

News & Notes

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I have arisen from earth to the mid-world, I have arisen from the mid-world to heaven,
from the level of the firmament of heaven I have gone to the Sun-world, the Light.
Yajur Veda

The Ponder Corner

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

*I am the bird of God in His blue;
Divinely high and clear
I sing the notes of the sweet and the true
For the god's and the seraph's ear.*

*I measure the worlds with my ruby eyes;
I have perched on Wisdom's tree
Thronged with the blossoms of Paradise
By the streams of Eternity.*

The Blue Bird Sri Aurobindo

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House of Mother's Agenda

"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive section of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive section of the world will be embraced – not "embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought.

Those who already are have the good fortune of being the first ones, that's all."

— The Mother, Agenda 16 February 1972 (+ 50 years = 2022)

August 10, 1963

"93 — Pain is the touch of our Mother teaching us how to bear and grow in rapture. She has three stages of her schooling, endurance first, next equality of soul, last ecstasy.

Mother: As long as we are dealing with moral things, this is absolutely obvious and indisputable: all moral pain, when you know how to take it, shapes your character and leads you straight to ecstasy. But when it comes to the body...

It's true that the doctor himself said ([*laughing*], the doctor (*The "doctor" is not an abstraction here, but the person who watches and will watch over Mother up to the end*) symbolizes Doubt with a capital D) that if you teach your body to bear pain, it grows more and more enduring and doesn't get disrupted so fast – that's a concrete result. People who know how not to be thoroughly upset as soon as they have a pain here or there, who are able to bear quietly and keep their balance, it seems that in their case the body's capacity to bear disorder without breaking down increases. That's very important. You remember, in a previous Agenda I asked myself the question from a purely practical and physical point of view, and it does seem to be true. Inwardly, I have been told many a time – told and shown with all sorts of little experiences – that the body can bear far more than people think, provided they don't add fear or anxiety to the pain; if you can get rid of that mental factor, the body, left to itself, without either fear or fright or anxiety for what will happen – without anguish – can bear a great deal.

The second step is that once the body has decided to bear pain (it really takes the decision to do so), instantly the acuteness, the acute sensation in the pain vanishes. I am speaking on an absolutely material level.

And if you have calm (it requires an inner calm, which is another factor), if you have inner calm, then the pain turns into an almost pleasant sensation – not "pleasant" in the ordinary sense of the word, but there comes an almost comfortable impression. Once again, I am speaking on a purely physical, material level

The last stage: when the cells have faith in the divine Presence and the divine sovereign Will and trust that all is for the good, then ecstasy comes – the cells open up, become luminous and ecstatic.

That makes four stages (this aphorism refers to only three). The last one is probably not within everybody's reach (!) but the first three are quite obvious – I know it works like that. The only point that bothered me (I told you once) is that it isn't a purely psychological experience and that enduring pain causes wear and tear in the body. But I inquired with the doctor (I casually made him talk), and he told me that if the body is taught very young to bear pain, its capacity to bear increases so much that it can effectively withstand illnesses, which means that the illness doesn't follow its course, it aborts. That's precious.

The last experience (which I've had these last few days), in which apparently there was a hitch (it wasn't really one)

was a sort of demonstration. I told you what it was, you remember: it's like a purge of all the vibrations that are false vibrations, that aren't the pure and simple response to the supreme Influence (all that in the cells still responds to the vibrations of falsehood, either from habit or from the people around or the food taken – fifty thousand things). Then, with an aspiration or a decision, almost a prayer for purification coming from the body, something happens which, naturally, upsets the balance; the imbalance in turn brings about a general discomfort. The form discomfort takes is habitually the same: first, pains and all kinds of sensations I need not describe; if that state goes on developing, if it is allowed to assume its full proportions, it results... in the past it resulted in a faint. But this time, I followed the process for about two hours from the moment I got up: the struggle between the new balance, the new Influence that was getting established, and the resistance of all the existing elements forced to go away. That created a sort of conflict. The consciousness remained very clear – the consciousness of the BODY remained very clear, very quiet, perfectly trusting. So for two hours I was able to follow the process (while going on with all my usual activities, without changing anything), until I felt, or rather was told sufficiently clearly that the Lord wanted my body to be completely immobile for a while so that He might complete His work. But I am not all alone: there are other people here to help me and watch over everything (but I don't say or explain anything to them, those are things I don't talk about – I don't say what goes on, I don't say anything), so I sat there wondering, "Is it really and truly indispensable?" (Mother laughs) Then I felt the Lord exert a little more pressure, which heightened the intensity of the conflict, so that I had all the signs of fainting – I understood (!)... I stood up, let my body moan a little to make it plain it didn't feel too well (!) and I stretched out. Then I was immobile, and in that immobility, I saw the work that was being done – a work that cannot be done if you go on moving about. I saw the work. It took nearly half an hour; in half an hour it was over. Which means there is really... there is a fact I cannot doubt, even if all the surrounding thoughts and forces contradict it: I cannot doubt that the consciousness is increasing more and more – the consciousness in the body. It is growing more and more precise, luminous, exact – QUIET – very peaceful. Yet very conscious of a TREMENDOUS battle against millennial habits. Do you follow?

When it was over, I saw that even physically, bodily, there is a strength: the result is an increased strength. A very clearly increased strength."

(to be continued next week)

Volume 4. 1963:
Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda_04/1963-08-10-01_e.htm

Townhall Speaks

COMMUNITY INTERACTION WITH THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Dear fellow Residents, we would like to inform you that our new team has met and started its work.

We also would like to invite you to a Community Interaction this coming Friday, 20 May, at 4:30pm at Unity Pavilion, during which time we would like to introduce ourselves to you, and hear from you in order to initiate some interactions for meaningful dialogues and collaboration.

Warmly, *The Working Committee*
(Chali, Elisa, Gilles, Hemant, Juergen, Sauro)

REPORT OF THE FAMC OVER THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

Members:

Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan

Invitee: Under Secretary Mr. Srinivasamurthy

Secretaries: Svenja, Balaji; Madhan (Finance Secretary).

Errata – we shared with you our 12 April 2022 report to the Governing Board in which one topic is ‘strengthen and support the Knowledge Economy’ and we stated, “Purnam Center submitted a practical proposal for growing the Knowledge Economy which we understand has already received support and funding.” We have been informed by Purnam that the statement about funding is incorrect. Kindly make note of this correction.

This FAMC monthly report does not include regular liaison work with other working groups unless there is a final outcome, in which case the items may be reported in the reports of the respective working groups such as the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC), Working Committee (WCom), Housing Board (HB), Land Board (LB), Auroville Council (AVC) or the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC).

Please bear in mind that this is a report of decisions or events of a certain period and in the meantime changes, progress, or/ and collaboration might have occurred in any given subject.

1.Cooperation with the Auroville Foundation Office (AVFO)

- a. Which authority appoints the FAMC. In our report of the month of March we mentioned that some meetings with the AVFO are taking place, while the issue of which authority of the Auroville Foundation appoints the FAMC, the Governing Board or the Residents’ Assembly, is still unresolved. During the month of April, this issue was not further addressed.
- b. Minutes 58th Governing Board meeting. The FAMC has requested the AVFO for copies of the meeting notes of the 34th meeting of the Finance Committee and for the ‘township development budget for FY 2022-23’, approved by the Finance Committee. Neither has been received by the date this report was sent to the News and Notes.
- c. House occupation by non-Aurovilians in Equality community. The Secretary has still not taken any action, as earlier requested by the FAMC, to use her authority as Estate Officer to remove the family from the house.
- d. Delay in authorisation letters for land purchase. In our report over the month of March we mentioned that, in order to prevent delays at the office of the Auroville Foundation in the signing of authorisation letters for registration of new land purchases, a new process has been worked out for approval by the AVFO where the Working Committee will give the Land Board the authorisation, instead of the AVFO. The new Due Diligence Procedure has been sent to AVFO and its approval is still awaited.

- e. 59th meeting of the Governing Board. An FAMC report was submitted for the 59th GB meeting held on April 12th. This report was published on the Auronet on 12 April and sent to the N&N. Some FAMC members attended a brief, partially live and online, interaction with some of the Governing Board members. The chairman was not present.
- f. Unity Fund standing order. A revised draft standing order was received. The FAMC has some suggested changes to be shared with the AVFO.
- g. SAIER staff quarters. The FAMC has written to the executives of SAIER on how they are planning to handle the demand by the AVFO for reallocation of Auroville staff quarters to AVFO staff and employees.
- h. Aranya Forest access problem. The steward of Aranya Forest informed the Secretary first, and then the Working Committee and FAMC, about a problem with the access road, which has been in use since 1994. The road has been narrowed by adjacent landowners so that only a width of 9 feet remains due to which no 4-wheel vehicle can pass through to reach Aranya. As the Aranya Forest Centre is visited by 5,000 students, public servants, local people, government officials, and researchers from all over the world throughout the year, the problem needs to be resolved. So far, no response has been received.

Meeting: FAMC met with Dr. Ravi, Secretary, Auroville Foundation, and Mr. Srinivasmurthy, Under Secretary Auroville Foundation on 22 April 2022 in the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. The meeting minutes were prepared by Mr. Srinivasmurthy. We requested corrections and changes to the draft minutes however no response has been received as of the end of this reporting period. We note here some of the highlights:

- a. Update on implementation of Centralized Accounting – it was estimated that the work is 70% completed.
- b. Forest and farm groups accounts to be consolidated in the Auroville Foundation Consolidate Balance Sheet 2021-2022 – farm group accounts had been submitted; forest group accounts would be submitted by the deadline.
- c. Goods and Services Tax (GST) registrations – it is proposed by the Secretary to reduce the number of GST numbers (GSTIN) to the minimum, i.e. one or two.
- d. Details of Aurovilians being given Auroville maintenance with work / service and the quantum – reports previously submitted as per a request will be analyzed by the AVFO.
- e. Standard Chart of Accounts – any outstanding queries are to be addressed at the earliest.
- f. 2019-2020 CAG audit queries – a majority of the queries had already been answered; the balance would be done as soon as practically possible.
- g. Supporting bills and vouchers required for all the buildings made from the Government grants for the period 2016-2022 required by the Internal Audit Team of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, urgently. – AVFO is following this.
- h. uploading the details of donors and donations as per IT Act – information was provided as requested the morning of the meeting.
- i. The Secretary stated that, “All decisions taken by FAMC from April 2021 to 31st March, 2022 to be reviewed for any formal approvals as may be necessary. Minutes of FAMC Meetings after proper review from October, 2021 can be considered for approval by the Secretary – to be taken up by Mr. Kalyani & Mr. Srinivasamurthy, Auroville Foundation.” At the time of this reporting the FAMC was formulating a response.
- j. In comments on the minutes to Mr. Srinivasmurthy the FAMC added a point, “A request to discuss topics of concern from the FAMC, such as Swagatham Guest House, was dismissed.”

2. General issues

- a. **TDC representative on the Housing Board.** The FAMC approved that Elaine, who returned to work in the TDC in April, become the TDC representative on the Housing Board replacing Anbu.
- b. **Center Field house formerly stewarded by Tapas.** The FAMC has informed Tapas and Mita that they were not 'asked to leave' and that the FAMC offered the Samasti housing asset due to their distress of the situation and the impending Crown Road development through Center Field. The asset in Center Field will now be made available for temporary house sitting. (Decision meanwhile rendered infructuous due to the demolishing of the asset, without any prior notice, by the Auroville Foundation on May 2nd, 2022.)
- c. **Appeal process.** At the request of the Auroville Council, the FAMC has worked together to make some corrections and suggest changes to a proposed revision of the appeal process. The outcome of this work will soon be shared with the Auroville Council.
- d. **Aurovilians who purchased land inside the Master Plan area.** A subgroup has been created to review the answers already provided to the former Working Committee with regards to the funding sources for the land purchase(s).
- e. **Contribution Policy review.** The FAMC will invite the Citizen Assembly to take this topic as their next project and give their recommendations to the FAMC. The Citizen Assembly process should ideally be finalized by the end of July 2022, so that, if the FAMC follows the recommendations, a new policy could be in place by August 2022. *Look in the May report for an update on this.*
- f. **Eateries in the city area.** The residents' summary of inputs to an FAMC inquiry shows a preference that city area eateries are managed as services. The matter will be taken up with the BCC and the eatery's executives.
- g. **House tax.** Several panchayats of the surrounding villages have asked for an updated list of building assets in order to properly assess the house tax to be paid. The FAMC has asked TDC and Housing Service to send their building asset list, with information about the panchayat included.

3. Units and Trusts issues

- a. **Kinisi.** As Kinisi is now also doing bike rental to guests and vehicle sales to Aurovilians, members recommended that the new Kinisi unit be registered under the Aurore Trust or that the unit be split into two, with the research section under the CSR Trust and the income-generating section under the Aurore Trust.
- b. **Morning Star Women's Wellness Center.** After receiving a new cost estimate for the building and a statement on the availability of funds, the construction is approved. The executives are requested to change / update the scope of work once the building is ready and obtain the necessary license(s).
- c. **AVDzines.** A discussion is ongoing on transferring the unit from Auroville Service Trust to Artisana Trust and to move the "Graphic Section" under City Service as a budgeted service. It is also necessary to develop a business plan for the unit at the Mangalam location. FAMC awaits further information from the executives.
- d. **Afsanah Guest House,** a unit of the Guest House Trust. The proposal from the trustees to close the guesthouse for three months has been rejected thanks to the efforts of the interim executives, Afsanah Guest house is now running well and is profitable. The trustees are expected to cooperate with Afsanah GH interim executives and immediately transfer to the guest house collection account all payments held since April 1st, as previously intimated by the FAMC.
- e. **Guest House Trust (GHT).** The GHT trustees have been reminded that a third (mandatory) & fourth (optional) trustee is to be appointed as soon as possible. The FAMC is still waiting for their recommendations.

- f. **Farms & Forests.** At the advice of Chartered accountant Mr. Prabakaran the FAMC decided that the farms and forests accounts will be consolidated directly under the Auroville Foundation as part of the consolidated balance sheet (ie not under any unit or Trust entity).
- g. **AuroMira.** As no business plan has been submitted as requested in December 2021, and after reminders for the same, the FAMC decided to ask the executives to put hold on all the activities related to the unit, also as the executives' term of office has expired.
- h. **Bharat Nivas sustainability.** The question how the pavilions of the various countries can become self-sustainable was discussed and will be further researched by the FAMC Resource Group (FARG), which has also been asked to make recommendations with regards to Bharat Nivas as a sample case. At present Bharat Nivas has an income from the two guest houses situated on the compound, but the waiver of the mandatory contribution to the community has only been given for the present financial year.

4. Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity managers.

Note: changes concerning trustees are approved in collaboration with the Working Committee.

- a. **Exploration,** a unit under the Guest House Trust. Appointment of new executives Mr. Iyyapan Jayamoorthy and Ms. Sonja Van Dam. Approved.
- b. **Udavi School Trust.** The termination of the trusteeship of Mr. Sanjeev Agarwal due to his passing was noted. The appointment of Ms. Vidhya Angurajan and Ms. Miriam Eckelmann as new trustees. Approved.
- c. **Affordable Water Solutions,** a unit under Team Trust. Executive reappointment of Mr. Igor Drobot & Mrs. Svetlana Gobulenko. Approved.
- d. **Auroville Water Service,** a unit under Auroville Service Trust. Executive reappointment of Ms. Roberta Keeping. Approved.
- e. **New School Crafts,** a unit under Free Flow Trust. Executive reappointment of Mr. Ami Van Poederroijen. Approved.
- f. **Kimaya,** an activity under Auro Small Scale Activities (ASSA), under Artisana Trust. Transfer from ASSA to Auroville Activities (AVA) under Kattida Kalai Trust and additional manager appointment of Mr. Iyyapan Jayamoorthi. Approved.
- g. **International Pavilions,** an umbrella unit under Auroville Service Trust. Additional executive appointments of Ms. Helena Becker and Mr. Claude Jouen. Approved.
- h. **Rangoli,** a unit under Artisana Trust. Additional executive appointment of Ms. Dorothee Rumpf and executive resignation of Ms. Agnes Gastmans is pending due to a financial review of the unit.
- i. **Auroville Press Publishers,** a unit under Artisana Trust. Executive reappointment of Ms. Jayalakshmi Lakshmanan. Approved.
- j. **Naturellement,** a unit under Free Flow Trust. Executive reappointment of Ms. Roberta Keeping. Approved. Executive termination of Ms. Nadia Sol Cordi Palella and Mr. Paul Ralph Mayer. Approved. The FAMC have suggested that the Naturellement executives find another active executive for the unit or a team member to be mentored and trained for future executive responsibility.
- k. **Comfort Design,** a unit under Kattida Kalai Trust. Executive reappointment of Mr. Manjini Jagadeesan is pending due to a financial review of the unit.
- l. **To be Two,** a unit under Auromode Trust. Executive appointment of Mrs. Parameswaran Sowmya approved.
- m. **SEWA,** a unit under Auroville Service Trust. Additional executive appointment of Ms. Buvana Sudharsan. Approved.

- n. **Capability Landscape**, a unit under Artisana Trust. Proposal to move the unit from Artisana Trust to Kattida Kalai Trust is pending, awaiting a clarification on the reasons for the move.
- o. **Aurosoya**, a unit under Free Flow Trust. Executive resignation of Ms. Catia Ginetta Ducaepcordonnier. Approved.
- p. **Happy Foods**, a unit under ABC Trust. Executives reappointment of Mr. Ganesh Rajamani & Mrs. Gunalakshmi Rajamani approved for a one-year period.
- q. **Purnam Centre for Integrity**, a unit under ADPS Trust. Executive resignation of Mr. Lalit Kishor Bhati. Approved.
- r. **La Boutique d'Auroville**, a unit under Artisana Trust. Executive reappointment of Mr. Sundar Rajamani. Approved.

5. New units and activities.

- a. **Korean Pavilion**, an activity under the umbrella unit International Pavilions. Managers: Ms. Mihong Lee & Ms. Mint Kim. Approved.
- b. **Overmind Instruments**, an activity under AVArts. Manager: Mr. Erisa Neogy. Approved.
- c. **Holistic Health Care**, a unit under Health & Healing Trust. Executives: Ms. Christine Pauchard and Mrs. Janani Karthik. Approved.
- d. **Sudha's Kitchen**, an activity under Auroville Food Activities (AFA). Managers: Mrs. Sutha Velu & Mr. Arun Velu. Approved.

FAMC ANNOUNCE 2 NEW DATA ADMINS

Dear community, we put a call out for an FAMC data administrator on the AuroNet on 11 April (and in the corresponding N&N). We had about 10 applicants, and short-listed and interviewed 4 people. We have selected 2 individuals from the 4.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Ayesha P. and Mr. B. Raj. They will each give their skills, goodwill, time and energy on a part-time basis. We look forward to providing more support to the users of ACARAT (FAMC, Land Board, and TDC) and HouMan (Housing Service / Housing Board).

More detailed communication to users will be coming out in the next weeks.

Regards, FAMC

(members are: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan)

ANNOUNCING THE INTERIM MEMBERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Dear Members of the Residents' Assembly, we would like to inform the community, as agreed by the Residents' Assembly, that the members of the Working Committee (Chali, Hemant and Sauro) who were ratified in the last RAD to continue, hereby appoint Elisa (New Creation), Gilles (Samasti) and Juergen Axer (Sunship) as interim members of the Working Committee. A 4th interim member will be announced soon as we are awaiting confirmations from prospective candidates. The interim members have been selected and appointed, by the ongoing Working Committee members in consultation with the Auroville Council, as outlined in the recently concluded RAD process.

In addition, Raju (Grace) has agreed to be a resource person in the role of Police Liaison and Ranjith (Mangalam) will be a resource person in the areas of land issues and labour issues.

The term of office of the interim members will start with immediate effect from the date of announcement and will continue till the Residents' Assembly chooses full-time members through a Residents' Assembly selection process."

Many Thanks and Best Wishes

The Working Committee and Auroville Council

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SELECTION PROCESS 2022



Dear Residents, this is a call to invite you to take part in the next Selection Process for the Auroville Council, ATDC, Entry Board, FAMC and Working Committee.

According to the [newly approved selection process](#), an Auroville resident can either nominate him/herself or nominate others to become Working Group members. All Aurovilians and Confirmed Aurovilians can participate in the selection process.

For more details (list of outgoing members, mandates, job description, requirements for candidates), please [visit the web page](#) and [watch video on the new selection process](#)

• How

You can nominate yourself or others:

- **Online:** please click the button below to submit your nomination
- **In person:** a printed nomination form is also available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Please fill in your form and hand it over to the RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS office) every Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 12pm.

Please note, when nominating another person, the approval of the nominee must be sought prior to the nomination. If application is not complete, the RAS may seek clarification or additional information. If still incomplete the application may be discarded at the discretion of the RAS.

- **Nominations will close** on Thursday, 2 June, 2022

• When

The selection is planned for Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 2022 (full days, timings will be confirmed in our future communications) at the Unity Pavilion.

• We Are Looking For...

- Silent observers, facilitators and other volunteers...

For the selection process, an Organisational Team will be created by the RAS comprising RAS members, silent observers, facilitators and other volunteers formed, according to the skills required for the process. Members of this team shall have no direct link with the potential candidates or selectors.

If you would like to join the Organisational Team, please contact us: raservice@auroville.org.in

• Selection Group

In the meantime, RAS will form the Selection Group: from Aurovilians on the Master List, 40 names will be drawn completely at random. We will contact each person that has been drawn, providing the information they need to understand the Selection Process, and check if they are willing to participate. The RAS will be responsible for this process, and will call independent witnesses to ensure that it is fair and transparent.

- Candidates for working groups and/or members of the Organisational Team cannot be in the Selection Group.
- **If you have any questions or need assistance** please feel free to contact the Residents' Assembly Service at raservice@auroville.org.in.

Best regards,

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

MINUTES OF THE FOREST GROUP MEETING

06.05.2022 in Eternity

Chairperson: Hans

Notes: Noe

Present: Vinny (Hermitage), Arun (Revelation), Noe (Mango Field), Rita (Center Field), Archana.B (Siddhartha Forest), D.Segar (Naidal), Kumar (Adventure), V.Boobalan (Siddhartha Forest), Vengadesh (Abri), Giri Thirumal (Fertile East), David (Aurodam), Jeanluc (Revelation), Hans (Abri), Island (Espace), Forest (Nilatangam), Manolo (Bliss, Espace), Leela (Anusuya), Alex (Fertile), Vikram (Infinity), Jessamijn (Udumbu), Anan (Eternity), Jonah (Eternity), Jitta (Eternity), Bernardo (Evergreen), Mani (Samridhi), Edzard (Discipline).

Eternity update

- The events that have taken place in Eternity in April and May were explained in detail to the Forest group, this is a summary: On the 14th of April, bulldozers started clearing the Eternity fence (encroaching Auroville land), directed by a local MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly). No work orders were shown, and no information has been found about which body is authorizing this work. There was also no prior notification that this work was going to be carried out. Discussions, police complaints, police interventions, and efforts from Land Board and WC were unable to fully stop the clearing of the fence. Finally on the 16th of April the work was stopped by the Senior Superintendent of Police and a government survey of the boundaries was scheduled. In 2010 a government survey already took place in Eternity which concluded the location of all the cornerstones and boundaries. The new survey was completed on the 3rd of May, and the results do not come to the same conclusion as the 2010 survey, and according to the new survey, the South East corner stone was moved by 4 meters into Eternity.

- The support provided from the Auroville administrative groups to tackle this situation was not as strong as it should be in these kinds of situations where an Auroville asset and Aurovilians are in danger. Eternity is now missing more than 600 mts of fence line, the forest is exposed, people are coming in from the beach and the residents are exposed. There were numerous threats made by the MLA entourage towards the stewards of Eternity and the entire process of clearing and the interactions were violent and abusive.

- The presence of Aurovilians when called upon to support the stewards was very helpful. In the future, please call for help to the wider community as soon as possible when incidents like these occur. Do not wait until the situation escalates.

- The forest group needs to obtain and have all FMBs of forest areas at hand, in order to prevent encroachment incidents as they occur in the future.

- Eternity requested the FG for support by providing an extra budget for a worker to replant and work on the live fence line over the next few years. This request was approved and will be facilitated.

- BCC is in the process of allocating funds to the Land board to cover the cost of materials for a new fence.

- Eternity requested for the Auroville nurseries to prepare 2000 mullu and fence appropriate seedlings for the next planting seasons for Eternity.

Forest Group Secretary

- A secretary for the forest group is an essential role which needs to be taken up by somebody as soon as possible. Currently a few individuals take up secretarial roles as and when required, but this approach has its disadvantages.

- The Forest Group will look into this and find the appropriate way forward.

Segar and Naidal Forest

- Segar again asked for the stewardship of the Northern Forests of Auroville (NFA) Ridge Top Sanctuary. An email was sent to the Forest Group by the NFA stewards after this topic was discussed at the last Forest Group meeting. The email clarified that the NFA sanctuary is currently being collectively stewarded by members of the NFA (Achilles, Jan, Jana, Rishi, Island, Shanti, Enea, Balu, Andrey, Vikram) and is recognized as such by the Forest Group and FAMC. There is no need for a change of stewardship since the forest is already being properly maintained and its management experiments with an interesting new approach of collectively working and looking after forest areas.

- Island clarified that Segar was involved in caretaking of the NFA sanctuary and nursery in the past, but he and the rest of the team were unable to work together harmoniously and in the end he stopped working there. As members of the forest group we need to have more accountability and keep records of situations like these as they develop, for future reference.

- The Forest Group, recognising Segars hard work over the last few years in various Auroville forests, supports him in finding a different more appropriate piece of land where he can work and start his stewardship process following the established forest stewardship criteria.

Explorer.land website

- Noe informed the Forest Group that our site on the Explorer.land website is ready to be published and requested feedback and for the group to approve the site. A date for the publishing will be announced and if there are no strong objections then it will be published. Foresters' objections to having their stewarded area on the map will be respected. There will be opportunities for people to volunteer to help maintain the site and the blog if it gets published.

Forest Group Surveys

- Noe has been organizing the surveys of Auroville's forests and this initiative will continue after his departure. Alex, Natasha, Jaap, Sivaganesh, Sivasankaran, Ancolie, Island and Glenn are part of the survey team.

Budget increase

- David mentioned that there is an 8% wage increase in Tamil Nadu this year and inquired about the Forest Group budget increase for this year. Information about this is not yet available as the BCC is still working on the revised Auroville budget.

We ended the meeting with a minute of silence for Luigi. The next Forest Group meeting will be at Hermitage on the 3rd of June.

REGISTER OF RESIDENTS

In order to update the Register of Residents all residents of Auroville are reminded to fill out a form as already announced by the Working Committee on 08-05-2022. The preferred option is that you use this [Google form](#). Alternatively you may fill the [paper form](#) and deliver the filled and signed paper form to the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

- **Please complete this before 10-06-2022 so that the Register of Residents can be updated at the earliest.**

Under Secretary, Auroville Foundation

COMMUNICATION TO GB, IAC AND AVFO CONFIRMING RESULT OF THE RECENT RAD

Dear Governing Board members, International Advisory Council members and Madame Secretary,
On behalf of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation, we would like to inform you of the outcome of a recently-concluded decision-making process.

The proposal put forward for a decision, according to the currently approved Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) process, was as follows ([see link for the full report](#)):

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

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

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

- **A total of 864 valid votes** were submitted online and in-person (see attachment for additional information). Please note that this is one of the highest participation levels of any decision-making process in the history of Auroville.
- **92% (798) Aurovilians voted in favor** of the above proposal.
- **8% (66) Aurovilians rejected it**, and their votes have been counted as "no member to be dismissed".
- Three members, Chali, Hemant and Sauro, were voted to remain in the Working Committee with an overwhelming majority of over 90% of the 864 participants. The other 4 members, Anu, Arun, Partha and Srimoyi, have been voted out of the Working Committee in this Residents' Assembly Decision-making process.
- In Section 20(3) of the Auroville Foundation Act it is stated that, *"The manner of choosing the members of the Working Committee and their term of office shall be such as may be decided by the Residents' Assembly."* Therefore, no communication from these 4 members who have been directed to leave office by the Residents' Assembly, is to be entertained as communication from the Working Committee.

As soon as interim members have been appointed we will inform you of the new composition of the Working Committee.

*Sincerely, for the Auroville Council
Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh, Shivaya and Suryan
(Shiva was not involved in this communication)*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY TO AURONET

Dear Auronet team, we would like to thank you for the services you've rendered over the past years towards the upkeep and maintenance of Auronet as a discussion board.

We would like to inform you, that the Auroville Foundation office is in receipt of a complaint regarding the rise of anti-government activities in Auroville through all forms of electronic media and other means. Therefore the Auroville Foundation office requires to take over the administration of the Auronet services going forward, effective immediately; and you are hereby requested to submit the administrative console's credentials to the Foundation office by return email asap.

This can be covered under section IPC 201, 153, 186.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Under Secretary Mr Srinivasmurthy

WORKING COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY MR SRINIVASMURTY

Dear Residents, we are sharing the below communication thread with the Under Secretary regarding the administration of the Auronet and Sysop.

*With regards,
The Working Committee
(Chali, Elisa, Gilles, Hemant, Juergen, Sauro)*

Dear Under Secretary, the below email along with the attached email copy have been brought to our attention by the Sysop and Auronet managers.

In reply, we would like to state that we, as members of the Auroville Community, have immense gratitude to Mother India and Tamil Nadu. Any disrespect of Mother India is not condoned among the international township of Auroville.

Please forward us not only the complaint you mention in your email, but also detailed evidence for the alleged "anti-national" / "anti-government" activities in question.

If we find the complaint justified, we will initiate investigations in order to take the appropriate actions.

We would like to state that Sysop and Auronet are services of the Residents Assembly for the Residents of Auroville providing essential information technology service to the residents.

We have been advised that the surrendering of the same without following due process and obtaining the formal consent of all users to these services would amount to breaching the users' right to privacy, a fundamental right guaranteed by the Supreme Court of India.

We are advised that such an order can only flow from a court or other authority that has been specifically authorized by statute.

*Regards, The Working Committee
of the Residents' Assembly
of the Auroville Foundation
Chali Grinnell, Elisa Goëta, Gilles Guigan,
Hemant Lamba, Dr Juergen Axer, Sauro Mezzetti*

APARTMENTS FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer:

- **Fraternity, KALSF3B, Couple**
- **Dana, DAN001, Family**

To apply, please click on the new **"Houses Available"** button in the very right column of the Auronet main page.

You will be directed to our Housing Transfer App at

<https://housing.auroville.org.in>

All you need to do is:

- click on the transfer you are interested in,
 - view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer
- and if you wish to apply,
- click on the **"Apply"** button and fill in the online application form.

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the site visit.

For any questions, please feel free to come and see Venkatesh at Housing Service Office

*Thank you
The Housing Service
K. Venkatesh*



FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 134

Dated: 20-05-2022

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

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Mahima RAMESH (Indian) staying in Soffio and working at Wellpaper
- Vismai RAO (Indian) staying in Surrender and working at AV Language Lab



Mahima



Vismai

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Avantika NIRUPAMA (USA)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Ela ESHAL (Israeli)

ASSOCIATE OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:

- Rahul SUREKA (Indian) working with Wasteless



Rahul

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service



Errata: In our last issue N&N #992 we mistakenly published an incorrect date for The Entry Service – ES #113 which should have said “Dated: 14-05-2022”.

Sorry for any confusion this may have created

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

PASSING ON: BHAGA



In the early morning of Wednesday 18 May, our dear friend and sister Bhaga (Christiane Odile Gabriau) peacefully left her body at the age of 77 in her Luminosity flat. She had been experiencing cancer during the last year, working on it with her cellular

consciousness and insight gained through intense evolutive research throughout her life.

Bhaga, French-born in Algeria, came to Auroville in August 1972. Starting off as a second-language French teacher in various of Auroville’s budding schools of that time, and working at Matrimandir, she gradually veered towards a deep and thorough research into Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s teachings. This resulted in her initiating in 1984 the ‘Laboratory of Evolution – Centre for Human Unity’ (LOE-CHU), then located at Bharat Nivas, from where she also started her extensive compilation of Mother’s Words on Auroville. The Centre evolved throughout the years and still functions today. Many of us remember her from her abode at ‘Repos’ at the beach where she lived for 18 years until the sea took over.

With her animating, always smiling and outgoing nature, Bhaga will be remembered for her many workshops, talks, private consultancies and web communications and for her persistent work in the light of our Integral Yoga.

Fare well, dear Bhaga, thank you for having held the torch for the true nature of the Auroville experiment throughout your years, and for your determined inner work. May it come to fruition.

OMOM

GREETINGS FROM THE ECO SERVICE

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



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

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

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

Much Thanks, The Auroville Eco Service

AWAKENING SPIRIT

MEDITATION WITH SAVITRI READ BY MOTHER TO SUNIL'S MUSIC

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre – Matrimandir

Every Thursday at Sunset.



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

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

- The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.
- Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5:45pm.
- Please be seated by 5:55pm.

*Thank you,
Surya & Amphitheatre Team*

SELF-GOVERNANCE AND COLLABORATION

Namaste!* I read these quotes by the Mother on "Collaboration" and it resonated deeply, so sharing with all.

- "Collaboration: ever ready to help and knowing how to do it."
- "Collaboration does not mean that everybody should do the will of the man who asks for it. True collaboration is a non-egoistic union of all personal efforts to express and realise the Divine's Will."
- "We must replace competition and strife by collaboration and fraternity."
- "Substitute the spirit of rivalry and competition by the goodwill of collaboration and mutual understanding."
- "It is when things are going wrong that it is the best opportunity to show one's goodwill and spirit of true collaboration."

The Mother, (CWM-14, p. 185)

On Saturday, May 14, a group of Auroville residents listened to this talk by Kireet Joshi on Self Governance in Auroville at Savitri Bhavan and then listened to each other's deepest aspiration for unity. It was such a beautiful atmosphere of collective harmonious aspiration.

If you haven't yet, would highly recommend listening to this [talk by Kireetbhai on Self Governance in Auroville](#).

He speaks so beautifully on the relationship of mutuality between the Residents Assembly, Governing Board and International Advisory Committee of Auroville.

Even though the talk was given in 2003, it felt as though he is sharing words of friendly advice to the Auroville residents on the situation right now.

There are so many gems in his talk, including some subtle nuances on Harmony, Goodwill, Discipline and Truth.

*With Love and Sincerity,
Deven*

*There are many ways to translate the Sanskrit word नमस्ते/ Namaste in English and my personal favourite is this one articulated by Baba Ramdass: "I honor the place in you where the entire universe resides. I honor the place in you of love, of light, of truth, of peace. I honor the place in you where if you are in that place in you and I am in that place in me, we are One."

In brief, "The Divinity In Me Bows To The Divinity In You."

Deven Shah



BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of regular events of May 2022

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm
Meditation

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

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

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

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

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

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE'S SELF-GOVERNANCE:

A TALK BY KIREET JOSHI

Saturday, 21 May, 10am to 12:30pm, Unity Pavilion



Most of us are deeply searching for the next steps in our lives and collective organisation that will allow Auroville to emerge from the current impasse and unfold its destiny as the City of Dawn. Last week some of us gathered to listen to and discuss this inspiring, hour-long talk by Kireet Joshi on the Self-governance of Auroville. Recorded in 2003, it was felt to be perfectly addressing the challenges we are facing now.

This experience was so deeply enriching that many among us felt that, widely shared, it can inform next steps in our individual and collective progress. Following the talk, we will share thoughts and inspirations for how we might further build our collective organisation and manifest Auroville's vision of human unity.

All Are Welcome ! Please Share Widely.

Confluence team – seeking deeper resonance and common ground in the community
confluence-logistics@auroville.org.in

Kindly note the hyperlink: [Kireet Joshi](#)

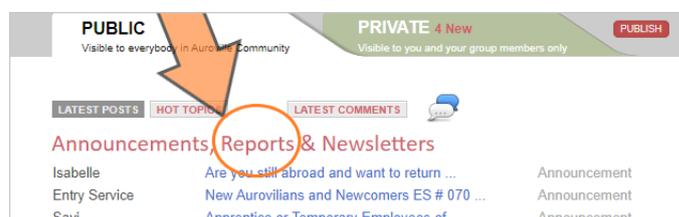
On behalf of the [Confluence Logistics team](#)
Aravinda & Jasmin

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AVSST'S DUTY REPORTS FOR MARCH 2022

Dear Community members, AVSST's duty reports for March 2022 are available on Auronet.

To find it, go in the "Reports" section of Auronet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:



Thank you, The Auroville Safety & Security

923 - 21 May 2022

CAMPING POSSIBILITY AT NATURECAMP



Naturecamp offers the possibility to camp on the Naturecamp Campgrounds located near Kavunji throughout the month of June.

If you want to spend some days in the hills with your family or friends then please send a mail to Naturecamp@auroville.org.in with your possible dates of stay and number of people intended on going.

A contribution of Rs. 300 per person/day is requested to help cover the upkeep and repairs that are currently ongoing.

Transport to the location has to be organized individually.

The following facilities will be available:

- 1 large tent that can accommodate 10 people.
- 5 spaces for individual 2/3 person tents.
- Showers and toilets with hot water (if the sun is out).
- Gas burner with pots, pans, plates, forks, spoons, cups, etc.
- Filter water.
- Plug point to charge phones/torches.
- Covered space with benches and fireplace.

What has to be brought along:

- Tent (if have and space permits).
- Food/snacks (basic supplies can be purchased in the village located approx. 30min by walk).
- Torch
- Raincoat
- Warm cloths
- Sleeping bag/blankets
- Respect for the other people using the space and the nature surrounding.

HONORARY VOLUNTARY

UNITY PAVILION LOOKING FOR AUROVILIANS



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

150th birthday during August, at the Unity Pavilion.

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

The work at hand consists of:

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

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

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

In Gratitude, The Unity Pavilion team

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day from 6am onwards, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking.

If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

*Looking forward to welcoming you!
The Sadhana Forest team,
warmly, Shek*

THE ARTS

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

The Right Path Café

is inviting you to Live Music Night with The Trio.

Visitors Center's
#cafeteria.auroville Right Path Cafe

LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS

A collaboration with Kalabhumi Music Studio Collective
#kalabhummusicstudio.av

The Trio

7pm Sunday May 22

For visitors from outside Auroville, kindly park your car, two-wheeler or van at Visitors Center main parking and walk to the cafe!

Table reservations 8903963137 / 0413-2622248

Join us and enjoy live music with organic and healthy international cuisine. An Auroville-based international band The Trio that has existed in one form or another for 8 years.

Their constantly changing and evolving repertoire spans realms of popular music stretching from Chuck Berry, The Beatles and Bob Dylan, to The Police, John Mayer and Radiohead!

AVAILABLE

Available for Fiber Optic Work



I like to inform auroville community that I will be available on every Saturdays and Sundays for doing all kinds of Internet Fiber optics works, Internet Networking works, UPS and battery sales and servicing work

If you feel my above sentences are wrong and it's best that you can correct it please let me know

Thanks, Ramkrishna, Humanscape
9943919899, ramkrishna@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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 and IT Technician and Educator

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

1. **An enthusiastic DIY** (Do It Yourself – or handyman/woman), practical, capable of helping to maintain the physical aspects of the campus.

Plumbing/electricity/ masonry/carpentry skills would be an asset, as well as the capacity to oversee maintenance work by external workers. Working closely with adults and children will be a part of the task.

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

For both positions, financial assistance could be offered.

Healthcare Assistant

The work would be to accompany fellow Aurovilians to Jipmer and, occasionally, to other hospitals. We would need somebody calm but strong, able to understand the needs of the patients and deal with the systems in place in a huge government hospital. Tamil and/or English speaking is a + point. This is a half time position, mainly in the mornings; Half time maintenance is available.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr_hub@auroville.org.in

HR Initiative Team



TAXI SHARING

Taxi share on 19 May, Thursday (both ways)

Leaving from Auroville at 7:30am on 19 May, Thursday to the airport. Return time from the airport could be flexible. More than one person can share it.

Contact: Lalit, lalit@auroville.org.in, 9443790172

Taxi share on 20 May, Friday (both ways)

Leaving from Auroville at 9:00am on 20 May, Friday to the airport. Return time from the airport could be flexible. More than one person can share it.

Contact: Lalit, lalit@auroville.org.in, 9443790172

Taxi share on 23 May, Monday (One way)

Taxi coming for airport pick up at 6pm on 23 May, Monday. Sharing is possible for 'Auroville to airport drop' only. Departure time from Auroville could be flexible but to ensure that it reaches the airport before 6pm.

Contact: Lalit, lalit@auroville.org.in, 9443790172

Taxi Share to Chennai Airport, 23 May

I leave on Monday the 23rd May for Chennai airport at 10:30am. The taxi will be reaching around 1:30 or 2pm and will be available for sharing both ways. If these timings work for you – nandita@sharan-india.org or WA +91 9488483286

Nandita, Quiet

HELP NEEDED

GROWING FOOD FOR AUROVILLE



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

Many thanks for your support,
Siddhartha Farm Team

LOOKING FOR

Looking for Second Hand E Scooter



Looking for a Second hand E-scooter. In case you have an unused E-Scooter or would like to share the one you have, please contact us: 9751513906, ulrike@auroville.org.in

Kitchen Utensils Needed



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

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

With thanks, from Thamarai team

Looking for House Items



Hi Auroville Community, as a youth of Auroville, I am reaching out looking for house items. These could range anywhere from a second hand stove, to lamps and extension cords, to pots and pans, to chairs, to a shelf, and to cutlery.

If you happen to have any of these items or other useful house equipment that you are not utilizing, I would be very happy to take them off your hands/buy them second hand. I look forward to hearing from you :)

Mahiran, +919787403047

Looking for Housesitter



We are looking for a Aurovillian or Newcomer to be a siter for the apartment in the Residential Zone with cat from mid of June to the mid of August.

Best, 9883318...

Is anyone traveling to the USA soon?



Is anyone traveling to the USA soon (in the next 1 or 2 months) and is willing to carry a parcel?

It's a crochet blanket that weighs 1.1 kg. I'm happy to pay a contribution and the pay for parceling it further within the US to the destination address in Tennessee.

Manisha, 9619699436

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE MANGO SPECIALS!



Dear friends, Mango season is here and we are back with all our mango specials; Mango ice cream, mango parfait, mango lassi, mango milkshake and mango smoothies.

We will also have our Marzipan cake with whipped cream and mangoes (instead of strawberries).

- And at last a gentle reminder, we are **nowadays** closed on **Tuesdays**.

*Come and enjoy!
The Garden Cafe team*

TERRSOUL FARMERS MARKET



Friday's from 9 to 12:30pm

Terr soul 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

NANDINI TAILORING SERVICE

Closed since 6 May



Dear Friends, the Nandini Tailoring section located in Aurosarjan has been closed since 6 May due to labor related issues. Information regarding this was emailed to all the Nandini members but it seems did not reach a few. This might be because we do not have your email addresses on our mailing list.

Those of you who would like to include their name in the Nandini mailing list please send us a message at nandini@auroville.org.in

Meanwhile, a sub-group is looking into the issue and has spoken to the workers. Our hope is that the matter will be resolved at the earliest. The team at the Tailoring section continues to complete the orders in hand and give out the stitched orders via the Distribution Section next to the Free Store.

Receiving new orders is still a difficulty that we are looking for ways to work out.

We look forward to your continued support and patience and are grateful for the good will and confidence that some of you have expressed.

*Nandini Tailoring section team,
Elizabeth & Indirani*

AURA UPDATE



Great news. The Aura App is up and running again. Last week server issues stopped the action. We hope nobody got too upset. Now everything is updated.

Our 3pm weekly teatime on Wednesdays at the new Aura kitchen will take a month off.

We'll announce the next gathering when it's possible to start again.

Check out the website for signing up or any information you might need: www.auranetwork.app

Aura is our economy of abundance that we create together.

Love, The Aura 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.

SANTÉ SERVICES IN MAY 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 (only for May & June)

Tests and Sample collection

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

For emergencies

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

Government ambulance (24/7): Phone: 108

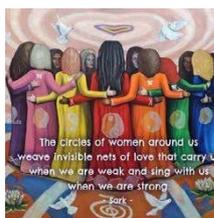
Appointment

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

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

EXPLORING FEMININITY AND ECO SISTERHOOD

With Eco Femme: Saturday, May 28, 4 to 6:30pm



To celebrate Menstrual Health day, join us to learn, discuss and celebrate:

- Women as a cyclical being connected to nature,
- The power of menstrual cycle tracking/awareness,
- Sisterhood through a sharing circle.

Date: Saturday, May 28th

Venue: Our office in Auroshilpam

Time: 4 to 6.30 PM (followed by a potluck!)

This event will be donation-based.

P.S. Bring whatever you like for the potluck and let's share it during this unique moment of sisterhood.

OPEN HOUSE AT ECO FEMME

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am

eco femme

washable cloth pads

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

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



The Eco Femme Team

NEW 'OLD' POUR TOUS

Dear community, we have a lot of news for you.

As you hopefully appreciate, we are changing a lot to make 'Old' Pour Tous the place where you want to go get all you need. Many items are moving and we hope you bear with us. The right side as you enter will have all Auroville, bio-region, bio-eco-organic items. It will grow into the one-stop-shop where you can find anything sustainably produced in Auroville and the bio-region.

The left is literally what is 'leftover' and those unsustainable items will shrink in number and volume but will not disappear completely! We will never limit your choice. We will try to find the best alternative or even stock items especially for you if you really need them. Just help us by letting us know if you miss items.

This of course is a step-by-step process and will take time. We ask you to help us by being patient and giving us constructive suggestions and even come and help us if you think you can contribute!

We are changing the ordering system which is causing some empty spots and shelves but we prefer to buy the right stuff right away. Thank you for your patience!

We are experimenting with email orders to be ready for pick-up or even delivery. We are able to give discounts to units, services, guesthouses, schools and services for items you use. And we can give GST invoices at the end of the month on demand.

- Please place your orders via email ptps@auroville.org.in
- info: 0413-262 3091

The new items and special offers this week:

Oyster mushroom instant soup (with soups and in AV)

- with Ragi (Finger Millet): 62.36Rs.
- with Bajra (Pearl Millet): 62.36Rs.

Dried Cordyceps Militaris mushrooms: 241.50Rs.

- for healthy tea From EMS mushrooms in Aurobrindhavan

Gastronomica Pasta

- Plain & spinach: 80Rs./250G
- Glutenfree: 150Rs./250G

7690 Bon Appetit rice waffles 237.28 Rs.

- with dark chocolate

AV Smoked foods

- 4351 SMOKED FISH FILET 1957 Rs./KG
- 4353 AV SMOKED PANEER 1134 Rs./KG
- In the new fridge

Tamarind from Baraka

- 115Rs./KG only

Auro Mira chicken

- 8040 full chicken Rs.258/KG
- 4418 chicken breast Rs.350/KG
- 4417 chicken leg Rs.285/KG
- 4419 chicken wings Rs.200/KG

- 8041 soup bones Rs.120/KG

- 8030 liver Rs.150/KG

- In the freezer

AV Bakery bread & cookies

- at Pour Tous using your in-kind scheme

Bread order: email ptps@auroville.org.in

- » name
- » community
- » account number

- before 3pm
- pick-up the next day from 10AM
- bread will be billed & kept for you 2 days
- No cancellation possible

We now also offer

MG Ecoduties probiotic soaps in bulk

- 4567 DISHWASH LIQUID _____ 203/Lt
- 4568 DISH & LAUNDRY 2IN1 BAR BY KG__ 414/KG
- 4569 LAUNDRY POWDER _____ 227/KG
- 4570 FABRIC SOFTENER _____ 163/Lt
- 4571 LAUNDRY LIQUID _____ 258/Lt
- 4574 SABRINA POWDER _____ 68/KG
- 4576 DEEP IMPACT _____ 136/Lt
- 4578 PRO DET C CLEANING LIQUID _____ 136/Lt
- MG Eco Natural Probiotics Products:
 - Zero Waste to Landfill, our packaging has no plastic.
 - We ONLY use Natural Ingredients.
 - We DO NOT use Palm Oil that destroys rain forests
 - We DO NOT use Parabens, Phthalates, Phosphates, Sulphates, Additives, Preservatives, Synthetic Colours & Fragrances, SLS, Formaldehyde, etc.
 - We take care of Mother Earth and its creatures. We do not use any animal derivate product and/or associated with animal cruelty.
 - We purify and structure the water with Probiotics Ceramics, made by us, for all our manufacturing products. Ask for details.
 - VEGAN.
 - Hand-Made. Not associated with mass production using machines.

We welcome your suggestions to improve our service to our community

Joel, for Pour Tous PTPS

Kuyilapallayam

phone 0413-2623091

WA (only) +32497503502

place your orders via email: ptps@auroville.org.in



LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVELSHOP

Important notice for International Travelers

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

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

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

Contact:

- One can meet him from 10:00 to 16:00,
- by phone 2623030 or / and by WA after office timings: +91 9894598686,
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com.

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

Voices and Notes

VOICES & NOTES

CLEAN UP!

*Intro – Baby you can drive my car,
Yes I am gonna be a great star
Baby you can drive my car
Baby, I love you...*

By the great Beatles album "Rubber soul"

Those days I noticed that there is a strong (good) will in the community for a radical CLEAN UP. My intimate perception tells me that the W.C! The pathetic AV council, the muddling F.A.M.C as well as the psycho rigid, bureaucratic clique (forgot its name) which wants to build up, manifest the galaxy with its golden crown have altogether appallingly failed in all their endeavors. For the time being I leave aside the educational sector which is in rags, what is taught in Auroville has nothing to do with the integral education mother tirelessly promotes. I will soon in another communication come back to it. Its so important!

For the time being we must start with a radical sweep up of the colorful dust of the past.

About governance,

Mother has been very clear (As usual) she told us in the Agenda what is the ideal formula (magic) for Auroville. She said that ideally a group of seven intuitive individuals must be the leaders of Auroville affairs.

A love affair somehow. This would avoid many confusions, conflicts, scheming's of all kinds, the suffocating bureaucracy flooding the city of the dawn etc. If we want to manifest the city the whole world needs (badly) it's the way forward. If we truly aspire to a world governed by love and truth, it is the true way to shoot up towards the dancing stars of heaven. For many of you, it's intuitively obvious that I Soham have reached this state of intuitive consciousness. Being blissfully intuitive I can recognize with a sharp glance that is my like. No more need of delusive polls,

so no more need of the resident assembly service (Ouf)! I tell you, it would simplify everything for everyone. All these talkative people I dismissed can be put at work, for example in agriculture, if they want to get maintenance. At least they would be useful. I am ready to serve the community welfare, but if you reject my shining proposal, no problem at all, I already have my angel's hands, wings and feet full.

I have my lovely collages (I am waiting for your numerous contributions), my lovely flower garden to care, my amazing dancing feats, my biography and at last but not the least my light humoristic gentle fanciful, unpredictable, sweet like hell, lovely charming, creative poetic behavior.

So, my dear friends, it's up to you: heaven or abyss.

This year 2022, is crucial for the becoming of the Human Race. We will fly or we will miserably collapse. The choice is imperative. Personally my constant communion with the mother divine has realized all my maddest dreams of spirituality fulfillments. No doubt, I will progress endlessly in the future until my death, more and more improbable, because I feel so much out of this death's trap which poisons the life of humanity, I feel immortal, difficult to imagine for a peon, but it's true. So, now the choice is clear; join me or leave me and bear the consequences or your choice.

I love you with all my heart fully! – Soham

P.S – An introduction to the future or simply a happy and beautiful epilogue: *"the earliest preoccupation of man in his awakened thoughts and as it seems, his inevitable and ultimate preoccupation – for it survives the longest periods of skepticism and returns after every banishment- is also the highest which his thought can envisage. It manifests itself in the divination of godhead, the impulse towards perfection. The search after pure truth and unmixed bliss, the sense of a secret immortality. The ancient dawns of human knowledge have left us their witness to this constant aspiration, today we see a humanity satiated but not satisfied by a victorious analysis of the externalities of nature preparing to return to its primeval longings. The earliest formula of wisdom promises to be its last, – God, light freedom, immortality."*

*The life divine, Chapter 1,
The Human Aspiration, Sri Aurobindo*

P.S with me at the helm, long living fun guaranteed all the days of your life. It's my political program.

To begin with I would like the whole community to watch Charlie Chaplin in the "Bank", The Gold Rush, The Kid etc, etc. Youtube. Frankly I can easily see myself as the great "King of Auroville", Soham the first kinship has always attracted my humble self. Could you see yourself as subjects of his majesty the kink'ly monarch, prostrate and obedient to his wild and unpredictable wills?

Soham

AV POETRY

*Man makes facades
God makes faces
Laughs and laughs*



∞

*God plays forever
In all roles
Without*

A slip of absence.

∞

*God must be a homeopath
Diluting divinity
And know for sure
Each will follow a path
And arrive home.*

**With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang**

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

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

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

Last published podcasts

- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil – Ep.17](#) (Sri Aurobindo) “ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு”
- [Tamil Songs for Children](#) (Tamil Culture) “குழந்தைகளுக்கான தமிழ் பாடல்கள்”
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita divina – Introduzione](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.81 “Diet basics: KISS technique celebrating diversity”](#) (Food Education)
- [Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.54](#) (Divine Literature)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 11](#) (Tamil Language)

Last Youtube Videos

- [Endangered Crafts Mela – TLC, Auroville 21st/26th Feb. 2022](#) (Education)
- [Pour Tous – Community meeting, May 2022](#) (City Life)

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

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

Peace and Love

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

WORKSHOP THE ART OF CHI



Tai Ji Quan & Chi with Hans
13 – 17 June, Monday to Friday.
7.30 – 10.30 am. Open to all.
@ Dehashakti & Budokan Dojo.

For info contact Hans:

- 81 10848123 (WA)
- bodyawareness@auroville.org.in

Greetings, Hans Van Baaren

BODY MUSIC WORKSHOP

Body music workshop

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

Venue: Hall of Light, Creativity

Time: 5-6pm every Friday, May – June 2022

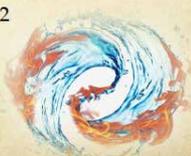
Starting: Friday 6 May, 2022

Facilitator: Anandi Zhang

Whatsapp: + 91 9385623511

Register your attendance.

Contribution recommended.



SAVITRI BHAVAN, MAY 2022

Savitri
B H A V A N

Exhibitions

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

No films in this month

Activities

- **Full Moon Gathering:** Sunday, May 15, 7:15-8:15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo’s statue
- **A workshop on Mudra-Chi:** Saturday, May 28, 5pm led by Anandi

Regular Activities

- **Sundays 10:30–12noon:** Savitri Study Circle
- **Mondays 3-4pm:** Psychic Awakening led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays 3-4pm:** Yoga and the evolution of man led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm:** L’Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Fridays 3-4pm:** Readings of the Mother’s commentary on Dhammapada led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Saturdays 3-4pm:** Introduction to Integral Yoga, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Saturdays 4-5:15pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
- **Library** is open Monday to Friday 9-5
- **The Digital Library** can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9-4

Everyone is welcome

WEEKLY WEED WALK

Special Weekly Weed Walk @ Edible Weeds : Celebrating the rain
on Saturday, 21 May 2022
Time: 7:30am to 8:45am (or 9am max)
Location : In Auroville

Pre-registration required

RSVP: backtoroots@auroville.org.in or
WhatsApp/SMS : +91 9840936907

Location and contribution details @ registration
Registraton (max 10 people) open until Fridays at 8pm



Edible Weed Walk @ NinaS
edibleweedwalk@gmail.com

CREEVA: WEEKLY ADVENTURE



CREEVA

CREEVA is very excited to announce a weekly adventure that will be available **June/ July/ August**. It's teacher, Kumud our volunteer has taught fundamentals of design for five years and is a graduate of The National Institute of Fashion Technology in Hyderabad. He is interested in introducing us to Visual literacy. When he showed CREEVA artists of the width and depth of his teaching we thought we'd like to take his classes. Kumud insists these classes are for those who think they have no visual creativity or visual literacy and those who know they do. Together we have organized his classes: 3 days a week. You can choose either of 3 days:

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

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

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

Information and to sign-up:

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

With happy expectations and love, CREEVA

Traditional Mantra & Stotra Chanting Classes

@ Serendipity Community
Friday 17:00

with Sonia Novaes

More information: Email - serendipity@auroville.org.in - WhatsApp: +91 8940288090

Kids (6+) & Adults
Courses from beginners to advanced level

To book contact
Mani
+91 8637633696

Swimming classes

In Auroville
With experienced certified instructor Mani

Tango, Salsa, bachata, kizomba class

If you want to learn any of this dance please contact private classes

MANI
Follow as Insta: [bakisata_dance](https://www.instagram.com/bakisata_dance)
Auroville
+918637633696

Vipassana Meditation
10-day Course

We welcome you for a 10-day Vipassana meditation course as taught by SN Goenka. To know more about it, please visit www.dhamma.org It is a residential course with simple food and basic stay arranged. There are no charges or fees to attend this course.

Start Date: May 25, 2022 (2:00 PM) - Wednesday
End Date: June 5, 2022 (7:00 AM) - Sunday
Language: English and Tamil
Venue: Udavi School, Auroville (Edyanchavadi)

For registration, please write to:
dhamma@auroville.org.in

With Metta,
Vipassana Auroville Team

AUROKIYA EYE CARE
(Under Auroville Activity)

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

Services Offered:

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

Place: 239 Pondy- Tindivanam Main Road, Thiruchtrambalam Kootroad (Near Auroville Village action) **Location**

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

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

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

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

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Every Monday and Wednesday
5:30 to 7pm, Dehashakti Gym



Under the guidance of our coaches, we train all aspects of self defense and combat sports in a safe environment, based on integrity, respect, discipline.

Ideal for whomever wants to be in shape, increase self-esteem and know more about the connection between

mind-emotions-body.

Open to all levels of experience, starting from the age of 15. Be punctual, dress sportswear, short nails, no jewelry. Stay home if you have open wounds or if you are sick.

- **Giacomo** is a MMA instructor, former MMA fighter, Self Defense coach, General Responsible for Villupuram District for Tamil Nadu MMA Association.
- **Ruben** is a Kickboxing and K1 instructor with combat sport experience, Wing Chun practitioner.
- **Micheal** has Muay Thai fighting experience.

For more info: giacomo@auroville.org.in

200 HR YOGA STUDENT TRAINING INTENSIVE

June 8 to June 21

6 am to 9 30 am & 3 pm to 7 pm



We invite all of you to join us in this opportunity to be a student in the ideal settings of continuous learning. Erase all notions of benchmarks or competence and join a 2 week Yoga

Intensive with us. This program will guide you to lay

foundation to a sustainable self-practise and provide tools to focus on your own health & the health of your friends & family This program focuses on Asanas, Pranayama, Yogic philosophy, meditation, chanting, Anatomy & physiology, animal flow movements & other surprises.

- Open to everyone including beginners.
- Style of Yoga – Hatha & Vinyasa flow.

Looking for more benefits out of this program ?Add one more week – June 23 to 29 in addition of these 2 weeks intensive to become an internationally recognised 200 Hr Yoga Alliance certified Yoga Instructor.

- Ask us for more information
- WA + 919892699804
- contact@auromodeyogaspace.com & balaganesh.siva@gmail.com

SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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

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



Serendipity team

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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

Mobile/WA: +91 9385623342

Email: serendipity@auroville.org.in

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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

SOUND CHAKRAS HEALING

Guided vibrational sound journey using Chakra mantras, Tibetan bowls and Tuning forks to help to Reduce Stress. Anxiety. Depression. Stimulating the natural cellular healing process. Rebalancing the emotions & Reconnecting with your true essence.



- Individual Sessions
- Couple Sessions
- Group Sessions (max 4 people)

A For appointments, please contact:

Lakshmi +918489764602,
lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

PITANGA



(0413)2622403/ 9443902403

pitanga@auroville.org.in

Yoga and Care for pregnant women

We are welcoming Camilla in our team. Camilla followed her 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training course with Bala Yoga School in 2020. Since then, she is teaching online and offline in different places of Auroville and now in Pitanga.

Vinyasa Yoga

Tuesdays, 7:30 – 8:30am, Drop-in class



In this class we will always start with a full body warm-up, Pranayama (breath work) following with a standing and sitting Asanas and ending with a cool down sequence and final relaxation, letting

the body take in all the benefits from the practice.

Prenatal Yoga

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Prenatal yoga helps you prepare for childbirth, labor and most important connects you with the baby/babies inside of you.

In the 1 hour we would be practicing breath work, stretches and strengthening of the legs (needed for labor) ending with a final relaxation for you and the baby.

Interested pregnant women are invited to contact Camilla first before coming to class: +91 97875 22192

Prenatal Massage

By appointment

Prenatal massage is a way to relax, and help any discomfort that might develop during pregnancy.

Communicating to the therapist the soreness or pain you might have, is one aspect; your part is then to just connect to the baby and relax the mind. Enjoy this time for yourself.

- For an appointment with Camilla please contact Pitanga's reception.
- If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: pitanga@auroville.org.in

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !



VÉRITÉ REGULAR EVENTS MAY 2022
 Phone: +91413 2622045, 2622606,
 Mobile: 7867805812
programming@verite.in, www.verite.in

Yoga Asana – Create Some Space

With Sheida: Monday 7 to 8:15am

Space is more than just the absence of something. Humans long to explore space, which opens us to possibility. Yoga practice directs us inward; there is an inner space to explore, where we learn to navigate the terrain of self, psyche, and consciousness. One of the most beautiful things the practice of yoga brings is space: space between breaths, space in our joints for more easeful movement, and of course, space in our minds by quieting our thoughts and becoming more present.

Contact: 04132622045 (or programming@verite.in).

Wellness Wednesday

With Maggie: Wednesday 11am to 12noon

Release stress and unwind tension: session may include gentle stretches, self-massage, mindfulness, breathwork and embodiment practice. Suitable for all.

Contact: 04132622045 (or programming@verite.in).

Somatic Explorations

With Maggie: Wednesday 5 to 6pm

Mind-body training in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, co-ordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

Contact: 04132622045 (or programming@verite.in).

Nataraj Dance Meditation

With Nirmal (Marco): Saturday 5 to 6:30pm

Nataraj represents the energy of dance, Dance becomes meditation when mind dissolves and only the dance remains, when the 'doer' disappears and embodiment manifests. These 90 minute sessions follow Osho's Nataraj Meditation format with occasional enhancement of the soundtrack using live instrumental music.

Contact: 04132622045 (or programming@verite.in).

Heart-Centered Resilience

With Susan, by appointment

Learn simple, heart-focused skills that help self-regulate your body's response to stress and build resilience. These scientifically validated tools have been proven to increase wellbeing, personal and professional performance and quality of life. Best learned in a series of three 60-90 minute sessions.

Contact: +914132622606, +917867805812 WA, treatments@verite.in

Traditional Ayurvedic Massage for Men

With Ravikumar, by appointment

This is a traditional Ayurvedic full body oil massage adapted to each person's specific needs. It is a 75/90 minute session that is designed to be both therapeutic and relaxing.

Contact: +914132622606, +917867805812 WA, treatments@verite.in

SACRED COCONUT RECIPE

Let's explore the taste of coconut recipes

Egai is giving you an experience to explore village cooking methods of the ethnic coconut based cuisine cooked in traditional ecofriendly vessels.

1 day pre-booking need to be done

Meeting point: Egai, Saracon campus, Kottakaral, Auroville.
Every Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

SACRED COCONUT RECIPE COOKING CLASS

egai@auroville.org.in
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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

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

ALFRED TOMATIS METHOD

BETTER LISTENING BENEFITS EVERYBODY

Balance and Coordination Meniere's Syndrome Vertigo	Learning Disorders Reading & Writing Issues Dyslexia
Autism Hyperactivity Developmental & Language delays	Creativity and Release of Potential Children Teenagers Adults & Seniors
Attention Concentration Memory	Certain Kinds Of Hearing Loss
Lethargy Depression	Focus & Sense Of Direction In Life
Voice Clarity Singing	Anxiety Stress

LEARN LANGUAGES FASTER

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

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

Summer Language Courses at ALL

New: German with Verena

Great news for German Learners!

Verena will soon start a 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 course! By the end it, 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.

New: French with Jean-François Claude

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!

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

New: English Conversation with Ramesh

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

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

Spanish Conversation with Mila

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

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

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.

French with Julien

Julien's two courses are continuing from last month:

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

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

Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan

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

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

To join or enquire:

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

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

Current Schedule of Classes

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

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:

9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

Location: International Zone,
after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

Phone: (0413) 2623 661, 4036920/22.

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

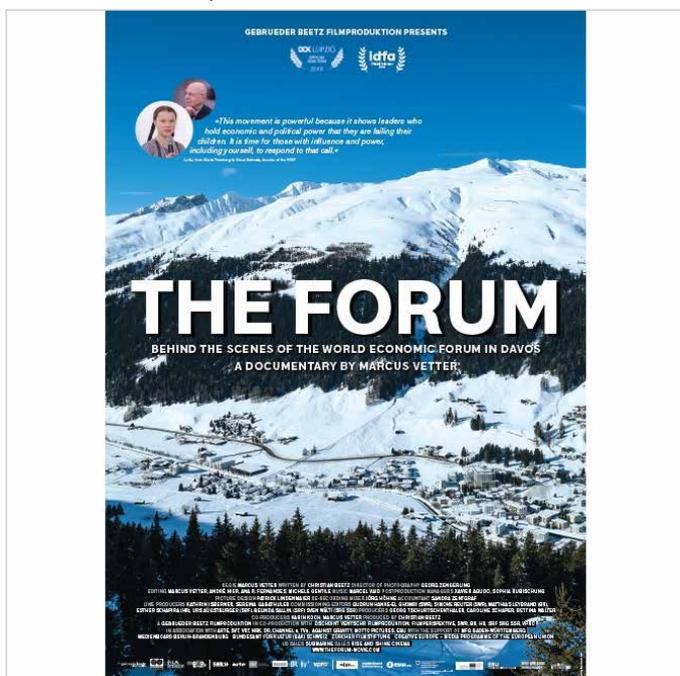
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CINEMA

AVFF2022: THURSDAY AT CINEMA PARADISO

May 26, Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall, 8pm

There will be a public screening of an award-winning feature film from the Auroville Film Festival 2022. This film will be screened on Thursday, May 26 at Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall from 8pm onwards.



- 2019, Germany, Switzerland, Documentary, English, German, Portuguese, Swiss German, 1hr 32min

In times of rampant populism and growing mistrust of the elite, director Marcus Vetter accompanies the 81-year-old founder of the controversial World Economic Forum over a period of two years, as he works to achieve his mission: to improve the state of the world.

When Klaus Schwab writes a letter to climate activist Greta Thunberg after her appearance at the WEF 2019, a dialogue begins between the generations that give hope. Can Klaus Schwab's vision bear fruit and can the WEF contribute to solving global problems? Or is it just another part of the problem and does it ultimately serve the interests of the global elite alone?

Award winner:

Best International Feature – Special Mention, Documentary Edge Festival 2020, New Zealand

Director: Marcus Vetter

Writers: Christian Beetz, Georg Tschurtschenthaler

Producers: Georg Tschurtschenthaler, Caroline Schaper

Co-Producer: Karin Koch

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.

****Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00:)



Friday 27 May Our planet: Jungles

2019 / 50 minutes / Huw Cordey

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope. Jungles and rainforests are home to an incredible variety of species like preening birds, intelligent orangutans and remarkably ambitious ants.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES



Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 3pm

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall, 0413-262-2133



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 23 May 2022 to 29 May 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. It is open to all. However, temperature check, registration and Mask (and not scarves etc.) is a must even now. Please come prepared and enjoy the films. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.

Indian- Monday 23 May, 8:00 pm:
DHURALA

India, 2020, Dir. Sameer Vidwans w/ Ankush Chaudhari, Nupur Dudwadkar, Devendra Gaikwad, and others, Drama, 169mins, Marathi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
 Ambegaon village head or sarpanch Anna passes away; a new sarpanch must be elected. Anna's eldest son Navnath is hopeful. Things change MLA Shinde convinces Navnath's stepmom Jyoti Tai to fight the election instead. To counter, Navnath makes his wife a candidate. Anna's second son sees the opportunity and his wife Monica declares her candidacy. Interestingly the political game that creates rifts in the family, brings the three female members challenge each other for the seat of the sarpanch.

Potpourri - Tuesday 24 May, 8:00 pm:
LETTERS TO JULIET

USA, 2010, Dir. Gary Winick w/ Amanda Seyfried, Gael García Bernal, Vanessa Redgrave, and others, Comedy-Romance, 105mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
 While visiting Verona, Italy, with her busy fiancé, Sophie visits a wall where the heartbroken leave notes to Shakespeare's tragic heroine, Juliet Capulet. Finding one such letter from 1957, she decides to write to its now elderly author, Claire. Inspired by Sophie's actions, Claire sets out to find her long-lost lover.

Interesting - Wednesday 25 May, 8:00 pm:
A STEP WITHOUT FEET

Germany, 2020, Writer-Dir. Jeremy Glaholt & Lydia Schamschula w/Zaher al Taher, Layla Bayazed, Freddie Bechara, and others, Documentary, 45mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)
 This film is about sharing our cultures through universal themes like music, family, friends, and art. Within the backdrop of Berlins winter landscape, the film captured the daily lives of seven extraordinary Syrians exiled from their home.

AVFF 2022 - Thursday 26 May, 8:00 pm:
THE FORUM

Germany, 2019, Dir. Marcus Vetter w/ Klaus Schwab, Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough, and others, Documentary, 92 mins, German-English-Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In times of populism and mistrust of the elite, the film accompanies the 81yrs. old founder of the controversial World Economic Forum, Klaus Schwab, over a period of two years, as he works to achieve his mission: improve the state of the world. When Schwab writes a letter to climate activist Greta Thunberg after her appearance at the WEF 2019, a dialogue begins between the generations that gives hope.



International - Saturday, 28 May, 8:00 pm:
BELFAST

UK, 2021, Writer-Dir. Kenneth Branagh w/ Jude Hill, Lewis McAskie, Caitriona Balfe, and others, Biography-Drama, 98mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Belfast, 15 August 1969. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, 9yrs old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. As the turmoil grows around his once-peaceful working-class neighborhood, Buddy tries his best to understand The Troubles - after all, someone must be responsible for forcing people to flee their homes. Now, Buddy's family must come face to face with a nearly impossible, life-altering decision: stay or start packing?

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 29 May, 4:30 pm:
AINBO: SPIRIT OF THE AMAZON

Peru-Netherlands, 2021, Dir. Richard Claus, Jose Zelada w/ Lola Raie, Naomi Serrano, Dino Andrade, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 84 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-7

The epic journey of a young hero and her Spirit Guides - Dillo, a cute and humorous armadillo, and Vaca, a goofy oversized tapir - who embark on a quest to save their home in the spectacular Amazon Rainforest.

Russian Classics Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 29 May, 8:00 pm:
THE CRANES ARE FLYING

Soviet Union, 1957, Dir. Mikhail Kalatozov w/ Tatiana Samoilova, Aleksy Batalov, and others, War-Romance, 97mins, Russian w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR (PG).

Kalatozov's war movie, a product of the Khrushchev thaw, was adapted by Viktor Rozov from his own play and won the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1958. It remains notable for the way its story of a young couple torn apart by war stresses human suffering and waste, rather than the heroic struggle foisted on directors by the Stalinist dictates of 'Socialist Realism'.

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

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS



Auroville TO PONDICHERRY				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite Udayogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Entrance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55

Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

AV BUS FARES

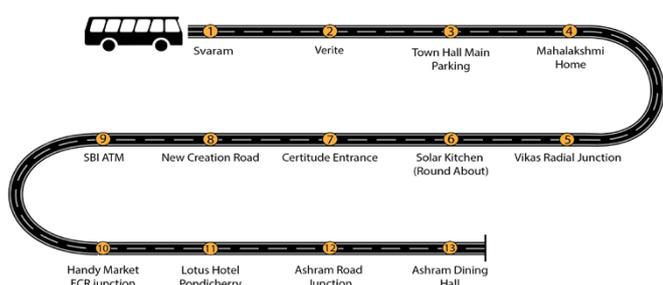
- Trip 1, resumed from 10.01.2022 as the schools in Pondicherry opened partially.

Fare regulations:

- **Cash / Account payment.**
 - Aurovilians/ New Comers, Rs.100 / per round trip.
 - Guests/ Volunteers- Rs.150 / per round trip.
- **Monthly Bus passes:**
 - **General Passengers** bus Pass: Rs.550 / 10 round trips allowed in a month.
 - **Students** bus pass: Rs.850 / per month.
 - **Workers of Auroville Units/ Service** from Pondicherry Rs.850 / per month

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Ambulance (24/7):**

- Auroville – 9442224680
- PIMS – 0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

- Auroville Safety & Security Team – 9443090107
- Auroville Police Station – 0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station – 0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station – 0413 2677368

Health

- Health Center – 0413 2622123
- Santé – 0413 2622803 / 0413 2623937
- Farewell – 8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Matram – 9487746051

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