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

This is the Power discovered by the mortal that has the multitude of its desires so that it may sustain all things; it takes the taste of all foods and builds a house for the being. *Rig Veda*

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**The Ponder Corner**

This is our “original sin”, or rather let us say in a more philosophical language, the deviation from the Truth and Right of the Spirit, from its oneness, integrality and harmony that was the necessary condition for the great plunge into the Ignorance which is the soul’s adventure in the world and from which was born our suffering and aspiring humanity. *The Divine Soul – Life Divine – Sri Aurobindo*
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“It is clear that if this experience becomes natural, spontaneous and constant, death can no longer exist: even for this, I mean (Mother touches her body).

There’s something I SENSE there, without being able to express or understand it mentally. There must be some difference, even in the behavior of the cells, when you leave your body.

It must be another phenomenon that takes place.

During all that period of concentration and meditation on what happens in a body after death (I am speaking of the body’s experience after what is now called “death”), well, several times the same kind of vision came to me.... I had been told (shown and told) of certain saints whose bodies did not decompose (there’s one here, there was one in Goa – fantastic stories). Naturally, people always romanticize those things, but there remains the material fact of a saint who died in Goa, left his body in Goa, but whose body didn’t decompose (St. Francis Xavier). I don’t know the story in all its details, but the body was removed from India, taken away to China and remained buried there, in Hong-Kong, I believe (or somewhere in that region) for a time; then it was taken out, brought back here, buried again. For ten or twelve years it stayed buried in those two places: it didn’t decompose. It dried out, became mummified (dried out, that is, dehydrated), but it remained preserved. Well, this fact was presented to me several times as ONE of the possibilities.

Which means, to tell the truth, that everything is possible. But what I was shown clearly and what I saw was... I have difficulty talking because it all came to me in English: Sri Aurobindo was there and it was in English), it was the stupidity and carelessness, really, the ignorance – the stupid ignorance and I-couldn’t-care-less attitude the living have towards the dead. That’s something frightful. Frightful.... Frightful. I’ve heard stories from everywhere, all sorts of appalling things.... For instance, one of the stories (it took place while Sri Aurobindo was here): there was a disciple whose son died (or at least they thought he dead), and as they weren’t Hindus, they didn’t burn him: they buried him. Then at night, his son came to him and told him... you see, he saw his son at the window, knocking at the window and telling him, “But why did you bury me alive?” (I don’t know in what language, but anyway...) And that idiot of a father thought, “I’m dreaming!!” Then the next day, long afterwards, he had second thoughts and asked himself, “What if we took a look?” And then they found him turned over in his coffin.

When the man told me the story and how he found it quite natural to think, “I am dreaming,” I can’t find words to tell my indignation at that moment, when I saw that... you know, it’s such a crass, such an inert stupidity! It didn’t even occur to him how he would have felt if the thing had happened to HIM. It didn’t even occur to him!
Townhall Speaks

URGENT UPDATES FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE
3 JUNE 2022

Dear friends, we want to share a few updates.

1. On Wednesday 1st in the evening our e-mail account password was reset, locking us out of workingcom@auroville.org.in. Until access is restored, please contact us at workingcom@auroville.services

2. Similarly, the massbulletin service provided diligently by Mauna for many years has also been taken over. E-mails received from massbulletin@auroville.org.in are being co-ordinated by those not respecting the Residents’ Assembly decisions, structure and functioning with the support of the Secretary and Foundation Office. Please be aware that the Working Committee selected by the Residents’ Assembly will not be able to give its messages through that service or directly through Auronet, but alternatives remain and more are being set up. Updates will be shared shortly.

3. The locks to the Working Committee office and meeting room in Town Hall were also changed on Wednesday evening, so the rooms will for now be occupied by those illegitimately claiming to be the Working Committee – despite the overwhelming results of the recent Residents’ Assembly Decision.

4. Regarding the Register of Residents (RoR) update:
   a. We understand that the Undersecretary has asked the Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) and Auroville Council to not allow even General Meetings to take place. We want to acknowledge the integrity and dedicated service which continues to be shown by the RAS team and Auroville Council under extraordinary pressure.
   b. There is no legal basis for the RoR update to interfere with the Residents’ Assembly processes. Not for decision making, visa recommendations or public meetings.
   c. There is no legal basis for the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation to ‘strike off’ names from the Register of Residents for not completing their recent requests for information. The entry / admission and exit / termination of those listed as Aurovilians on the master-list and RoR is solely a responsibility of the Residents’ Assembly. Please see the gazetted Regulations for more information.
   d. The Working Committee understands that residents have different degrees of sensitivity towards the request from the Auroville Foundation Office and around their personal data. Please see our previous comments on this issue here., and be assured that we will stand up against any improper practice or mistreatment of residents resulting from them filling, or not filling the requested form.

5. A clarification on the visa situation in Auroville, with more detailed numbers and timeframes, is currently being prepared and will be shared shortly.

6. We aspire to embody and express ourselves from a place of togetherness rather than from the ‘us and them’ perspective. While holding this aspiration at heart, at present we believe the Working Committee of the Residents’ Assembly shall stand for the integrity of Auroville’s values and spirit in practical ways. Appropriate steps continue to be taken to address the on-going and unjustified interventions into the functioning and authority of the Residents’ Assembly. We thank you for your support in these intense times. Let us all aspire towards greater peace, truth and harmony.

On a side note, although Chali and Elisa are not physically present in Auroville, they are working from a distance and are therefore full signatories of our communications.

Sincerely, The Working Committee of the Residents’ Assembly: Chali, Elisa, Gilles, Hemant, Juergen, Sauro

EMAIL SITUATION IN AUROVILLE

Dear Auroville Community, following the takeover of our email service by the Office of the Secretary we find ourselves in a precarious position.

The Office of the Secretary is apparently at present in a position to:

- Intercept all email sent to any @auroville.org.in address without detection (without requiring a password change that you would notice),
- Send emails in the name of any @auroville.org.in address without detection (without password requirement),
- Retrieve any information stored on any @auroville.org.in account, including email, google drive (docs, sheets, forms), android phone account, contacts – even if deleted over the past 4 weeks,
- Suspend, reset or transfer any @auroville.org.in account at any time, including email, google drive (docs, sheets, forms), android phone and contacts.

Over the period of the last many years that the service was run under the oversight of the Residents Assembly, multiple-party implementing cross-checks, logs and safeguards were followed so that none of these aforementioned infringements could happen; but now we do not know the Office of the Secretary’s position or procedures. However since the takeover, we know that the Office of the Secretary has disabled a number of personal and working group accounts, has blocked certain email addresses from receiving and sending to auroville.org.in emails, and has begun using some of them inappropriately.

This situation is unacceptable in terms of privacy, security and work continuity.

We have therefore decided to initiate the shift to a new and independent service. We have already backed up all the core Auroville services to it, such as the Working Committee and Auroville Council. These all share the common domain name “auroville.services”, to clearly identify them as official community services of the Residents’ Assembly. For example:

- workingcom@auroville.services
- avcouncil@auroville.services

Unfortunately the Office of the Secretary (or whoever they have appointed to oversee the auroville.org.in domain) has already noticed and blocked our new domain (auroville.services) from communicating with auroville.org.in. This means that our new email addresses cannot send emails to or receive emails from auroville.org.in. Therefore the only option we are left with, is to suggest that community members, who feel concerned by the present situation and want to use a trusted communication platform, create new email accounts that are not under the @auroville.org.in domain (ie. @gmail.com, @outlook.com, @protonmail.com) and to inform the Residents Service (resservice@auroville.org.in) of their new email ID. If you need help with creating a new email account, you will receive help using this link.)

In time, we hope to be able to provide a free and secure email service to all Aurovilians under one domain as before, but this may take some more time.

In regard to the Auroville Council, the old email id avcouncil@auroville.org.in will continue to be in use, but we advise you to write to us on avcouncil@auroville.services from a non-auroville.org.in email account.

In regard to the Working Committee, the old email id workingcom@auroville.org.in has been taken over and you can no longer reach us using it. In order to reach us, please write to workingcom@auroville.services, but you will need to write to us from a non-auroville.org.in email account otherwise your message will be blocked.

Warm regards,
Auroville Council and Working Committee of the Residents’ Assembly
CLARIFICATION ON WCOM AND ROR

Dear Community, in the light of the confusion surrounding the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly and the updating of the Register of Residents (RoR) by the office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation we feel the need to make this statement.

Firstly, there is only 1 Working Committee of the Residents’ Assembly as per the recent RAD outcome. The confusion has arisen based on 3 unfortunate developments listed here.

1. The four ex-Working Committee members (removed by the RAD) had incorrectly used a clause in the PWG document (as confirmed by the Council) attempting to remove the fellow Working Committee members. The details of this error are 2-fold and can be shared at a later time if necessary.

For the above point, it must be understood that the Council mandate states that the Council will “oversee the observance of policies and decisions approved by the RA in collaboration with the Working Committee and will address non-compliance with established Auroville policies”. As this clause is part of the Council mandate it clearly gives the presiding role of being the mandated group to oversee the observance of policies and decisions of the RA to the Council (above that of the Working Committee). But regardless of this, as the non-compliance in this case concerns the Working Committee itself, and with the obvious conflict of interest, this role falls upon Council solely.

2. Not only have the four ex-Working Committee members disregarded our internal policies but they have rejected the authority of the Residents Assembly to choose the term of Working Committee members as stipulated in the Foundation Act. While the RA was in the process (RAD) of a potential “vote of no confidence in and new selection of the current Working Committee”, these four members disregarded the authority of the RA by attempting to remove the other three members of the Working Committee.

This power, as per the Foundation Act, to determine the term of Working Committee members is clearly bestowed, which means that the RA can at any time select new members at its discretion including their terms. This infringes the removal of Working Committee members as well.

3. Lastly, the letter received from Mr. Seetharaman, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), asking the RA to pause all RADs and intending to annul all RADs until the RoR is updated, was an apparent overreach of the function of the OSD.

In order for the RA to function as an authority of the Auroville Foundation, it must be able to make decisions and give its recommendations when necessary. In its function the GB amongst other things may accord approval to the programs of Auroville drawn up by the RA, it cannot pause them arbitrarily. Nor can the GB infringe on the right of the RA to select the Working Committee. So far the Office of the Secretary has unfortunately not recognised the recent RAD result nor the appointment of the legitimate interim Working Committee of the Resident’ Assembly.

For all of the above reasons, the selected Working Committee members (Chali, Hemant, Sauro) who were recently confirmed by the RA on the 10th May 2022, including the appointed interim members (Elisa, Gilles and Jurgen), are the members of the only and official Working Committee of the Residents Assembly of the Auroville Foundation.

We hope this clarifies, please feel free to write if you have any doubts.

We pray for the spirit of respect and collaboration to emerge between all the bodies of the Auroville Foundation and between all the individuals connected to this wondrous dream of the Mother’s.

Sincerely and warm regards,
Auroville Council and Working Committee

DISSOLVING THE FAMC, RECONSTITUTING THE ATDC

Update on Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) and Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

The Mother envisaged the Auroville Township with an ultimate population of 50,000 with Matrimandir at its center and soul. In 1988 the Auroville Foundation Act was enacted by the Parliament of India to provide for the acquisition and transfer of the undertakings of Auroville and to vest such undertakings in a Foundation for better management and further development of Auroville in accordance with its original charter.

The Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) had been established by the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation for the planning, development and building of the Auroville township in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan. The Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) is a committee established by the Governing Board for the management of funds and assets of Auroville Foundation, as described in the Auroville Foundation Rules 1997.

The Governing Board set up an Organization & Governance Committee (OGC), in its 58th meeting held on 18th January 2022 to look into the organization and governance of Auroville. The OGC recommended to reconstitute the FAMC, which has now been done vide an Office Order.

The OGC also recommended to reconstitute the ATDC for which a Standing Order has been issued, replacing the earlier Standing Order. For the appointment of new members of the ATDC under the revised Standing Order, an Office Order has been issued. Memberships of both the FAMC and ATDC include residents of Auroville.

The reconstitution of the FAMC is aimed at realizing the Mother’s vision of a self-supporting township without internal money exchange and with a collective supporting system for which the Mother had given the name “Prosperity”. The reconstituted FAMC will also be given the responsibility of ensuring compliance with statutory regulations and requirements while bringing in more transparency and accountability.

The re-constituted ATDC is mandated to accelerate the planning and development of the Auroville township with the support of Auroville internal and external experts and active participation of Auroville residents.

From the Office of the Auroville Foundation
OFFICE ORDER FAMC AND ATDC

Today the Working Committee received from the Auroville Foundation 2 Office Orders: for the FAMC and for ATDC

Names FAMC:
1. Shri Chandresh Patel
2. Mr. Torkil Dantzer
3. Mr. Sathyamoorty Patchaiappan (Kalya)
4. Shri B. S. Sathyaranarayan
5. Ms. Jocelyn Brynhild
6. Ms. Geeta Hemant
7. Joint Secretary & FA, Ministry of Education

Convenor:
8. Secretary, Auroville Foundation

Names ATDC:
1. Dr. G. Seetharaman,
2. Ms. Jaya Berggreen-Clausen
3. Mr. Hemant Shekhar
4. Ms. Sindhuja Jagadeesh
5. Mr. Toby Neuman
6. Mr. Jothi Prasad Rajan
7. Mr. Ponnusamy Murugesan
8. Mr. Govind Ranjan

Resource Persons: Ms. Jacqueline Lacoste,
Mr. Lakshay Dharan, Mr. Helmut Schmid

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 135, 11-06-2022

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:
• Mahima RAMESH (Indian)
• Vismai RAO (Indian)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:
• Gayathri SUDHAKAR (Indian)
• Isabelle PIEGAY (French)
• Jayaprakash JAYABALAN (Indian)
• Ritu Parma SARKAR (Indian)

ASSOCIATE OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:
• Rahul SUREKA (Indian)

SPouse OF AN AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:
• Dhayalan RAMACHANDIRAN (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 Aurovilian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process. The date of becoming Aurovilian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovilian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes. A confirmed Aurovilian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filed 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 Community, After the GM that Council held on April 18th we had a very friendly and informative meeting with the ATDC. We recorded the meeting and prepared a transcript to be shared with the Community.

Before publishing we agreed to have ATDC correct the information they had shared with us. On May 7th ATDC returned a very reduced set of notes to be published. Unfortunately, The Council felt that these notes did not accurately reflect the meeting and did not contain many of the answers to the questions we had asked, which we wanted to share with the Community. We then told them that we were not satisfied with only publishing their version of the meeting, therefore we suggested that we publish their version but also allow interested community members to read the transcript prepared by Council at the Council’s office.

To this suggestion we received a response from ATDC that Council did not have permission to publish anything, neither the notes, the transcript nor the recording and that they had understood none of these were intended to be public. This was very surprising seeing that we had informed them by email when submitting the transcript as well as in the meeting that we planned on publishing the minutes. Our original invitation also suggested that we wanted to have information in order to share with the community. It was also surprising because in the meeting they had told us that they were very transparent about the ongoing work and wondered why community members were not approaching them directly with their queries.

What we were left with was a very disappointing situation whereby we had invested significant time into what we saw as a service to both the community and the ATDC by helping them with disseminating information, only to have our hands tied and efforts essentially wasted.

Our effort to meet and communicate with ATDC, after initial openness and actual information sharing, shifted into opaqueness and ended in blocking the Council from informing the community.

Warm regards, Auroville Council

OPONOPONO

Who would like to join a collective healing work called OPONOPONO? It is an ancestral Hawaiian healing modality which can be applied for groups and individuals.

It is a few short sentences repeated like a mantra for a few days or weeks. One has to be committed to this work to do it. We recite the sentences individually in our own lives, there are no days or weeks. One has to be committed to this work to do it. We recite the sentences individually in our own lives, there is no need to be physically together to participate.

We are a group of about 30 people reciting these sentences like a mantra since more than one week already and are very much enjoying it.

It is experienced as being soothing, unifying and uplifting. The sentences are:

◦ I am sorry (to have cocreated these difficulties)
◦ Please forgive me
◦ Thank you
◦ I love you

If you are interested please contact me at iris@auroville.org.in. The sharing of guidelines and individual experience is happening on a telegram group on a daily basis.

Iris
PASSING ON: LAURA MOSCI

This is to inform the community that on June 7 our good friend Laura Nina Mosci passed away in Italy after coping with cancer for several years. She was 62. Nina joined Auroville in 2001 and was involved in various activities for the community. We remember her for her spontaneity and zest, and her lively participation in community life. May her soul have a peaceful journey.

OM

AUROVILLE TV CHANNEL TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

Dear Auroville community, Auroville Media Interface is a new portal between Auroville and the rest of the world, as a media and public relations service. We are excited to announce our first initiative: the launch of Auroville TV channel in collaboration with Jio platform with an active user base of 370 million worldwide.

We invite you to share your content to be broadcasted on the TV channel. Pre-existing videos that your unit/service/activity have already realized can be broadcasted. We are also planning to broadcast live events such as interviews from units, art performances, regular classes, etc. But you could also produce videos specifically for the broadcast or have a recurrent slot to develop your own show. Events in all the Auroville languages are most welcome to be broadcasted. If you are interested to participate, please contact us at mediainterface-avf@auroville.org.in

Joel, Auroville Media Interface team

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Dear Auroville community, we invite all Aurovilians for a community gathering in the spirit of togetherness and show solidarity of the Residents’ Assembly during these challenging times in Auroville. Please come and join in oneness to uphold our internal organization of the Residents Assembly. Let’s show the solidarity of our Residents’ Assembly by coming together.

Unity Pavilion, June 13, Monday, 4 – 6pm
Concerned residents of Auroville (your Tamil brothers and sisters)
For queries contact: avcommunitygathering@gmail.com
‘I am what I am because of who we all are’
‘We are our strength’

Full Moon Gathering

• Tuesday, June 14, 7:15 – 8:15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo’s statue

Mudra-Chi

• A workshop on Mudra-Chi on Saturday, June 25 at 5pm led by Anandi

Regular Activities

• Sundays 10.30–12 noon: 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
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 5:55pm.

Thank you,
Surya & Amphitheatre Team

Welcome to the session on: श्रीमदृ भगवदगीता
SHRIMAD BHAGAVAD GITA

We will focus on Chapter 5 of the Gita known as संन्याससौन्दर्यः: (The Yoga of the Renunciation of Action) with explanation of key Sanskrit shlokas.

Dr Sampadananda Mishra is a scholar of Sanskrit and Indian culture with over 25 years of dedicated service. He is devotee of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Presently he is working as a Professor at Rashtram School of Public Leadership and Rishish University, Sonipat.

SATURDAY - 11 JUNE, 2021
10:30 AM TO 12:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING ID: 929 9405 2722
PASSWORD: YOGA
For questions or registration, please write to: devabhasha@auroville.org.in
Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of regular events of June 2022
Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm
Meditation
7th & 21st, Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30pm, reading “The Mother's Questions & Answers: Vol 7”
In English by Rama Narayana
3rd & 24th, Friday 4:00 - 5:00pm, reading “The Sunlit Path”
In English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi
Talk on Auroville for Newcomers by Raman (Center Field, Auroville)
27th, Monday at 5:00pm
14th, Tuesday at 6:00pm full moon, reading Sri Aurobindo’s Gayatri Mantra for 30min
No.3/134, Kalathu Muttu Street
Edayanachavadi, Auroville
kshetram204@auroville.org.in

Brahmanaspatai Kshetram in collaboration with Purnam presents

THE SECRET OF THE VEDA
THE LEGEND OF THE ANGIRAS RISHIS

INVITATION TO BE A PART OF THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SUNDAY SESSIONS ON SRI AUROBINDO’S THE SECRET OF THE VEDA WITH DIVYANSHI AND MANOJ, OFFERED AT BHARAT NIVAS

Theme: “The Legend of the Angiras Rishis”
5 June, 9:45 – 11am, Venue: Bhumika Hall
Facilitator: Manoj Pavitran

About the session: The Legend of the Angiras Rishis, is the most important of all the Vedic myths. The Angirases are at once the divine seers who assist in the cosmic and human workings of the gods and their earthly representatives, the ancient fathers who first found the wisdom of which the Vedic hymns are a chant and memory and renewal in experience.

Sign Up for the First Session here.

In light of Sri Aurobindo’s 150th birth anniversary, we are delighted to invite you to come, join us for a collective study of The Secret of the Vedas at Bharat Nivas.

About Secret of the Veda:
The work from Sri Aurobindo: Secret of the Veda are essays on the Rig Veda and its mystic symbolism, with translations of selected hymns. These writings on and translations of the Rig Veda were published in the monthly review Arya between 1914 and 1920. Most of them appeared there under three headings: The Secret of the Veda, “Selected Hymns” and “Hymns of the Atris”. In August 1914, Sri Aurobindo began to publish The Secret of the Veda in the first issue of the philosophical review Arya.

Series of Secret of the Veda Sessions:
We would be covering discovering Agni, Varuna-Mitra, Indra, Saraswati, The Seven Rivers, Surya-Savitri between 18th June till 13th of August over a series of talks and practice sessions with Manoj and Divyanshi.

• Session 1: 18 June, 9:45 – 11am: The Legend of the Angiras
• Session 2: 2 June, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Agni
• Session 3: 3 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Varuna-Mitra
• Session 4: 16 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Indra
• Session 5: 30 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Saraswati
• Session 6: 6 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering The Seven Rivers
• Session 7: 13 August, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Surya Savitri

Sign up for one or more sessions here.
You could also sign up on spot at 9:15am.
It is preferable to attend all sessions.

Contribution: Give from your heart, pay what you like at 252925.

Warmth,
Purnam Centre of Integrality and Bharat Nivais
SAIIE is pleased to offer a 100 hours Physical Education Teachers Training program over a year with the goal of improving the overall quality of physical education in Auroville. The program is for those who are already teaching to develop their skills, as well as for those who are interested in potentially becoming teachers to form a solid base for their work. The program is organized with a volunteer from Portugal who has a PhD in Sport Science and over 20 years experience in Pedagogical Supervision and training teachers at University level. The first 45 hours session of the program will take place for three weeks at Dehashakti Sportsground: 13 June – 3 July, 2022 3 – 6pm, Monday through Friday Each day includes one hour of didactics (theory) and two hours of practice. The curriculum includes Integral Education, sports science, curriculum development, session planning, cooperative and competitive games, communication skills and more.

- Please email saier@auroville.org.in by 6 June to express your interest. This program is free of cost.
- If you are undecided about joining you are welcome to attend the first day (13 June at 3pm at Dehashakti), to see if this program is right for you.

Lijun

FREE BASKETBALL CLASSES
TO STUDENTS 10 TO 13 YEARS OLD
13 – 17 June, 3 – 6pm, Dehashakti Monday to Friday We are offering 5 days free basketball classes to students aged from 10 to 13 years old at Dehashakti. You will learn and practice some basketball skills and drills from the classes.

- Please email saier@auroville.org.in by 9 June to express your interest.

Sincerely, Lijun, For SAIIER

THREE YEAR BACHELOR DEGREE
Auroville Institute of Applied Technology-College is now offering three year bachelor degree (B.Voc.) courses in Emerging technologies affiliated to Pondicherry University. All these courses are based on integral Education integrating subject knowledge with Values and personality building. Life sciences, Entrepreneurship and leadership are part of the curriculum.

- Green Technology and Electric Systems
- Applied Electronics and Chip Design
- Software Development and Machine learning
- Production Technology

AIAT is looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers or Volunteers on Maintenance base to be part of this initiative to make Auroville a place of unending Education Research and Development as faculties for

- Software Development & Machine learning (Full time)
- English and Hindi (Full time)
- Life Science (Yoga, Meditation, Indian heritage, etc.) (part time)
- Physics (Part time)

Min. qualification for faculties is a Master degree from any recognized university.

Pl. apply to Lavkamad: lavkamad@auroville.org.in, phone:9443238303

Volunteer with Talam

Looking for a volunteer Javascript developer with experience/interest in blockchain development

Project: NFT marketplace and VR Art Gallery development

Duration: 2 months

Date: 15 June – 15 August 2022

Opportunity: Volunteer, work from home possible

Apply by: 12 June 2022

Send your CV to: volunteer-talam@auroville.org.in
CREEVA: WEEKLY ADVENTURE

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:
- Sathy, 9486145072
- Kumud, 7592805013
- Audrey, 9489408358, 2622641

With happy expectations and love, CREEVA

Looking for

Mirra Needs Work

Mirra who has worked in Auroville for the past 22 years is presently looking for a full time job. She is 41, speaks good English, and can do house cleaning, gardening, cooking and shopping.

If you are interested, please contact her directly at: 8270403560 or send me e-mail olivierbarot@auroville.org.in

Olivier

Looking for a spare Smartphone

Friends, we are looking for a spare smartphone to set up a Whatsapp business for our Integral Education unit – Purnam Center of Integrality. The intent would be to use it for outreach and communication regarding various offerings by Purnam. Please reach out to us at purnam-admin@auroville.org.in or drop us a WA message, +91-9599266910

Warmth, Divyanshi and Palak

for Purnam Centre of Integrality

Auroville Child Protection and Safeguarding

Dear Community, Auroville Child Protection and Safeguarding, (AVCP) is currently looking for a smartphone for our AVCP sim card that can support WhatsApp. If you happen to have one lying around that we could have, we would be happy to take it off your hands and/or pay a second hand rate for it.

Thanks! AVCP Team

Contact: avcp@auroville.org.in

or Leela +917094926849

SAVI IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBER

to be part of our team, must be an Aurovilian or a Newcomer.

Administrative assistant (Half time position)
- Welcoming Auroville unit requests for assistance (Visits, interviews)
- Information on Volunteers terms & conditions & Savi process
- Learning Opportunities creation & updates for volunteers
- Units/activities Database maintenance
- Tracking and reporting Volunteers status

Required skills
- Welcoming countenance
- Office Administrative /organization skills
- Self organized, accurate and reliable
- Good communication skills (oral and written) and English language proficient
- Conversant in MS office, MS excel and database
- Ability to work in a team

Maintenance available after a month of probation

Contact Savi with your CV and a mail stating your interest (study@auroville.org.in)

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers 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

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

Service Administrator

Preparation of weekly Agenda for meeting and sharing with concerned parties Taking meeting notes; Finalizing the weekly meeting notes and sharing once approved with the concerned parties; Manage Invitees to the meeting (invitations and timings) Managing the email Inbox; Email liaison with other working groups; Managing the Google Team Drives; Sending out drafts prepared by the members once quorum is achieved; Create drafts, as and when assigned by the members; Create a two-monthly report to be posted on Auronet and News & Notes …plus other extra administration tasks. This is a full time position for a full time maintenance.

Office Assistant

A team is looking for an office assistant. The work consists in: check & process bills and receipts; Book keeping and Data entry in Tally; Accounting support. Required skills: A degree in Commerce & Knowledge in Tally; English – Reading & Writing knowledge must, Spoken Tamil is optional Computer skills: Typewriting, MS Excel & Tally 9.2 There is a one month training; Minimum trial period of 3 months, can be extended if the individual has the shown potential and strives to improve. Maintenance available during the trial period. This is a half-time position open for Newcomers or Aurovilians.

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
To The Content

Eco Friendly Delivery

I’d like to introduce Bara who owns beautiful white strong bulls and is available to plow, transport building materials, wood, furniture, compost etc at a cost less than a tuck tuck with no pollution noise or otherwise. Anywhere within the Auroville area. (but he will take a little longer than tuck tuck to deliver!) 24 hours notice preferable. All three of them will be happy to help you. Bara phone, no/WA 8300730775 for more details and quotations.

Highly recommended. Bryony Spencer

KTM 390 Duke Available

2017 KTM 390 Duke available. 19k mileage with new rear tyre.
Please contact +919766126866.

Regards, Shruti

Lost A Red iPhone

Dear friends, I have lost a red iPhone 11 with a transparent cover between Matrimandir and Alankuppam gas station. If anybody has any leads please contact me.

Thank you, Mobile number 9498896117, Vale

HELP NEEDED

REACHING OUT FOR HELP

Dear friend, Dear Aurovilian, again I am reaching out to you all for help for my 5th and 6th semester fees. I had applied for a scholarship. I was on the list for support by scholarship up to the end. But as I had not applied in previous years, the college administration finally declined my request. This comes as a surprise and at very late notice.

It means that I will have to come up with Rs 35,500. Within the next week. (Rs 33,000 – College fee and Rs 2,500 – for the exam.) They also communicated that if the money is not sent in time I will be prevented from entering the exams. The calculations are as following for both College fee and Hostel fee,

5th Semester:
- Semester Fee: Rs.33,000
- Exam Fee: Rs.2500
- Hostel Fee: Rs.35,000 (By the 2nd of August 2022)
- Total of fees for the 5th Semester: Rs.70500.

Therefore I send an urgent appeal to friends and well wishers to help me to cover the first installment of the fees including exam fee, a total of Rs 35,500.

In one month’s time, the hostel fees for next (5th) semester will also be due, another Rs 35000.

For any support and help I am extremely grateful.

For donations from Auroville, please use FS acc. 251777. Donations from abroad may be sent to the Education & Scholarship fund. Please contact Suryagandhi or Dr. Lucas. Mark your donation (the check or money transfer) with “Bouthan Studies”.

Thank you very much!
Without your continuous support I would not have made it to the 4th semester. Kindly support me now also for my final year.

In gratitude, Bouthan

SANTÉ SERVICES IN JUNE 2022

Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803
Email: sante@auroville.org.in
Website: http://sante.auroville.org.in

Working Hours
Monday – Saturday: 8:45 – 12:30pm

Tests and Sample collection
- Monday – Friday before 12:00pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.

Appointment

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment & to check availability of the therapeut.

Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil, Daily
Nursing Care, Ezhil & Thilagam, Daily (No appointment necessary)

Acupuncture with Andres, TOS
Ayurveda with Dr. Berengere Wednesday

Homoeopathy with Michael, Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday
Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Friday

Midwifery & 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 to Friday

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

In case of a cancellation or to reschedule, kindly inform us 24 hours in advance.

TERRASOUL FARMERS MARKET

Friday’s from 9 to 12:30pm
Terrasoul farm market on Friday’s from 9 to 12 30pm. Fresh vegies and fruits.
- Saturdays farm tour at 12pm and community vegan Tamil lunch. Booking is needed
- terrasoul@auroville.org.in, 9443434182 (WA, telegram).

Thanking you, Juan

OPEN HOUSE AT ECO FEMME

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am
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
FREE STORE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Saturday mornings, 9am to 12:30pm

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.

AUROVILLE EGGS FOR ALL...

Dear Community, we are writing to you regarding the egg production at AuroOrchard. Our chickens are laying 5500 eggs per week. Uptil last week, this was easily distributed by foodlink. However, with many people traveling out of Auroville, schools being closed and the recent price increase, we are not able to distribute these eggs in the community. We request you all to prioritize getting eggs from AuroOrchard or any other Auroville farm. You can place your order at Foodlink or directly with us by sending us an email at auroorchard@aurovill.org.in.

Please also share with us if you have any suggestions on how to deal with this problem.

Thank you for your support
In service, Auroorchard team

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL SHOP

Important notice for International Travelers: Please know in detail which documentation regarding Covid regulations are 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@aurovill.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com.

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

• Effective 15 June, Air Austral will operate a second flight every Wednesday from Chennai to French Reunion Island. This will be in addition to their existing flight every Saturday from Chennai to Reunion Island and onwards to Mauritius, Seychelles, Johannesburg, Madagascar, Mayotte and more.
• Chennai to Reunion flights are operated by Airbus A220-300, Air Austral’s latest-generation aircraft with two Cabins – Premium Economy and Economy Class.

Voices and Notes

AV POETRY

CHIRPING BIRDS LURE ME

Chirping birds lure me
To rise early
And walk into
Their soundscape.

∞

Seagulls fly
Over sea
Over land
Pausing
On top of
Trees and towers
Then take off again
Alone or in a flock

Ever lively
Never lonely
Never bumping
Into each other

∞

Birds brave the sky
Flap the wings and fly
Taking breaths
Not burdens
They soar and sing
Day and night
Ascending height
Towards the Light

∞

Night falls.
Birds come back home
To the nest, to rest.
O dear friend,
Why are you
Still on the road?

With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang

SILENT WALKER

With my head light on
Walking through the darkness of the woods before the dawn
Insects vibrating, birds start chirping
Chorus of all creatures
Sacred hour of the new day

Friendly walkers passing by
Receiving their cheerful greetings and electric sounds
Just nodding my head and waving my hand with silent gratitude

I’m a silent walker
Just walking, and listening to the divine …

Esuko
TRAPPED IN A CORNER

After searching here and there
Finally I found the answer
O dear ones here I share.

Still a lot of Work needed
But the Vision and the solution
Are now crystal clear:
Trapped in a Corner

With the world of humans in ever disaster
An imagined utopia of escape we find nowhere.

Trapped in a corner, how then do we move on?
And the easiest and most joyful answer:
The Sunlit Path which in short is “Surrender”
To none other than the Divine Mother.

“Why?” you ask ignorantly, acting a bit silly...
All other forces in the cosmic hierarchy
Are subordinate to the Supreme Shakti.

Zech

Also read by Zech in Long Read on Page 19

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

- Audible Weed Walk – Ep.83
  “#OnlyOneEarth – Wild Food and Fairness – part 3” (Food Education)
- Savitri, B. I, C. I, Part 1 (Integral Yoga)
- Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.56
  (Literature)
- Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 398 (Integral Yoga)
- The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil – Ep.18
  (Sri Aurobindo)

Last Youtube live videos

- General Meeting – RoR update (Meeting)
...and more! on www.aurovilleradio.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

BROKEN DREAMS

O Worshiper, Where
In the temple of your illusions
Do you mount
Your broken idols
Your broken dreams?
What lamps do you light
To see the cracks
In the smithy of your soul
In the marrow of your being?
On what palm of your hand
Do you keep the broken strings
Of your broken harp
The broken keys
To your broken promises
So sumptuously
Made to me?

O Pilgrim,
For eons your wings of wax
Have been melting away
And your flight to the sun
Seems nothing but
A slumbering delusion

But Lo, Behold
With these broken wings
You are destined to become
A new butterfly
To fly again, and yet again
Across the mountains and the continents

With all those broken idols
Of stone and glass
Of bronze and gold
You will build a new temple
Of a new mold.

You will fly
Beyond the dark clouds’
To the distant stars
In the new, unknown Milky way
Illumined by the light of
A million fireflies
Who too have lost their way.

Sehdev Kumar

沈黙の歩行者
ヘッドライトをつけ
夜明け前の暗い森を歩く
虫たちは振動流し、鳥たちは鳴き始める
すべての生物たちの大合唱
新しい日の聖なる時

通りすがりのフレンドリーな歩行者たち
彼らの陽気な挨拶を受け取る、そして電子音
静かな感謝の気持ちで頭を傾け、手を振るだけ

わたしは沈黙の歩行者
ただ歩いて、神々の声に耳を澄ませる…

悦子
It is a spiritual, an inner freedom that can alone create a perfect human order. It is a spiritual, a greater than the rational enlightenment that can alone illumine the vital nature of man and impose harmony on its self-seekings, antagonisms and discords. A deeper brotherhood, a yet unfound law of love is the only sure foundation possible for a perfect social evolution, no other can replace it. But this brotherhood and love will not proceed by the vital instincts or the reason where they can be met, baffled or deflected by opposite reasonings and other discordant instincts. Nor will it find itself in the natural heart of man where there are plenty of other passions to combat it. It is in the soul that it must find its roots; the love which is founded upon a deeper truth of our being, the brotherhood or, let us say, — for this is another feeling than any vital or mental sense of brotherhood, a calmer more durable motive-force, — the spiritual comradeship which is the expression of an inner realisation of oneness. For so only can egoism disappear and the true individualism of the unique godhead in each man found itself on the true communism of the equal godhead in the race; for the Spirit, the inmost self, the universal Godhead in every being is that whose very nature of diverse oneness it is to realise the perfection of its individual life and nature in the existence of all, in the universal life and nature.

This is a solution to which it may be objected that it puts off the consummation of a better human society to a far-off date in the future evolution of the race. For it means that no machinery invented by the reason can perfect either the individual or the collective man; an inner change is needed in human nature, a change too difficult to be ever effected except by the few. This is not certain; but in any case, if this is not the solution, then there is no solution, if this is not the way, then there is no way for the human kind. Then the terrestrial evolution must pass beyond man as it has passed beyond the animal and a greater race must 221 come that will be capable of the spiritual change, a form of life must be born that is nearer to the divine. After all there is no logical necessity for the conclusion that the change cannot begin at all because its perfection is not immediately possible. A decisive turn of mankind to the spiritual ideal, the beginning of a constant ascent and guidance towards the heights may not be altogether impossible, even if the summits are attainable at first only by the pioneer few and far-off to the dread of the race. And that beginning may mean the descent of an influence that will alter at once the whole life of mankind in its orientation and enlarge forever, as did the development of his reason and more than any development of the reason, its potentialities and all its structure.

Sri Aurobindo, The Human Cycle, pp.220-1
Submitted by Paulette
### Classes

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### Schedule: June 2022

- **Ashtanga Yoga Classes, Mysore style**, with Christine P
  - Monday/Wednesday/Friday Saturday
  - From 6 June, at 7:30am

For beginners, advanced students. The teaching is adapted to each one and his (or her) own issue (So you can join even if you have physical issue)

- **Hypnotherapy** with Christine P. Any time on appointment, last 2h: Hypnosis, healing purpose / regression.

- **Workshop: De-stress your mind with Scientific Sound & meditation.** Tuesday & Thursday at 4pm, Saturday & Sunday at 11am. Last 1h 15 min. For the purpose of deep relaxation.

- **Health & Life Coaching** with Christine P, on appointment. Our days for open consultation will be Monday/Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Improve work performance & qualities. Goal setting, relationship issues, etc. Healing purpose.

- **Health & consciousness program** with Christine P & Mradul J. Contact us for details and appointment. Involvement in the therapy and advises given are required. Talk one to one session/CBT/NLP/Meditation/ Systemic Therapy.
  - Looking for your next step in your life?
  - Difficulty to make a choice or take decisions.
  - Suffering from panic attack, anxiety, sleeping disorder, depression, etc.
  - Anyone, who wants to enhance his (or her) relationships, etc.

- **AMI: Analysis of multiple Intelligence** with Mradul J., on appointment basis. 1st appointment last 20 min: to take the fingerprints. 2nd appointment is for the counseling (1h). Scientific way to discover your hidden talent and potential.

- **Acupressure therapeutic massage** with Christine P Any time on appointment. Lasts 1h 30 min. For any health issue or emotional blockage. Rebalancing the energy and harmonization of the chakras.

**VIBRATIONAL SOUND BATH: RELAX – RETUNE – RECHARGE**

Experience deep meditation, tranquility and self-healing invoked by harmonious resonating sounds of the unique musical instrument from Russia, which transmits the message of Love and Oneness. Silent listening to the play of resonances induces a state of quietness in the mind, peace in the heart and happy relaxation in the body. Base tones of the Russian Singing bells create space for deep psychological experience and help to reset the whole system to its original equilibrium, bringing the sense of completeness, centering and integration. Led by Vera and Ashesh Joshi, 15 years of experience in Auroville and internationally.

- **Duration 1h30.**
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday at 3pm,**
- **Saturday at 11am and 2pm.**

Individual, family and group sessions on request at other timings. Limited number of participants.

Kindly Book: ph/WA/Telegram 9489147202, 9486247202
WORKSHOP THE ART OF CHI

13 – 17 June, Monday to Friday, 7:30 – 10:30am.
Tai Ji Quan & Chi with Hans. Open to all.
@ Dehashakti & Budokan Dojo.
For info contact Hans
- WA 8110848123 or
- bodyawareness@auroville.org.in

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

French with Jean-François

We have exciting news for French Learners!
After waiting many months 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 English, simplified Sanskrit, and Tamil 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!

Since mid-May, Jean-François has been offering group courses at all levels and has taken over the two currently ongoing courses. 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 to join!

- In case you have any queries, Jean-François is available to meet Mondays & Fridays at the Lab between 10 am and 12noon. His goodwill and enthusiasm are infectious, so do take advantage of this opportunity.

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. Ramesh has started offering English Conversation Classes for students who already know a bit of English. The feedback is excellent. Ramesh prepares his classes painstakingly, and covers grammar as well.

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

Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan

Our teacher, Murugesan is ready to start a new Beginner Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan course for kids!

Our new volunteer, Swarnim Priya, is completing her Masters in English Language Training from Christ University, Bangalore. She has previously conducted language courses on e-learning platforms like LingoQ. She is super excited to offer a carefully thought-out, short-term course in English that she has exclusively planned for kids. The course will specifically target the child’s reading and comprehension skills. The course starts next week, so the time to register would be now!

Last date to register is Saturday (11 June) morning.

- Classes will take place Monday to Friday, from June 13 to June 24, 10am to 11am.

New: German with Verena

You have one more week to register for Verena’s new A1 Beginner German Course!

Verena has been trained through the Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai/ Goethe Institute, and she brings a variety of interactive tools and offbeat approaches to her classes. We have always got fabulous feedback on her courses! By the end of this course, you would be able to carry out simple conversations in German like introducing yourself, talking about your work, your family, your hobbies, and ask & answer questions about everyday things like shopping, restaurants, holidays, etc. No previous knowledge of German is needed for this course!

- Classes will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am to 10:30am. From 15 June to 15 September. Register soon! Limited spaces.

Elementary Italian 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.
Current Schedule of Classes

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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

Friday 17 June: Termites – Inner Sanctum
2011 / 51 Minutes / Wolfgang Thaler
They cannot tolerate sunlight; some of them are even blind. However they are one of the world’s most ingenious builders: Termites. They build high-risers without any technical devices that are, compared to the Empire State Building in New York, 25 times higher. They are the only animals that have managed to build an air-conditioning system without electricity. Their nests are architectural masterpieces that rise up to eight meters from the ground and dispose brood chambers for larvae, corridors for transportation, fungal gardens for nutrition and even emergency exits for hostile attacks.

AVFF2022 – THURSDAY AT CINEMA PARADISO
June 16, Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall, 8pm

AUROFILM PRESENTS
MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)
On Fridays, 10, 17 & 24 June AUROfilm will present 3 films: “Trilogy” by Belgium film director Lucas Belvaux:
• “Cavale/On the Run”,
• “Un couple épatant/An Amazing Couple”
• “Après la vie/After the Life”

AUROFILM PRESENTS
UN COUPLE EPATANT / AN AMAZING COUPLE
(Also known as Trilogy: Two)
With: François Morel, Valérie Mairese, Lucas Belvaux, Catherine Frot, Dominique Blanc, Ornella Muti, Gilbert Melki
(please see synopsis on the next page)
Indian– Monday 13 June, 8:00 pm:

‘83

India, 2021, Dir. Kabir Khan w/ Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Tahir Raj Bhasin, and others, Biography-History, 162mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

March 1983 Indian cricket team was selected for the 3rd world cup to be held in June in UK; but no one has any hope for the team or its new captain Kapil Dev. Though the team won the first two matches they lose the next two making the fifth one a critical one to win to survive. But there they make just 17 runs losing 5 wickets. This is when Kapil Dev the young, all-rounder captain took charge; raising team spirit, playing responsibly - he led the underdogs to win that match and the finals. A true story of grit and team spirit that won and made history!

Potpouri – Tuesday 14 June, 8:00 pm:

LA TOURENUE DE PAGES (The Page Turner)

France, 2006, Dir. Denis Descourto w/ Catherine Frot, Déborah François, Pascal Greggory, and others, Drama-Thriller, 85 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-15

A child, Mélanie shows great promise as a pianist. When she auditions for a scholarship at a prestigious music school, one of the judges, Ariane, causes her to fail the audition. Mélanie locks her piano and never plays again; but as a grown woman, she sets in motion a long-awaited and elaborate plan for revenge, beginning with obtaining a position as Ariane’s assistant.

Interesting – Wednesday 15 June, 8:00 pm:

JEEN-YUHS: A KANYE TRILOGY - 3

USA, 2022, Dir. Coodie Simmons & Chike Ozah w/ Ye, Kid Cudi, Justin Bieber, and others, Documentary-Music, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

This much acclaimed three-part film follows the life of Kanye West, in an intimate portrait as he builds his way from singer to businessman and becomes a global brand. This third and the last episode is Awakening - Kanye wins multiple industry awards for “The College Dropout” album, but life, death and fame get in the way, until two paths cross once again.

AVFF 2022 – Thursday 16 June, 8:00 pm:

AMUKA

Belgium-DR Congo, 2021, Dir. Antonio Spanò w/ Biaba Aba Ramazani, Colette Lungu Bunga, Chantal Mbumba Badianga, and others, Documentary, 71mins, French-Swahili w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

The Democratic Republic of Congo could feed almost half the people on Earth. Agriculture accounts for 70% of the population there - yet one in six Congolese suffer from hunger, and one in two from malnutrition. Faced with this paradox, the peasants re-group in agricultural cooperatives. They don’t know each other, live thousands of kilometers apart and participate in different sectors. A handful of them share their daily lives.

International – Saturday, 18 June, 8:00 pm:

TABI NO OWARI SEKAI NO HAJIMARI (To the Ends of the Earth)

Japan-Uzbekistan, 2019, Dir. Kiyoshi Kurosawa w/ Atsuko Maeda, Shôta Sometani, Tahir Raj Bhasin, Tokio Emoto, and others, Drama, 120 mins, Japanese-Uzbek w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

On assignment in Uzbekistan, Yoko - a popular travel show host - and her small TV crew, attempt to catch a mythical fish but fail. Indifferent to her job, Yoko prefers texting her boyfriend in Tokyo. At night, she comes across a tied-up goat and suggests releasing it on camera. A co-production between Japan and Uzbekistan on the twenty-fifth anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Children’s Matinee – Sunday, 19 June, 4:30 pm:

OVER THE MOON

China-USA, 2020, Dir. Glen Keane, John Kahrs w/ Glen Keane, Brycen Hall, Ruthie Ann Miles, and others, Fantasy-Comedy, 95 mins, English-Chinese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In this animated musical, a girl builds a rocket ship and blasts off, hoping to meet a mythical moon goddess.

Andrzej Wajda Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Andrzej Wajda was one of the most renowned film and theatre directors, from Poland. His work chronicled his country’s political and social evolution and dealt with the myths of Polish national identity offering insightful analyses of the universal element of the Polish experience – the struggle to maintain dignity under the most trying circumstances.

Sunday 19 June, 8:00 pm:

WSZYSTKO NA SPRZEDAZ (Everything for sale)

Poland, 1969, Dir. Andrzej Wajda w/ Beata Tyszkiewicz, Andrzej Lapicki, and others, Drama, 105 mins, Polish w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR

Portrait of life on a movie set, which is disrupted when the leading actor is killed in a leap from a moving train. In the meantime, the actor’s wife and mistress join forces to find out what’s happened to him, as nobody has bothered to notify them of their lover’s demise. Wajda’s film was an homage to actor Zbigniew Cybulski, who worked with the director frequently in the 1950s and had been killed in an accident the previous year.

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

AUROFILM

Friday 17 June, 8pm

UN COUPLE EPATANT / AN AMAZING COUPLE (also known as Trilogy: Two)

With: François Morel, Valérie Mairese, Lucas Belvaux, Catherine Frot, Dominique Blanc, Ornella Muti, Gilbert Melki

Synopsis: A comedy, this film is a completely different experience than Trilogy 1. Alain runs a small hi-tech engineering company; he is married to teacher Cecile, and they seem to be a blissfully happy couple. But after a health check up, Alain, a chronic worrier, has come to the conclusion that he’s terminally ill. Cecile, not knowing yet sensing something strange in her husband’s behaviour, starts to doubt him... Camera work is softer and brighter here, the editing more relaxed. The character of Bruno, who was center-stage in ‘On the Run,’ is seen only briefly, and introduces himself as Pierre.” To be followed next week by “After the life.” (The 3 films can be seen separately)

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"Wherever thou seest a great end, be sure of a great beginning. Where a monstrous and painful destruction appears thy mind, console it with the certainty of a large and great creation. God is there not only in the still small voice, but in the fire and in the whirlwind.

"The greater the destruction, the freer the chances of creation; but the destruction is often long, slow and oppressive, the creation tardy in its coming or interrupted in its triumph. The night returns again and again and the day lingers or seems even to have been a false dawning. Despair not therefore but watch and work.

Those who hope violently, despair swiftly: neither hope nor fear, but be sure of God’s purpose and thy will to accomplish.

"The hand of the divine Artist works often as if it were unsure of its genius and its material. It seems to touch and test and leave, to pick up and throw away and pick up again, to labour and fail and bathe and repiece together. Surprises and disappointments are the order of his work before all things are ready. What was selected, is cast away into the abyss of reprobation; what was rejected, becomes the cornerstone of a mighty edifice.

But behind all this is the sure eye of a knowledge which surpasses our reason and the slow smile of an infinite ability.

"God has all time before him and does not need to be always in a hurry. He is sure of his aim and success and cares not if he break his work a hundred times to bring it nearer perfection. Patience is our first great necessary lesson, but not the dull slowness to move of the timid, the sceptical, the weary, the slothful, the unambitious or the weakling; a patience full of a calm and gathering strength which watches and prepares itself for the hour of swift great strokes, few but enough to change destiny.

"Wherefore God hammers so fiercely at his world, tramples and kneads it like dough, casts it so often into the blood-bath and the red hell-heat of the furnace? Because humanity in the mass is still a hard, crude and vile ore which will not otherwise be smelted and shaped; as is his material, so is his method. Let it help to transmute itself into nobler and purer metal, his ways with it will be gentler and sweeter, much loftier and fairer its uses.

"Wherefore he selected or made such a material, when he had all infinite possibility to choose from? Because of his divine Idea which saw before it not only beauty and sweetness and purity, but also force and will and greatness. Despair not force, nor hate it for the ugliness of some of its faces, nor think that love only is God.

All perfect perfection must have something in it of the stuff of the hero and even of the Titan. But the greatest force is born out of the greatest difficulty."

Thoughts and Glimpses, SABCL, Vol. 16, pp. 392 – 93

"After all, the whole problem is to know whether humanity has reached the state of pure gold or whether it still needs to be tested in the crucible.

One thing is evident, humanity has not become pure gold; that is visible and certain.

But something has happened in the world’s history which allows us to hope that a selected few in humanity, a small number of beings, perhaps, are ready to be transformed into pure gold and that they will be able to manifest strength without violence, heroism without destruction and courage without catastrophe.

But in the very next paragraph Sri Aurobindo gives the answer: “If man could once consent to be spiritualised.” If only the individual could consent to be spiritualised... could consent. 1

Something in him asks for it, aspires, and all the rest refuses, wants to continue to be what it is: the mixed ore which needs to be cast into the furnace.

At the moment we are at a decisive turning-point in the history of the earth, once again. From every side I am asked, “What is going to happen?” Everywhere there is anguish, expectation, fear. “What is going to happen?” There is only one reply: “If only man could consent to be spiritualised.”

And perhaps it would be enough if some individuals became pure gold, for this would be enough to change the course of events.... We are faced with this necessity in a very urgent way.

This courage, this heroism which the Divine wants of us, why not use it to fight against one’s own difficulties, one’s own imperfections, one’s own obscurities? Why not heroically face the furnace of inner purification so that it does not become necessary to pass once more through one of those terrible, gigantic destructions which plunge an entire civilisation into darkness?

This is the problem before us. It is for each one to solve it in his own way.

This evening I am answering the questions I have been asked, and my reply is that of Sri Aurobindo: If man could once consent to be spiritualised....

And I add: Time presses... from the human point of view.

1 “All would change if man could once consent to be spiritualised; but his nature, mental and vital and physical, is rebellious to the higher law. He loves his imperfection.”

Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, Questions and Answers, vol. 9, p. 73-75

https://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/09/vol_09_e.pdf

Zech, 2022.06.02

This recent talk (in mp3) of Doc Alok also popped up in the radar, which reconfirms the synchronicity of intertwined events leading towards a Life Divine based on the Vision and ever continuing Work, through the receptives, of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

• Opening to the Mother

Here we again see the synchronicity
The interconnectedness and interdependence
Of Spirit’s evolutionary reality:
We are all integral parts of the One
Working towards the same Vision
That brought us together to this land
Of transitional beings, the City of Dawn
The golden melting pot towards a Life Divine.

Zech . 2022.06.04
THE INNER DIMENSION OF THE CITY

Transcript of a talk by Kireet Joshi to the students of Auroville’s ‘Super School’

Sisters and brothers, I think Auroville as it exists today is the most precious gift that the earth possesses. It has momentous potentialities and responsibilities. All of us who are here have to bear a new kind of torch that is still in the making. I think in the background of Auroville there is what we may call a strategy. How to bring about a radical change in humanity as a whole and how to make the whole world a happy family? A family in which there is spontaneous sharing and a spontaneous move upwards. It was in 1912 that Mother wrote for the first time of a place — in order that the whole of humanity may move upwards — she spoke of a place to be created. In the last chapter of The Life Divine Sri Aurobindo speaks of the arrival or the emergence of a new humanity and he speaks of the method by which a new humanity can be created. And he says that there are two possible ways: one is that human beings in different parts of the world prepare themselves while living in the world and developing very far and then later on combining together to make a nucleus of new humanity. Or else, a method by which people who aspire for truth and truth alone would come out of the old world, build a nucleus in a favorable climate where everything is turned to the truth, and then gradually grow. And he foresaw that it is perhaps this second method which nature will prefer.

But he has laid down there a very important warning: the warning is that people who would come together with an aspiration and who would have the favorable climate; by living together they will increase the force of the truth. But the same samadhi in a circle each one will contribute to the incapacity that each one possesses. And therefore the force of incapacities also would be concentrated. Thereafter, he said, that in the past it is this concentration of incapacities which have not been able to meet the concentration of the Truth Force and as a result there is a breakdown and such groups have therefore not flourished to a very long extent and there has been a failure. Lastly, he said that this failure could be prevented only if the Divine Will has taken a decisive decision to protect it, to develop it, and that Will is maintained. We have seen that the Ashram, as Mother herself pointed out in her statement of the Dream, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram is a modest effort to build up that ideal grace, of which she speaks in her Dream, and for such a long period this nucleus has been developing.

At one time Mother said to me, at a very important stage in my own life, that I have three steps of my work. The first step was the Centre of Education (or the Ashram Centre of Education). My second step is Auroville. She told me this in 1971. And my third step is India and the world. This was the time when Sri Aurobindo’s birth centenary was being celebrated all over the country, and some of us in the Ashram were discussing the question of Sri Aurobindo’s solutions to the problems of the country. And a group of members of the Ashram were discussing various problems of the Ashram as Sri Aurobindo had left the works and then writing down in brief the problem and the solution given by Sri Aurobindo. And I had the privilege of reading out to the Mother the solutions given by Sri Aurobindo and Mother was correcting the statements that we were making in regard to the solutions given by Sri Aurobindo. And then, she wanted afterwards that whatever final document we produced (it was a very short document), She wanted that partly to be sent to but this should not be spread all over it. And I was to go around the country at that time. It is this vision of the Mother that inspired me tremendously. First step was, according to the Mother, a Centre of Education; the second step was Auroville; the third India and the world. The ultimate goal is the whole of humanity. How does humanity move upwards and arrive at solutions of the problems? When I try to understand this aspect I have always referred to the last prose writings of Sri Aurobindo The Supramental Manifestation on the Earth. In these eight chapters which he wrote in 1949, he has put forward a vision. To us it is a vision, but when we read Sri Aurobindo we feel as if whatever he is writing is actually happening. For example he wrote in these chapters a chapter on the divine body. The divine body as an important or a crucial step for the manifestation of the supermind on the earth, and at that time the divine body was already being made ready in his own body. As Mother has said: “Whatever Sri Aurobindo writes is the result of his own experiences.” And then, we will read the Mother’s Agenda, thirteen volumes, it is actually the fabrication of the divine body. Without the divine body one body at least which is perfected, where the matter becomes conscious of the indwelling spirit and manifests the spirit, that great task had to be completed. And on the 14th of March 1970 in the Agenda you read Mother’s declaration “The work is done,” and she repeats this statement several times: “The work is done.” That is to say the divine body was ready. She says: “The work that Sri Aurobindo had given to me has been done.” And the work that Sri Aurobindo had given to her was the impregnation, the permeation of the Supramental force in the physical body. And then she says, working it out may take hundreds of years, three hundred years, four hundred years, it does not matter, the work is done. During the conversations around this time, there is a very important statement that Mother has made and that is that however great, however luminous and powerful one central body would be, there will be a necessity of a collectivity which responds to it. One superman coming on the earth, without that collectivity around, would not be able to accomplish the task. I very aptly referred to it in the beginning. In 1968 that Mother inaugurated this great city, Auroville. And all this has a connection with the statement of the Mother in 1912, Sri Aurobindo’s statement in The Life Divine, the statement on the divine body, and the experiment that Mother made to manifest the divine body. All this is the inner dimension, the basic inner dimension of Auroville.

I think Mother felt a need to create a body, a collectivity which would serve the purpose of receiving the light of the divine body, of organising itself into higher and higher moulds of living not only of being and thinking and feeling but of living, so that the work of the Supramental Manifestation could move faster and faster, and would succeed. In other words, the most important foundation of Auroville is the Supramental Consciousness. And I think when Mother wrote the invitation to men of goodwill, it is an invitation to all to understand the supermind; to participate in the activity or action of the supermind and to respond to it. In the book The Supramental Manifestation on the Earth, Sri Aurobindo has made a statement in four chapters: Supermind and Humanity, Supermind and Education, and in the last chapter also Supermind and the Mind of Light. These four chapters are directly relevant to the work of Auroville. It is, you might say, the manifesto of Auroville. We are here for the Divine in humanity; the Divine that is moving upward with humanity. That is why the very first article of the Charter of Auroville is that: “To live in Auroville one must be a willing servitor of the Divine consciousness.” Because that is the test, that is the question that Supermind becomes possible. I am reminded of the Mother’s vision of the boat, many of us have read it, and I think that Auroville is a boat in which we are all recruited for purposes of training, and that is why Mother spoke in the second article of the Charter of Auroville of perpetual education. We are all under training and we must be here as candidates under training. All our imperfections, our human weaknesses, which particularly here will become more and more because of the pressure... The difficulties, which I see in Auroville, are natural difficulties. There are difficulties of the pressure under which we put ourselves in the process of training. One may become disheartened to see the difficulties but that is one way of looking at it. The other way of looking at it is that we are under training and the sooner we embody more and more the aspiration and the effort to surmount the difficulties, the better and more glorious will be the outcome. But this is
one part of what I call the foundational inner dimension. And there is a second aspect of the inner dimension. The second dimension is the process of our training. Mother spoke of Auroville in two very important statements. One was that humanity has made a big mistake in the production of armaments of destruction. And, she pointed this out in this conversation which is in The Agreement. In 1981 when Mr M’Bow (The then Secretary General of UNESCO, who was a member of Auroville’s International Advisory Council) came to Auroville and when Deeksha in a meeting read Mr M’Bow tremendously, because here Mother had declared the purpose of Auroville — and it puts a tremendous light on the work of Auroville — what I call the process of training in Auroville. She said that because this mistake has been made and humanity has made a very dangerous mistake because there is a psychology of the instrument of destruction not only of the human beings who possess the instruments of destruction but the psychology of the instruments themselves. And that psychology propels its use. You produce an instrument of war, an instrument of destruction and that instrument by its very existence produces a propulsion: “Use me”. It should be used and this is a tremendous danger. Many people have piled up the armaments with a very pious wish and hope that they will not be used. But this psychology which Mother had explained propels all the time: “Use, use me!” Now, what is the remedy for this? What is it that can counteract this psychology of the instruments? Mother said, when I was contemplating this question I was told: it is for that purpose I have created Auroville. To counteract this mistake which humanity had made, to produce an instrument of destruction. She explained that psychology propels one to counter-act? We have to realize that today’s armaments are so deadly that if they are used there will be irremediable destruction — which cannot be remedied afterwards. Not only ecologically but even the instruments of the human body. So, this task is very important and is something that cannot be avoided at all. This is the large context in which Auroville exists today. And we are undergoing training because she said that the very process of the development of Auroville not only when Auroville will be completed but the process of its development will be a remedy to this psychology of the use of armaments. And, it is one of the reasons why I feel Auroville has been attacked. The one instrument that Mother has produced here to counteract all the piles of the armaments, if this instrument can be destroyed then the destruction of mankind will be very easy. Therefore it is a very precious gift which had been given by the Mother. If you can successfully develop, then this can save or save the whole of human life. And therefore, in fact I am a personal witness, the terrible conflict and struggle that had gone into the process, and at many stages I could see that Auroville could be destroyed. Fortunately, I personally feel that we have passed through that difficult period. Auroville exists! Continuously exists to survive, to develop, to try. And a new consciousness is holding us on, and we are conscious today of the gift that this Auroville is for mankind. But this gift can continue to survive and continue to develop only on one important condition: service to the Divine Will, discovery of the Divine Will and effective use of our being in the service of the Divine Will.

So, the question is what is the Divine Will? According to many religions Divine’s will is manifested. It is written down in the Bible or the Koran or that kind of a scripture. It is, as it were, revealed once and for all. And the call is to implement what is now known to be the Divine will. But in Sri Aurobindo’s vision there is no book, however great it may be, it may be the Veda, or the Bhagavad Gita, or any other, in which we find an answer to the question as to what is the Divine’s Will at the highest crest of humanity’s development today. Therefore Sri Aurobindo says: “The sadhaka of the Integral yoga is not the sadhaka of any book, he is the sadhaka of the infinite.” And therefore, every individual who wants to discover the Divine Will may take it from the past, from all the revelations, but he will not be bound by any one of them. It has to be a fresh discovery. Truth is constantly manifesting and the truth of yesterday is not the truth of today. And one has to constantly be fresh to discover the truth at every moment. Now what is the method of discovering the Divine’s Will? The truth is triumphant only when it is fresh. Therefore there should be fresh inquiries every day. And the only method is a synthesis of knowledge, devotion and action. There is a very important sentence in the Bhagavad Gita which brings out the necessity of combining knowledge, devotion and action. In one of the chapters of the Bhagavad Gita it is said: “All my devo - tees are very dear to me, but, the devotee who combines knowledge with his devotion is particularly dear to me — Ativa priya.” And it is mentioned at a point where action is already described as a necessary part of this process and it is explained why this combination is necessary. It is said that only when the three are combined together that immorality is possible. It is also said that the programme for this, it is immorality, is to be worked out. We have guidelines, we have glimpses...
of what is to be, but how it will work out we do not as yet know. To be in search of an ideal organisation, inwardly devoted to this task, very sincerely. Our organisation should be such that it does not prevent, that it does not become an obstacle for the free growth of the Spirit. How to avoid mechanisation of life? How to avoid routinisation of life? How to make life constantly fresh? This is our search. Fortunately, Mother has given detailed guidelines on this subject. Sri Aurobindo has given detailed ideas on this. Even recently an Aurovilian wrote a note to me in which he quoted a passage from the Mother’s Agenda (see below). When an American had come to see the Ashram and yet made many remarks about the inadequacies of the processes of the organisation of the Ashram. And how Sri Aurobindo came to the Mother and said to her to write down and gave guidance to what is the ideal way of organising. Since I do not remember every word of it I will not repeat myself but I suggest that this is a very important passage that Carel has discovered in the writings of the Mother and it should be given to everyone, because while we are trying to make a new organisation this statement is very important. Once Mother had told me, I do not have a set of pigeon-holes in which I can then put pigeons. That is the normal mental method of organisation. You develop constantly with the fire and with the will a constant burning goodwill which simply says: truth, harmony, goodwill, discipline. In fact these are the four words which Mother has written in a message which I find in the Matrimandir. Very beautiful – goodwill, harmony, discipline, truth. If you keep in mind this proposition, all the time, these terms in all your activities and allow them to flow then gradually the ideal form of organisation will emerge. And this has a tremendous effect because the whole world today is at a halting point. The whole world is moving round and round without an issue, without a solution because the world does not know how to organise itself. The organisational problem is extremely important. If you can therefore develop an organisation with this kind of fashioning tool, a burning goodwill then it will be very useful for the whole of mankind. This is according to me the third inner dimension of the city that is in making.

Thank you

Mother’s Agenda, 11 March 1964

I’ll read you something.

It concerns an American who came here full of all the American ideas, who did a survey of everything (the way the services are organized and so on), and who sent me his report in which he says that everything lacks organization, a mental structure… I didn’t intend to answer him, but the day before yesterday, just when I was going to retire for the night, Sri Aurobindo told me insistently – he came and told me, “Here is what you must say to T.” And he insisted until I had written it down – I was forced to write it! Sri Aurobindo has told us (it’s he himself who said it) and we until I had written it down – I was forced to write it! Sri Aurobindo came to the Mother and said to her to write down and gave guidance to what is the ideal way of organising.

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◦ PIMS – 0413 2656271

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◦ Santé – 0413 2622803 / 0413 2623937
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