

News & Notes

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One controlling the inner Self of all beings ... As the Sun, the eye of the world, is not touched by the external faults of vision, so this inner Self in beings is not touched by the sorrow of the world. *Katha Upanishad*

The Lord abides in the heart of all beings. *Gita*

What is seen and what is not seen, what is experienced and what is not experienced, what is and what is not, — all it sees, it is all and sees. *Prasna Upanishad*

The Ponder Corner



The distinction between the divine and the undivine life is in fact identical with the root distinction between a life of Knowledge lived in self-awareness and in the power of the Light and a life of Ignorance, — at any rate it so presents itself in a world that is slowly and with difficulty evolving out of an original Inconscience. All life that has still this Inconscience for its basis is stamped with the mark of a radical imperfection

The Divine and the Undivine, Life Divine by 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)

A The Gnostic Being

"All the character of the life and action of the gnostic being would arise self-determined out of this nature of his gnostic individuality. There could be in it no separate problem of an ethical or any similar content, any conflict of good and evil. There could indeed be no problem at all, for problems are the creations of mental ignorance seeking for knowledge and they cannot exist in a consciousness in which knowledge arises self-born and the act is self-born out of the knowledge, out of a pre-existent truth of being conscious and self-aware. An essential and universal spiritual truth of being manifesting itself, freely fulfilling itself in its own nature and self-effectuating consciousness, a truth of being one in all even in an infinite diversity of its truth and making all to be felt as one, would also be in its very nature an essential and universal good manifesting itself, fulfilling itself in its own nature and self-effectuating consciousness, a truth of good one in all and for all even in an infinite diversity of its good. The purity of the eternal Self-existence would pour itself into all the activities, making and keeping all things pure; there could be no ignorance leading to wrong will and falsehood of the steps, no separative egoism inflicting by its ignorance and separate contrary will harm on oneself or harm on others, self-driven to a wrong dealing with one's own soul, mind, life or body or a wrong dealing with the soul, mind, life, body of others, which is the practical sense of all human evil. To rise beyond virtue and sin, good and evil is an essential part of the Vedantic idea of liberation, and there is in this correlation a self-evident sequence. For liberation signifies an emergence into the true spiritual nature of being where all action is the automatic self-expression of that truth and there can be nothing else. In the imperfection and conflict of our members there is an effort to arrive at a right standard of conduct and to observe it; that is ethics, virtue, merit, *punya*, to do otherwise is sin, demerit, *pāpa*. Ethical mind declares a law of love, a law of justice, a law of truth, laws without number, difficult to observe, difficult to reconcile. But if oneness with others, oneness with truth is already the essence of the realised spiritual nature, there is no need of a law of truth or of love, — the law, the standard has to be imposed on us now because there is in our natural being an opposite force of separateness, a possibility of antagonism, a force of discord, ill-will, strife. All ethics is a construction of good in a Nature which has been smitten with evil by the powers of darkness born of the Ignorance, even as it is expressed in the ancient legend of the Vedanta. But where all is self-determined by truth of consciousness and truth of being, there can be no standard, no struggle to observe it, no virtue or merit, no sin or demerit of the nature.

The power of love, of truth, of right will be there, not as a law mentally constructed but as the very substance and constitution of the nature and, by the integration of the being, necessarily also the very stuff and constituting nature of the action. To grow into this nature of our true being, a nature of spiritual truth and oneness, is the liberation attained by an evolution of the spiritual being: the gnostic evolution gives us the complete dynamism of that return to ourselves. Once that is done, the need of standards of virtue, dharmas, disappears; there is the law and self-order of the liberty of the spirit, there can be no imposed or constructed law of conduct, dharma. All becomes a self-flow of spiritual self-nature, Swadharma of Swabhava.

Here we touch the kernel of the dynamic difference between life in the mental ignorance and life in the gnostic being and nature. It is the difference between an integral fully conscious being in full possession of its own truth of existence and working out that truth in its own freedom, free from all constructed laws, while yet its life is a fulfilment of all true laws of becoming in their essence of meaning, and an ignorant self-divided existence which seeks for its own truth and tries to construct its findings into laws and construct its life according to a pattern so made. All true law is the right motion and process of a reality, an energy or power of being in action fulfilling its own inherent movement self-implied in its own truth of existence. This law may be inconscient and its working appear to be mechanical, — that is the character or, at least, the appearance of law in material Nature: it may be a conscious energy, freely determined in its action by the consciousness in the being aware of its own imperative of truth, aware of its plastic possibilities of self-expression of that truth, aware, always in the whole and at each moment in the detail, of the actualities it has to realise; this is the figure of the law of the spirit. An entire freedom of the spirit, an entire self-existent order self-creating, self-effectuating, self-secure in its own natural and inevitable movement, is the character of this dynamism of the gnostic supernature."

Sri Aurobindo. *The Life Divine*, pages 1032-1034

https://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/18-19/the_life_divine_21-22_e.pdf



Townhall Speaks

CLARIFICATION REGARDING QUESTIONABLE APPOINTMENTS OF FAMC AND ATDC BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Community, we know that the situation in Auroville is very confusing at the moment. The developments of recent times are obviously concerning to all, irrespective of where allegiances may lie or what the particular sentiments might be.

The essential thing to understand is that the principles and spirit of Auroville's purpose are endangered at present. It is not a personal matter but something that will affect all of us and Auroville's trajectory for years to come. Unfortunately, there is a small segment of Aurovilians supported by the office of the new Secretary, who completely disregard the Residents' Assembly (RA) and are orchestrating a takeover of the RA to establish a rein of control and authority over working groups against the collaborative spirit and functioning of Auroville, altering the role the RA has played since the Auroville Foundation Act came into effect. All this is driven by them claiming to be the sole guardians of the truth in the name of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, while maligning people and working groups to gain power through the forcible appropriation of positions, using coercion and intimidation, and spreading misinformation.

As working group members selected by the RA we are mandated to oversee the observance of the policies and decisions of the RA. In the last weeks and months we have been doing our best to uphold not only the policies and decisions of the RA but also its structure and organization, not out of a dislike of anyone or an impulsion to be confrontational but only because the RA via its organization has mandated us to do so and because we believe that Auroville should be organized by its Aurovilians, those who have determined to spend their lives here.

Like many of you, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee are extremely concerned to find that the office of the Secretary, assisted by a coterie of residents, is attempting to assume the authority of appointing two of our main working groups, the FAMC and ATDC; while also not recognizing the selected Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly.

The conditions of these appointments are highly questionable as they do not seem to be based on any reasonable legal grounds, nor do they adhere to the policies of our internal organization. And because of this lack of a credible process in their appointments, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee are unable to recognize any of the members appointed by the office of the Secretary [in their announcement](#).

Please find a detailed explanation of why the process followed by the office of the Secretary on these matters lacks credibility in the 'Annex' to this statement.

The RA will continue its process of selecting the Working Groups as per our internal policies and structure. The resulting Workings Groups will be the appointed representatives of the RA. If the Organization & Governance Committee (OCG) wishes to make recommendations to our internal structure we are available and open to recommendations.

Sincerely,
**Auroville Council and Working Committee
of the Residents' Assembly**

ANNEX FROM CLARIFICATION REGARDING QUESTIONABLE APPOINTMENTS OF FAMC AND ATDC BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Please read in [Appendix on Page 26](#)

OFFICE ORDER FOR THE NEW ATDC AND FAMC

The Office Order for the new ATDC and the new FAMC was shared on 8th of June, 2022, indicating the new membership of these two groups.

Names FAMC:

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

Convenor:

8. Secretary, Auroville Foundation

Resource Persons:

- Alok Mallik,
- Ocean Bekker

Names ATDC:

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

Resource Persons:

- Ms. Jacqueline Lacoste,
- Mr. Lakshay Dharan,
- Mr. Helmut Schmid

After a gathering at the Matrimandir under the Banyan tree and a concentration in the Matrimandir Chamber on 9.6.22, the 3 main groups including the Working Committee met at the Foundation Office and published the following statement in English and in Tamil:

Collective Statement by WC, FAMC and ATDC

The main three working groups, the Working Committee, the Funds and Assets Management Committee and L'avenir d'Auroville (Auroville Town Development Council), met for a concentration in Matrimandir, followed by a joint meeting, initiated by the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Dr Jayanti Ravi.

We are all aligned to bring Auroville through this difficult transition phase, and to solve the present stagnancy; putting in front of us one single goal: to manifest Mother's Auroville.

The three groups see a shift towards collective growth and dynamic development, based on abundance and prosperity, and in accordance with Mother's vision and the ideals of Auroville.

There is a tremendous amount of work to be done, which is very inspiring. We invite collaboration and participation from everybody to move forward the many projects we have to implement.

Everyone is invited to participate in this new phase of Auroville's development, as all hands are needed for the scope of the work to build Mother's City.

We will publish the project list in the next announcement. Then we welcome you to contact us if you feel called to participate in the realization of any of these projects.

We invite all to be at our highest aspiration, in our joyful dedication to Mother's Dream.

Tine, for the Working Committee

WORKING UPDATE #4 FOR THE 1ST POST AND NEW OFFICE ORDER FAMC & ATDC FOR THE 2ND POST

Dear Aurovilians, here is the Working Update # 4 from us: On Thursday 2.6.22 we could, for the first time, enter the Working Committee secretariat after the occupation. The locks of the two rooms were changed again with help from the Foundation. However, we are not able to work with the computers because the password has been changed, and we also don't have the keys for the locked cupboards and filing cabinets to refer to older files and archives.

Cupboards which are not locked are empty, further it was noticed that 2 laptops belonging to the Working Committee are missing. We don't know yet which documents and files are missing, and we suspect that everything on the hard drives of the 2 computers may have been deleted. The matter is now being followed up with the police. Also please note, the former 3 WCom secretaries have left their jobs.

You can now resume to communicate with us through our official email ID workingcom@auroville.org.in, while the ID aurovilleworkingcommittee@gmail.com remains valid as well.

From Monday 6th of June 22 onwards, there will be a daily presence in the Working Committee office from 10am to 12:30pm and from 3 to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Please bring your visa recommendation documents and other queries during this time.

Visa Recommendations: We repeat that only the undersigned Working Committee members are authorised to recommend visas. Please bring your fresh and unsigned visa recommendation to the Working Committee's office Monday to Friday from 10 am to 12.30 pm and afternoon from 3 to 4:30 pm.

If there is an urgent matter that needs our attention, you can contact us on 9443459067 / 7639810621.

The address of Lt. Governor of Puducherry and Auroville Governing Board member Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan and Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Secretary of the Auroville Foundation to the Auroville Community on Saturday, 28 May, 2022 at Bharat Nivas Auditorium in Auroville was a positive first contact dedicated to better serving the Tamil community that has had reasons to feel left out. This special encounter was very well received.

Here are the links to the videos in Tamil with ENGLISH SUBTITLES:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFXWp6Hmceg>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJ_I0KuZNRQ&t=122s

The intended Adhaar card camp is postponed until more requests are collected. The number of requests received so far is not sufficient to hold an Adhaar camp. If you need a fresh Adhaar card or want to update your existing one, please write to us that you are interested in an Adhaar camp.

Kindly email to the Auroville Working Committee and inform us.

Our efforts to inform everybody to fill in the RoR are on-going. If you have filled in the RoR a few years earlier, please again fill in the new form consisting of 3 pages. The lines with a red asterisk (*) are mandatory. RoR Forms in English, Tamil and French, see the attachments below. This exercise of updating the RoR is planned to be repeated annually.

A few members of the Working Committee and the Foundation are visiting communities every day between 5 and 8 pm and give assistance when needed.

The filling of the RoR form online/offline by individuals is only the first step, the forms then will undergo a data collection process, then a collation process into a database and finally a verification process for the filled up data, for accuracy purposes before it makes its way to the RoR maintained by the Secretariat.

The present climate in Auroville is not conducive to hold large general meetings. We will organize many smaller meetings on a personal invitation to clarify questions and

find a way forward together. The Secretary may also be present at these gatherings.

A Grievance Cell email will be established soon, as it has come to our notice that some Aurovilians cannot express themselves freely for fear of losing their jobs or maintenance or other benefits. Especially Tamil Aurovilians seem to be affected.

Best wishes, Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine / The Working Committee

- [Register of Residents Form ENGLISH.pdf](#) (229.9 KB)
- [Register of Residents Form TAMIL.pdf](#) (159.54 KB)
- [Register of Residents Form FRENCH.pdf](#) (268.5 KB)

COUNCIL CHANGES EMAIL ADDRESS

Dear Community, as you are aware Council has created a new and secure email address: "avcouncil@auroville.services". But in order to write to our secure email address, you will have to create a non-auroville.org.in email account yourself (eg. [@gmail.com](mailto:), [@hotmail.com](mailto:), [@protonmail.com](mailto:)). If you need help with creating a new email account please fill in the [form linked here](#) and someone will get back to you soon.

Our old email addresses avcoffice@auroville.org.in and avcouncil@auroville.org.in will still be in use for some time but we recommend that you write to us at avcouncil@auroville.services

Council has also created new and secure individual email addresses. Please find them here:

- Balaji (email has not changed), avcbalaji@gmail.com
- Claudine, claudine.avc@gmail.com
- Ganesh, ganeshk.avc@gmail.com
- Shiva, shiva.avcouncil@gmail.com
- Shivaya, avc.shivaya@gmail.com
- Suryan, avc.suryan@gmail.com

Our non-secure individual Council email addresses are:

- claudine-avc@auroville.org.in
- ganeshk@auroville.org.in
- suryan-avc@auroville.org.in
- shivaya-avc@auroville.org.in
- shiva-avc@auroville.org.in

These addresses will gradually fade away and no longer be in use.

From now on please avoid, if possible, sending your emails to the old addresses as they are not secure. Please use "avcouncil@auroville.services" for all communications with the Council.

Warm regards, Auroville Council

NEW MASS BULLETIN

Dear Community, the administration of all our @auroville.org.in email accounts was recently taken over by the office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation without the consent of the working groups selected by the Residents Assembly.

This has allowed the office of the Secretary to take over our Mass Bulletin which Mauna has managed for over 20 years. As a result, we have been forced to create a new Mass Bulletin. Unfortunately, this new Mass Bulletin is being blocked from reaching your auroville.org.in. Therefore if you want to receive the authentic Mass Bulletin please create a new non-auroville.org.in email account (eg. [@gmail.com](mailto:), [@outlook.com](mailto:), [@protonmail.com](mailto:)).

If you need help with creating a new email account please fill in the [form linked here](#) and someone will get back to you soon. Don't forget to add your new email address to the new Mass Bulletin [email list administered by Sysop using this link](#).

To update your email address with the Residents Service, please write to resservice@auroville.org.in.

Warm regards, Auroville Council

UPDATE FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

14 June 2022

Dear friends, we want to update you on a few on-going topics.

1. Regular meetings of AVC, FAMC and WCom continue

The Working Committee continues to meet with the Auroville Council and, when required, the Funds & Assets Management Committee (FAMC) of the Residents' Assembly to discuss and coordinate responses to the various exceptional issues that the community is facing. The continued unilateral attempts by the Secretary to enforce her vision over the principles and functioning of Auroville and the Residents' Assembly are supported by a small number of self-appointed residents, and this is understandably causing confusion and disquiet for many residents. We see the need, by listening to many residents' voices, to stand for the Residents' Assembly's decisions and integrity, as well as empower it to hold its own functioning and processes which are crucial to Auroville's core purpose and evolution.

2. Disputable 'dissolution' and 'constitution' of ATDC and FAMC by Governing Board

The Office of the Secretary to the Governing Board states that the Governing Board has reconstituted the Auroville Town Development Council with a new Standing Order and appointed members to it by Office Order. Similarly, the Office of the Secretary states that the Governing Board has also reconstituted the FAMC as a committee of the Governing Board, despite this committee of the Residents' Assembly (RA) having operated for many years with an approved RA mandate constituting it in a formal decision in 2016. The FAMC of the Residents' Assembly has a unique history arising from the Rules and Regulations. It has always been a working group constituted by the Residents' Assembly and it has been formally recognised by all previous Governing Boards. The Standing Order and Office Orders which are claimed to be in place have not been shared with us or to the wider community, which are questionable practices.

Selection of members of the Residents' Assembly for the Working Committee, FAMC, Entry Board / Admission Committee, Exit / Termination Committee, TDC, Auroville Council or any other group or committee constituted under section 19.3 of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988, is the prerogative of the Residents' Assembly. If any of the other two authorities, namely the Governing Board or the International Advisory Council, would like to propose membership for any such groups or committees, then the right authority to collaborate with would be the Residents' Assembly through its duly-selected Working Committee. The selection process to choose residents for such groups and committees is well laid out and respected, although still evolving as we learn and adapt it to the community's needs. The Residents' Assembly has not delegated its right to select its group and committee members to any other body of the Auroville Foundation.

As some additional background, please note that the Working Committee raised at an early stage the issue of the Governing Board's Organization and Governance Committee not engaging with the Residents' Assembly. In its response to the 58th Governing Board Minutes of Meeting, the Working Committee stated: *"There are currently efforts being made by Auroville residents and working groups to review and improve organization and governance in Auroville. We believe this committee needs to be enlarged to include representatives of the 2 other authorities of the Foundation, which are the Residents' Assembly and the International Advisory Council."*

The Organization and Governance Committee did not consult the Residents' Assembly nor its Working Committee before formulating its recommendations to the Governing Board.

3. Upcoming Selection Process for working groups

We strongly support all the residents of Auroville who will participate in the upcoming Selection Process during which new members will be selected for the Auroville Council, ATDC, Entry Board, FAMC and Working Committee. As previously stipulated, these are committees of the Residents' Assembly and therefore must be appointed by our collectively agreed-upon processes. It is truly uplifting to see how many people nominated and put themselves forward for the working groups in these intense times. We are equally grateful to those randomly selected residents who will make up the selection committees.

4. Case filed at the Madras High Court in Chennai

A case was filed by the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly represented by Hemant Lamba on Monday, 13 June 2022 at the Madras High Court in Chennai. The request made to the honourable High Court is to ask the Auroville Foundation represented by its Secretary to abstain from interfering with the work of the Residents' Assembly and their lawful Working Committee. The lawyer standing for the Auroville Foundation represented by the Secretary assured the court that no steps will be taken by the Auroville Foundation till the next hearing on Monday, 20 June 2022 when the case will be further heard.

5. FIR anticipatory bail granted

In May 2022, the Under Secretary filed an FIR (First Investigation Report) against six Aurovilians, including three members of the Working Committee. The first hearing took place on 25 May and the second hearing on Friday, June 10, in which anticipatory bail was granted, despite attempts by the Office of the Secretary to challenge the application made by those accused. An anticipatory bail is a preventive relief to ensure that no individual is confined in any way until and unless found guilty. This means that they cannot be arrested and sent to jail unless a judgment is reached against them. The Working Committee states that the charges brought against these six residents have no substance and are an extreme attempt to intimidate the Residents' Assembly and its working groups into submitting to the decisions and actions of the Office of the Secretary. Please be assured that we will continue to do our duty to the Residents' Assembly by protecting and upholding its decisions and its functioning.

6. Meetings of the community

The Working Committee encourages the holding of peaceful meetings and gatherings as and when needed, as it is important that the Residents' Assembly continues to communicate, be informed and function in spite of the challenging times Auroville is going through. It is important that we continue to unite our diversities, and that we address the false and divisive narrative of local Aurovilians vs. Aurovilians of foreign origin which has unfortunately been spread by a few individuals. In this regard, we are grateful to the bilingual gathering organized by a group of Tamil Aurovilians on Monday, 13 June, and other such attempts to uphold genuine initiatives of coming together as a community.

7. Methods of communication

Since the takeover of the auroville.org.in domain, the Working Committee mailbox, the AuroNet platform and the community's massbulletin, the Working Committee and the Auroville Council have started setting up alternative methods of communication. The Working Committee can be reached at workingcom@auroville.services and a new mass mailing system has been put in place, to which you can subscribe by [filling this form](#). Other alternative methods of communication are being explored but may take some time to be released, therefore we suggest residents create their own private spaces for discussion if that need is felt.

More soon.

In service,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly
Chali, Elisa, Gilles, Hemant, Juergen, Sauro

RESPONSE TO AV COUNCIL, COMMENT ON AURONET

Clarification on WCom and RoR
Auronet (auroville.org.in)

Dear Community, the Auroville Council is in this statement on Auronet not only undermining the authority and spirit of the Foundation Act but the wishes of many residents as well. The Governing Board has the final authority and is the executive power of the Foundation structure.

- In the light of the confusion surrounding the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly and the updating of the Register of Residents (RoR) by the office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation we feel the need to make this statement. Firstly, there is only 1 Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly as per the recent RAD outcome. The confusion has arisen based on 3 unfortunate developments listed here.

The RAD has been declared invalid by the Governing Board until the Register of Residents is completed with correct data for the population register. The Master list maintained by the Residents Service does not serve as a valid residents list. The 4 Working Committee members are thus perfectly qualified to remain in office and chose 3 interim members to complete the Working Committee as a team with 7 members.

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

Four members of the Working Committee Anu, Srimoyi, Partha and Arun had used the valid community process outlined in the PWG document to dismiss the other 3 members: Hemant, Sauro, and Chali. They explained the reasons for the dismissal in a 3-pages document which is published on Auronet. The clause in the PWG document was used 100% correctly. There is no error and no mistake involved.

- 1. For the above point, it must be understood that the Council mandate states that the Council will "oversee the observance of policies and decisions approved by the RA in collaboration with the Working Committee and will address non-compliance with established Auroville policies". As this clause is part of the Council mandate it clearly gives the presiding role of being the mandated group to oversee the observance of policies and decisions of the RA to the Council (above that of the Working Committee).

The AV Council has been created by the Working Committee. The Council's stand is not above the Working Committee. This is a wrong statement. Since there was no conflict of interest, the Working Committee acted well within their given role and respected the policies and decisions of the RA as outlined in the PWG document. The Council should indeed oversee that these policies are followed correctly. But here, in this case, the Council has declared a valid policy as invalid because it doesn't agree with the outcome.

- But regardless of this, as the non-compliance in this case concerns the Working Committee itself, and with the obvious conflict of interest, this role falls upon Council solely.

There is no conflict of interest of the Working Committee. A validated community process cannot suddenly become invalid because it is inconvenient to some. Either we respect the agreed and approved upon community processes or not, but we cannot make a selective decision which will fit some people's preference because they would like to see another outcome.

- 2. Not only have the four ex-Working Committee members disregarded our internal policies but they have rejected the authority of the Residents Assembly to choose the term of Working Committee members as stipulated in the Foundation Act. While the RA was in the process

(RAD) of a potential "vote of no confidence in and new selection of the current Working Committee", these four members disregarded the authority of the RA by attempting to remove the other three members of the Working Committee.

The 4 validated Working Committee members respected our internal policies and dismissed the other 3 Working Committee in a majority vote which is a valid process and has to be respected. A 'potential' vote of no confidence does not exist in any of our approved policies, that too, initiated anonymously. The 3 Working Committee members were not 'attempted' to be removed, they were effectively removed.

The RA has no authority to ignore the Governing Board's directives. Without a valid updated RoR no valid selection can take place.

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

As per the Foundation Act, a "vote of no confidence" does not exist. There is no policy in place, as of today, that any working group can be removed by the RA. The Working Committee therefore, will continue to work until their stipulated term expires.

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

It is very well within the power of the Governing Board to pause Auroville processes when they are not following the required direction for Auroville and to review policies as per section 17 b of the Auroville Foundation Act.

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

As per the Foundation Act, the Governing Board can, at any time, question Auroville's internal policies, review them and create new processes, which is within their functions and powers. The RA's role is advisory and to give recommendations.

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

The former WC members (Chali, Hemant, Sauro) were dismissed even before the invalid RAD results were published. These 3 have been dismissed via the PWG community process and have presently no function in the context of any Auroville working group. The official and legitimate Working Committee of the Residents Assembly recognised by the Foundation Office are the following members: Anu, Arun, Srimoyi, Partha, Joseba, Selvaraj, Tine.

The Council has been sowing misinformation and unfounded fear among the residents. This has been driving the conflict further and dividing the community instead of helping solve the problem.

*With a sincere prayer for Auroville,
Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Srimoyi, Selvaraj, Tine
The Working Committee of the Residents Assembly*

RESOURCE PEOPLE FOR COUNCIL/ CRP3C

Dear Auroville community, most conflict cases dealt with by the Auroville Council are addressed through processes described in the [Auroville Conflict Resolution Policy](#) (CRP) 2015, such as:

1. Direct conversation between conflicted parties,
2. Mediation/Facilitation and,
3. Arbitration.

However, some cases are considered 'exceptions' under section 3 of the CRP policy and are taken care of by another team, the CRP3C (Conflict Resolution Policy 3 Coordination). These exceptions cover, amongst other things: Violence or threat of violence, Substance abuse (alcohol or drugs), Psychological health issues, Child Protection.

The CRP3C group exists since a few months, interacts regularly through email and WhatsApp groups, meets physically every 2 weeks and comprises the following members: Anandamayi and Indra (AVSST), Dr Saif (Matram), Balaji, Ganesh, Shivaya and Suryan (AVC), Angela, Dan, Divya, Sam and Shaalini (Resources Persons), Honor and Leela (AVCP), Mukta (Facilitation and Meditation Coordination).

Ideally, the team should have a WCom representative/liason as part of CRP3C in future.

In order to address more specifically the 'Psychological health issues' and the support these persons need, the CRP3C is looking for additional Resources Persons that could help with the following tasks:

- Accompany people for daily activities (walking, doing errands, sport, etc.)
- Presence and support through: talking, playing games, entertaining, etc.
- Specific support for seniors
- Healing modalities

We are looking for people who:

- Can commit for a given period of time
- Have a capacity to listen with empathy
- Are patient and good-willed
- Are reliable, etc...

As this new kind of 'support' in Auroville would require a specific set of skills (necessary training can be provided), time and commitment, it would be seen as a full or part-time job and support in the form of maintenance can be considered.

If you have time and are interested in this kind of service and work to support community members, please send an email to avcouncil@auroville.services

Thank you for your support for the well-being and growth of our community,

The Council and CRP3C Team

CRP3C – Conflict Resolution Policy section 3 Coordination

STATUS OF CURRENT FAMC & NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Dear Community, the FAMC have just informed us that with the confusion arising due to the irregular appointments of a new FAMC by the office of the Secretary, some of their members have been unsure about their willingness to continue. For now though there are still 5 active members of the FAMC namely: Amy, Jonas, Palani, Ranjith, and Stephan. We are yet to hear from the other members.

As the FAMC email has been taken over by the office of the Secretary they have been forced to create a new email account and are reachable at "FAMC@auroville.services". Please only use this email address to communicate with the FAMC of the Residents' Assembly. You may only be able to reach them from a non-auroville.org.in email account due to this domain having been blocked by the office of the Secretary.

*Warm Regards,
Auroville Council and Working Committee
of the Residents' Assembly*

REMINDER TO THE AUROVILLE COMMUNITY

**about visiting journalists, bloggers,
film crew and photographers**



Two weeks ago, a film crew was spotted in Auroville filming for a documentary without prior information and authorization from Auroville Outreach Media (now renamed Auroville Media Interface). The team was also using a drone which required an extra authorization from the Auroville Foundation office.

If you as a resident of Auroville, unit or service are involved with any such media production, please inform visiting journalists, bloggers, film crew and photographers that they have to make a formal request with Auroville Media Interface for filming in Auroville. Their media requests for photography, interviews or filming should be sent well in advance of their visit to Auroville.

All requests are to be channeled through Auroville Media Interface which screens requests and applications on behalf of the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, and facilitates authorization of the same.

Please note that requests for journalistic interviews can take a few days to process and filming requests can take up to one or two weeks after providing all necessary documents. Visiting filming crew from overseas additionally need additional authorizations, for details contact us.

Applications can be sent to: mediainterface-avf@auroville.org.in

Kindly be aware that photography/filming of the Matri-mandir is prohibited beyond the "viewing point" (special authorization may be requested).

Drone usage is restricted in all of Auroville as per DGCA rules, and the use of filming with a drone subject to prior approved authorization from Auroville Media Interface, alternatively we may provide the footage for your media use.

Residents and Activities of Auroville are strictly not authorized to speak and pose as official Media representatives of Auroville to the press or media.

- [More information here:](#)
- [Filming in Auroville:](#)

Joel for Auroville Media Interface team

CALL FOR FEEDBACK ON NOMINEES – SELECTION PROCESS 2022



Dear Residents, we are happy to inform you that the nomination phase of the selection process is over. It's now time for us to invite you to share constructive feedback on nominees who stepped forward to serve in one of the working groups: Auroville Council, ATDC, Entry Board, FAMC and Working Committee.

HOW:

Please find the profiles of candidates and fill in a [feedback form here](#):

**Feedback Period Will Run Until
Friday, June 24, 2022**

Kindly note:

"The feedback giver can choose to remain anonymous to the Selection Teams, however his/her name will be recorded by the RAS.

The feedback will be provided anonymously to the nominee, who will have the opportunity to respond or withdraw their nomination. If any nominee withdraws, the feedback will be deleted.

The feedback and responses will be provided to all the Selection Teams (see section 6), who will decide if the feedback is relevant or significant. The feedback will be used only as pertinent information to inform the selection of the working group members and will not result in any person being disqualified prior to the selection process.

The feedback is shared only with the Selection Teams and is not made public. Members of the Selection Teams and the RAS are asked to maintain strict confidentiality, and will not share feedback or names of those giving feedback anonymously" ([PWG 2022, Part 3, 3](#))

- 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

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR EACH ONE



Dear Family of Auroville,

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for each one of us who participated in the gathering yesterday in person and in spirit for radiating such joy of togetherness. All of us shared a feeling of one big Auroville family. The magnitude of love and spirit of togetherness that was present in the room was much more than 600 people present there. We were happy to see the overwhelming participation in this gathering. The gathering was just focused on the spirit of togetherness and to understand the roles and responsibilities that the Residents' Assembly holds in building Auroville. An overview of Roles and Responsibilities of RA from the Auroville Charter, Auroville Foundation act 1988, Auroville Foundation Rules and Regulations 1997, Introduction to the bill of Auroville Foundation act was presented in this gathering. Followed by a presentation on the overview about internal governance structure and the role of RA in it. These presentations gave us valuable information about the work of RA in building Auroville. It was followed by a short presentation emphasizing on the need for understanding what is development in totality which includes aspects like: economy, education, socio-cultural, physical, ecological, spiritual, research and innovation and many more underpinned by the Human aspect which is very unique to the context of Auroville and as envisioned by the Mother. All the information presented was also translated in Tamil throughout the gathering.

The support, patience, openness that flowed in the room throughout made it happen and we thank all the presenters for sharing the valuable information about RA. The importance of our participation in organizing our functions was very well received and there was a beautiful resonance on the fact that we have to work together to build Auroville. The open floor brought out beautiful and deep sharing from the residents on how togetherness will enable us to move forward positively and many such. There was an overwhelming support rendered to the working groups constituted by and for the Residents' assembly.

The room felt 'this is the first step of a new beginning' and the residents team shared the need for this momentum and participation to be kept alive. An idea of organizing a large community potluck in the coming days was put forth by the team and we welcome more ideas to keep us together to be able to meaningfully participate in all our community processes.

We wholeheartedly thank everyone that helped and contributed towards organizing this gathering. There will be a detailed announcement made about the community potluck in the coming days. Please write to avcommunitygathering@gmail.com to share your ideas.

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

"In short, it would be a place where human relationships, which are normally based almost exclusively on competition and strife, would be replaced by relationships of emulation in doing well, of collaboration and real brotherhood"

'A Dream' by the Mother.

MAIL SENT TO FOUNDATION OFFICE FOR INFORMATION REG FAMC AND ATDC

Dear Community, for your information, the following mail was sent to Dr J. Ravi, and Mr. Srinivasmurthy.

Best Regards, Auroville Council

Dear Dr J. Ravi, Dear Mr. Srinivasmurthy,

Please do urgently send us the new Standing Order issued with regard to the appointment of members to the ATDC as informed to the Auroville Community via Mass Bulletin on 4 June 2022.

Please do also send us the latest Office Order appointing new members to the ATDC as well as the recent Office Order appointing new members to the FAMC as informed to the Auroville Community via AuroNet on 8 June 2022.

Sincerely, Auroville Council and Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly

FOREST GROUP MEETING NOTES

03.06.2022, Hermitage

Present: Edzard – Discipline, Jonah – Eternity, Island – Espace, Arun – Revelation, Andrey – Infinity Bernd – Hermitage, Segar – Nilam, Elumalai – Bliss, Archana – Siddhartha Forest, Manolo – Bliss & Espace, Alex – Fertile, Pema – Citadines, Madu – Udumbu, Philip – Anusuya, Surya – Anusuya, Leela – Anusuya, Sandeep – Fertile, Jasmine – Udumbu, Agnes – Hermitage, Kalou – Miracle, Hans – Abri Forest, Rita – Center Field, Vengatesh – Abri Forest, T. Saga – Kottakarai Kumar – Adventure, Giri – Fertile East, Vinny – Hermitage, Senthil Kumar – Petite Farm, M. Saravanan – Realization, Kittu – Mukthi



Topics

1. Bird Sanctuary

Senthil Kumar, M. Saravanan and Kittu presented their project for Bird's feeding and water stations in Auroville, as well as educating people about birds. Forest Group supports the project request to PCG.

2. Miracle

Kalou has expressed her need for an electricity supply, which would be as the recharging support source for the batteries. As she cannot afford to fix the Solar system, it is not enough for maintaining the school in the rainy days – Monsoon. It is really difficult to manage electrical Issues.

The Forest Group has suggested she check with the solar fund and BCC.

3. Forest Group coordinator

The Forest Group has mentioned that it is in process of Placing a coordinator that would be for the Forest group assistance. Job description criteria is being created.

4. Land Survey in Fertile East

Giri has shared that the temple land survey announced by the land board was done with the border Fertile East. there was a difference between the ground reality and the survey of 1 MT.

5. Eternity Survey

Eternity is waiting for the survey report from the Pondicherry survey department, and the land board is involved in Settling the Issues. Fencing work has also not started yet.

6. Hermitage

There was a sharing by the stewards and forest workers on the work done in Hermitage and the areas where attention needs to be put.

Thank you, Andrey

HOUSING BOARD REPORT

January, February, March & April 2022

Housing Board Members

Anbu (L'avenir) (Left March 2022), Angela (Community), Angelo (FAMC), Aravindh (Housing Service), Bharathy (Community), Elaine (L'avenir) (Joined April 2022), Iyappan (Community), Rima (Community), Sundar (Housing Service) (Left January 2022) Venkat (Community).

Rama Narayana (Entry Board) (Left February 2022) & Shiva (AVC) are Resource Persons for the Housing Board.

The Quorum is fixed at 5 members as per current housing policy.

Meetings: In person every Wednesday at the Town Hall Meeting Room

Requests for permanent houses from Aurovilians

The Housing Board continues to receive requests from Aurovilians and Newcomers for permanent housing solutions. Apart from in very special circumstances, permanent housing can only be allocated via the usual open transfer process. If you are looking for a housing solution, we advise you to apply through Auronet.

Request for a temporary space due to pregnancy The Board agreed to a request, supported by AVHS, for Tahir & his partner to have a one year non-extendable bridging house in Kriya due to her pregnancy and their current unsuitable housing.

List of potential areas for housing development

Members of the Housing Board have studied several areas of land where there is a potential for new housing developments. A list of potential areas was drawn up and handed to ATDC on the 17th of February for their consideration and approval.

Split of the assets formerly stewarded by Werner

The Board decided to split the house formerly stewarded by Werner into 3 dwellings, a single, couple and a family unit. The assets were subsidised in order to make them more affordable. Applications were received in the usual way and the new stewards have now been selected.

Clarification from FAMC regarding Unit Holders and repairs

The Board sought a clarification from FAMC regarding whether unit holders were able to withdraw funds from their units for house repairs. The FAMC confirmed that this was still possible, therefore HB will continue to ask unit holders asking for repair assistance to submit their balance sheets for checking. Request from Veronique to temporarily move to New Community A request from Veronique to move on a 6 month agreement to the 'New Community' in Certitude was agreed.

Mango Garden

Housing Services transferred a house in Mango Garden to Veerappan in 2011, the size of the house at that time was 60sqm.

The plot allocation process for Mango Garden that took place in 2020 had allocated 3 plots: to Marriappan O, Marriappan G. & Shankardevi. Shankardevi later pulled out, so one plot remained vacant.

At the HB meeting on 07/10/20 Sreevatsa (ATDC) informed HB that Veerappan's house was partially on private land and therefore a point of dispute. The Housing Board that was constituted at that time decided Housing Service would take the stewardship of the house and transform it into a Newcomer house until the issue with the private land is solved and compensate Veerappan the value of the house for his future housing.

After the new Housing Board was constituted, the ATDC member to the HB requested that the vacant plot in Mango Garden be allocated to Veerappan. The HB asked for the ATDC member to step out of the decision making as he has a conflict of interest (family relation). The request then later came from ATDC. The HB considered the request but

decided that there ought to be an open and transparent community process for the plot, particularly given that some community members had raised objections to Veerappan being given the allocation. Veerappan would be able to apply as anyone else would and the Housing Board would consider his circumstances when shortlisting for the plot.

The Landboard has clarified that the situation regarding the private land in Mango Garden is not urgent as the owner was wishing to exchange the land in future.

During the 2022 valuation of the house, it was recorded that the house was now 93sqm. This raised certain questions which were not satisfactorily answered, regarding whether an NOC had been obtained and whether the extension had been made onto the private land.

Since the HB decision, ATDC have informed HB that they are anyway moving forward with Veerappan's building application.

Request for staff quarters housing agreement

The request from an Aurodam community member for a staff quarters housing agreement was referred to FAMC for a final decision.

HB meeting with ATDC, LB & FAMC 08/02/22

At a joint meeting with HB, LB, FAMC & ATDC the following points were agreed

NOC process

It has been confirmed by ATDC that any request for NOC will follow the given process. After application, the request will be announced for two weeks with feedback from the community.

If there are no objections, the request for NOC will be announced as approved. If there are any objections, the community will be informed. Once the objections have been resolved, it will be once again announced to the community.

Allocation process for construction of single assets

Any available plots for construction will be announced for allocation by ATDC and Housing Board following the given criteria and parameters.

Open spaces for construction

ATDC will provide the Housing Board with the requested information and details regarding plots available for construction in Mango Garden, Promesse & Fraternity.

Sundaramoorthi's house and surrounding land plots

Landboard, Housing Board and ATDC members will visit the asset in Automodelle known as Sundaramoorthi's house to evaluate the space and different options.

Outskirts plots

The Housing Board together with the Land Board has made a list of plots for possible development. ATDC will visit the plots and make an assessment. ATDC will keep the Housing Board, Land Board and FAMC updated.

Clarification regarding how depreciation of new assets should be applied.

After seeking guidance from FAMC, the Housing Board decided that the standard 0.3% monthly depreciation will only be applied after the first full year of the asset being completed

Objections from Aspiration Community regarding allocation by HB.

The Council appealed for assistance on behalf of an Aurovilian in need of an immediate housing solution. It was agreed by the Board to allocate a House Against Recognised Work in Aspiration, on a one year agreement, based on her urgent and immediate need. The Aspiration Community objected to the allocation, the Board considered their opinions but did not follow their line. The allocation will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Transfer of ex-Jean-Marc house to Housing Service

Jean- Marc agreed to hand over his house in Aspiration to the Housing Service. The Housing Board originally agreed to put the house on transfer and received the applications in the usual way. However, after being given more information regarding the lack of infrastructure and given the incredibly poor condition of the house, the Board decided to cancel the transfer, and instead make the layout for 3 new houses. The potential layout was made by the Housing Service Repair Coordinator and is awaiting approval from ATDC.

Formalising house exchange in Douceur/Sharanga

The temporary house exchange arrangement between Grace in Douceur and Kavitha in Sharanga has been in place for a year and as both parties are happy with the arrangement they requested to make it a permanent stewardship arrangement. The request was agreed in line with the Housing Policy.

Extension of bridging house agreement in Pony Farm

The bridging house agreement for Jayasutha in Pony Farm was extended at her request.

Housing Service Coordinator

Sundar tendered his resignation as Housing Service coordinator & Housing Service representative to the Housing Board in January, due to his appointment as one of the executives of the Matrimandir. After receiving applications from the community, the Housing Board endorsed Amy L., previously the Secretary to the Housing Board, as the new coordinator. FAMC later endorsed her appointment also, stating that there would be a one month trial period before considering her appointment to the Housing Board. The Board would like to thank Sundar for his many years of service.

Allocation of family apartment in Inspiration

The allocation of the family apartment in Inspiration (ex-Krishan Myer) to Velu (Gas Service) & Family was eventually approved by the Inspiration Community and the Housing Board, in line with the appeals process that had been previously agreed.

Request from Housing Service to provide internet line to NC houses

The request from housing service to provide internet connection to the Newcomer houses in Surrender was agreed.

FAMC request wrt New School Crafts

The Housing Board was asked by FAMC to consider the request of New school crafts to transfer one asset under the unit to the housing group with the condition to allocate the asset to one Aurovillian family who was urgently in need of an accommodation. The Housing Board has agreed to allocate the house to the said family with the condition that it will follow the probono regulation.

Co-stewardship requests

The Housing Board considered, and approved, requests for co-stewardship agreements from Elvria & Fabien in Pitchandikulam, Boobalan & Sriranjini in Djaima, Padmavathi Mani & Pavithra in Fraternity and Bhagwandas & Christine in Fraternity.

The House Formerly stewarded by Roma- HARW allocation

The house formerly stewarded by Roma was allocated to Juan & Camilla as a House Against Recognised Work (HARW).

Rama Narayana leaving HB

By mutual agreement, the Entry Board liaison Rama Narayana left the Housing Board in February. The Housing Board thanked Rama Narayana for his service, and requested that EB send a new liaison as soon as possible.

Request from Courage for balance payment

Courage Community requested for the Housing Service to pay the balance amount for the installation of their new electrical infrastructure, this was denied. An exception had been made previously due to unusual circumstances, however the Board felt that this much smaller amount could be managed easily by the whole community.

Request from AVFO for information

A request to Housing Service for information from the Auroville Foundation Office was responded to through FAMC.

Repairs Section update

The resignations of Alexey and Arumugam from the repairs section of Housing Service were accepted. The Housing Board thanks them both for their many years of service. A call went out to the community for a new Repairs Coordinator & Handyman. After considering the applications, the Board endorsed Vignesh (Maitreye) as Coordinator and Iyyanaar (Douceur) as the new Handyman.

House Evaluation Costs

The Board agreed that any evaluations that are carried out prior to a house transfer will be paid for by the Housing Service. If a steward requests an evaluation for their own information then they will bear the costs themselves.

Housing Grants

After being placed on hold during the pandemic, the Board agreed to re-open the House Grants for applications. The funds available for this year (2022-23) were studied and it was decided that an amount of 10 lakh per quarter would be available. It was noted that future funds may be impacted by the lack of housing projects, as the house grant fund is constituted from the Fraternal Contribution payments.

Reduction of Youth Housing Contributions

It was agreed to reduce the financial contribution requested from the occupants of Youth Housing, for the trial period of one year. The occupants of Humanscapes, Kriya, Creativity youth apartments and Courage were informed. If after a year it is found that the reduced contribution will not be sufficient to cover the costs of repairs and maintenance then the contribution may be increased. At the same time, the financial arrangements for Muyarchi were looked into and it was decided to bring the project fully under the Housing Service.

Housing Services budget 2022-2023

Was approved by BCC.

Transformation of asset in Fraternity to a Caretaker House

A small house in Fraternity which was built by Ulli has been transferred at zero cost to the Housing Service and will be designated as a caretaker house.

Request to move to 'New Community'

Frederick & Nadia asked to move from Citadines to the New Community, the request was approved by the Housing Board and endorsed by the Certitude community.

Housing Survey

There is an urgent need to complete a full survey of all the housing assets in Auroville. A subgroup from Housing Service & Housing Board was put together, and one more Aurovillian will be sought to assist the survey team. The survey commenced in April in Felicity & Happiness communities.

Prayatna/Courage house request

Paul Vincent & Dhanalakshmi were selected by the Housing Board for the couple unit in Prayatna. Paul requested that, due to his urgent need for a ground floor apartment, that he be allowed to take the keys to the Prayatna asset to begin the necessary renovation work prior to his apartment in Courage being transferred. This request was agreed to.

Stewardship papers for Sanjana Stewards.

Due to the ongoing arbitration process between the project holders of Sanjana and the architect, many of the stewards of the houses in Sanjana have not received their stewardship papers. The Board agreed that those who wish to can receive the papers however there will be a clause added that they agree to abide by the outcome of the arbitration process.

Fraternal Contribution waiver request

A request from Satyavan & Fanny to waive the housing portion of the fraternal contribution due on the apartment they wanted to take stewardship of in Kalpana, was endorsed by HB and recommended to FAMC.

Request for E-Bike from Kinsi from HS

The Housing Service asked for one further e-bike to be rented from Kinsi to assist the team in carrying out their duties. The request was agreed to.

Aurodam house arrangements

The current arrangements of several members of Aurodam/ Grace communities were looked into by the Board, it was decided that as long as the necessary house sitting papers were updated then the arrangements can continue.

Petit Ferme store cupboard clarification

The Board were asked to look into the matter relating to a store cupboard in Petit Ferme community which appeared on the evaluation of the house formerly stewarded by Siegfried. After a clarification from the Petit Ferme members and the Council who had previously looked into this, the Board agreed that there was an error on the evaluation and the store cupboard is in fact a common space for the whole community. A new evaluation will be carried out to correct this error.

FAMC request for HS to pay for Topographical Survey

The Housing Board agreed for the Housing Service to pay for the topographical survey in Felicity and on the land formerly owned by Paulo Tomassis.

House Grants Approved (January – March)

Name & Community	Amount
Danish & Sarah, Sharanga	250,000.00
Fanny & Satyavan, Kalpana	200,000.00
Ilango, Promesse	200,000.00
Shankardevy, Sacred Grooves	200,000.00
Dharuman, Krishna Farm	300,000.00

Repairs Grants Approved (over 5,000rs) (January – March)

Name & Community	Amount
Hari & Suryagandhi, Djaima	111,106.00
Anandamayi, Madhuca	17,628.00
MatriPrasad, Prayatna	12,730.00
Manjula, Maitreyea-1	21,034.00
Ponnusamy, Grace	250,000.00
Philomina, Fraternity	51,613.20
Biggie, Samridhi	215,000.00
Silvana, Prayatna	100,000.00
Venkat, Surrender	100,000.00
Mahalakshmi Home	150,000.00
Bertrand, Surrender	38,750.00
Jivatman, Transformation	85,867.00
Swaha, Prathana	13,100.00
Invocation, Sadaka Building	38,700.00
Rosa Grace	101,100.00

House Transfers Completed (Jan-April)

Name	Community
Verena	Invocation
Fanny & Satyavan	Kalpana
Ocean Bekker	Angiras Garden
Ashok	Djaima
Geetha	Promesse
Jegan	Djaima

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 136

Dated: 18-06-2022

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Chithra SEERALAN aka Chithra (Indian) staying in Sangamam Community and working at Aha Kindergarten



Chithra

NEWCOMER RESTARTING THE PROCESS:

- Marie SCHELLENBERGER (French) staying in Maitreye II and working at Revelation Forest

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Marzia LOCHIS aka Samantha (Italian) staying in Swayam and working at Auro-service



Marzia

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

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

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

A confirmed Aurovilian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has 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



Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

AUROVILLE'S SELF-GOVERNANCE:

A TALK BY KIREET JOSHI

Friday, 17 June, 5:30pm, SAIER Conference Room



Please join us for this inspiring, hour-long talk by Kireet Joshi on the Self-governance of Auroville.

Recorded in 2003, it is highly relevant for today's challenges and gives us hope and guidance for the way forward.

All Are Welcome ! Please Share Widely.

Confluence team - seeking deeper resonance and common ground in the community

E-mail: confluence-logistics@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE TV CHANNEL TO BE LAUNCHED SOON



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

We invite you to share your content to be broadcasted on the TV channel. Pre-existing videos that your unit/service/activity have already realized can be broadcasted. We are also planning to broadcast live events such as interviews from units, art performances, regular classes, etc. But you could also produce videos specifically for the broadcast or have a recurrent slot to develop your own show.

Events in all the Auroville languages are most welcome to be broadcasted. If you are interested to participate, please contact us at mediainterface-avf@auroville.org.in

Joel, Auroville Media Interface team

MARION'S PASSING



This is to inform us that our dear friend and sister Marion Maekin passed away in the morning of Monday, 13 June. She was 72 years old, and had been struggling with depression for half a year.

Originally from the UK, Marion came to Auroville in 2014 with her husband Tony, and was accepted as Aurovilian in 2016. With her straightforward, direct and friendly nature, she was a much appreciated teacher in various SAIER schools, took part in the Aikiyam support group and later functioned as a lively and hands-on member of the Auroville child protection group.

Many of us will remember her from the road, on her three-wheeler scooter with on the back her elderly husband Tony, whom she always surrounded and treated with the utmost love and care.

Our warmest condolences and strength go out to Tony and family members abroad, as well as her friends here in Auroville.

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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

INTEGRAL YOGA: SRI AUROBINDO'S & THE MOTHER'S VISION OF SUPRAMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS

and How Haridas Chaudhuri
Brought It to the West



Monday, 20 June 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan

Duration: 55min.

Haridas Chaudhuri was the first person to write a Ph.D. dissertation on The Life Divine; Sri Aurobindo approved of him being sent as a representative of the Integral Yoga to the USA. In 1951, he founded the American Academy of Asian Studies and the Cultural Integration Fellowship (CIF) in California. In 1968, Haridas Chaudhuri launched The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), a private, non-profit university which maintains strong ties with Auroville. Haridas Chaudhuri and Alan Watts established those institutions as meeting places for counter-cultural movements and connecting the cultural traditions of East and West.

In the film, Haridas Chaudhuri speaks about the Renaissance of India and shares his insights into Sri Aurobindo's revolutionary work and spiritual experiences.

Debashish Banerjee then talks about the Mother and her spiritual collaboration with Sri Aurobindo in Pondicherry, explaining how her spiritual power makes it possible for everybody and anybody to progress in Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga.

It is a beautiful documentary expressing the deep desire for change among the 1960s generation and the search for a new evolutionary consciousness which brought the Yoga psychology of the East closer to the Western psychology on the basis of Sri Aurobindo's work and philosophy.

In light of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary
We Welcome You to

Savitri Painting
Paint Your Soul



Special
Physical
Session

Jun 25, 2022
10:00AM-12:30PM
SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

Connect with your deeper essence through the
joy of painting with Savitri

REGISTER NOW

bit.ly/savitri-painting-registration

PURNAM
Centre for Integrality

BHARAT NIVAS
एक भूतः लब्धः भूतः
The Path of India, Auroville

Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Purnam presents

THE SECRET OF THE VEDA

THE LEGEND OF THE ANGIRAS RISHIS

JUNE
18

9:45 - 11:00 AM

BHUMIKA HALL,
BHARAT NIVAS

The first in the series of sessions on Sri
Aurobindo's "The Secret of the Veda", facilitated
by Manoj Pavitrans

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://LU.MA/VEDA](https://lu.ma/veda)



 BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of regular events of June 2022

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm
Meditation

7th & 21st, Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30pm, reading
"The Mother's Questions & Answers- Vol-7"
in English by Rama Narayana

3rd & 24th, Friday 4:00 - 5:00pm, reading
"The Sunlit Path"
in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi

Talk on Auroville for Newcomers by
Raman (Center Field, Auroville)
27th, Monday at 5:00pm

14th, Tuesday at 6:00pm full moon, reciting
Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra for 30min


No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street Location
Edayanchavadi, Auroville
kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



Welcome to an interactive session on:

आत्मसंयमयोगः YOGA OF SELF-CONTROL

We will continue our study of the Bhagavad Gita,
this time with a focus on Chapter 6 - आत्मसंयमयोगः
facilitated by Sampadmbhai.



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

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SATURDAY - 25TH JUNE, 2022
10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
BHUMIKA HALL, BHARAT NIVAS

Write to: devabhasha@auroville.org.in
All are warmly welcome.
Samskritam Auroville & Bharat Nivas Team

Invitation to be a Part of the First of a Series of Sunday
Sessions on Sri Aurobindo's The Secret of the Veda with
Divyanshi and Manoj, offered at Bharat Nivas

Session 1: "The Legend of the Angiras Rishis"

- 5 June, 9:45 – 11am, Bhumika Hall
- Facilitator: Manoj Pavitrans

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

- [Sign Up for the First Session here.](#)

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

About Secret of the Veda:

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

Series of Secret of the Veda Sessions:

We would be covering discovering Agni, Varuna-Mitra, In-
dra, Saraswati, The Seven Rivers, Surya-Savitri between 18
June till 13 of August over a series of talks and practice
sessions with Manoj and Divyanshi.

- Session 1: 18 June, 9:45 – 11am: The Legend of the Angiras
- Session 2: 2 June, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Agni
- Session 3: 3 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Varuna-Mitra
- Session 4: 16 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Indra
- Session 5: 30 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Saraswati
- Session 6: 6 July, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering The Seven Rivers
- Session 7: 13 August, 9:45 – 11am: Discovering Surya Savitri
- [Sign up for one or more sessions here.](#)

You could also sign up on spot at 9:15am.

It is preferable to attend all sessions.

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

Warmth, Divyanshi and Palak
Purnam Centre of Integrality and Bharat Nivas

927 - 18 June 2022

THE ARTS

Visitors Center's Right Path Cafe

#cafeteria.auroville

LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS
A collaboration with Kalabhum Music Studio

JEET KAMRA
Soulful hindi/indie/sufi

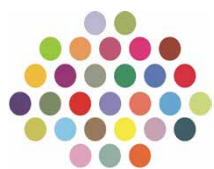
#kalabhummusicstudio.av #tukoiaurhai

7PM SUNDAY JUNE 19

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

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

AVAILABLE

Double burner

I have a slightly rusted double burner for give-away, if anyone is into cooking. Contact me by email if you are interested. **Tim**, timwrey@auroville.org.in

Puppy Needs a Home



Rudi, a cute and very friendly puppy is urgently in need of home. He is 10 weeks old now. Please contact Meike at: +919047654761, or email her: meike1941@gmail.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN AUROVILLE AND VILLAGES

Dear Friends, New Creation is a project to help village's difficult families by helping their children and let them grow in harmony and joy. New Creation wants to be a bridge between Auroville and villages.

We are running a school in a free progress method and we are looking for some volunteers to help in our crèche / kindergarten part.



We are looking for:

Kitchen Manager

- A Kitchen Manager to be in charge of the daily cooking for our school children. Full time work. you will be in charge of a team of 2 people for the daily cooking. Long term volunteer or aurovillian are more than welcome. Contribution can be in different way (accommodation, maintenance...).

Project manager/executive

- We Are also looking for someone to join our team as project manager/executive. IF you want to get involved in a project please contact us.

If you are interested, please contact Beber at ncproject@auroville.org.in or 6385635943.

In her love and light.

TODDLER GROUP FACILITATOR NEEDED

We are a group of parents looking for someone to help run our toddler playgroup 5 mornings a week at Base Camp, TLC (The Learning Community). In the spirit of TLC, we value free play and exploration, balanced with routine/rituals. We believe in encouraging each child's autonomy, creativity, and uniqueness. Community and deep connections are at the heart of how we come together to create a welcoming and safe space. Whoever fills this role will be the group facilitator and responsible for taking care of a group of 8 - 10 children between 1.5 - 4 years old, alongside a parent and a pedagogical mentor. The pedagogical mentor will work closely to provide support and guidance around the principles of integral education. Prior experience is preferable however not necessary - if you have a desire to learn, a playful spirit and enjoy watching and growing alongside children please feel free to contact us.

This position requires a part-time presence 8:30am - 1pm Monday to Friday, and additional time for relaying info and meeting with parents and pedagogical mentors. Fluency in Tamil is appreciated, but not

necessary. To ensure a sense of continuity and trust for the children we request a minimum 6 month commitment.

- Financial support can be provided.

For any questions, please contact Georgia at

georgia@communityearth.org or 80985 03386

SAVI IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBER

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

Administrative assistant (Half time position)

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



Required skills

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

Maintenance available after a month of probation

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

LOOKING FOR

Looking for a Hindi Speaking Housekeeper



Dear Friends, I am looking for a Hindi speaking amma/house help. Please let me know over divyanshi@auroville.org.in if you have any leads.

Warmth, Divyanshi

Looking for a spare Smartphone

Friends, we are looking for a spare smartphone to set up a Whatsapp business for our Integral Education unit – Purnam Center of Integrality. The intent would be to use it for outreach and communication regarding various offerings by Purnam.

Please reach out to us at purnam-admin@auroville.org.in or drop us a WA message, +91-9599266910

Warmth, Divyanshi and Palak
for Purnam Centre of Integrality

Auroville Child Protection and Safeguarding



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

Thanks! AVCP Team

Contact: avcp@auroville.org.in
or Leela +917094926849

TAXI SHARING



Thursday, 23 June, Taxi is leaving AV at 3 pm

for 8pm flight from Chennai. Please, contact Marlenka 948 636 3525 to share taxi

Marlenka

EDUCATION



THREE YEAR BACHELOR DEGREE

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology-College is now offering **three year bachelor degree (B.Voc.)** courses in Emerging technologies affiliated to Pondicherry

University.

All these courses are based on integral Education integrating subject knowledge with Values and personality building. Life sciences, Entrepreneurship and leadership are part of the curriculum.

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

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

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

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

Pl. apply to Lavkamad:

lavkamad@auroville.org.in, phone:9443238303

HELP NEEDED

STREET ART EXHIBITION FUNDRAISING



CREEVA Hello Everybody, CREEVA (Centre for Research Education Experience in the Visual Arts), wants to hold a **one day street art exhibition for our Auroville and outside artists at around Bharathi Park in Pondicherry.** We intend to have this show to celebrate Sri Aurobindo birthday on 15th of August 2022.

We hope the artists participating in this exhibition will delight the public with their works of art and this event will be a great opportunity for an artist to realize the fullness of their creativity in the future.

To implement this event, we have to pay fees of ₹30,000 to Government of Puducherry for the permission, and ₹30,000 for other expenditures. Approximately, a total estimated cost of ₹60,000.

CREEVA is a non-profit service organization, we want to support artists, they want a chance to show their work to the outside world, imposing a fee on the participating artists will be a burden to them.

Therefore, we request for your support and heartfelt donations on this occasion to promote this project.

Donate on following:

- Cause : Creeva's Street Art Exhibition 2022.
- Account: F/s - 252422

Contact: creeva@auroville.org.in

- Audrey : 04132622641, +91 94894 08358
- Sathya : +91 9486145072

Yours, CREEVA Team
Warmly, Sathya

HONORARY VOLUNTARY

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*

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

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 JUNE 2022



Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803

Email: sante@auroville.org.in

Website: <http://sante.auroville.org.in>

Working Hours

Monday – Saturday: 8:45 – 12:30pm

Tests and Sample collection

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

Appointment

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment & to check availability of the therapist.	
Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil, Daily	Nursing Care, Ezhil & Thilagam, Daily (No appointment necessary)
Acupuncture with Andres, TOS	Ayurveda with Dr. Berengere Wednesday
Homoeopathy with Michael, Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday	Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Friday
Midwifery & Family counselling with Monique, Tuesday	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula, Tuesday & Wednesday
Paediatric Physiotherapy with Swati, TOS	Physiotherapy with Osnat TOS
Physiotherapy with Rebeca, TOS	Physiotherapy and Massage with Galina, Monday to Friday

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

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

AURODENT – DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic

Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

Monday – Friday (9am – 1 pm & 2pm – 6 pm) Saturday (9am – 1pm)

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVELSHOP

Important notice for International Travelers: Please know in detail which documentation regarding Covid regulations are required for your travel.



Our Travel Consultant Mr. Ganesh is from the 5 June only available by WA or e-mail 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 the Quarantine period subject to the policy terms and conditions. Accommodation and non-medical incidental expenses arising during Quarantine period stand excluded.

Contact:

- One can reach him by WA also after office timings: +91 9894598686
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in

All Credit / Debit cards payments should be routed via the Financial Service.

- Effective 15 June**, Air Austral will operate a second flight every Wednesday from Chennai to French Reunion Island. This will be in addition to their existing flight every Saturday from Chennai to Reunion Island and onwards to Mauritius, Seychelles, Johannesburg, Madagascar, Mayotte and more.
- Chennai to Reunion flights** are operated by Airbus A220-300, Air Austral's latest-generation aircraft with two Cabins - Premium Economy and Economy Class.
- Enjoy the promo fare** valid for ticket issuance till 05-June.

NANDINI TAILORING SECTION OPEN



Dear Friends, Nandini Tailoring section is now open to taking orders for your stitching requirements.

As we are still in the process of putting together a new team; the completion of your orders is likely to be delayed at this time. We are hopeful that we shall be back to our normal and perhaps improved service before long.

The days and timings are as before and given below for your reference:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

- between 9 and 12am in the morning and
- between 2 and 4pm in the afternoon.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

*Nandini Tailoring Section team,
Elizabeth & Indirani*

TERRASOUL FARMERS MARKET



Friday's from 9 to 12:30pm

Terrasoul farm market on Friday's from 9 to 12 30pm. Fresh vegies and fruits.

• **Saturdays farm tour at 12pm and community vegan Tamil lunch.** Booking is needed

• terrasoul@auroville.org.in, 9443434182 (WA, Telegram).

Thanking you, Juan

FOLLOW THE MONEY



This phrase is normally used to find something wrong, a greedy transaction or a shady plan. I almost feel sinful to say that in Auroville ;).

Here I will follow the money with a different kind of intention: to know more about how Kinisi uses money to provide the ultimate offer in sustainable mobility for guests and Aurovilians.

First, let me distinguish between Kinisi «Rental» and Kinisi «KIM». The goal is to understand how one is supporting the other and why they chose this structure.

- They call «Rental» when they rent an e-cycle to a guest of Auroville. The price is higher, an average price of 200 rupee a day in 2022*.
- They call «KIM» when they offer an e-cycle to an Aurovillian for stewardship, charging only for its maintenance. The contribution is 7 times lower, about 28 rupees a day in 2022, as this is on a yearly contractual basis.

Second, I also need to make the distinction between donations/grants and operating costs in order to better understand how much they need to charge their users to make sure they can provide this service in the long run!

- Kinisi has relied on many donations/grants over the years since its incubation. Without them, the price would be way higher and their service to the community would have been way less! So a big thanks to these generous donors!

These donations are used to buy new e-vehicles. Now Auroville owns 614 e-cycles and e-scooters (acquisition costs around 35,000 to 55,000/- rupees per e-cycle depending on the model, and around 1.2 to 1.8 lakhs rupees per e-scooter).

- Now the operating costs! That's all the costs that are not covered by Auroville (BCC) or by the donations. This includes the cost of renting and maintaining the premises, the cost of staff salaries and Aurovilians/volunteers' maintenances, the cost of in-house software development to manage rentals, the cost of vehicle repairs and services, the cost of spare parts, the cost of waste management, the cost of equipment and tools for the workshop, as well as the cost of research and development.

To make sure Auroville can at least maintain its e-cycles, they decide it would be wise to distribute this cost between their two different types of user. That's why the operation costs, on average, match the KIM contribution and the income generation from rental. They rely on grants and donations to increase the fleet.

Accessibility for Aurovilians was very important, but at the same time they did not want to put the price too high for the guests, to prevent them from choosing polluting mopeds instead. They found that the price of 200 rs a day for guests vs 28 rs / day for Aurovilians was the sweet spot, hence the formula: \$ = 7 vs 1!

The Aurovilians and guests can afford and help support each other and the planet, while enjoying this ultimate experience to ride an e-cycle in Auroville! Thank you for this amazing service!

What do you think? Did you enjoy following the money? Do you have a better understanding of why they do what they do? I know I do!

Alex, a new e-cycle user and lover

AUROVILLE EGGS FOR ALL...



Dear Community, we are writing to you regarding the egg production at AuroOrchard. Our chickens are laying 5500 eggs per week.

Uptil last week, this was easily distributed by foodlink. However, with many people traveling out of Auroville, schools being closed and the recent price increase, we are not able to distribute these eggs in the community.

We request you all to prioritize getting eggs from AuroOrchard or any other Auroville farm. You can place your order at Foodlink or directly with us by sending us an email at auroorchard@auroville.org.in.

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

*Thank you for your support
In service, Auroorchard team*

OPEN HOUSE AT ECO FEMME

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am



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

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



The Eco Femme Team

Voices and Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO



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- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 399](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil -Ep.19 \(Sri Aurobindo\) “ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு”](#)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 13](#) (Tamil Language)

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Peace and Love

AV POETRY

AL ALBA

*Retumba por las células
sacude las pestañas
acaricia por dentro
Tu Presencia
Madre.*

AT DAWN

*Echoing in the cells
Shaking the lids
Caressing inside
Your Presence
Mother.*

Anandi-ayun, Certitude

∞

*She puts jasmine in her hair
I put it into a tea cup
Each has its own flavors*

∞

*Tributaries
Join the mainstream
Not to remain there
But to flow into the sea*

*With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang*

VOICES AND NOTES

LET'S BUILD THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY PAVILION

We all want to build the City. Let's start building a Residents' Assembly Pavilion, where we can meet, discuss, and decide. A place for Unity in Diversity, for Peace, for building "bridges." A space to remember why we are here. If this resonates with you, [please sign up here](#).

Also, please share any idea to residentsassemblypavilion@gmail.com

- Where do you imagine the Residents' Assembly Pavilion to be?
- What does it look like?
- For what purposes will it be used for?

For me, we can quickly build a simple, temporary, structure wherever (for example, near Solar Kitchen). I see it made in natural materials (bamboo, wood), a circular space (resembling the Auroville symbol), with no walls, open to all residents to meet whenever they feel the need. With whiteboards and panels where they can draw their comments and ideas. Maybe even with some attached space for the Residents' Assembly Service, and the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly.

Let's do it. Now. Together.

Giovanni P.

THANK YOU FOR THE REFORM

I would like to thank the Governing Board and the Auroville Foundation, and whoever is responsible for the reforming of the working groups.

These previous working groups were dysfunctional and based on injustice, particularly the FAMC which was a group made up of business people holding their position of power with the only scope of protecting their own businesses.

It's a shame that some individuals, former members of some working groups, and who are still trying to hold onto their position of power, are now stirring all sorts of tension, apprehension and psychological terrorism by spreading false news about the future of Auroville.

Gino

GODS AND ASURAS BATTLING – AND MEN



Sri Aurobindo saw Nolini Kanta Gupta as his most advanced disciple, third in line to the Supermind, and the one who best mastered his teachings. The following is taken from Nolini Kanta Gupta's Collected Works, Volume Six, p. 20.

Here on this earth, we know, a battle was raging and is still raging between the Gods and the Asuras: men are their agents and instruments. The battle is to decide the destiny of earth and humanity. Mother was the leader of the divine

army here. Now human beings are a very uncertain quantity. They themselves do not know on which side they are ranging. Some perhaps may know to some extent but that does not seem to count much in the actual things.

Yes, the pity is that man does not know and yet so much, if not the whole thing, depends on him. For man as he is now is so far removed from godliness and so close to Asuras that the battle upon earth between Gods and Asuras seems to be an unequal game. Man by actual nature is asuric: it is through aspiration that he is trying to be godly but it seems he is now out of breath with his aspiration and has fallen back on his normal nature of the Asura.¹

Man enshrines in him the individualized Godhead, the personal Divine: the possibility of the incarnation of the Divine lies in him alone. Hence the struggle between Gods and Asuras for the possession of the human vessel.

It was the intention of the Mother to implant the Divine upon the turbid soil of normal humanity, purifying it of its dross and suffusing it with the heavenly breath. If that is not done, then she will have no other choice but to leave the field altogether to the Asuras, in whatever camp or form they are, to fight it out among themselves and finally destroy themselves in the act even like the Yadavas of old after Krishna's retirement. Some Asuras may like to pretend to be divine precisely to "catch" the voting strength, so to say, of the human being who may still seem to have a prejudice or predilection for divine things; but the truth will be out and the pretenders will be compelled to disclose themselves exactly as they are.

Then only, consequent on the self-annihilation of the Asuras, can this earth be free and open for the incoming of the new race of beings born divine, not made. Whether any remnants of the human race will be left and in what condition, if any part of it could be incorporated or integrated into the new dispensation, is a mystery that will remain so till the actuality reveals it.

But I must not leave it at that for there is always hope and cheer, vistas of escape; the tunnel ends at last and at the end there is always the light. The Lord says indeed: I am Time, the Destroyer of the worlds – *kalo'smi lokaksayakrt* – but he also declares in no uncertain terms his voice of assurance, the resounding bugle-call of his panchajanya the Divine Conch:

anityam asukham lokam imam prapya bhajasva mam.

...mamekam saranam vraja

*aham tva sarvapapebhyo moksaisyami ma sucah.*²

¹ – Sri Aurobindo in one of his private notes discloses that most of his disciples were Asuras, the bigger the disciple the greater the Asura. Perhaps they, impelled by a higher Call, came of themselves in order to surrender and be converted to the new life. It may be that that urge wore off in the end and had to be postponed for its fulfilment. It is significant what Sri Aurobindo says in his Hymn to Durga:

"O Mother, give to our life and mind the Asura's strength, the Asura's energy and to our heart and intelligence a God's character and a God's knowledge."

² – "To this ephemeral unhappy world you have come. Love me and turn to me."

"Take refuge in Me alone, I will deliver thee from all sin and evil, do not grieve." Gita, IX. 33 Gita, XVIII. 66

submitted by Paulette

REFLECTIONS ON DHARMA AND ADHARMA

Dear One, in the last few months I've heard the reference to the Bhagavad Gita and the fight for Dharma so many times in the context of the present situation in Auroville. In a conflict or a fight, often both sides feel that they are fighting for Dharma because the "other side" is on the path of Adharma. Important to remind ourselves that the battle between Dharma and Adharma is also constantly happening within each of us and it becomes important to be aware, in every moment, whether I am being a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness or not.

In our recent session on collective study of the Bhagavad Gita, Dr Sampadananda Mishra shared with us his interpretation of the words Dharma and Adharma. He also referenced this piece of writing by Sri Aurobindo which is extremely insightful for self-reflection as he mentions the qualities like divine purity, largeness, light, freedom, power, strength, joy, love, good, unity and beauty that one develops while on the path of Dharma. Each of us can reflect on the quality of our own actions and discern whether it is rooted in Dharma or Adharma. Here is an excerpt from Sri Aurobindo's writings:

"Dharma: The Law of Human Action

Dharma is a word which has an ethical and practical, a natural and philosophical and a religious and spiritual significance, and it may be used in any of these senses exclusive of the others, in a purely ethical, a purely philosophical or a purely religious sense. Ethically it means the law of righteousness, the moral rule of conduct, or in a still more outward and practical significance social and political justice, or even simply the observation of the social law...

Dharma in the Indian conception is not merely the good, the right, morality and justice, ethics; it is the whole government of all the relations of man with other beings, with Nature, with God, considered from the point of view of a divine principle working itself out in forms and laws of action, forms of the inner and the outer life, orderings of relations of every kind in the world. Dharma is both that which we hold to and that which holds together our inner and outer activities. In its primary sense it means a fundamental law of our nature which secretly conditions all our activities, and in this sense each being, type, species, individual, group has its own dharma. Secondly, there is the divine nature which has to develop and manifest in us, and in this sense dharma is the law of the inner workings by which that grows in our being. Thirdly, there is the law by which we govern our outgoing thought and action and our relations with each other so as to help best both our own growth and that of the human race towards the divine ideal.

Dharma is generally spoken of as something eternal and unchanging, and so it is in the fundamental principle, in the ideal, but in its forms it is continually changing and evolving, because man does not already possess the ideal or live in it, but aspires more or less perfectly towards it, is growing towards its knowledge and practice. And in this growth Dharma is all that helps us to grow into the divine purity, largeness, light, freedom, power, strength, joy, love, good, unity, beauty, and against it stands its shadow and denial, all that resists its growth and has not undergone its law, all that has not yielded up and does not will to yield up its secret of divine values, but presents a front of perversion and contradiction, of impurity, narrowness, bondage, darkness, weakness, vileness, discord and suffering and division, and the hideous and the crude,

all that man has to leave behind in his progress. This is the adharma, not Dharma, which strives with and seeks to overcome the Dharma, to draw backward and downward, the reactionary force which makes for evil, ignorance and darkness. Between the two there is perpetual battle and struggle, oscillation of victory and defeat in which sometimes the upward and sometimes the downward forces prevail."

Sri Aurobindo,

Essays on the Gita:

The Divine Birth and Divine Works

Also, the way I have understood, the Mahabharata and the Gita do not suggest a "fight" or "war" as a solution and the core message is to live a life rooted in Dharma. All efforts were made to avoid the war between Pandavas and Kauravas.

The Mother also envisioned in her Dream about a place "...where all the fighting instincts of man would be used exclusively to conquer the causes of his sufferings and miseries, to surmount his weaknesses and ignorance, to triumph over his limitations and incapacities..."

It is always uplifting to also remember these lines from Sri Aurobindo's Savitri and remind ourselves what we aim to manifest in Auroville:

*"Awakened to the meaning of my heart
That to feel love and oneness is to live
And this the magic of our golden change,
Is all the truth I know or seek, O sage."*

With the foundation of Truth and Love, may we move beyond the polarities towards realising unity and harmony.

With Love and Prayers, Deven

SRI AUROBINDO:

TURNING THE IDEAL OF HUMAN UNITY INTO AN ASSURED FACT

The indwelling deity who presides over the destiny of the race has raised in man's mind and heart the idea, the hope of a new order which will replace the old unsatisfactory order and substitute for it conditions of the world's life which will in the end have a reasonable chance of establishing permanent peace and wellbeing. This would for the first time turn into an assured fact the ideal of human unity which, cherished by a few, seemed for so long a noble chimera; then might be created a firm ground of peace and harmony and even a free room for the realisation of the highest human dreams, for the perfectibility of the race, a perfect society, a higher upward evolution of the human soul and human nature. It is for the men of our day and, at the most, of tomorrow to give the answer. For, too long a postponement or too continued a failure will open the way to a series of increasing catastrophes which might create a too prolonged and disastrous confusion and chaos and render a solution too difficult or impossible; it might even end in something like an irremediable crash not only of the present world-civilisation but of all civilisation. A new, a difficult and uncertain beginning might have to be made in the midst of the chaos and ruin after perhaps an extermination on a large scale, and a more successful creation could be predicted only if a way was found to develop a better humanity or perhaps a greater, a superhuman race.



*The Ideal of Human Unity, pp. 586-7
Submitted by Paulette*

FIGHT

"From every side I am asked, "What is going to happen?" Everywhere there is anguish, expectation, fear. "What is going to happen?..."¹ I am asked to fight. To fight for my human rights. To be a [working class hero](#)...

Oh...²

"This courage, this heroism which the Divine wants of us, why not use it to fight against one's own difficulties, one's own imperfections, one's own obscurities? Why not heroically face the furnace of inner purification so that it does not become necessary to pass once more through one of those terrible, gigantic destructions which plunge an entire civilisation into darkness? This is the problem before us. It is for each one to solve it in his own way.

This evening I am answering the questions I have been asked, and my reply is that of Sri Aurobindo: If man could once consent to be spiritualised.... And I add: Time presses... from the human point of view." The Mother³

Zech . 2022.06.08

References for paper copy:

¹ – working class hero: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J56HgYSQk2E>

² – Oh....: In Google Search please type: John Lennon Working Class Hero lyrics

³ – Time presses... from the human point of view: Please see my post on News & Notes #926 titled 'Trapped in a Corner', or if you have Facebook please type on the search bar 'trapped in a corner zech joya'

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

DEEP CORE INTENSIVE MASSAGE (DCIM)



Dear All, owing to participation in a Teachers' Training program in the afternoons, the appointments for massage sessions are temporarily limited to only the first half of the day starting from Monday, 15 June till 3 July 2022. Home Visit sessions are still being continued and undertaken.

Fusing techniques from Deep Tissue, Acupressure, Sports Massage, Reiki as well as traditional massage practices, Deep Core Intensive Massage (DCIM) provides a thorough body work and body check.

Assisted with medicated oils, DCIM is designed for deep relaxation, rejuvenation, improving circulation, softening the fascia and release from muscle tensions, knots and stiffness.

For queries/appointments – +91-6379 669 034.

P.S – Post July 3rd 2022, sessions will again be available in both halves of the day, including Home Visits.

Cheers and Much Thanks, Sumit



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Saturdays, from 5 to 6:30pm

Nataraj represents the energy of dance; dance becomes meditation when the mind dissolves and only the dance remains, when the 'doer' disappears and embodiment manifests. These 60-minute sessions follow Osho's Nataraj Meditation format, with enhancement of the soundtrack using live improvised instrumental music. The soundtracks are varied and live music is created to offer new experiences in every session.

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER

& MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, June 2022



Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacoloring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina, 9791719387, +393462258049 (WA)	Monday to Friday, Morning
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta, 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antariyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Classes

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien- 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30-8:30am. Wednesday 4:15pm Friday 5:30pm, Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30-8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5-6:30pm.
Qigong yang Style	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Saturday, Appointment, 8:30 to 9:30am

HOLISTIC: HEALING AND CONSCIOUSNESS



For more info: www.auroville-holistic.com or
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or e-mail: contact@auroville-holistic.com

Schedule: June 2022

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

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

- **Hypnotherapy** with Christine P. Any time on appointment, last 2h: Hypnosis, healing purpose / regression.
- **Workshop: De-stress your mind with Scientific Sound & meditation.** Tuesday & Thursday at 4pm, Saturday & Sunday at 11am. Last 1h15 min. For the purpose of deep relaxation.
- **Health & Life Coaching** with Christine P., on appointment. Our days for open consultation will be Monday/Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Improve work performance & qualities. Goal setting, relationship issues, etc. Healing purpose.
- **Health & consciousness program** with Christine P. & Mradul J. Contact us for details and appointment. Involvement in the therapy and advises given are required. Talk one to one session/CBT/NLP/Meditation/Systemic Therapy.
 - Looking for your next step in your life?
 - Difficulty to make a choice or take decisions.
 - Suffering from panic attack, anxiety, sleeping disorder, depression, etc.
 - Anyone, who wants to enhance his (or her) relationships, etc.
- **AMI: Analysis of multiple Intelligence** with Mradul J., on appointment basis. 1st appointment last 20 min: to take the finger print. 2nd appointment is for the counseling(1h). Scientific way to discover your hidden talent and potential.
- **Acupressure therapeutic massage** with Christine P. Any time on appointment. Lasts 1h30 min. For any health issue or emotional blockage. Rebalancing the energy and harmonization of the chakra.

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

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

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ABHYASA SESSIONS

Invitation to Join Yogasana and Pranayama practice, offered by Purnam in collaboration with Bharat Nivas. The Course will be facilitated by Pragya Upadhyay, Counseling Psychologist and Yoga Teacher, offered at SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas, starting from 21st June on the occasion of International Yoga Day.

Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Purnam presents

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Celebrating 8th International Yoga Day 'Yoga for Humanity'

STARTING FROM TUESDAY
21ST JUNE 2022

TUE, THUR, SAT
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VENUE: SAWCHU

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BHARAT NIVAS
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PURNAM
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- **Theme:** Yogasana & Pranayama Practice Cohort
- **Time:** 6 – 7:30am
- **Days:** weekly thrice- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- **Starting From:** 21 June
- **Venue:** SAWCHU
- **Level:** Beginner & Intermediate
- **Facilitator:** Pragya Upadhyay

About the Abhyasa sessions:

Abhyasa is a collective and collaborative peer-learning space held with unconditional love and self-acceptance towards our body, mind and emotions

Even though the sessions will be facilitated by Pragya, in a sequence as per a schedule, yet your individual needs with respect to pace, frequency and variations in the practice will be respected and supported

Abhyasa is suitable for an aspiring student of Hatha Yoga and Integral Yoga

Experiential Journey of Self-Transformation by building and strengthening a joyfully conscious relationship with your Physical and Vital Body, through the practice of Yogasana (Body-postures), Pranayam (Breath-work) and Dhyaan (meditation)

Sign Up for Abhyasa:

On the occasion of 8th International Yoga Day, we are celebrating the theme of "Yoga for Humanity". Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole and is a living embodiment of an actual human unity. It is the land, manifesting A Dream that, "it would be a place where human relationships, which are normally based almost exclusively on competition and strife, would be replaced by relationships of emulation in doing well, of collaboration and real brotherhood."

With this aspiration in the heart, we invite you to join us for a collective and collaborative Hatha Yoga Practice Cohort ~ Abhyasa, Offered by Pragya Upadhyay, M.A. Clinical Psychology with specialization in Indian Knowledge System based psychological therapeutic approaches, YTTC 200 Hours

- [Register Now](#)

For any queries, feel free to contact us at

- abhyasa.prayatna@gmail.com
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There will be a whatsapp group for maintaining a sense of connection, sharing insights based on your practice and keeping each other inspired.

About Abhyasa:

Abhyasa was started by Pragya Upadhyay as an Online Purnam Practice Lab in January 2022 with a batch of 12 Hatha Yoga practitioners, who joined from different parts of India and abroad. The aspiration behind creating and facilitating Abhyasa Lab is Practicing Self-discipline – Anushasana and building a Joyful Consistency – Abhyasa, into Hatha Yoga Practice by exploring the power of Collective and Collaborative Efforts – Sangha. Instead of struggling with the inconsistency and limiting cognitive and behavioral patterns, that makes us feel alone, frustrated and lost.

Abhyasa is for you

- If you are battling alone with integrating the continuity of Yoga Abhyasa as a routine in your life and wish to develop a healthy body, clear mind and a disciplined life
- If you too aspire to break free from the old shackles of limiting behavior patterns and flow along with the manifestation of your true inner self
- If you sincerely aspire for harmonizing Yama, Niyama, Asana & Pranayama the Four grounding pillars of Maharishi Patanjali's Ashtanga Yoga
- If you sincerely aspire for Self-discipline ~ Anushasana, not coming from the space of scarcity, impatience, frustration and self-criticism but from a space of self-acceptance, nurturance, willingness for untiring self-work, with a sense of joy
- If you recognise and respect the power of collective practice

[Sign up for one or more sessions here.](#)

With Warmth and Love,
Purnam Center of Integrality and Bharat Nivas

AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:

9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org



Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab

Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

Tomatis

We are fully booked for Tomatis programs for the month of June. We will be open for new bookings in July!

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-meth-od.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

CINEMA



At Mmc/Multi Media Center, Town Hall

Friday 24 June, 8pm

3. After The Life (Après La Vie / aka Trilogy 3)

Written and by directed by Lucas Belvaux, France/Belgium, 2002

With: Lucas Belvaux, Catherine Frot, Dominique Blanc, Ornella Muti, Gilbert Melki, ...

Synopsis: Pascal Manise is a policeman without qualms, whose wife, Agnès, is a morphine addict. She was already taking drugs when they met. All Pascal was able to do was save him from predictable downfall. He deals with Jaquillat, a Grenoble dealer who supplies him with morphine, in exchange for which Pascal turns a blind eye to his illegal trade. He and his wife never date and do not rub shoulders with the same friends. Until the day she introduces him to Cécile who has a problem with Alain, her husband... It is the final installment of Trilogy, which constitutes a drama and is preceded by Un couple épatant/An Amazing Couple (a comedy) and Cavale/On the Run (a thriller. Three films that can be seen separately.)

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 24 June: Let us be heroes

2018 / 41 Minutes / Rebecca Cappelli

We all want to be healthy. We all want to protect the planet and we all want to be kind. Yet today we are facing a health crisis, an environmental crisis and an ethical crisis affecting people and the economy. How much difference can one person make? Let us be Heroes explores the impact of our food and lifestyle choices on our health, our home planet and our values with athletes, digital, food and fashion entrepreneurs, a public speaker and an ocean warrior fighting to protect people, planet and animals.





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
20 June 2022 to 26 June 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 20 June, 8:00 pm:
GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI

India, 2021, Dir. Sanjay Leela Bhansali w/ Alia Bhatt, Shatanu Maheshwari, Vijay Raaz, and others, Biography-Crime, 152mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

About 50yrs back Gangubai, by then a brothel madam had lobbied the rights of sex workers – to provide them and their children protection and hope for the future. Based on the true story as documented in Mafia Queens of Mumbai by Husain Zaidi with Jane Borges, the film traces the journey of Ganga from being from a daughter of a barrister to getting cheated by her suitor and sold to prostitution, and then on her own rights becoming Gangubai, a powerful and compassionate force advocating the rights of the women wronged by the society. With stunning visuals and cinematography, this dramatized film offers fine acting and storytelling making it a good watch.

Potpourri – Tuesday 21 June, 8:00 pm:
ONLY LOVERS LEFT ALIVE

UK-Germany, 2013, Dir. Jim Jarmusch w/ Tilda Swinton, Tom Hiddleston, Mia Wasikowska and others, Drama-Comedy, 123 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R.

Set against the romantic desolation of Detroit and Tangiers, an underground musician, deeply depressed by the direction of human activities, reunites with his resilient and enigmatic lover. Their love story has already endured several centuries at least, but their debauched idyll is soon disrupted by her wild and uncontrollable younger sister.

Interesting – Wednesday 22 June, 8:00 pm:
A ULTIMA FORESTA (The last forest)

Brazil, 2021, Writer-Dir. Luiz Bolognesi w/ Davi Kopenawa, Daucirene Yanomami, Ehuana Yaira Yanomami, and others, Documentary-Docudrama, 77mins, Yanomami-Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

It is a bewitching yet tragic story of Indigenous culture under threat from outside forces. Working closely with Yanomami leader Davi Kopenawa (co-writer), the director observes the tribe's fight to protect their culture and way of life—increasingly endangered by an influx of gold prospectors tearing across and despoiling their lands, encouraged by the policies of the Bolsonaro government. Weaving together mythical reenactments with lustrous cinematography and sound design, this is a powerful tale of community and resistance. Don't miss!

AVFF 2022 – Thursday 23 June, 8:00 pm:
OPHIR

France-Papua New Guinea, 2020, Dir. Alexandre Berman, Olivier Pollet, Documentary, 97 mins, English-Tok Pisin w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

An extraordinary indigenous revolution for life, land and culture, opens up the path for the creation of the world's newest nation in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. A poetic yet dramatic ode to the indelible thirst for freedom, culture and sovereignty. In the biggest conflict in the Pacific since WWII, the visible and invisible chains of colonization, with its cycles of physical and psychological warfare, are revealed.

International – Saturday, 25 June, 8:00 pm:
THE WORLD TO COME

USA, 2020, Dir. Mona Fastvold w/ Katherine Waterston, Vanessa Kirby, Casey Affleck, and others, Drama-Romance, 105 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In the 19th century American Northeast, Abigail, a farmer's wife, and her new neighbor Tallie find themselves irrevocably drawn to each other. A grieving Abigail tends to her withdrawn husband, as free-spirit Tallie bristles at her own husband's jealous control. Together their connection begins to fill a void in each other's lives they never knew existed.

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 26 June, 4:30 pm:
WE CAN BE HEROES

USA, 2020, Dir. Robert Rodriguez w/ YaYa Gosselin, Pedro Pascal, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, and others, Action-Comedy, 100 mins, English, Rated: PG

When alien invaders kidnap Earth's superheroes, their kids are whisked away to a government safe house. But Missy Moreno will stop at nothing to rescue her superhero dad. She and the rest of the superkids will have to form an out-of-this-world team to escape their mysterious government babysitter.

Andrzej Wajda Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 26 June, 8:00 pm:
KRAJOBRAZ PO BITWIE (Landscape after battle)

Poland, 1970, Dir: Andrzej Wajda w/ Daniel Olbrychski, Stanislaw Celinska, and others, Drama-History-Romance, 109 mins, Polish w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR.

Liberated from a Nazi concentration camp, a young poet and other survivors find themselves forced into a detention center run by the Allies. There the poet meets a Jewish girl who asks him to escape with her to the West, an idea he has trouble processing amid the recently experienced horrors, as well as his lingering rage toward the Germans. In his indecisiveness, he risks losing the woman who loves him and what's left of his humanity.

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.

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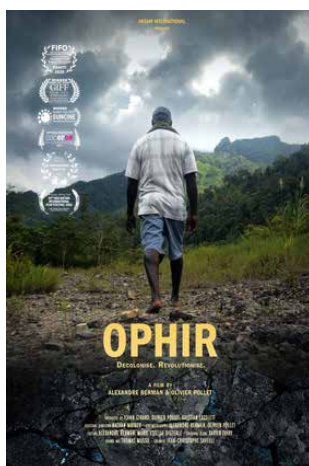
AVFF2022 – THURSDAY AT CINEMA PARADISO

AUROVILLE 20TH FILM FESTIVAL

There will be a public screening of an award-winning feature film from the Auroville Film Festival 2022. Ophir will be screened on Thursday, June 23 at Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall from 8pm onwards.

OPHIR, 2020, Papua New Guinea – France – United Kingdom, Documentary, English, Tok Pisin with English subtitles, 1hr 37min

Ophir tells the story of an extraordinary indigenous revolution for life, land and culture, opening up the path for the creation of the world's newest nation in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. A poetic yet dramatic ode to the indelible thirst for freedom, culture and sovereignty; the film sheds light on the biggest conflict in the Pacific since WWII, revealing the visible and invisible chains of colonization and its enduring cycles of physical and psychological warfare.



Winner:

- Best Film, International Documentary Film Festival Of Oceania (FIFO), Papeete, Tahiti, 2020
- Best Documentary Feature, Guam International Film Festival 2020
- Best Foreign Film, AegeanDocs International Documentary Film Festival 2021
- Grand Prize, Montreal First Peoples Festival 2020
- Benedetto Senni Prize for Best Documentary, Terra di Tutti Film Festival 2021

Directors, Writers: Alexandre Berman, Olivier Pollet

Producer: Ilann Girard, Arsam International (France); Olivier Pollet, Fourth World Films (UK); Kristian Lasslett

Appendix

ANNEX FROM CLARIFICATION REGARDING QUESTIONABLE APPOINTMENTS OF FAMC AND ATDC BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

To "Clarification regarding questionable appointments of FAMC and ATDC by the office of the Secretary" by Auroville Council and Working Committee

Regarding the appointment of the FAMC by the office of the Secretary.

The premise used to appoint the FAMC via a new office, as informed by the Secretary to the FAMC on May 27th 2022, is that the Ministry of Education (MoE), Auroville's nodal Ministry, has agreed to remove from the Auroville Foundation (AVF) Rules 1997 what the Secretary called 'a typo', namely the inclusion of the words "of the Residents' Assembly" after the word "FAMC" in some sections of the AVF Rules 1997.

In doing so, it would be uncontested that the FAMC is a committee constituted by the Governing Board (GB). The AVF Rules 1997, as they are now, are confusing as the

FAMC is defined as a committee constituted by the GB; but certain sections of the Rules speak about 'FAMC of the Residents' Assembly.'

But as yet, there is no official indication that the MoE has agreed to this assessment of it being a 'typo'. And of course, it is not possible to act upon such a change without an official intimation from the MoE and only after this change is seen in an updated and duly gazetted version of the Auroville Foundation Rules. Moreover, the reality is that in fact, all past Governing Boards have always considered the reference (in the AVF Rules 1997) to the FAMC being a constituted committee of the GB to be the real error.

To further clarify the details of why we consider the appointments of the FAMC via an office order issued by the office of the Secretary to be questionable:

1. Since the AVF Rules have been promulgated in 1997, the FAMC has always been a working group constituted by the Residents' Assembly.

2. All the Governing Boards of the Auroville Foundation have explicitly recognized that the FAMC is a working group of the Residents' Assembly!

3. Almost immediately upon receiving the Rules of the Auroville Foundation in 1997, the then Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Mr. N. Bala Baskar, wrote to the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the request to rectify the error and change the definition of the FAMC into "FAMC means the Funds and Assets Management Committee constituted by Residents' Assembly under sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Auroville Foundation Act."

4. Ever since, the amendment of the Auroville Foundation Rules 1997 has been subject of discussion and letter and email exchange between the HRD Ministry (now MoE), the Auroville Foundation and the Working Committee, resulting in substantial files.

5. Successive Governing Boards of the Auroville Foundation, including the former Governing Board, have repeatedly and incessantly requested the HRD Ministry to approve the changed Rules of the Auroville Foundation. The minutes of many Governing Board meetings testify to this. We specifically refer to the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Governing Board which state in section 12 ii:

"The Governing Board reviewed their discussion with the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) on 6 April 2013. The present FAMC, the Board noted, is a Committee of the Residents Assembly and not of the Governing Board. The Board agreed that it is neither necessary nor practical to have an FAMC of the Governing Board, as mentioned in the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997. The Board agreed that the request sent earlier for amending the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997 may be followed up with the Ministry."

6. We believe that the FAMC was intended to be constituted by the Residents' Assembly and not by the Governing Board, taking into account:

- a. section 16.2 of the Auroville Foundation Act which specifies that only Governing Board members have the right to vote in a committee constituted by the Governing Board.

Section 5.1.b. of the Auroville Foundation Rules explicitly mentions that the FAMC is constituted by the Governing Board under sub-section (1) of section 16, with the Secretary

of the Foundation as its Convener and with not exceeding ten other members including the Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The only Board member in this FAMC would be the Financial Advisor, who is one of the two ex-officio Board members. This could never have been the intention of the Parliament of India in approving the Rules.

- a. the fact that the Financial Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education), a high level Government of India official, could not practically be a member of a committee which meets three afternoons a week at a location a few thousand kilometres south of New Delhi. (Please note that in 1997 Zoom meetings did not exist).

7. We also believe that it is not the intention of the Indian Parliament to have two FAMCs, one constituted by the Governing Board and the other by the Residents' Assembly.

8. The Government of India is of course fully entitled to change the Rules of the Auroville Foundation as it may deem fit. However, we believe that any such change has to be made in accordance with the Auroville Foundation Act, in particular its sections 31 and 33. These sections mention that "Every rule or regulation made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days ..." (section 33) and that such Rules have to be notified (section 31). We believe that these sections are also applicable to any change of the AVF Rules 1997.

9. Any co-opting of members of the Residents Assembly for participation in or membership of groups/committees constituted by the other two authorities, namely Governing Board and International Advisory Council, needs to be selected and approved by the Resident Assembly as an overseeing authority of the residents.

Regarding the appointment of the ATDC by the office of the Secretary.

TDC or L'avenir D'Auroville has seen many incarnations since it was first founded by the Mother in 1965.

After the publication of the Master Plan in the Gazette of the Government of India the Governing Board constituted the Town Development Council with a Standing Order that was published in the Gazette in 2011. A new Standing Order was issued in 2019 but it has not been gazetted.

As per the 2011 Standing Order (SO) the RA nominates upto 13 members of the TDC with the GB and WCom nominating one each. And although it was stated in a Mass Bulletin on June 4, 2022 that a new Standing Order has been issued which supposedly excludes the RA from participating in the selection of the TDC, the SO mentioned has so far not been made public. Also, seeing that there is no mention of this new SO in the 59th minutes of the GB and with no record of any other GB meeting since we do not understand under which circumstances this new SO has been issued. It must also be stated that the Organization & Governance Committee (OGC) has not consulted with the RA when undergoing its study. For example, the Auroville Council which is the mandated group by the RA to encourage the generation of programs and policies for the RA and oversees the observance of policies and decisions, has not been consulted by the OGC, when the GB and its committee's are bound as per the Foundation Act to consult the RA.

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

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- Kottakuppam Police Station – 0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station – 0413 2677368

Health

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

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