - 11:00am New York
 - 04:00pm Paris
 - 08:30pm India

Register for the free event at aviusa.org/stemland.

Experience Awareness Through the Body with Suryamayi and Francesco on May 14

Join AV Cafe for a live online event to experience Awareness Through the Body with Aurovilians Francesco and Suryamayi who recently released their first-of-a-kind project: a 3 module introductory course designed to bring the power of ATB to a wider audience in an accessible format.

- **Saturday May 14**
 - 08:00am Los Angeles
 - 11:00am New York
 - 04:00pm Paris
 - 08:30pm India

ATB is a set of practices for connecting to the different parts of the being – the mental, the vital, the physical, and the psychic. It was created in Auroville by Aloka and Joan to help us explore how we relate to our inner and outer worlds. Francesco and Suryamayi are part of a new generation of ATB facilitators building their own relationships with the practice and bringing it to a new audience.

Their new course is the result of these efforts to make ATB more accessible for people outside of Auroville. **In this one hour event, you will get a taste of the power of ATB through a guided practice and discussion to follow that will answer all questions about their full-length course and the practice in general.**

Register for the free event at aviusa.org/atb
 Best, Alana

SAVITRI BHAVAN: MAY 2022

- **Full Moon Gathering:** Sunday, May 15, 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue
- **A workshop on MUDRA-CHI:** Saturday, May 28, 5pm led by Anandi
- **Regular Activities**
 - **Sundays 10:30–12noon:** Savitri Study Circle
 - **Mondays 3-4pm:** Psychic Awakening led by Dr.Jai Singh
 - **Tuesdays 3-4pm:** Yoga and the evolution of man led by Dr.Jai Singh
 - **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
 - **Fridays 3-4pm:** Readings of the Mother's commentary on Dhammapada led by Dr.Jai Singh
 - **Saturdays 3-4pm:** Introduction to Integral Yoga, led by Ashesh Joshi
 - **Saturdays 4-5:15pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
 - Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
 - **Library** is open Monday to Friday 9-5
 - **The Digital Library** can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9-4

Everyone is welcome
 Dhanalakshmi, for Savitri Bhavan Team

LAUNCHING Y-CODE FOR AV AND BIO-REGION YOUTH

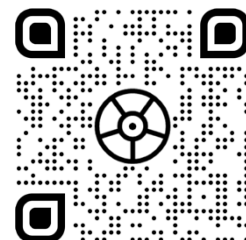
If you are a youth between 17 to 22 years old, then this programme is for you to kickstart your career in information technology.

Please [visit the link](#) or scan the QR code for more details of the programme and to apply.

Join us for an interactive session with Shankardevy to know more about Y-Code and to clarify any questions you may have.

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, 7 May, 10am
- **Venue:** Conference Room, CSR
- **Duration of the course:** 3 years
- **Last date to apply:** May 14, 2022
- **FAQs:** <https://ycode.auroville.org>
- **Contact:** talam@auroville.org.in

Don't wait and apply now, as the seats are limited to 20 students!



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Yoga Therapy For Back Pain with Bijou

Friday, 6 May - from 9:30am to 12noon

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

Speaking From The Heart: Nonviolent Communication, with Vega

- **Friday 6, May - from 9:30am to 4:30pm**
- **Saturday 7, May - from 9:30am to 1:30pm**

Learn the basics and principles of Nonviolent Communication, a practice that helps to restore Connection to and communication from the heart, which is our nature.



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Yoga & Re-creation Programs

Social Distancing Practiced In All Programs

Days	Drop-in Sessions	Timings	Pre-senters
Mondays	Yoga Asana - Create Some Space	7 to 8:15am	Sheida
Wednesdays	Wellness Wednesday (no class 11 May)	11 am to 12noon	Maggie
Wednesdays	Somatic Explorations (no class 11 May)	5 to 6:15pm	Maggie
Saturdays	Nataraj Dance Meditation	5 to 6:30pm	Marco

Day & Date	Intensives (pre-registration required)	Timings	Pre-senters
Friday, 6 May	Yoga Therapy for Back Pain	9:30 to 12noon	Bijou
Friday & Saturday, 6 & 7 May	Speaking from the Heart - Non Violent Communication	9:30am to 4:30pm	Vega
Saturday, 21 May	Somatic Movement Intensive - Feel & Move Better	9:30am to 5pm	Maggie

Therapies (by appointment only)	Therapist Name
Heart-Centered Resilience	Susan
Deep Tissue & Ayurvedic Massage (for men only)	Ravikumar

JIVA: YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



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Exploring Past Lives Webinar

• 5, 6, 7 May, 7 – 8:30pm



We invite you to explore the topic of Past Lives in the light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers Philosophy, and share the value of Past Lives therapy in psychotherapy and energy work.

In this short introduction you will gather an insight into the hidden source

of some your present day beliefs, psychological movements and even inexplicable bodily pains as well as glimpses on transforming these.

Sigrig Lindemann introduces "Exploring Past Lives " as an element of Integral Regression therapy, a deeply transforming modality integrating Inner Child Work, Past Life Therapy, Trauma therapy and Energy Work on the bases of the philosophy of Integral Yoga. Sigrig has developed Integral Regression Therapy, integrating her therapeutic experience of past 20 years.

Webinar contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 09626006961

Natural Horsemanship

• Individual and group sessions ongoingly

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



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

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

Explore your mind

• 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy
• 13,14,15 May

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still" What is hypnosis? How do the right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox!



Apply Selfhypnosis Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind " Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in

- 13 May, Friday 4 – 7pm,
- 14 & 15 May, Saturday, Sunday 9- 5pm
- at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

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

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

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

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

SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES UPDATE

Hatha Yoga with Ramesh

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

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.



Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

Every Friday from 5 to 6 pm, 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.

Karma Yoga (Permaculture) with Sanaan

Every day, Monday to 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.

Ayurvedic Oil Massage with Simona

On appointment only (+91 9489511648)

The specialty 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Shiatsu Massage with Sara and Simona

On appointment only (+919443617308 and +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.

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.

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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Neurographic Drawing Class
Fridays, 3 – 4pm, starting 6 May



Neurographica™ is a trademarked drawing method developed by Russian psychologist Dr Pavel Piscarev in 2014.

The Neurographica method is based on the practice of drawing, coupled with the intention of the one who is creating the picture. They aim is to express feelings and emotions through the drawing.

The psychological drawing method is very practical: Neurographica is used to balance our mind and inspire creativity and imagination. It helps to initiate positive changes in our life. Neurographica is about breaking patterns as it helps to recognize our patterns and hidden obstacles. Through the drawing process, guided by the teacher, one is finding new creative solutions, finding organic ways to release outdated patterns in one's life.

It can be used as Art Meditation for self-exploration, expressing emotions, holding a positive intention.

The teacher will take you through the steps on how to create your own neurographic art and guide you through the process for you to begin to release tension and mental stress that is there in life.

For some of our daily problems it can take just a few classes but for some deeper problems and reaching the root of the problem and managing to overcome it, time will be needed. After learning the technique and understanding how to work with it, we can either continue using Neurographic in class and progress further or use the knowledge we learned in class at home as a self-retreat and art meditation.

Gala is starting a class of Neurographic drawings for adults at Pitanga on Fridays, 3 – 4pm, starting 6 May.

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER
& MULTIPURPOSE HALL
Regular activities, May 2022



Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacoloring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 8778839827 WA	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina, 9791719387, +393462258049 (WA)	Monday to Friday, Morning
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta, 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0143 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

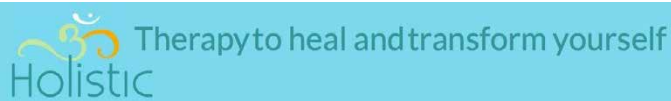
Classes

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

HINDI LANGUAGE SESSIONS

Begin your (spoken/ written or both) Hindi language sessions with Ashwini from May 20, 2022. For more information WA 6383049244

Thank you,
Ashwini



May 2022

Healing & consciousness

For more info: www.auroville-holistic.com or Mob/whats' app: +919489805493

or Mail: contact@auroville-holistic.com

- **Ashtanga Yoga Classes, Mysore style**, with Christine P. Everyday From Monday to Saturday at 7:30am For beginners, advanced students. The teaching is adapted to each one and his (or her)own issue (So you can join even if you have physical issue)
- **Hypnotherapy** with Christine P. Any time on appointment, last 2h: Hypnosis, healing purpose / regression.
- **Workshop: De-stress your mind with Scientific Sound & meditation.** Tuesday & Thursday at 4pm, Saturday & Sunday at 11am. Last 1h15 min. For the purpose of deep relaxation.
- **Reiki Session** with Mradul, on appointment .
- **Health & Life Coaching** with Christine P., on appointment. Improve work performance & qualities. Goal setting, relationship issues, etc. Healing purpose.
- **Health & consciousness program** with Christine P. & Mradul J. Contact us for details and appointment. Involvement in the therapy and advises given are required. Talk one to one session/CBT/NLP/Meditation/Systemic Therapy.
 - Looking for your next step in your life?
 - Difficulty to make a choice or take decisions.
 - Suffering from panic attack, anxiety, sleeping disorder, depression, etc.
 - Anyone, who wants to enhance his (or her) relationships, etc.
- **AMI: Analysis of multiple Intelligence** with Mradul J., on appointment basis. 1st appointment last 20 min: to take the finger print. 2nd appointment is for the counseling(1h). Scientific way to discover your hidden talent and potential.
- **Acupressure therapeutic massage** with Christine P. Any time on appointment. Lasts 1h30 min. For any health issue or emotional blockage. Rebalancing the energy and harmonization of the chakra.
- **Mindful Meditation**, Mondays & Wednesdays at 5pm

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Woga (Yoga in Water) Classes with Maggie

Monday 2 & 16 May 2022, 4 – 5:30pm

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

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

No previous experience required (also no need to be able to swim)!

CINEMA

SAVITRI BHAVAN

May 2022: NO films in this month



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 6 May

Vegucated

2011 / 76 minutes / Marisa Miller Wolfson

Vegucated is a guerrilla-style documentary that follows three meat- and cheese-loving New Yorkers who agree to adopt a vegan diet for six weeks and learn what it's all about. They have no idea that so much more than steak is at stake and that the planet's fate may fall on their plates. Lured by tales of weight lost and health regained, they begin to uncover hidden sides of animal agriculture that make them wonder whether solutions offered in films like Food, Inc. go far enough. Part sociological experiment and part adventure comedy, Vegucated showcases the rapid and at times comedic evolution of three people who are trying their darndest to change in a culture that seems dead set against it.

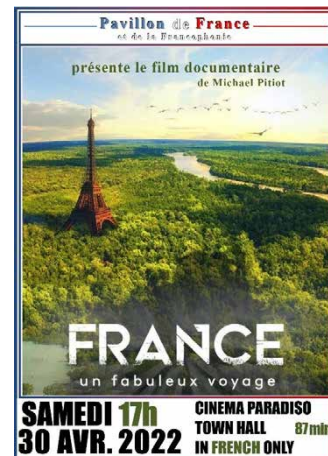
THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS

France, the fabulous journey

Saturday, 30 April, at 5pm, Town Hall, Cinema Paradiso

Documentary directed by Michael Pitiot, in French only, duration: 84 min

We remember the builders, the kings, the wars... We learn the history of France through that of men. But, to really know it, you have to go back a long way. You have to go back to the dawn of time... An unprecedented journey of more than 2 billion years through time to understand the natural heritage that has allowed us to write our own history. A fabulous journey to the sources of a land called "France".





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 2 May 2022 to 8 May 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 2 May, 8:00pm:
SHARMAJI NAMKEEN (Mr. Sharma's Savory Snacks)

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Hitesh Bhatia w/ Rishi Kapoor-Paresh Rawal, Juhi Chawla, Isha Talwar, and others, Drama, 119mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

B. G. Sharma is a middle class, 58yrs old widower living in West Delhi. One fine day, the company he has worked for his entire life lays him off. An active Sharma struggles to cope with retirement which he was clearly not prepared for. He keeps finding ways to stay relevant but only ends up getting in his two sons' ways. The only time he really comes into his own is when he is in the kitchen. He himself is not fully aware of his culinary superpower; all that is waiting to be discovered – but initially in the sly. *The veteran actor in the lead passed away during the making of the film; hence for the first time the lead is played by two different actor – integrated rather seamlessly.*

Potpourri – Tuesday 3 May, 8:00pm:
THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING

USA, 1966, Dir. Norman Jewison w/ Carl Reiner, Eva Marie Saint, Alan Arkin, and others, Comedy, 126 mins, English-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

When a Soviet submarine gets stuck on a sandbar off the coast of a New England Island, its commander orders his second-in-command, Lt. Rozanov, to get them moving again before there is an international incident. Rozanov seeks assistance from the island locals, while trying to allay their fears of a Communist invasion by claiming he and his crew are Norwegian sailors.

Interesting – Wednesday 4 May, 8:00pm:
FLUGT (Flee)

Denmark-France-Norway-Sweden-Netherlands-UK-USA-Finland-Italy-Spain-Estonia-Slovenia, 2021, Writer-Dir. Jonas Poher Rasmussen w/Daniel Karimyar, Fardin Mijdzadeh, Milad Eskandari, and others, Documentary-Animation, 89mins, Danish-English-Dari-Russian-Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

An animated documentary telling the true story about a man's need to confront his past in order to truly have a future. Amin arrived as an unaccompanied minor in Denmark from Afghanistan. Today, at 36, he is a successful academic and is getting married to his boyfriend. A secret he has been hiding for over 20 years threatens to ruin the life he has built for himself. For the first time, he is sharing his story with his close friend.

AVFF 2022 – Thursday 5 May, 8:00pm:
COLOMBIA IN MY ARMS

Finland, 2020, Dir. Jenni Kivistö, Jussi Rastas w/ Ernesto, Juan Manuel Santos, Pacho, and others, Documentary, 91 mins, Spanish-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
 FARC guerrilla Ernesto, poverty-stricken coca farmers, a mysterious aristocrat and a passionate right-wing politician balance at the edge of their morals, while the much-celebrated peace tries to take its first steps in Colombia.

International – Saturday, 7 May, 8:00pm:
DOROGIE TOVARISHCHI (Dear comrades!)

Russia, 2020, Writer-Dir. Andrey Konchalosvskiy w/Yuliya Vysotskaya, Vladislav Komarov, Andrey Gusev, and others, B&W, Drama-History, 121mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Novocherkassk, USSR, 1962. Lyudmila is a Party executive and devout communist who had fought in WWII. Certain that her work will create a communist society, she detests any anti-Soviet sentiment. When the communist government raises food prices in 1962, the rebellious factory workers go on strike. Lyudmila witnesses the government forces gun down the protesters – opening a gaping rift in her world view. Following the event when her daughter went missing, despite the blockade of the city, mass arrests, and the authorities' attempts to cover up, she searches for her daughter. Irrespective of the result of the search, clearly her life won't ever be the same.

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 8 May, 4:30 pm:
MOANA

USA, 2016, Dir. Ron Clements w/ Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House, and others, Animation-Adventure, 107 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches Moana's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds.

Michelangelo Antonioni Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 8 May, 8:00 pm:
IDENTIFICATION OF A WOMAN

Italy-France, 1982, Dir. Michelangelo Antonioni w/ Thomas Milián, Daniela Silverio, Christine Boisson, and others, Drama-Romance 126 mins, Italian w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR.

The movie director Niccolò's wife just him. This gives him the idea of making a movie about women's relationships. He starts to search for a woman who can play the leading role in his next film, and also in his life. Filmed on location in Rome and Venice, the film has received many awards and accolades.

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,
 MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)
Special Program
Wednesday, 4 May, 5pm
"Auroville - From Seed To Sapling"

Director: Jinu TOMAS, India, 2019

With gratitude, and because we feel the community and many more would benefit about this message at the moment, we invite you to the screening of our documentary "Auroville - From Seed To Sapling"

Synopsis: "The film's aim is to act as a window to Auroville's intriguing journey over a period of 50 years. It is about the perspective of a youth-team on the progress that has taken place in the last decades in Auroville since its origin. Auroville - From Seed To Sapling wants to be like a milestone that enables us all to celebrate how far we have come and to put into perspective that we still have a long way to go... On another hand, watched by non-Aurovilians, it may inspire them, to also participate towards its growth. Original English version with English subtitles.
Duration: 49 minutes. Hoping to see you there!

Warm regards, Surya and Susana

Covid 19: please bring your mask , it is still required!

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING

Thursday, May 5, Cinema Paradiso, 8pm



The Auroville Film Festival is pleased to do a public screening of an award-winning feature film from the festival. This film will be screened on Thursday, April 5 at MMC/CP, Town Hall from 8pm onwards.

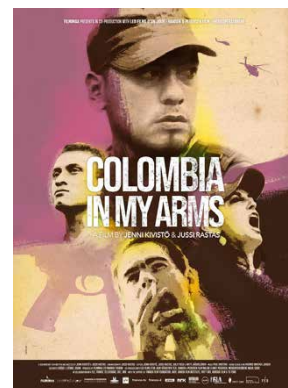
Colombia In My Arms

2020, Colombia, Documentary, Spanish, English, 1hr 31min

FARC guerrilla Ernesto, poverty-stricken coca farmers, a mysterious aristocrat and a passionate right-wing politician balance at the edge of their morals, while the much-celebrated peace tries to take its first steps in Colombia.

Awards: Göteborg Film Festival, World Dragon Award for Best Nordic Documentary 2020, Sweden, Naples Human Rights Film Festival, Winner Human Rights Doc FICC Prize 2020


Directors/ Writers: Jenni Kivistö, Jussi Rastas, Markku Tuurna




Appendix

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

Email: avbus@auroville.org.in

Phone: +91 94430 74825

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:

- Mattram – 9487746051

India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

- 108

SOME AUROVILLE ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Fire Stations

- Vanur: 0413 2677368
- Kalapet: 0413 2655873
- D. Nagar (near JIPMER): 0413 2272913
- Sedarapet: 0413 2678101



Auroville Safety & Security Team (AVSST)

- Emergency (24/7): +91 9443090107
- Vehicle Access: +91 9488752435
- Office: 0413 2623400
- Website: safety.auroville.org

Ambulance +91 9442224680

Santé Crown Road (413) 2622803

Accessible Auroville Public Bus

- Phone: 9443074825 (Raju)
- Email: avbus@auroville.org.in

AuroNet

- Phone: 0413 2623424
- Email: auronet@auroville.org.in

Auroville Bakery

- Phone: 0413 2622159
- Email: avbakery@auroville.org.in

AVCouncil

- Phone: 0413 2623655
- avcoffice@auroville.org.in, avcouncil@auroville.org.in

Auroville Health Center (AVHC)

- Reception open: Monday – Friday: 8am – 5:30pm and Saturday: 8am – 5pm
- For general queries on the Health Center's facilities you may call during the opening timings at 0413 2622123/ 2622221/ 2622018
- Location in Auroville: Aspiration, Kulilapalayam village, just before Pour Tous on the left side
- Contact: avhealth@auroville.org.in

AVES (AV Electrical Service)

- Location: Service Area, near Telephone Exchange
- Timings: Monday – Saturday, 8am to 4:30pm
- Phone:
 - 0413 2622132/ 9488868747 for fault works, repair works and job works
 - 0413 2622264 clarifications reg. electricity bills, job & repair works bills
- Email: aves@auroville.org.in

Auroville's dental clinic, for all kinds of dental work

- Location: Protection, next to Aurelec in Kulilapalayam
- Timings: Monday – Saturday, 9am to 5pm daily
- Phone: 0413 2622007/ 2622265
- Email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

Eco Service

- Location: In Kottakarai, on the road just before Afsanah's Guesthouse
- Timings: Monday – Saturday, 8:30am to 12:30pm, and 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- Phone: 9443535172 (Palani K.) 9443090114 (Kali B.)
- Email: ecoservice@auroville.org.in

Environmental Monitoring Service Laboratory for water and soil testing

- Location: Aurobrindavan, Tindivanam Road
- Email: ems@auroville.org.in

Auroville's financial services

- Location:
 - Town Hall, ground floor (main entrance)/main office
 - Pour Tous Purchasing Service compound, Aspiration/branch office
- Timings: Monday – Saturday, 9am to 12:30pm, and 3pm to 4:30pm
- Phone: 0413 2622171
- Email: financialservice@auroville.org.in

Gas Bottle Service

- Location: Service Area, opposite Transport Service
- Timings: Monday – Saturday, 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm
- Phone: 0413 2622452
- Email: avgasservice@auroville.org.in

Pour Tous Distribution Centre (PTDC)

- Location: Prosperity Area, Next to Solar Kitchen
- Timings: Monday – Saturday, 9am to 5:30pm
- Phone: 0413 2622746/ 2622796
- Email: ptdc@auroville.org.in

Santé

- Location: Crown Road (next to Arka, opposite Surrender community)
- Timings: 8:45 – 12:30 & 2 – 4:30 Monday – Saturday (Please honor these timings) closed every Tuesday afternoons for internal work/meetings
- Phone:
 - Reception: 0413 2622803
 - Telephone Consultation Phone: 0413 2623937
 - Email: sante@auroville.org.in
- Health Fund Bill Collection Box now also located in Santé, for your convenience

Auroville Ambulance

- Phone: 9442224680 (24x7)
- Acute emergencies can come directly to Santé during working hours or call ambulance if condition is severe. Call to inform about details of the case, for staff to prepare.

Government Ambulance phone: 108 (24x7)

Home Care Service for acutely ill and bedridden patients

- Phone 9488726184 from 9am – 5pm

Telephone Service

- Liasion with BSNL for telephone and internet connections within Auroville
- **Location:** Service Area, next to Gas Bottle Service (opp Road Service)
- **Timings:** Monday – Saturday, 9:30am to 5pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622364
- **Email:** telephoneservice@auroville.org.in

Water Service monitors water lines and supply within AV, undertakes water-related jobs

- **Location:** Under the water tower, Vikas Radial, Residential Zone
- **Timings:** Monday – Saturday, 8am to 12pm and 2pm to 4:30pm
- Phone: 0413 2622877, 8903553246
- Email: avwaterservice@auroville.org.in

Working Committee

- **Location:** Town Hall, 1st floor
- **Timings:** Monday – Friday, 9am to 12 and 2pm to 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622143
- **Email:** workingcom@auroville.org.in

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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