



... An outer activity, as well as an inner change, is needed and it must be at once a spiritual, cultural, educational, social and economical action" - Sri Aurobindo

A relationship that is not only cordial but friendly with the inhabitants of the neighboring village is absolutely indispensable. For the realization of Auroville the first step is to establish a true human fraternity — any shortcoming in this regard is a grave mistake which can compromise the whole work. My blessings are with all sincere effort towards harmony.

The school should be an opportunity for progress for the teacher as well as for the student. Each one should have the freedom to develop freely.

- The Mother

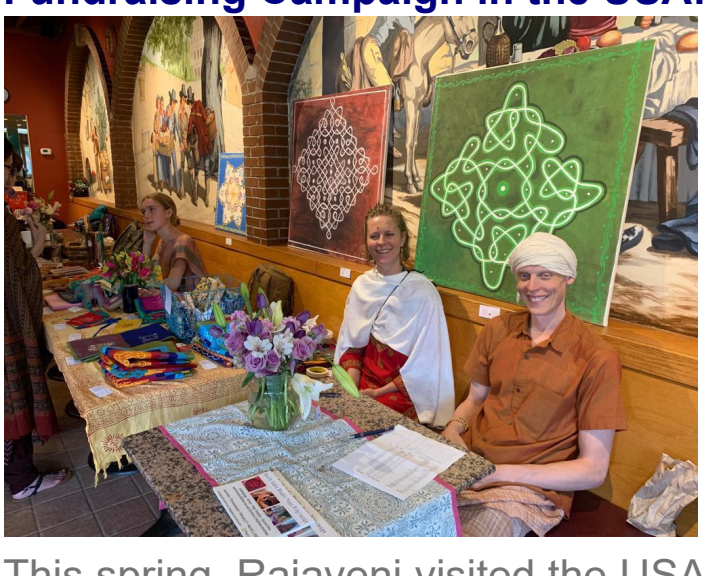
Mohanam was opened in 2001, The name Mohanam comes from one of the most harmonious ragas of Classical Indian Music, a raga being a musical melody aimed at creating a certain mood and state of mind. The Mohanam raga evokes the power of fulfillment of our aspiration for beauty and harmony.

The Mission

To act as a bridge between Auroville and its surrounding villages and to keep alive the local rural Tamil cultural heritage.

Mohanam wants to be a youthful, vibrant community centre that helps to revitalize the rich village traditions of Tamil Nadu. We believe that in the rush towards modernization it is important to recognize and appreciate our past and its potential to function as a foundation for building a brighter future for all, one where the divine force within each one of us may unfold.

Fundraising Campaign in the USA:



This spring, Rajaveni visited the USA to fundraise for Mohanam. She was warmly embraced by [Yoga Center Amherst](#), where she conducted a kolam workshop and organized a South India Feast that raised money to support the kindergarten. She also visited [Matagiri Sri Aurobindo Center](#), where she taught a South Indian cooking class for over 20 people.. The menu included favorites such as dosa, rasam, sambar with vegetables and vadai. The Mohanam team expresses heartfelt thanks to [Julian Lines](#) and [Wendy Lines](#) for hosting!

This workshop has given by Mr. Tony from china; He is the master who has learned Tai Chi from his childhood. He has taught them very simple steps for the village youth. If you do every day basic for 3 min this exercise can keep our body healthy.



World Clean-up day:



Plastic trash cleanup work is done in Irbmbai temple:

On July 7th nearly 29 Mohanam Irbmbai yoga students collected plastic debris around the Irbmbai temple. They worked hard from 6-9 am, with the young boys and girls collecting all waste plastic products around the whole campus of the Irbmbai temple under the guidance of the teachers. Through this social work, the students gained awareness of the problems caused by overuse of plastic. They decided to share their awareness by posting notices around the temple. Then they were rewarded with cookies and lemon juice.

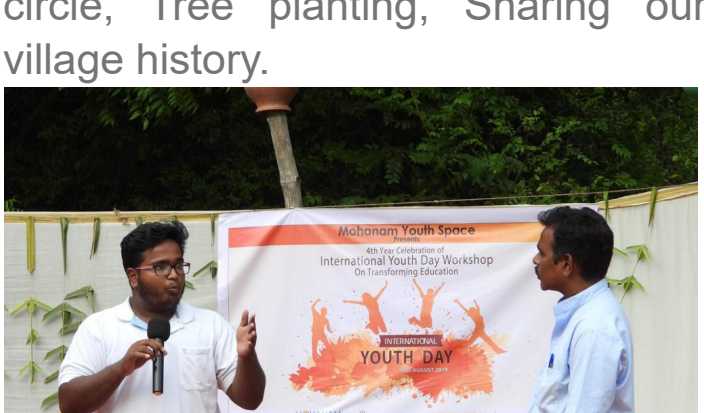
International Youth Day Celebration 2019:



Mohanam Youth Space conducted a One-day workshop On 'Transforming Education' for International youth day celebration 2019. It was held on Sunday the 10th of August at 8: am-6: pm in Mohanam Youth space center.



Mohanam cordially invited the youth to participate in the workshop in and around Auroville. We aimed to empower the skills of the youth; the age was between 15 to 35. More than one hundred youths participated from various colleges like Aravind Arts and college, Rock college, Thiruvanamalai SKP Engineering and Management college and Auroville Bioregion youth in the celebration. About the Workshop details were Open talk session, Dream of Auroville, Theatre workshop, Waste management and Environmental education, Poem and creative writing workshop, Music circle, Tree planting, Sharing our village history.



A short lecture was given by Mr. Raman about 'The dream of Auroville'. Waste management and environmental education workshop conducted by Ribu and Meera, Poem and creative writing conducted by Mr. Adhiraman from Pondicherry Literature club, Music and drumming circle conducted by Anandabaskaran, Prakash, Siva and Barathi, Tree Planting and sharing our village history by Sathiyavan, Bharathi. The program was well organized by the Anandou sir team. the participants really enjoyed and acquired more knowledge and many things learned for their practical life. It was an unforgettable and exciting day in their life for the youth.



Tai Chi workshop for Bioregional youth:



Mohanam organized a Tai Chi workshop on 20th August'19 in Mohanam youth space. Youth from the different villages participated in the Tai Chi workshop. It has 10 simple steps but it's a more powerful exercise for the body.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration:



Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesha. On 2nd September tuition students celebrated Ganesh pooja with lots of fun, dancing and singing Ganesha slogans. And all children were asked to make their own Ganesh statues from clay material. All the children came to Tuition in colorful dresses with makeup. After the pooja, we offered holy prasadam for all the children who were very nice and fascinating in the celebration.



Arts class Teachers Meetings:

On 9th September'19, we had an art class teachers meeting in Mohanam building, which we plan to, meet and discuss every month on the first Sunday. All teachers accepted it, in view of further art class student's developments. This meeting we decided to happen about once a month with all teachers presenting their children progress in the class and once every three months the students should give a performance in the Mohanam headquarter. And teachers give concentration on each child, identify their talents.

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The contribution of Auroville, the parents and the participants is not enough to cover all the costs of our program. Without the financial support of our sponsors, we would not be able to offer this rich variety of programs.

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Volunteer Needed



Take a local journey that will feed your senses and satisfy your desire to learn more about our Tamil culture.



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