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# ANITYA NEWSLETTER

## JOY OF IMPERMANENCE

An Auroville Community Project Registered under LEAD



## GRATITUDE TO OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY!

We are delighted to share with you in this issue the main outcomes of the donations we received from well wishers with the support of AVI USA.

Thanks to the completion of our main collective space, our community is now entering into a new phase. It's time to be more open and invite the Auroville community at large to bring more life in our project!

Much gratitude and love from the JOI Anitya team,  
Andres, Ion, Mathilde, Mira, Nikki & Serena

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# THANK YOU !



Thanks to the generosity of well-wishers, we received significant donations and have been able to complete our rainwater harvesting system, as well as our main community space.

We have completed our community space named Maloka: flooring, mosquito mesh, electricity, fans, altar... Everything to make it a welcoming space for sharing community meetings and events. We also had to fix leaks in the traditional roof made of natural material.

We will soon host workshops and yoga classes. Toddlers are already using it for their weekly meeting (see Leela's page!).

We are looking forward to bring more people, activities and life in our community!



WE ARE SO GLAD TO NOW HAVE A SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL PLACE



FINAL WORK TO CONNECT THE NEW TANK TO THE FILTER AND THE ROOF

We installed a new tank on a platform, a filter and a connection to the roof of the Family pod to increase our capacity: we are now able to store around 25,000 liters of water after a generous rainfall.

This means we will not be taking thousands of liters of precious water from the aquifers.

As you know, water is a critical resource in the ecosystem of Auroville and the bioregion.

# VISIT FROM AVI USA



On August 22, we received the visit of Mary and Jack from Auroville International USA (AVI USA), a group of dedicated people in love with Auroville who have helped many projects here, including us!



JACK & MARY IN FRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY KITCHEN

They helped us with fundraising: Remember our livestream event last October? It was for us the opportunity to share the film 'the JOI of Human Unity' which you can still watch [here](#).

They also offer regular guidance for the development of Joy of Impermanence - Anitya.

We were really happy to meet them to express our gratitude for their support and to show them the latest developments in our community.

## IF YOU WISH TO SUPPORT ANITYA

Visit AVI USA website:

[www.aviusa.org](http://www.aviusa.org)

Their page about us:

[www.aviusa.org/joi/](http://www.aviusa.org/joi/)

And our website:

[www.joyofimpermanence.in/donations/](http://www.joyofimpermanence.in/donations/)

*Auroville International*  
USA







# BEING A TODDLER IN AV

My name is Leela and I am 22 months old, meaning I will be 2 years old next November. I live in Anitya with my parents, Mathilde and Andrés, and I love it there! Let me tell you more about my life...



EXPLORING ANITYA IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES!



My week is quite busy. I spend a lot of time outside, playing with dogs and cats, cows and goats or birds when I can too. I also like to walk around and pick up leaves, flowers and fruits for tasting them (acerola and tulsí are my favorites!). I do some gardening as well, scratching the soil and watering the plants...

I enjoy going often to "Mamimamir" (ie Matrimandir). I like to play with the earth under the banyan tree and explore the garden of the unexpected...

Every day of the week, I meet my "baby friends" and their parents. Thanks to them, I explore 9 palms, Shanti community, Revelation forest. I also welcome them in Anitya, and once a week, we join the older children in the Base Camp of The Learning Community.

During the week-end, I help with community work in Anitya. I also go to the pool or to the beach, and I often go to community events to meet more friends... Did I tell you that I am very social? Of course, after all that, I have a good night of sleep!



WITH SOME OF MY FRIENDS IN MALOKA





# BUILDING QUEENDOM

We are delighted to share with you the new video made about our community: Aurora's Eye Film crew has documented the building of Queendom, an Off Grid Demountable Sustainable Eco Friendly House.



A labor of love, a home created by following the call of beauty and sustainability, Queendom has been a space of transformation. The intention for this home was peace, joy and love and it has remained so even in times of transition. Impermanence was key in the design and remains weaved into the ethos of the home.



## The JOI of Building Queendom

Click here to see the trailer: [TRAILER](#)

Click here to see the full video: [FILM](#)



SERENA APPLYING MUD PLASTER



NIKKI AT WORK



QUEENDOM PICTURE FROM OUR FACEBOOK ALBUM



# MEET OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**We would like to progressively introduce you all our core team members, starting with Mathilde in this issue.**

Mathilde came to Auroville in 2013 after starting her career as a lawyer in France because she "wanted more meaning" in her life and to "live according to [her] deepest aspiration".

Once in India, she continued to train in the field of expressive art therapy, play therapy, psychology and many topics related to positive education and communication.

In 2015, she joined one of the Auroville outreach school and opened there a space for social and emotional education using creativity and art as a support, during 4 years. She created a grass-root organisation in France to gather funds to support her activities in this field in Auroville and its surroundings

In 2017, she joined the JOI project at an early stage. Since Anitya has been created, she is very active in the field of beauty, "head of beauty team" she says, and in the connection with the children of the village: she has helped to manifest the after-school program with Thamarai Educational Project which now welcome 30 children every evening.

And since 2020, she is the happy mom of Leela!



**MATHILDE & LEELA WAITING FOR ANDRES TO GO FOR A RIDE**

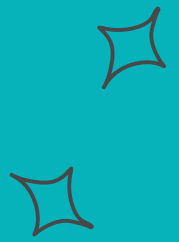
To know more about why Mathilde joined JOI, what is her main learning from the experience, what she thinks is Anitya's biggest challenge and biggest realization, check **her full interview** on our newly created **Youtube channel!**

To know more about her non-profit project, check here: **Les Arts d'Etre Heureux**

And here about **Thamarai Educational Project** activities



# A DAY IN ANITYA



**Tara and her husband Ruben have recently decided to join Auroville and they have been staying in Anitya for the last 4 months. Tara shares what her day in Anitya looks like!**

Saturday morning. No alarm today, no rush. I open my eyes to the stained-glass double doors. Sunlight already fills the room and I know that it isn't early. The animals are quiet for now. I slip out of bed, eager to meet the day. I head downstairs and make my way to the compost toilet. Dharma, the gardener, is bustling around and cheerily greets me, 'Vanakkam!'. On my way back, all the cats and dogs get their due share of attention. Padme and Indiana wag their tails, happy at the prospect of breakfast. Maya meows: loud and demanding. Once the furry ones are fed, I settle down for a special start to the day with Ruben. We are having vegan croissants from the bakery and soy milk cappuccinos. Afterwards, we head to the beach. A walk on the sand and the ocean waves crashing. Much restored, we have a cool drink and read a little in the shade.

Back at Anitya, today we have community lunch. Six different vegetables prepared with a dozen spices! We are all in the kitchen together, sitting under the ceiling fan. These are the few moments in which our hustling-bustling lives slow down and intertwine.

Savouring the wholesome meal, we catch up on each other's lives. Satisfied, it is time to put the leftovers away in the community fridge and wash up. Once again, we go our separate ways. I spend the afternoon working at my desk in Queendom. The view is perfect: lush green and bushy squirrel tails! The day is finally coming to an end. Ruben and I make some dinner downstairs and talk as always. Tomorrow will be another day and we will be painting the outdoor showers together. Important tasks before the full force of the monsoon. Sounds of the night tell us it is time for bed.



TARA AND MIRA SANDING THE SHOWER

# UPCOMING EVENT



In October, we will host Jorge Arjun Calero from Atlantida Ecovillage in Colombia. He has the support of the Global Ecovillage Network to share the Dances of Universal Peace to new places all over the world. It will be his first time in Auroville!

**Dances of Universal Peace**

Movement and singing from the spiritual traditions of the world

with Arjun Calero  
From the ecovillage movement of Latin America and Atlantida community in Colombia

**Open Night for All: in the Pavillion of Tibetan Culture**  
Friday 21st October 5:30 - 7:30pm

**Workshop: in the Anitya Community**  
Saturday 22nd 9am - 5pm & Sunday 23rd October 9am - 1pm

Please reserve your place for both Open Night and/or Workshop at: [joianitya@gmail](mailto:joianitya@gmail)

Logo: Joy of Impermanence

Logo: Dances of Universal Peace

Portrait of Arjun Calero

Jorge Arjun has been practicing the Dances of Universal Peace for 18 years. He is a member of the International Board of Directors of the related organization and a Senior Dance Mentor entitled to train and certified facilitators.

[WWW.DANCESOFUNIVERSALPEACE.ORG](http://WWW.DANCESOFUNIVERSALPEACE.ORG)





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DURING A COMMUNITY BUILDING WORKSHOP WITH EXPERT BERNARD ALONSO IN 2019