

News & Notes

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When all the desires that cling to the heart are loosed away from it, then the mortal becomes immortal, even here he possesses the Eternal. He becomes the Eternal and departs into the Eternal.

This bodiless and immortal Life and Light is the Brahman.

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

Thou art man and woman, boy and girl; old and worn thou walkest bent over a staff;
thou art the blue bird and the green and the scarlet-eyed...

Svetasvatara Upanishad

The Ponder Corner

It is true that the soul can ascend into worlds of a greater consciousness beyond the earth, but it is also true that the power of these worlds, the power of a greater consciousness has to develop itself here; the embodiment of the soul is the means for that embodiment. All the higher powers of Consciousness exist because they are powers of the Supreme Reality

The black dragon of the Inconscience sustains with its vast wings and its back of darkness the whole structure of the material universe; its energies unroll the flux of things, its obscure intimations seem to be the starting-point of consciousness itself and the source of all life-impulse.

Life Divine: The Aim of Life; Four Theories of Existence

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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)

"This great question must be given its larger world-wide import if we are to see it in its true lines. The principle of struggle, conflict and competition still governs and for some time will still govern international relations; for even if war is abolished in the near future by some as yet improbable good fortune of the race, conflict will take other forms. At the same time a certain growing mutual closeness of the life of humanity is the most prominent phenomenon of the day. The War has brought it into violent relief; but the after-war is bringing out all its implications as well as the mass of its difficulties. This is as yet no real concert, still less the beginning of a true unity, but only a compelling physical oneness forced on us by scientific inventions and modern circumstances. But this physical oneness must necessarily bring its mental, cultural and psychological results. At first it will probably accentuate rather than diminish conflict in many directions, enhance political and economic struggles of many kinds and hasten too a cultural struggle. There it may bring about in the end a swallowing unification and a destruction of all other civilisations by one aggressive European type: whether that type will be bourgeois economical or labour materialistic or a rationalistic intellectualism cannot easily be foreseen, but at present in one form or another this is the actuality that is most in the front. On the other hand it may lead to a free concert with some underlying oneness. But the ideal of the entire separateness of the peoples each developing its sharply separatist culture with an alien exclusion law for other leading ideas and cultural forms, although it has been for some time abroad and was growing in vigour, is not likely to prevail. For that to happen the whole aim of unification preparing in Nature must fall to pieces, an improbable but not quite impossible catastrophe. Europe dominates the world and it is natural to forecast a Westernised world with such petty differences as might be permissible in a European unity given up to the rigorous scientific pursuit of the development and organisation of material life. Across this possibility falls the shadow of India.

Sir John Woodroffe quotes the dictum of Professor Lowes Dickinson that the opposition is not so much between Asia and Europe as between India and the rest of the world. There is a truth behind that dictum; but the cultural opposition of Europe and Asia remains an unabolished factor. Spirituality is not the monopoly of India; however it may hide submerged in intellectualism or hid in other concealing veils, it is a necessary part of human nature. But the difference is between spirituality made the leading motive and the determining power of both the inner and the outer life and spirituality suppressed, allowed only under disguises or brought in as a minor power, its reign denied or put off in favour of the intellect or of a dominant materialistic vitalism. The former way was the type of the ancient wisdom at one time universal in all civilised countries — literally, from China to Peru. But all other nations have fallen away from it and diminished its large pervasiveness or fallen away from it altogether as in Europe. Or they are now, as in Asia, in danger of abandoning it for the invading economic, commercial, industrial, intellectually utilitarian modern type. India alone, with whatever fall or decline of light and vigour, has remained faithful to the heart of the spiritual

motive. India alone is still obstinately recalcitrant; for Turkey and China and Japan, say her critics, have outgrown that foolishness, by which it is meant that they have grown rationalistic and materialistic. India alone as a nation, whatever individuals or a small class may have done, has till now refused to give up her worshipped Godhead or bow her knee to the strong reigning idols of rationalism, commercialism and economism, the successful iron gods of the West. Affected she has been, but not yet overcome. Her surface mind rather than her deeper intelligence has been obliged to admit many Western ideas, liberty, equality, democracy and others, and to reconcile them with her Vedantic Truth; but she has not been altogether at ease with them in the Western form and she seeks about already in her thought to give to them an Indian which cannot fail to be a spiritualised turn. The first passion to imitate English ideas and culture has passed; but another more dangerous has recently taken its place, the passion to imitate continental European culture at large and in particular the crude and vehement turn of revolutionary Russia. On the other hand one sees a growing revival of this ancient Hindu religion and the immense sweep of a spiritual awakening and its significant movements. And out of this ambiguous situation there can be only one out of two issues. Either India will be rationalised and industrialised out of all recognition and she will be no longer India or else she will be the leader in a new world-phase, aid by her example and cultural infiltration the new tendencies of the West and spiritualise the human race. That is the one radical and poignant question at issue. Will the spiritual motive which India represents prevail on Europe and create there new forms congenial to the West, or will European rationalism and commercialism put an end for ever to the Indian type of culture?

Not, then, whether India is civilised is the query that should be put, but whether the motive which has shaped her civilisation or the old-European intellectual or the new-European materialistic motive is to lead human culture. Is the harmony of the spirit, mind and body to found itself on the gross law of our physical nature, rationalised only or touched at the most by an ineffective spiritual glimmer, or is the dominant power of spirit to take the lead and force the lesser powers of the intellect, mind and body to a more exalted effort after a highest harmony, a victorious ever-developing equipoise? India must defend herself by reshaping her cultural forms to express more powerfully, intimately and perfectly her ancient ideal. Her aggression must lead the waves of the light thus liberated in triumphant self-expanding rounds all over the world which it once possessed or at least enlightened in far-off ages. An appearance of conflict must be admitted for a time, for as long as the attack of an opposite culture continues. But since it will be in effect an assistance to all the best that is emerging from the advanced thought of the Occident, it will culminate in the beginning of concert on a higher plane and a preparation of oneness."

Sri Aurobindo. *The Renaissance in India*, pages 63-66

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

Townhall Speaks

PWG AMENDMENTS TASK FORCE 2022

Dear Community, following the call made to the community to form the PWG Amendments Task Force 2022, 11 applicants came forward. Out of the 11, 7 were selected via a drawing of lots. As some of the members could not commit, the remaining standby members were added to the task force. The confirmed members of the task force are Alexandre, Allan, Ambra, Henrike, Mael, Marlenka, Mila and Phillipe.

The Council together with the members of the task force has finalized the scope of their work as seen below.

Scope of work for the PWG Amendments Task Force 2022:

Define a process for deselection of Working Groups members based on a set of criteria and ways to assess them. If needed, refine other paragraphs of the PWG document to support the optimal functioning of the Working Groups.

The tentative duration for the task force to complete their work is 2 months.

Warm regards, Auroville Council

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR UNAUTHORIZED BUILDINGS



Auroville Town Development Council

L'avenir d'Auroville

L'avenir d'Auroville/Auroville Town Development Council

hereby informs all residents

that all unauthorized constructions in Auroville will need to be removed, or repurposed until a renovation or removal, partial or full, is necessary.

If you're living or working in an asset that has no NOC, it is likely that you will soon receive an email from the ATDC regarding your situation.

If you are living or working in a building that has authorisation but falls on a Right-of-Way, in the Crown Service Belt or on a Line of Force, you will receive an email from L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC regarding relocation to a different Auroville asset before arrangements are made for the removal of the asset.

Best regards, L'avenir d'Auroville (ATDC)

THE GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTS

THE RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY TO PAUSE ANY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE RESIDENT ASSEMBLY



Yesterday, Saturday May 7 at 9:16pm, RAS and WCom received an email from the Auroville Foundation attaching a letter by Dr. G. Seetharaman, Officer on Special Duty Auroville Foundation.

The letter states that "the Governing Board directs the Residents Assembly to pause any decisions taken by the Resident Assembly before the update of the Register of Residents; all current ongoing activities such as with the RAD (Residents Assembly's decision-making processes) are to be stopped with immediate effect until the Register of Residents (RoR) has been fully updated on an urgent basis. Any such decision taken before updating the Register of Residents will be invalid, null and void."

Because the letter is addressed to the Working Committee, with a copy to the Residents Assembly (not RAS), we feel appropriate, and actually needed, to share it with you all immediately.

We have forwarded the email to the Auroville Council to seek guidance, and we will update you on further developments.

In the meantime, RAS will be at Solar Kitchen today, Sunday May 8, from 11 to 2pm, as previously communicated.

SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS OF THE RAD

Dear Residents, Here are the results of the RAD (voting) on 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".

A total of **864 valid votes** have been submitted online and in-person. The number of participants exceeded the 10% quorum required to validate the decision (239 votes)*.

* Based on data received from the Residents Service, the total adult population of our community eligible to participate in RADs (age - above 18, confirmed Aurovilians) is 2389 (as of the month of May 2022).

Anu:

- 782 votes: Anu to be removed;
- 82 votes: Anu to continue.

Arun:

- 762 votes: Arun to be removed;
- 102 votes: Arun to continue.

Chali:

- 52 votes: Chali to be removed;
- 812 votes: Chali to continue.

Hemant:

- 55 votes: Hemant to be removed;
- 809 votes: Hemant to continue.

Parthasarathy:

- 710 votes: Parthasarathy to be removed;
- 154 votes: Parthasarathy to continue.

Sauro:

- 37 votes: Sauro to be removed;
- 827 votes: Sauro to continue.

Srimoyi:

- 779 votes: Srimoyi to be removed;
- 85 votes: Srimoyi to continue.

As it is stated in the proposal: "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".

• According to the RAD policy, "8. Responsibility for implementing decisions made through this RAD process lies with the concerned working group/s or resident/s".

Many thanks to all the residents who participated in this decision-making event!

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

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Friends, we share the below communication and the attachments received from the office of the Secretary.

The Working Committee

Dear Working committee, please find enclosed herewith the letter by Dr. G. Seetharaman, Officer on Special Duty Auroville Foundation. Also, I attached the Form as well as [link for for the resident registry application form](#)

*Thanking you, yours sincerely,
Angshuman Basu, Assist. Accounts officer, AVF*

Attached files:

- [Register of Residents](#)
- [Register of Residents Form](#)

LETTER BY DR. G SEETHARAMAN

Officer on Special Duty

May 6, 2022

As directed by Chairman and Governing Board, over the past several months, the Governing Board has been receiving many letters and emails from concerned residents of Auroville and devotees of Mother and Sri Aurobindo regarding the alarming situation in Auroville with regards to a complete dysfunctional state of affairs with the many committees of the Resident 's Assembly; such as with the working groups of Working Committee, FAMC, Auroville Council etc, the innate complicated processes and procedures have led to a complete policy paralysis at the moment. The current system of inaccurate and non-transparent modalities of the election and selection of the members to these groups has led to ongoing logjam.

As per the Act. Section 18. (1)" The Residents Assembly shall consist of all the residents of Auroville who are for the time being entered in the register of residents maintained under this section 77.

Several questions were raised by the Governing Board to the Working Committee in regard to the functioning of the Residents Assembly" and the Register of Residents. The response received is incomplete and not satisfactory".

In order to help overcome this dire situation the Governing Board directs the Residents Assembly" to pause any decisions taken by the Resident Assembly" before the updation of the Register of Residents; all current ongoing activities such as with the RAD (Residents Assembly-s decision-making processes) are to be stopped with immediate effect until the Register of Residents (RoR) has been fully updated on an urgent basis. Any such decision taken before updating the Register of Residents will be invalids null and void. Once this update is complete and verified, the Working Committee may proceed to assist the Residents Assembly to continue its community processes that rely" on the attendance of its residents.



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RESPONSES TO DR. G SEETHARAMAN REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF CURRENT RA DECISIONS

In Response: Letter sent by Dr. G Seetharaman communicating that" *the Governing Board directs the Residents' Assembly to pause anu decisions taken by the Residents' Assembly before the updation of the Register of Residents.*"

May 9, 2022

• Dear Dr. G Seetharaman, thank you for your communication dt. 06.05.22 in which you mention that the Register of Residents (RoR) has not been updated since 2005. You also note a" complete dysfunctional state of affairs with the many committees of the Residents' Assembly (RA)".

You have informed us that in order to" help overcome this dire situation the Governing Board directs the Residents Assembly to pause any decisions taken by the Resident Assembly before the updation of the Register of Residents; all current ongoing activities such as with the RAD (Residents Assembly's decision-making processes) are to be stopped with immediate effect until the Register of Residents (RoR) has been fully updated on an urgent basis. Any such decision taken before updating the Register of Residents will be invalid, null and void."

While updating the Register of Residents is a welcome initiative, please note that maintaining the RoR is the sole responsibility of the Secretary of the Governing Board as per the Auroville Foundation Act. The inadequate maintenance of the RoR has no bearing on the validity and legitimacy of the decision-making processes of the Residents' Assembly. Any ongoing decision-making process of the RA is therefore not to be paused, revoked, or otherwise impacted pending any update. In no country, including India, is any voting process halted or nullified on the basis of a census update.

Moreover, in 2018/2019 while the Auroville Foundation Office was issuing Auroville ID cards for Aurovilians through the Working Committee, an updated list of around 900 Aurovilians was submitted to the AvF Office and the Residents' Service (RS) so that the Register of Residents (as maintained by the Secretary) and the Master List (as maintained by the RS) could be updated. It is of dire concern that the RoR has not been updated at that time.

The Residents' Assembly Service verifies that all those who vote in a RAD process are Confirmed Aurovilians, using the list of residents maintained and provided by the Auroville Residents' Service (the Master List). This is sufficient information to validate their participation, and conforms with the Residents' Assembly's current formal decision making process. This process specifies the threshold of votes required for a valid decision (quorum) to be" 10% of the number of confirmed Aurovilians as registered in the Residents Service database (master-list) at the time of the RAD". As such, the matter of the Register of Residents is not of primary concern regarding RAD processes.

While in your letter you refer to the Residents' Assembly being dysfunctional, we would like to bring to your attention that the recent decision" To pause all clearing, infrastructure laying and permanent construction work on the Right of Ways of Crown, Radials and Outer Ring in order to enable the community to define a way forward for Auroville's development..." was arrived at with the highest participation of Auroville residents on record.

The current RAD process, for which voting ended on May 8th 2022, seeks to address a substantiated dysfunctionality (see attached the background documentation provided as part of this RAD process) in the representatives of the Residents' Assembly, the Working Committee.

This transparent process holds high standards in terms of integrity and consistency, in which members of the Auroville Residents' Assembly will choose which of its current representatives may continue in office, given the present exceptional circumstances. According to the Auroville Foundation Act 1988, the Residents' Assembly has the sole authority to choose members of the Working Committee, and how long they are to serve in this role.

- Dr. G. Seetharman served as Interim Secretary from 13-06-2019 to 21-11-2019

The Residents' Assembly has also recently reviewed, incorporated feedback on and agreed an updated selection process for its working groups, and is in the process of similar reviews of other important internal policies. Pausing formal decisions of the Residents' Assembly which serve to improve its functioning, pending an update of the Register of Residents, cannot be seen to "help overcome this dire situation" as claimed in your letter.

For the Residents' Assembly to exercise its authority and capacity to decide on its representation and the due process of its decision-making is crucial and shows a healthy and functional state. Furthermore, once a functional Working Committee is assured by the Residents' Assembly, the former shall be able to fulfil its role of assisting the Residents' Assembly as well as the Governing Board in supporting the development of Auroville as per its ideals. And therefore contribute to a more cohesive way forward.

Until then, decisions made by the Governing Board in its areas of responsibility cannot be considered well-informed by the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation. We would also like to highlight that the Governing Board has a separate sphere of function from that of the Residents' Assembly, and is further not authorised by the Auroville Foundation Act 1988 to make any such directions to the Residents' Assembly.

*Sincerely, Members of the Residents' Assembly
of the Auroville Foundation*

- Dear Sir, We are in receipt of your letter of 6th May, 2022, regarding the Register of Residents. We are writing in our capacity as members of the Working Committee and the Residents' Assembly. We note that your letter is partly in response to a letter, comments and documentation sent to the Secretary's office by the other 4 Working Committee members. We would like to put on record that this letter contains inaccuracies in the statements made as well as the basis for the 'questions to be asked'. We were not involved in writing the letter and we do not agree with many of the observations that were made in it.

In response to your letter we have the following observations:

It is not correct that the Register of Residents has not been updated since 2005. An exercise of updating the RoR, with the help of the then Working Committee and staff dedicated full time, was undertaken in 2018-19 and the Auroville Foundation Office issued ID cards on that basis. Information about births, deaths and new people joining Auroville is regularly sent to the Secretary's office. It is then the job of the office of the Secretary to update the RoR accordingly. As per the Auroville Foundation Act, Section 18.2, it is the responsibility of the office of the Secretary to maintain the RoR.

Moreover, every person, on joining Auroville, signs a form that has been officially gazetted as part of the Auroville Admission and Termination Regulations, 2019. The same form should be used for updating the RoR as this is what was approved by all 3 bodies of the Auroville Foundation. If changes are made to the form or a new form is proposed, due process is needed in order to gain similar approval.

We do not share the view that the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) is a dysfunctional body. As per section 19 (3) of the Auroville Foundation Act, the Residents' Assembly may function by establishing committees, and the relevant documentation about the RAS has been sent to the Auroville Foundation Office from the Working Committee in January and April 2022. No comments have been received on this matter and if there is some area of dissatisfaction regarding their performance it must be brought to their notice with a chance for self-correction.

We refute the statement that the Residents' Assembly (RA) as whole is a dysfunctional body. After the establishment of the Auroville Foundation, the Residents' Assembly has successfully completed the construction of Matrimandir. It has created and runs schools for Auroville and for the local region and our education system is attracting growing interest and attention from experts and observers. The Health system is running, our economic units are flourishing and financially supporting the community – the income from Auroville's own units constitutes the backbone for its functioning. The environmental work undertaken in Auroville is attracting increasing attention in India and worldwide. In the last twenty years an important effort for development has taken place with new constructions in the City Center, the starting of the Residential Zone and several public buildings in the cultural zone. A large proportion of these developments have been made through funds raised by Aurovilians and only a part through grants of the Government of India. It is important to note also that all lands purchased by Auroville have been entirely procured through fund raising efforts that have encouraged and resulted in private donations from abroad, from India and sometimes Aurovilians themselves.

During the pandemic, when even the Auroville Foundation Office was closed at times, the Auroville Community showed an extraordinary resilience in facing the challenges of the lockdown, managing its community health system in direct coordination with the local authorities, facing the economic challenges and preserving its economic resources at a time of a global challenges.

As for the complaints received by the Governing Board, in the spirit of natural justice, proper procedure would be to create a neutral body to hear both sides and arrive at a fair evaluation. Improving and growing is part of progress. The Working Committee had suggested in previous GB meetings to appoint experts from reputed organizations to study our systems and processes and suggest possible ways and means to make improvements for the future. But it seems instead that a judgment has arrived only giving weightage to certain voices and perspectives.

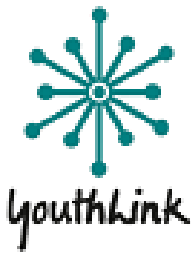
Finally, regarding Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) processes, we would like to respectfully note that it is the prerogative of the members of the Residents' Assembly to decide its internal mode of function. As it was stated in the Rajya Sabha by Mr. Shiv Shankar, Minister of Human Resources Development, presenting the Auroville Foundation Bill, 1988: "As far as the day-to-day activities are concerned, they will be looked after by the residents through appropriate autonomous arrangements, which will include Residents' Assembly and its Working Committee. The idea underlying this arrangement is that the residents of Auroville should have autonomy so that activities of Auroville can grow under an atmosphere conducive to harmonious growth."

While highlighting the great amount of work and progress that has been made in Auroville's 50 years of existence, we also readily acknowledge that there is a great scope for progress and improvement and we agree that Auroville should progress faster in a direction of inner and outer growth. It is our firm belief that the best way to enable and accelerate growth and progress in a manner that is reflecting the true spirit of Auroville is through collaborative rather than authoritarian methods and intentions.

We would be happy to provide any further clarifications that may be required.

*Sincerely, Chali, Hemant, Sauro,
Members, Working Committee of Residents Assembly*

REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN BY YOUTHLINK



The Road Awareness campaign initiated by YouthLink was held for two days (15th & 16th April) at Solar Kitchen where we took surveys, gathered concerns, and future aspirations in regards to road safety in Auroville. This was done in order for us to recognise, address, and find possible solutions on current social and cultural issues within Auroville and bioregion.

We presented information and statistics about road accidents across the nation, what to do when approached by traffic police, and the list of fines and punishments; in the form of infographics.

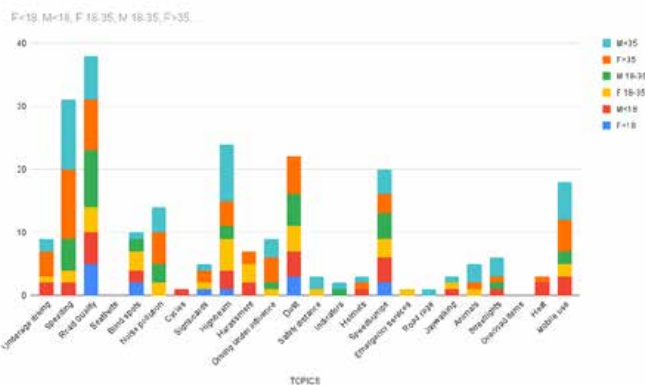
We weighed importance on the value 'By the community, for the community', hence instead of presenting problems and their solutions, we chose to make it as interactive as possible.

The purpose of this on-field survey was to gather opinions and concerns of the community in order to draft the action plan.

The Polling Board

The Polling board was a board split into 24 sections, each titled with an individual road safety concern such as speeding, driving under influence, etc. Each participant was given three stickers to place in the area they deemed to be the biggest concern. Participants were given different colour stickers according to their age group and gender, giving us an idea of how each demographic's concerns differ.

We got 235 votes on our polling board. With each person having 3 votes, this suggests roughly 78 participants.



The stacked column chart displays concerns gathered through the polling board. The height of the column displays the amount of votes received on the particular topic, and colours represent the percentage of each demographic.

By dividing the survey by age and gender, we could also see that we got most interactions from male aged 35 and over (60 votes) followed by female 35 and over (58 votes), 18-35 male & female (35 votes each), male under 18 (33 votes) and finally female under 18 (14 votes).

The survey shows road quality as the biggest concern for residents, with a total of 38 votes. It is followed by Speeding (31 votes) and Highbeam (24 votes).

Both Female over 35 and Male over 35 expressed 'Speeding' to be their biggest area of concern (11 votes each) whereas Female between ages 18-35 and Male between ages 18-35 as well as Female under age of 18 and Male under age of 18 expressed 'road quality' to be the biggest area of concern (having 8 votes, 9 votes, 5 votes and 5 votes respectively).

Concern Letterbox and Dreamline

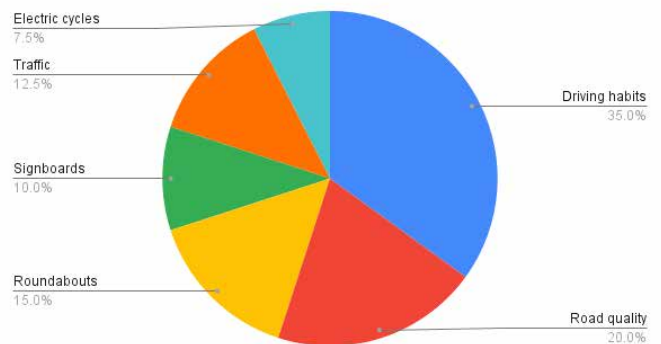
The concern letterbox and Dreamline were interactive information gathering initiatives where individuals could raise their concerns through the concern letterbox as well as their aspirations for the future by hanging their 'dream' on the dreamline.

The 'concern letterbox' allowed people to voice concerns which were not presented at the polling board, as well as very specific concerns (such as solar kitchen roundabout).

The 'dreamline' gathered information on people's outlook into the future of road safety.

We received 29 concern letters and 13 dream letters, as well as verbal community feedback.

Letters



Pie chart above represents the dream and concern letters received from the survey, split into different categories according to the concerns raised.

Responses:

- 14 letters had concerns about the way people were driving, many pressing the need for people to have better understanding of road rules, such as driving while using a mobile device, driving side by side, and speeding. Underage driving and driving under influence were also raised, and suggestions were made to open conversations in schools regarding the Auroville youth mortality tied with drunk driving.
- 8 letters addressed road quality, communicating the need for:
 - A cyclepath on the Kulapalayam tar road
 - More speed bumps (in order to slow down traffic)
 - Less speed bumps (with the argument that they are a road hazard and injurious to the spine)
 - More benches along the cyclepaths, to encourage more pedestrians to take them instead of jaywalking
 - Sharp turns and blindspots in crossings, with the suggestion to add reflective tape so the turn is visible at night, as well as mirrors to eradicate the blind spots
 - Separating the road and the parking at Solar Kitchen
- 6 letters directly aimed at roundabouts, suggesting that the Solar Kitchen roundabout was ill-placed or that people did not know how to use it properly.
- 4 letters suggested having more signboards, three of which were concerned with speeding.
- 5 Letters were tied with having too much traffic on the roads, calling for less vehicle usage by using cycles, walking, and possibly having public transport through the instalment of a tramway.
- 3 Letters voiced concerns over electric cycles, two in regards to them being silent when approaching from behind / corners and one in regards to electrical vehicles speeding in cycle paths.

The Takeaway

Some of the practical implementations we can foresee are:

- Creating leaflets to be circulated in all guest houses for tourists/guests to understand the regional driving laws and safety concerns within the community
- Creating benches on cycle paths
- Creating a cyclepath map of Auroville
- Putting up more road safety sign boards
- Build a driving school that has driving courses for Aurovilians/Newcomers & have a place for New learners to practice driving
- Put reflective tape on turns
- Place convex mirrors on blindspots
- Place reflective tape on cow horns

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

Action Plan:

As the YouthLink team, we wish to visit the highschoools of Auroville in the spirit of spreading information and starting an open conversation on the dangers of some of our driving habits, as well as looking into ways for us to directly implement some of the points mentioned above in collaboration with respective working groups and units.

We are working alongside the Auroville Security Service Team to design a first aid course, so we can have more people to provide assistance in case of accidents & emergencies.

Please note: This survey was conducted at solarkitchen over one weekend, a short period of time, so even though the audience was diverse, it represents the views and opinions of a limited number of individuals.

For more information related to youthlink, please visit our website youthlink.org.in or our office in town hall.

*Kind regards, YouthLink,
Ankita, Krishna, Lucrezia, Medha,
Namu, Sanata, Tenzin, Venkatesh*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES #133

Dated: 12-03-2022

- **Time Off: The Entry Service office will be closed for 2 weeks from 23 May to 5 June**

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Ganapathy GANESAN (Indian)
- Gomathy MAGESH (Indian)
- Prabaharan NAGAPPAN (Indian)
- Rashmi NARAYANA (Indian)
- Silvia GOZZETTI (Italian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Vignesh KANDASAMY (Indian) staying in Maitreye II and working at Housing Service



Vignesh

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Anna Bianca TORRACO (Italian)
- Malar SAGADEVAN (Indian)
- Valarmathi ARUMUGAM (Indian)

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Mohd Umair Ahrar ABBAD AHAMED AZMI (Indian)
- Sudhir Rao MUDIGANTI (Indian)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service

DEAR LUIGI



Ever since I returned to Auroville as an adult, this time, I chose to be on 'the other side' of what you chose to represent: the ultimate planned manifestation of Auroville. We had a few exchanges, in which I maintained that both "Planning" and "Spontaneous growth" could co exist in this experimental Laboratory of the Mother's Dream of Human Unity.

Through the years we exchanged greetings, and I had understood that on this stage of Auroville to which our souls had been drawn, we were simply playing the roles of different perspectives, that sought somehow to find common ground on the path towards unity in diversity.

I am so sorry that in our last exchange, at the site of the violent clearing at Bliss forest, my words to you were harsh. My heart was darkened with fear and anger and I sought 'an enemy' and found one in you, my brother. I wish now that I had understood earlier that it is more important to be kind than to be right...

I wish you well, on your onward journey in the arms of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo where we all find ourselves in the respite between lives...drawn by Them we came, and drawn to Them we continue...

Aurevoir, Luigi! With so much love, Ange

IN THE 80'S, FROM "TRANSFORMATION"



In the 80's, from "Transformation", the Matrimandir in the horizon, inspiring us to go on building this new space started by Luigi and Aryamani. We built, we planted, we learned, we discussed, we danced, we laughed. We mixed up all our Latin Languages – Italian, Portuguese, French, Spanish – We were wondering what our little ones would talk among themselves tomorrow... we did not know... Aurore, Mahi... And one May brought us a luminous new flower, Yajna.

Pierre faisait des experiment en terre, Luigi planted beaucoup trees and flowers, Samata was taking care of the kids, Paulo e Ila construed sa maison et attendais autre bebe... Roger, Aryamani and myself, we cooked and did the dance exercises in the bar in the kitchen ...

Sleep outside on the baranda of catamarán, under the stars and the moon, unforgettable...

Now, May 2022 your time for going, dear Luigi came. Thanks for being with us, for sharing with us Her Dream... also if not always we were feeling the same, it was great!

*Till the next time... Within Her Arms and Grace
Anandi-ayün, Certitude*

A CALL FOR PEACE

Thursday, 12 May, 5:30pm, at the Amphitheater

Matrimandir is the place of cohesion, and the Amphitheater is dedicated to Human Unity. Let's come together in silence and contemplation.



Together we can create a flower mandala with the flowers we bring. This is followed by the weekly Sunil's New Year Music at 6 – 6:30pm. *Sigrid*

GREETINGS FROM THE ECO SERVICE

Dear community members and Eco Service users, there are a few requests that we would like to make to all regarding the disposal of **Cardboard /Amazon boxes and Thermocol.**



Please **Do Not** stuff the Cardboard / Amazon / Pizza boxes and Thermocol packagings in the waste bins. They not only take too much space inside, they also usually make emptying the barrels a bit tedious for the collection team. Hence,

1. We request everybody to flatten the cardboard boxes and pile them separately in a covered space safe from rain.
2. Similarly please try to put all the thermocol separately. Ideally, it would be great if individuals could bring over their thermocol waste directly to Eco Service instead of putting them into community waste barrels. All those who can, please do so, it will be appreciated.
3. The EcoService would also like to request and remind all communities and individuals to instruct their household help/ gardener to help our team when they come for waste collection.

The Eco Service looks forward to the continued cooperation of all and thanks the community for the same.

Much Thanks, The Auroville Eco Service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BOARD GAME TIME FOR KIDS

Friday From 3 To 4.30

At Veronique's Home Realization Community.



- 8 seats available for kids above 6 years old
- Please call in advance, +91-9488512678
- Don't forget your water bottle
Veronique, Love and Gratitude

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*

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
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



HONORARY VOLUNTARY

UNITY PAVILION LOOKING FOR AUROVILIANS



Unity Pavilion is looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers, Ashramites, volunteers that would like to help with preparation works related to the celebration of Sri Aurobindo's

150th birthday during August, at the Unity Pavilion.

We are looking for committed and dedicated people with whom we could form a diverse and skilled team starting the preparations from June onwards.

The work at hand consists of:

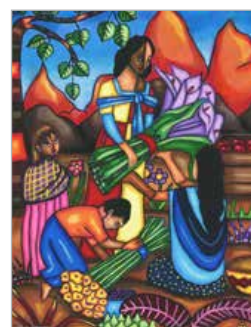
- Preparing an Art for Land painting exhibition
- Generosity Fair and other creative interactions and one day events during the Exhibition
- Cultural event and program creation
- Additional initiatives and ideas are welcome!

The work would start last week of May/beginning June.

If you are interested please contact: Arun, Jaya, Bharati or Jagan at Unity Pavilion, 0413 2623576 or by email: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

*In Gratitude,
The Unity Pavilion team*

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*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

TLC IS LOOKING FOR...



TLC (The Learning Community) is looking for two people to join our team and work together in a community with adults and children.

- We need one **enthusiastic DIY person**: practical, capable of helping us to maintain the physical aspects of our campus. Plumbing/ electricity/ masonry/ carpentry skills would be an asset, as well as the capacity to oversee maintenance work by external workers. Working closely with adults and children will be a part of the task.

- We also need one **IT/tech person** to help with all aspects computer related – maintenance of our computer room (supported by Aurinoco), and assisting learners (children and adults) with computer-related tasks (knowledge of basic softwares necessary, such as word, excel, powerpoint, Google sheets, etc).

- Both would require good english and communication skills, a love of community and would entail half-time work (4-5 mornings per week).

- Financial assistance could be offered if needed.

Please write to tlc@auroville.org.in if you are inspired to join our learning journey.

With much care and gratitude

HR HUB INITIATIVE



HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and New-comers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in Handyman and IT Technician and Educator

A dynamic project is looking for 2 people to join their team and work together in community with adults and children.

1. An enthusiastic DIY

(Do It Yourself – or handyman/woman), practical, capable of helping to maintain the physical aspects of the campus. Plumbing/electricity/ masonry/carpentry skills would be an asset, as well as the capacity to oversee maintenance work by external workers. Working closely with adults and children will be a part of the task.

2. An IT/tech savvy person

Is also needed to help with all computer related aspects-maintenance of the computer room (supported by Aurinoco), and assisting learners (children and adults) with computer-related tasks (knowledge of basic softwares necessary, such as word, excel, powerpoint, googlesheets, etc). Both would require good english and communication skills, a love of community and would entail half-time work (4-5 mornings per week).

- For both positions, financial assistance could be offered. Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr_hub@auroville.org.in

HR Initiative Team

THE ARTS

AVAILABLE

Kitten Needs a Home

Tiny kitten is looking for home!



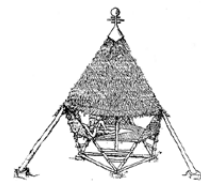
Ptysh is male kitten, around 3 weeks old and is already litter trained. He is very tiny, soft and sweet. He loves to sleep and play on a human body. He needs a lot of love and warmth. If you can't give him a home but you can foster till the end of June, please do contact me.

Please remember that a tiny kitten is not a toy!

Karolina +918148528523

LOOKING FOR

Looking for a short term House Sitting



Dear Aurovilians, I'm looking for a short term house sitting from July 28 to August 19 for me and my son (14 year old). I'm working in transition and Quiet. We will be happy to take care of your plant or your animal. Please contact me on WA +918270512332 or arpilisa4@gmail.com

Thank you, Lisa

Looking for Kitchen Utensils



Dear all, we just moved into a new-comer unit and are looking for second hand kitchen utensils (a strainer, ladle, wooden spatula, a pair of scissors, one big and one small pot). If you have any of the mentioned to give away please contact +4915222021627.

Regards, Pranit and Paula

Looking for a second hand cycle

Please contact: **Vishali**

- (WA) 8056173517
- ar.vishali@gmail.com



Kitchen Utensils Needed



The Thamarai team is putting the final touches on a new learning center in Annai village with the help of Raman architects. We need to equip a kitchen with a cooking stove and gas bottle, cooking pots and utensils. If you have any kitchen materials that you would like to

donate we are happy to get them.

Please call Bridget on 9442270640 for collection or drop the items to the gate man in Auromode.

With thanks, from Thamarai team

Need a Kids Bike

We need a used kids bicycle with training wheels for an 8 year old. Please contact this number 9810008191

Auromaheshan



Glamor magazines needed

Vogue, Elle, Jollyboys, Bimbogirls... and all others

- *Soham is preparing "Glamor Grandiose"*

Dear all and one, Soham (my humble self) is preparing a collages exhibition called: "Glamor Grandiose" for September or October. Let's see and be careful. I am unpredictable. The Grandiose work has already started at full peaceful speed. I now need fresh and glossy new material to be cut up, assembled in a harmoniously, hilarious and super meaningful manner. I need our gentle and generous help (Cash welcome also)!

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

- *Please for more information see the virtual film called: "Once upon a time in the East"*

A pure delight! Soham

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

FREE STORE SUMMER HOURS



Free store will be open from Monday to Saturday in the mornings only from 9am to 12:30pm, for the months of May and June.

Thanks and Regards, the Free Store team

OPEN HOUSE AT ECO FEMME

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am

eco femme

washable cloth pads

Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every Thursday morning from **10:30am**.

Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and cloth nappies. See you soon!



The Eco Femme Team

MARC'S CAFE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Monday, 16 May to Friday, 20 May.



Dear all, we are closing for repairs from Monday, 16 May to Friday, 20 May.

- **We will open on Saturday, 21 May.**

Sorry about the inconveniences.

Remember to buy coffee powder this week.

Marc's cafe team

NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE SUMMER TIMINGS

Closed on Tuesdays



Dear friends, We will keep our restaurant closed on Tuesdays until further notice.

- **Every other day we are open as usual between 9am & 7pm, last orders taken 6:30.**

But you are welcome to stay on at your leisure once the bill is paid! You can also book our AC lounge for your gatherings and celebrations in the evenings.

We are happy to accommodate your wishes as well as we can, just write us an email: naturellement@auroville.org.in

Welcome!

The Naturellement Garden Cafe team

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.

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.

HELP NEEDED

GROWING FOOD FOR AUROVILLE

Siddhartha Farms mission to grow organic food for the community depends on functioning infrastructure and machinery. At present our old tractor is in very poor condition and will need costly repairs, therefore we have decided to move forward to get a new one with equipment. The old one will bring 1.25lakhs and the needed balance is 8.75lakhs. If you would like to make a donation towards it, it will be highly appreciated, our account is **#0486**.

*Many thanks for your support,
Siddhartha Farm Team*

Voices and Notes

POETRY

DIVINE DAFFODILS

Dear old Pink daffodils
 That dance in Glittering rains
 You bask in Crimson sun shine
 And sweetly hide your heartbreak pains
 Your dreams are like the Glow Worms glow
 Even the Twinkling stars enjoy your show
 You even shine
 On a No moon night
 Wishing on the Sizzling shooting star
 You hold on to your dreams ever so tight
 Waiting for the Rising dawn
 To enjoy The burning gaze
 You never give up hope
 You never give up chase
 To tackle all your challenges
 Life seems a Never ending maze
 But you wait, You ever do wait
 In divine you trust
 Yes you will bloom some day
 You never doubt your fate
 With divine grace, You ever do wait.
 You never doubt your fate.

SEE-SAW

(a game for children of all ages:-)

See-Saw
 See-Saw
 Up and down
 Round and round
 I am up, you are down
 You are up, I am down
 I am in the centre, so are you
 I see you, you see me
 Who oversees
 You and me
 And us all?

With joyful Gratitude,
 Anandi Zhang



“WHAT MADE THE ATTACK POSSIBLE?”

To anyone who wishes to make sense of it all, here are some relevant information, to understanding integrally the highly volatile current and developing state of affairs, in the intertwined context of the following:

- Auroville as the City of Dawn, the cradle of the transitional beings
- But to live in Auroville, one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness
- The first two of the Triple Transformation of Integral Yoga, i.e. realising the Psychic and the Spirit
- The current tsunami-like wave after wave hammerings of the gods as painful catalysts for the human ego to question itself, and then be abolished and replaced by the realisation of the divine “I” or individuality, through receptivity and surrender to the Divine, as preparation for the third of the Triple Transformation: Supramentalisation
- Sri Aurobindo’s 150th birth anniversary as not just a one-off national celebratory event, but a massive and continuous central government campaign for the nation to acknowledge Sri Aurobindo and the Mother as one of the prime symbolic personifications of integral excellence in living, in preparation for The Rebirth of India as the Guru of the World (see [The Rebirth of Mother India and Her Children](#))
- Auroville as Mother India’s living example to the world showcasing the Vision and Work of its founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

As a potent reminder that we have chosen to participate in the Auroville of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

“Sri Aurobindo: In this yoga you have to go on working out again and again the same thing. Thus it becomes a long drawn out struggle, one falls and rises, again falls. Take for instance, Nirvana, quietude and samata. I had to go on establishing them again and again till when I had done it in the subconscious this accident came. It can be a test.

Disciple: What made the attack possible?

Sri Aurobindo: There were gaps in the physical.

Disciple: Can one take this as a part of Lila or game?

Sri Aurobindo: Well, it is the ignorance and the Divine is working out from there. If that was not so, what is the meaning of the life?

Everything looked all right and it appeared as if I was going on well with the work, then the accident came. It indicated that it is when the subconscious is changed that the power of Truth can be embodied; then it can be spread in wave after wave in humanity.”

The above excerpt is from [08.01.1939. Evening Talks with Sri Aurobindo. AB Purani](#), especially recommended to be read in full.

08.01.1939 to 29.02.1956 to 28.02.1968 to the unfolding present (08-09.05.2022 as this was written to signify the importance of dates in understanding the chronology of progressively unfolding or evolving events with the shared Vision and Work towards the Divine Manifestation, and a Life Divine for all)

Here’s a very important warning, guiding reminder and potent instructions from the Mother through Alok ji, for “those for whom the supramental life is not a vain dream, those who have faith in its reality and the aspiration to realise it... those who have as a link between them the knowledge Sri Aurobindo has given and the will to live according to that knowledge”:

- Watch and listen very carefully here: [The Present Conditions and the Way Forward](#)
- And read in full here: [Questions and Answers. 7 August 1957. Volume 9, pages 166-171](#)

Om Namo Bhagavate
 Zech. 2022.05.09

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

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

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

Last published podcasts

- [Soul Tracks – Se.3 Ep. 22” The New, the Old & Everything In Between”](#) (Music)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.80” Wild Food and Fairness – Part 2”](#) (Food Education)
- [Savitri, B. XII, Epilogue Part 1](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 396](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 10](#) (Tamil Language)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil – Ep.16](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
“ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு”

Last Youtube live videos

- [‘Universal and human aspects of the Supreme Shakti power’ – a talk with Kishori Radhakrisnan](#) (Interview)

...and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org

Please help us to relocate the radio!

Donate to F.A. number 251369

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

Peace and Love

AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL UNIT AND ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FOR DONATION?

Auroville is a place of human unity and equal opportunities. Should it not extend to all the units in Auroville by the AVIs without favor and favoritism?

As we know there are many units doing work and service in similar areas of work. Should there not be an opportunity given for a wider spectrum of people and not be based on favored relationships. Preference should not be given to existing Donee units' new activities, but support new initiatives and provide a light of hope.

Shouldn't there be a selection process where units can make a presentation about their work, its outcomes and the changes brought about in the social and economic well-being of the community? Also have a registration form on their website or offline which units can fill up sharing all their details.

Should not a decision be made on the basis of intent, action and spirit of the work? Also to ensure the future of our work and service, should there not be a category created for "Startups" by Aurovillian youth?

A process should be transparent and fair. But it doesn't seem to be so. Given that registering Donee units and activities on a rotation basis would allow more units and activities to benefit for your esteemed services especially the smaller ones. Thereby giving space to units and activities which are still not standing on their own and need funds as support to stabilize itself.

Regards,
Surajkiran

BO TREE

After the tragic days of the 4th through the 10th of December last year, some parts of Auroville are similar to the painting of hell according to the Dutch artist Hieronymus Bosch or Jerom Van Aeken (1450-1516). What kind of trees were killed and how many? What about Banyans and Bo-trees?



Sri Aurobindo wrote in the poem "A Dream of Surreal Science" about meditating almost nude under Bo tree, saw the Eternal Light". The world knows very much about this famous person who meditated under Bo tree. He was Prince Siddhartha Gautama after meditating under the Bo tree He became Buddha (the enlightened one) and lived about 563-483 BC. He created Buddhism with the key-word "compassion".

I was lucky to visit the Bodhgaya in Bihar state where Prince Siddhartha became Buddha. His Bo tree is safe, Auroville's bulldozers did not kill it. Many Buddhist monasteries appeared around this tree. It is a sacred place and Bo tree is sacred too, of course. Its botanical name is Ficus religiosa. Bo tree and Banyan are relatives, the scientific name of Banyan is Ficus benghalensis. Banyan and Bo trees can be giants and have long life if bulldozers don't kill them. The great Banyan, in Calcutta botanical garden, has 1000 trunks, the canopy covers 4 acres, and a walk around the tree is about 400 metres. It was special to have grown from seeds dropped by birds in the crown of a date palm in 1782. Therefore it is 240 years old. A Bo tree in Sri Lanka has aged more than 2200 years. Both Banyan and Bo trees are epiphytic when young, they started to live on other trees, sometimes on buildings. But Bo trees don't have aerial roots. Banyan have big leaves, they are tough, leaves of Bo tree are small, soft, they have the form of a heart.

In India there are about 30 different kinds of ficuses. Every ficus has a special kind of tiny wasp which pollinates the tree. They live in symbiosis, giant trees and tiny wasps. And ficuses need birds which eat fruits (figs) and distribute the seeds of trees.

From 1644 to 1694 in Japan, Bashô lived, master in zen and haiku, a special kind of poetry.

He wrote: "I use dew for washing off the world's dust". It is possible to find dew on tree leaves, but not on the dusty roads. Eco friendly people are more like trees, not dusty roads.

Boris

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS



VÉRITÉ INTENSIVE

Phone: +91413 2622045, 2622606,

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programming@verite.in, www.verite.in

treatments@verite.in

Somatic Movement Workshop – Feel & Move Better! With Maggie Saturday, 21 May, from 9:30am to 5pm

Learn how to release tension in your body and a daily practice to improve flexibility, coordination, balance, and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing. Somatics allows you to move through life with more comfort, so you can enjoy the activities you love to do. (Side effect: you may become happier!) Somatics enhances any kind of exercise such as a yoga, dance or sport and will improve your performance. Somatics is a system of gentle, mindful movements based on neuroscience and accessible to all.



FOOD FOREST TOUR
WITH SNACKS FROM THE GARDEN

With Snacks From The Garden
Every Sunday from 9:30 to 11:00 approx
at La Ferme Community

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

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

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

For infos and directions:

- WA Sarah 9047421044, sarah@auroville.org.in
- youtube.com/myfoodforest



EVERY SUNDAY From 9:30 to 11:00 at La Ferme Community
For infos and directions what's app Sarah 9047421044 / sarah@auroville.org.in
youtube.com/myfoodforest

Thank you, Sarah

SANTÉ SERVICES IN MAY 2022



Working Hours

Monday – Saturday: 8:45 – 12:30pm (only for May & June)

Tests and Sample collection

- Monday – Friday before 12:00pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.
- Early sample collection on Monday and Wednesday at 8:45am

For emergencies

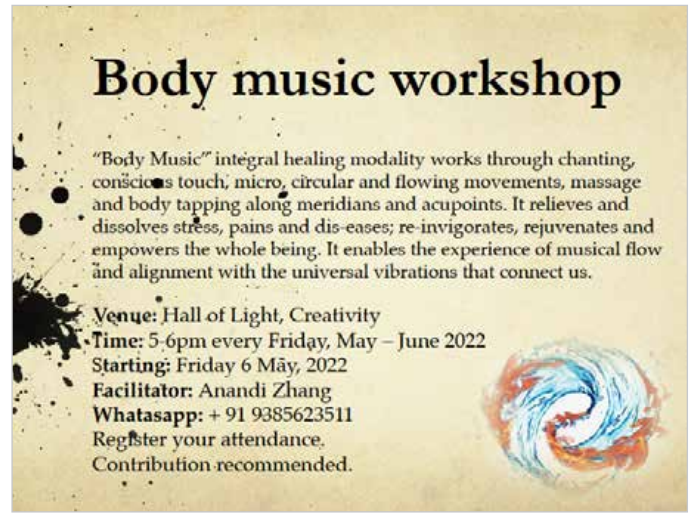
Auroville ambulance (24/7): Phone+91 94422 24680

Government ambulance (24/7): Phone: 108

Appointment

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment & to check availability of the therapist.	
Doctor consults with Dr. Brian, Dr. Senthil & Dr. Prabha, Daily	Nursing Care, Ezhil & Thilagam, Daily
Acupuncture with Andres, TOS	Ayurveda with Dr. Berengere Wednesday
Homoeopathy with Michael, Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, Monday – Friday
Midwifery & Couples/ Family counselling with Monique, Tuesday	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula, Tuesday & Wednesday
Paediatric Physiotherapy with Swati, TOS	Physiotherapy with Osnat TOS
Physiotherapy with Rebeca, TOS	Physiotherapy and Massage with Galina, Monday – Friday

In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality & make every effort to ensure their privacy.



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.

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

No films in this month

Activities

- **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

SOUND THERAPY SESSIONS

Sound therapy session at Swagatam Guest House, Bharat Niwas using Tibetan Bowls, from 6:30pm to 7:15pm.

Contact Details: **Vikaas Rajput,**
+919881132888

WORKSHOP THE ART OF CHI



Tai Ji Quan & Chi with Hans
 13 – 17 June, Monday to Friday.
 7.30 – 10.30 am. Open to all.
 @ Dehashakti & Budokan Dojo.
 For info contact Hans:
 • 8110848123 (WA)
 • bodyawareness@auroville.org.in
 Greetings, Hans Van Baaren

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY

With Suryamayi and Francesco, May 14

Join AVI USA's Online Tea Shop for a free, live event to experience Awareness Through the Body with 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, 14 May

- 8:00am Los Angeles
- 11:00am New York
- 4:00pm Paris
- 8:30pm 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.

CREEVA: WEEKLY ADVENTURE



CREEVA

CREEVA is very excited to announce a weekly adventure that will be available **June/ July/ August**. It's teacher, Kumud our volunteer has taught fundamentals of design for five years and is a graduate of The National Institute of Fashion Technology in Hyderabad. He is interested in introducing us to Visual literacy.

When he showed CREEVA artists of the width and depth of his teaching we thought we'd like to take his classes. Kumud insists these classes are for those who think they have no visual creativity or visual literacy and those who know they do.

Together we have organized his classes: 3 days a week. You can choose either of 3 days:

- Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 3 – 5pm or
- Tuesday/ Thursday/ Saturday 9:30 – 11:30am.

From 16 on up any age, towards contribution, all materials are provided.

Sign up for the first week in June or any of the weeks in June and July to start to see if this adventure "draws" you, then take the classes as long as you want.

Information and to sign-up:

- Sathya, 9486145072
- Kumud, 7592805013
- Audrey, 9489408358, 2622641

With happy expectations and love, CREEVA

SETUP YOUR KITCHEN AS A SACRED SPACE

8-Day Workshop

The consciousness of the cook and the kitchen space flows into the food. Food prepared in a sacred space is deeply nourishing and joyous for the cook as well as the family. To establish a kitchen as a temple one needs to clean it materially and spiritually.



Learn how to establish & maintain your kitchen as a sacred space through an 8-day journey where we deep clean the kitchen – materially and spiritually – and use the power of community to accelerate our progress.

Timeline & Themes

- **16 May (Monday):** Application closes with limited seats on a first come first serve basis
- **20 May (Friday) 5 – 6pm:** Orientation
- **21 & 22 May (Saturday & Sunday):** Visit your kitchen
- **23 – 28 May (Monday to Saturday):** Daily personalized tasks (1 hour per day)
- **25 May (Wednesday), 5 – 6pm:** Mid-Way Review and Sharing Circle
- **29 May (Sunday), 5 – 6pm:** Final sharing circle

Facilitated by Smrati Humar, Purnam Center for Integrality, Auroville

Smrati has been facilitating multiple online programs with Purnam Centre for Integrality like Sacred Cooking, The Light Body, Satvik Lifestyle and the 21-day eat more vegetable challenge. She has a deep calling to bring joy through food, refining cooking and eating experience, building a healthy lifestyle, and aesthetics. She is currently in Auroville and is offering this to the community.

Location: Your kitchen & Community Sessions at Sharnam, Bharat Niwas

Sharing Circles Timings: 5 – 6pm, Sunday (20 May), Wednesday (25 May) and Sunday (29 May)

Contribution: Requested

Pre-requisite: Personal Kitchen & 1-hour daily commitment for 8 days.

For registration & more information: please contact Smrati: smrati3030@gmail.com, +91 9167789899

SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Dear Auroville friends and guests, we would like to let you know:

- Hatha Yoga classes by Ramesh are **suspended** for the summer.
- Tai Chi (Wednesday and Thursday 4 to 5 pm) and Qi Gong classes (Tuesday & Friday 7:30 to 8:45am) by Lhamo will **continue as usual**.



Serendipity team

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Landline: +91 (0)413 2965693

Mobile/WA: +91 9385623342

Email: serendipity@auroville.org.in

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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

AUROKIYA EYE CARE

AUROKIYA EYE CARE
(Under Auroville Activity)

Aurokiya Eye Care is an advanced Primary Eye Care Centre in collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital for online consultations and referrals. This center will be highly beneficial to Auroville and the villages in the bioregion for accessing primary eyecare.

Services Offered:

- ★ Comprehensive eye examination
- ★ Dispensation of glasses and medicine
- ★ First aid services, including conjunctivitis, corneal abrasion and ulcers, trauma, and foreign bodies
- ★ Diagnosis, referral for treatment, and follow-up for cataract
- ★ Diagnosis of glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and other eye illnesses using advanced technology and Artificial Intelligence
- ★ Diabetes and blood pressure test
- ★ Outreach activities workplace screening camps and school screening camps
- ★ Eye health education and awareness programs

Place: 2/39 Pondy- Tindivanam Main Road, Thiruchtrambalam Kootroad (Near Auroville Village action) **Location**

Phone: 0413-2190297 : 94880 05685
Email: aurokiya@auroville.org.in

Working Hours: 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM (Sunday Holiday)

QR Code: [QR Code]

Vision: To enhance the health and wellbeing of Auroville and Bioregion, guided by the 12 qualities of mothers symbol

If you would like to support this activity, and eye programs please do contact us. Together we can make a difference

Dear Friends, we take great pleasure to announce the opening of Aurokiya Eye Care, Auroville activity of Harmony Health, a unit of Health and Healing Trust. This is an advanced Primary Eye Care Centre supported by Foundation for World Education, AVI USA, and Aravind Eye Hospital to provide eye care to Auroville and Bioregion.

Marking this special year's 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo's 75 years of Indian Independence, Aurokiya will dedicate its services to taking care of the health and wellness of Auroville and Bioregion. Its scope of service will be eye care, laboratory services, and diagnostic collaborations.

The details of the services provided are attached to the Poster. Please avail the services and share the information with your friends and workers in need of eye care

Best Regards, Aurosugan, Manager Aurokiya Eye Care (Activity of Harmony Health, Unit of Health and Healing Trust)

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

- Please remember to put your mobile phones on flight mode and switch off all wireless and bluetooth devices before you enter the lab, since it is a wireless-free space
- **Please Note:** We are closed for Tomatis Programs from May 16 to 21.
- All enquiries will be answered till May 14 and after the May 22.



The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:
9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:
9:00am to 12:00pm.

Location: International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.
Phone: (0413) 2623 661, 4036920/22.

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

Find us on @aurovillelanguagelab
Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

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

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

Language Courses in May!

New: French with Jean-François Claude

We have exciting news for French Learners!

After waiting more than two years to be able to come to Auroville, language-enthusiast & training expert, Jean-François Claude is finally here, with his wife, Sylvie. He will be a long-term volunteer with us for a whole year! Jean-François is immensely excited to interact with all the different cultures of Auroville while helping students & learners access the French language and culture. Mother gives a special place to French, alongside Tamil, simplified Sanskrit, and English as the four main languages of Auroville. In a 1966 note, she wrote: "The working language in the Auroville office will be French, and those who do not know French must learn it." Here's a perfect opportunity to learn this beautiful language!

Starting mid-May, Jean-François will offer group courses at all levels, supplementing our ongoing courses with Julien. He is happy to provide private classes as well as ten-to-twenty-day intensives. We'll probably run several batches so that students can progress from one level to the other through the year. For the intermediate and advanced students, Jean-François is very happy to offer courses in French literature, in addition to Conversational French. Enquire now! Give us an idea of your timings so we can try to accommodate everyone.

New: English Conversation with Ramesh

Our long-term volunteer, Ramesh, is ready to take your English-speaking skills to a new level. Yoga trainer, YouTuber, and Excel expert, Ramesh brings a range of experiences to his classes. Starting mid-May, he will offer English Conversation Classes for students who already know a bit of English.

- Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30am. Enquire now to join!

French with Julien

Julien's two courses are continuing from last month:

- **Beginner French:** Mondays & Thursdays, 3:15 to 4:15pm, from 18 April, for 3 months
- **Elementary French:** Mondays & Thursdays, 2 to 3pm (For students with basic knowledge of the language), from 11 April, for 3 months

In case you would like to join either of these courses, send us a query, and depending on your level, we will try to accommodate you!

Spanish Conversation with Mila

There is still space for more students in Spanish Conversation Classes (Intermediate) with Mila! This course began on 19th April 2022 and is for students who already know a bit of Spanish and would like to hone their conversational skills. Join now!

- Classes take place Tuesdays & Fridays from 3:45 to 5pm, for 2 months.

Beginner Hindi with Vatsla

- This course is now closed to new students.

Italian Elementary Level with Davide

Davide's Italian Course commenced on 1 April 2022. You are still welcome to join the course in case you know a bit of Italian and would like to hone your language skills. You will be provided with all the support and material from Davide to catch up!

- Classes take place Wednesdays & Fridays, 4pm to 5pm, for 3 months.

Tamil Written & Spoken with Murugesan

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

- Classes will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 to 5pm, for 3 months.

If you are interested:

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

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

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English, Always Ongoing	NEW to Start, Total Beginners!	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am – 11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate, Group 2	10:15am – 11:15am	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate, ON HOLD	02:30pm – 03:30pm	Wednesday & Friday
French	Beginner, To start on 18 April	03:15pm – 04:15pm	Monday & Thursday
	Elementary, Started on 11 April 2022	02:00pm – 03:00pm	
German	A1.1 Beginner Online, Started on 11 January 2022	07:30am – 08:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, To start on 23 April 2022	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	NEW: Spoken Beginner, Started on 4 March 2022	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, Started on 1 February 2022	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, Started on 3 March 2022	02:30pm – 04:30pm	Thursday
Spanish	Beginner Advanced, Started on 22 March	02:30pm – 03:30pm,	Tuesday & Friday
	Spanish Conversation, To start on 19 April	03:45pm – 05:00pm	
Japanese	Beginner Advanced, Started on 11 March	02:00pm – 04:00pm	Friday
Italian	Elementary, Started on 1 April 2022	04:00pm – 05:00pm	Wednesday & Friday

CINEMA

AVFF2022 – THURSDAY AT CINEMA PARADISO

Thursday, 19 May, Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall, 8pm



There will be a public screening of a feature film from the Auroville Film Festival 2022. France, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Tanzania, 2019

Documentary, English, 52min

“Living With Volcanoes” explores the world of volcanoes and the people who have created a special relationship with them. All around the world, crowds pray and worship sacred volcanoes, populated by divinities and spirits. A story of love and devotion between men and nature.

Screenings/ Awards: A few of the places where this movie was screened and awarded:

- International Nature Film Festival Gödöllő, European Premiere Hungary
- WCFF – Wildlife Conservation Film Festival New-York City
- International Documentary Festival (EIDF) Seoul August 17, 2020 Korea
- European Cinematography Awards Warsaw Best Nature Film Poland

Directors: David Perrier, Eden Shavit

Writers: Arnaud Guerin, Thibaut Camurat

Producer: Thibaut Camurat

Cast: Geoffrey Bateman, Pierre-Alain de Garrigues

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 20 May: What is Ecotourism?

2010 / 51 minutes / PlanetDoc

A place on the edge of the abyss is reborn from its ashes with new and different versions. Ecotourism is the place where a hope resides that will determine great things in the future. All for the resistance struggle of the species that creates the most conflicts: ours, human beings. For this reason, this version 2.0 of tourism is in which new travelers want to reconnect and reconnect with nature.



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 16 May 2022 to 22 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 16 May, 8:00pm:
HASEEN DILLRUBA (Beautiful beloved)

India, 2021, Dir. Vinil Mathew w/ Taapsee Pannu, Vikrant Massey, Harshvardhan Rane, and others, Mystery-Crime, 135mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

When Rishabh aka Rishu is killed in an explosion in his own house the investigating cops think it is a murder, and the prime suspect is his wife, Rani. Rishu was a simple guy with a stable job and was eager to get married. He was introduced to Rani, a high-spirited extroverted woman, who wanted to live life to the fullest. Apart from their very different personalities, which made them somewhat a stranger to each other, post marriage Rani also had to deal with a dominating mother-in-law. However, things change when Rishu's cousin Neil, with a personality to match Rani's, comes to stay. *And then what happens? Keep guessing and see if your guesses match the story line!*

Potpourri - Tuesday 17 May, 8:00pm:
IN HER SHOES

USA, 2005, Dir. Curtis Hanson w/ Toni Collette, Cameron Diaz, Shirley MacLaine, and others, Comedy-Drama, 130 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Irresponsible party girl Maggie is kicked out of her father's and stepmother's home where she lives for free. Maggie's hard-working sister Rose breaks off relations with her over an indiscretion involving Rose's boyfriend. But when their grandmother, who they never knew existed, comes into their lives, the sisters face some complicated truths.

Interesting - Wednesday 18 May, 8:00 pm:
LUCY AND DESI

USA, 2022, Dir. Amy Poehler w/ Lucie Arnaz, Bette Midler, Carol Burnett, and others, Documentary-Biography, 93mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

This film will explore the rise of comedian icon Lucille Ball, her relationship with Desi Arnaz, and how their groundbreaking sitcom I Love Lucy forever changed Hollywood, cementing her legacy long after her death in 1989.

AVFF 2022 - Thursday 19 May, 8:00 pm:
LIVING WITH VOLCANOES - SACRED VOLCANOES

France-Ecuador-Guatemala-Iceland-Indonesia-Italy-Japan-New Zealand-Tanzania-UK, 2019, Dir. David Perrier, Eden Shavit w/ Geoffrey Bateman, Documentary, 52 mins, English, Rated: G

The world of volcanoes and the people who have created a special relationship with them. All around the world, crowds pray and worship sacred volcanoes, populated by divinities and spirits. A story of love and devotion between men and nature.

International - Saturday, 21 May, 8:00 pm:
ZIMNA WOJNA (Cold War)

Poland-France, 2018, Dir. Pawel Pawlikowski w/ Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot and others, History-Drama, 90 mins, Polish w/ English Subtitles, Rated: R

A passionate love story between two people of different backgrounds and temperaments, who are fatefully mismatched and yet condemned to each other. Set against the background of the Cold War in the 1950s in Poland, Berlin, Yugoslavia and Paris, the film depicts an impossible love story in impossible times.

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 22 May, 4:30 pm:
ROALD DAHL'S THE WITCHES

USA, 2020, Dir. Robert Zemeckis w/ Anne Hathaway, Octavia Spencer, Stanley Tucci, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 106 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In late 1967, a young, orphaned boy goes to live with his grandmother in a rural Alabama town. As they encounter some glamorous but thoroughly diabolical witches, she whisks him away to a seaside resort. However, they arrive at the same time that the world's Grand High Witch has gathered her fellow cronies from around the globe to carry out her nefarious plans.

Russian Classics Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 22 May, 8:00 pm:
DON KIKHOT (Don Quixote)

Soviet Union, 1957, Dir. Grigori Kozintsev w/ Nikolai Cherkasov, Yuri Tolubeyev, and others, Drama, 110mins, Russian w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Russian adaptation of a famous Spanish novel by Miguel de Cervantes, filmed in the Crimea region, where the hilly landscape not only comes close to the Spanish arid regions, but makes them even wider, even more epic.

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.



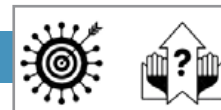
For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. *Pl donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.*

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

Appendix



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, Kuilapalayam 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 Kuilapalayam
- 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

- Liaison 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.
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- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

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ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS



Bus Charges

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

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS SCHEDULE

 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 / Kulapalayam	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 / Kulapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About}	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

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