

News and Notes

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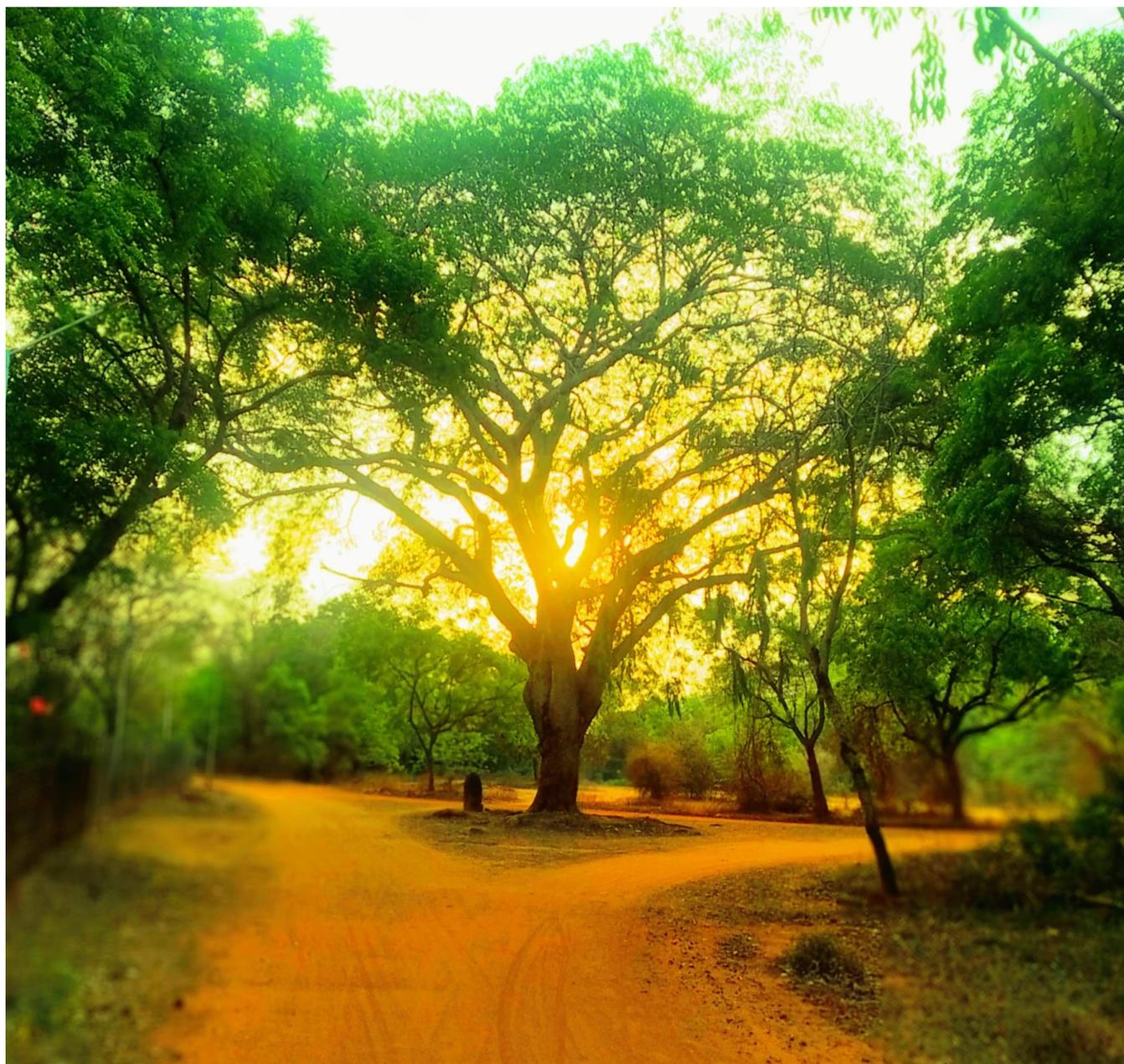


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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



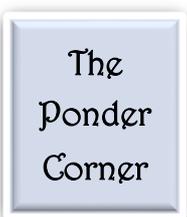
(continued from last week)

The supreme Form is then made visible. It is that of the infinite Godhead whose faces are everywhere and in whom are all the wonders of existence, who multiplies unendingly all the many marvellous revelations of his being, a world-wide Divinity seeing with innumerable eyes, speaking from innumerable mouths, armed for battle with numberless divine uplifted weapons, glorious with divine ornaments of beauty, robed in heavenly raiment of deity, lovely with garlands of divine flowers, fragrant with divine perfumes. Such is the light of this body of God as if a thousand suns had risen at once in heaven. The whole world multitudinously divided and yet unified is visible in the body of the God of Gods. Arjuna sees him, God magnificent and beautiful and terrible, the Lord of souls who has manifested in the glory and greatness of his spirit this wild and monstrous and orderly and wonderful and sweet and terrible world, and overcome with marvel and joy and fear he bows down and adores with words of awe and with clasped hands the tremendous vision. "I see" he cries "all the gods in thy body, O God, and different companies of beings, Brahma the creating lord seated in the Lotus, and the Rishis and the race of the divine Serpents. I see numberless arms and bellies and eyes and faces, I see thy infinite forms on every side, but I see not thy end nor thy middle nor thy beginning, O Lord of the universe, O Form universal. I see thee crowned and with thy mace and thy discus, hard to discern because thou art a luminous mass of energy on all sides of me, an encompassing blaze, a sun-bright fire-bright Immeasurable. Thou art the supreme Immutable whom we have to know, thou art the high foundation and abode of the universe, thou art the imperishable guardian of the eternal laws, thou art the sempiternal soul of existence."

This last cry of Arjuna indicates the double intention in the vision. This is the figure of the supreme and universal Being, the Ancient of Days who is for-ever, sanātanaṁ puruṣaṁ purāṇam, this is he who for ever creates, for Brahma the Creator is one of the Godheads seen in his body, he who keeps the world always in existence, for he is the guardian of the eternal laws, but who is always too destroying in order that he may new-create, who is Time, who is Death, who is Rudra the Dancer of the calm and awful dance, who is Kali with her garland of skulls trampling naked in battle and flecked with the blood of the slaughtered Titans, who is the cyclone and the fire and the earthquake and pain and famine and revolution and ruin and the swallowing ocean. And it is this last aspect of him which he puts forward at the moment. It is an aspect from which the mind in men willingly turns away and ostrich-like hides its head so that perchance, not seeing, it may not be seen by the Terrible. The weakness of the human heart wants only fair and comforting truths or in their absence pleasant fables; it will not have the truth in its entirety because there there is much that is not clear and pleasant and comfortable, but hard to understand and harder to bear. The raw religionist, the superficial optimistic thinker, the sentimental idealist, the man at the mercy of his sensations and emotions agree in twisting away from the sterner conclusions, the harsher and fiercer aspects of universal existence. Indian religion has been ignorantly reproached for not sharing in this general game of hiding, because on the contrary it has built and placed before it the terrible as well as the sweet and beautiful symbols of the Godhead. But it is the depth and largeness of its long thought and spiritual experience that prevent it from feeling or from giving countenance to these feeble shrinkings. (to be continued next week)

— Sri Aurobindo. Essays on the Gita. Chapter 10 - The Vision of the World-Spirit. Time the Destroyer

P.S. There's a HOMA page on the Auroville website: <https://www.auroville.org/contents/1085>



Everyone can do it, if he puts into it the time, the courage, the endurance and the perseverance that are demanded. But all this is needed. And above all, above all, never lose heart, be ready to begin the same thing again ten times, twenty times, a hundred times - until it is really done.

-The Mother

Words Of The Mother, Vol.9, p.346





The unborn Dawn
breaks
into unexpected birth
a tomorrow
shorn of yesterdays and doubts

A day, a circle
a magic mirror
that holds the Future.

Anandi-a  MHLM



We are happy to announce that
we are blessed with a baby girl,
Advika, on May 27th.
Warmly, Venki and Suvedha
Goodness Guest House

We are happy to share with you all that we have new baby
boy, I. Sajan born on 22nd April 2020 at Jimper Hospital.
Thanks to all my friends and family members.
R. Ilangovan and Kalpana, Promesse Community

COVID-19 UPDATE

From the WC/Covid-19 Task Force - As you may be aware, the number of COVID positive cases has increased in the last days in Pondicherry while going down in our district (currently 41 active cases in Pondy and 34 in Villupuram district). **Due to this we once again urge you all to not go to Pondy city except for essential needs.** While it is good news that the cases in Villupuram district are decreasing, we must remain vigilant in our daily lives and the choices we make. Since there have been relaxations around us in the Lockdown 4.0 phase, notably that some domestic travel has been allowed, the risk of spread of the virus is increasing once again. Since people have started traveling again, even minimally, there has been an increase in cases in India, and it is **likely to peak around the end of July here** (sources: WHO, and corroborated in a recent interview by Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director of AIIMS (New Delhi) & Advisor to Govt of India on Covid-19).

Some residents who have been stranded in other parts of India are now returning to Auroville. There are strict protocols that have been put in place for any mode of domestic travel, and everyone coming from Chennai or other parts of India must be in 14 day home quarantine. For those repatriated from abroad it is likely they will be tested and have to be in institutional quarantine for 7 days at the point of arrival. We request anyone who is planning to return to please inform us, if you haven't done so already, so that we may be prepared to support you during the quarantine period, if needed.

As of 1st June, new guidelines have come from the Central and State governments. We have begun meetings this week with various stakeholders of particular areas of work in Auroville, in order to discuss in more detail what can be relaxed and how to do so in a responsible way, taking into account Auroville's particular concerns, needs and context. Further announcements with the outcome of these meetings, namely Auroville specific guidelines, will be circulated soon. Below is a summary of what will remain unaffected/restricted in the state until further notice:

- Public gatherings of any kind are still not allowed.
- Theaters, gyms and swimming pools are still to remain closed.
- Schools, educational and research activities are still to remain closed.
- Sports ground & playgrounds to remain closed.
- Religious places are still to remain closed.
- Until June 8th, restaurants can still only offer takeaway and delivery. (After June 8th it is likely they can resume table service based on the guidelines that will be released soon with limited occupancy)
- Auroville will remain closed for outstation tourists, visitors, volunteers, interns and new employees. (If there are cases of individuals who have been living in the immediate area since before the lockdown and can show evidence of this, the Working Committee will consider requests to move to Auroville accommodation and register as guests/volunteers of Auroville on a case by case basis.)
- No cash transactions inside of Auroville, only PT accounts and Aurocard.

Activities that are allowed to function from June 1st are as follows:

- E-commerce activities for all items (outside of Chennai).
- All business activities, with 100% employees, following all protocols/SOP's for the workplace. Wherever possible work from home should be encouraged.
- Taxis and private vehicles can travel within the district, without e-pass.
- Public transport within districts, but not crossing district or state boundaries.

Please remember that **all cautionary measures to avoid the risk of spread of the virus must still be respected by us all** (masks in public places, frequent washing of hands with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer, physical distancing, etc.). **SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) have been prepared for construction activities, food/grocery outlets, offices and other workplaces, and are available with the Covid-19 Task Force.** Please contact them at covid19taskforce@auroville.org.in to request any of these documents. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please write to our 2 groups and we will do our best to respond.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the continuing support and understanding and patience that is being extended during this time. Although there are many challenges, this can also be seen as an opportunity for reflection and progress, both on an individual and collective level, since it is expected that the Coronavirus will not go away any time soon and we will have to live with some of the changes in our lives for quite some time. - The Working Committee and Covid-19 Task Force

The MHA full order of lockdown 5.0 can be found here: https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrderDt_30052020.pdf

Now that (some) domestic flights are functioning again, the Tamil Nadu government has made strict regulations for travelers entering into Tamil Nadu. Travelers, on their arrival in a Tamil Nadu airport, shall show the details of registration at the TN e-Pass registration desk. Passengers without an entry TN ePass will not be permitted to move out without making the entry. District Collectors shall make available necessary facilities at the exit gates of airports to check and take follow-up action.

After undergoing medical screening for any symptoms of COVID-19, asymptomatic persons shall undergo home quarantine for 14 days. Travelers who register for institutional quarantine shall be sent for institutional quarantine at a Government or -aid facility. Those who do not have facilities for home quarantine would be sent to institutional quarantine.

Pick up vehicles will be permitted to enter the airport with one person (in addition to the driver), at a designated place subject to social distancing norms. If the person picking up the passenger comes into physical contact with the traveler, they shall also remain under home quarantine for 14 days. Among the mandatory infrastructural requirements at entry airports are: Temperature checking with Infrared thermometer, a proper queue system to reach the desks, disinfection of all luggage by airport authorities, use of PPEs, masks and protective gear by all officials directly dealing with passengers, and public address system to for informing passengers of the details.

The link for the Tamil Nadu Govt guidelines for people entering/returning to TN from outside of the state and outside of India is: <https://stopcorona.tn.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Covid19-Tamilnadu-Advisory-19.05.2020-3-Pages-English-634KB.pdf>

ITS, UTS and Sunrise Taxi have passes to go to Pondy for medical purposes. ITS offers this service free of charge.

PTDC is now open from 9 am to 2:30 PM. Preference given to those who are 60+ from 9-10AM

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Report of the General Meeting of 03.03.2020 on Entry and Exit Regulations can be found here: [Entry and Exit regulations, 2019 \(Admission and Termination\) General Meeting report dt. 03.03.20.pdf](#) -the Working Committee

From the Auroville Service Trust re: Nandini

In view of the recent communications regarding Nandini, the Service Trust and the ABS (Auroville Board of Services) is sharing the following information with the community. The executives of Nandini supported by our Trust and the ABS have presented a formal appeal to the Auroville Council against the intervention and decisions of the FAMC with regards to Nandini. This appeal is currently a work in progress.

We don't agree with the overruling of the decision of Service Trust, reached in close collaboration and agreement with the Auroville Council in late 2018, regarding the solution of the problems of Nandini, we are disheartened by the total lack of respect shown by the FAMC in dealing with the problems of Nandini towards their executives, and we are deeply concerned about the absence of any established procedure in taking decisions. We sincerely regret the entire history of how the FAMC has tried to "resolve" the problems of Nandini. Their actions establish a very hurtful and negative precedent and are another step in breaking down the collaborative atmosphere that should prevail in the resolutions of problems in the service sector. - Auroville Service Trust 24.05.2020

From the FAMC re: Code of Conduct

Now that the lockdown is slowly being lifted, the FAMC would like to revive the Code of Conduct review process. We had previously sent out communications to the community, which we are repeating below with a new timeline.

The Code of Conduct for Units and Trusts (COC) sets out the basic intention and procedures necessary to help us to grow and protect our economy and work towards fairness, transparency and accountability.

The FAMC, following its mandate, has been working on draft amendments to the current COC. It has undertaken this lengthy task because since 2017, when the current COC was implemented, we have seen a substantial need for its improvement both in terms of the principles it expresses and embodies, and in the processes it sets out.

We are happy to share the draft with the community at large for feedback before the COC's final document is put before the RA for ratification. This draft is a product of the consideration of extensive feedback from a wide pool of Aurovilians.

As the COC impacts all the sectors of our economy, we feel the need to form a Feedback Committee composed of 12 members and 1 facilitator, as follows:

- Av Service/Non Profit Trust -2 people from units within these Trusts (nominated by AV Service Trust, Auromitra, Village Action Trust, Bharat Nivs, CSR, NESS, SAIER, Palayam Trust, Udhavi School, Health and Healing Trust)
- Surplus Generating Trusts - 4 people (from Units within the Trusts not mentioned above, nominated by them);
- FAMC - 2 members (to provide relevant background information);
- Community at large - 2 members;
- BCC - 2 members;
- Facilitator - 1.

The responsibility of the Feedback Committee shall be to:

- Collate all of the feedback that shall come from the Community;
- Analyse all feedback received; and, where appropriate
 - Give suggested amendments, to the draft COC for the FAMC and the feedback committee to consider with a view to coming up with a finalised draft for ratification by the RA.

Timeline:

1. Feedback on the draft COC was invited by the FAMC from 14th of March for a period of three weeks. We have been collecting feedback since then, and now extend it until the 15 June 2020. This feedback is being gathered via a dedicated email address set up for this purpose: coc-feedback@auroville.org.in Hard copy feedback may also be given to FAMC Admin at the office on the 2nd floor in Town Hall.
2. The proposed COC 2020 (with the draft amendments) is available on AuroNet and in Hard Copy at the FAMC Office and at the Auroville Library.
3. The Feedback Committee shall be constituted by 15 June 2020 by the FAMC and the Auroville Council.
4. From the time it is constituted (by 15th June) the Feedback Committee will have 6 weeks to complete their work.
5. Feedback obtained from the Feedback Committee shall be considered jointly by the Auroville Council, FAMC and the Feedback Committee within a period of three weeks in order to elaborate a final document.
6. The RAS shall conduct the RAD process with the final document arrived at.

Here is the link to the proposed Code of Conduct 2020 for your perusal: <https://auroville.org.in/article/78220> .

The current Code of Conduct (2017) is available here: <https://auroville.org.in/page/code-conduct-2017>

In appreciation of all the work done by all Aurovilians engaged in various sectors of Auroville that contribute towards its growth.

City Services Contributions and Payments - May 2020

A more detailed report is available on AuroNet

SUMMARY	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,47,59,929
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,42,60,444
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	7,90,20,373
Total Payments	1,45,24,002
CS Ending Balance (Include BOB)	6,44,96,371

Monthly loss/gain (2,63,558)

Internal Contributions

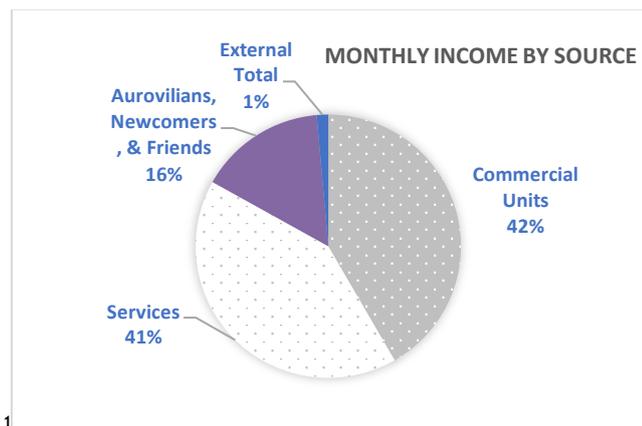
Source	Total
Commercial Units	59,40,520
Services	59,10,484
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	22,09,440
Internal Total	1,40,60,444

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	2,00,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	2,00,000

City Services Payments:

Heading	Total Monthly Payments	Yearly Accumulated since April 2020
Education	29,94,116	54,03,091
Social Services	21,60,186	34,86,045
Farms & Forests	15,41,933	25,95,473
Children & Youth	14,88,728	37,37,575
Organization	13,43,332	23,73,595
Village Education	10,46,139	18,88,041
Health	10,08,523	13,94,988
Security	5,58,880	6,69,231
Prosperity Services	5,47,284	8,24,841
Culture & Sports	3,88,253	7,33,577
Outreach	3,40,354	5,42,490
Roads, Cycle Paths & Transport	3,00,870	3,39,809
Land	2,89,710	4,13,480
Matrimandir	1,98,175	4,07,154
Contingency	95,920	1,97,243
Housing	86,771	1,76,064
City Planning	79,870	1,58,073
Utilities	38,541	70,689
Projects	16,417	32,491
Total	1,45,24,002	2,54,43,951



Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AV Consulting	10,89,905	10,90,405
Earth & Us	7,43,615	7,43,615
Maroma	4,06,940	4,22,940
Miniature	4,17,350	4,17,350
Svaram	2,81,230	2,81,230
Eco Femme	2,26,025	2,26,025
La Ferme Cheese	1,80,779	1,80,779
Cadd Studio	1,01,940	1,16,540
Tree Care	1,14,146	1,14,146
Aurospirul	1,10,410	1,11,410
Aureka	94,700	96,700
AV Bakery	88,170	88,170
Right Path Café (VC Café)	84,980	85,480
Eco Pro	60,410	60,410

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	60,410	60,410
Varuna	10,410	60,410
The Colors Of Nature	57,940	57,940
Hers	37,145	47,145
Capability	43,880	43,880
Tanto	32,555	42,555
Shradanjali	41,940	41,940
Boutique Visitors Center	36,940	36,940
Progress Landscape	35,410	35,910
La Terrace	6,940	31,940
Ganesh Bakery	31,470	31,470
MG Ecoduties	30,410	30,410
Holistic	29,495	29,495
Auroville Papers	24,290	28,490
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Auromics	13,880	22,880
ASSA-Alter Eco	20,820	20,820
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Cynergy	20,820	20,820
Naturellement	20,820	20,820
Magica	20,410	20,410
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Flame	16,940	17,940
Inside India	17,350	17,700
AV Online Store	17,350	17,350
AVA-Wasteless	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Pitchandikulam Forest Consult.	17,350	17,350
EV Future	16,940	16,940
Maharasawathi Constr.	16,940	16,940
Mereville Trust	16,940	16,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
Omega	12,940	15,190
Sound Wizard	10,410	13,910
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
ASSA-Aire	13,880	13,880
Imago	13,880	13,880
Tree House Community	13,880	13,880
Abacus Accounting	11,940	12,940
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
Conscious Living	6,940	11,940
Aurosoya	10,410	10,610
AFA-Delicious Bite	10,410	10,410
Amano	10,410	10,410
Anveshan	10,410	10,410
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Aurinoco Systems	10,410	10,410
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
Bamboo Center Auroville	10,410	10,410
Buildaur	10,410	10,410
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	10,410	10,410
Filaure	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
New School Crafts	10,410	10,410

¹“Total in 33%” are contributions that are counted toward calculating the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

“Total Contributions” includes specified contributions that are not counted as part of the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sumark	10,410	10,410
Upasana	10,410	10,410
Well Café	10,410	10,410
Well Paper	10,410	10,410
Worktree	10,410	10,410
La Maison Boutique	9,940	9,940
Mandala Pottery	6,940	9,440
Boutique D`Av Pondy	8,675	9,175
Deepam Candles	8,940	8,940
Earth Institute	8,675	8,675
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
Auroville Energy Products	8,470	8,470
Rangoli	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
Auroville Press	7,470	7,470
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
AFA-Natures Gift	6,940	6,940
Artisan Revolution	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshimi Construction	6,940	6,940
AuroSunshine	6,940	6,940
Auroyali Production	6,940	6,940
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kenji Workshop	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
AVA-Spirit of Leadership	6,940	6,940
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940
Eco Fare	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Gastronomica	6,940	6,940
Glimpse	6,940	6,940
Happy Food	6,940	6,940
Ishta	6,940	6,940
LEAD-Integral Learning Center	6,940	6,940
LEAD-IPK Activities	6,940	6,940
Linea Dental	6,940	6,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
M&M Cheese	6,940	6,940
Mantra	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	6,940	6,940
Mitra Auroville	6,940	6,940
Mohanam	6,940	6,940
Natura	6,940	6,940
PAPUI AND SOMETHINGELSE	6,940	6,940
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
School for sust. Managemant	6,940	6,940
Sunshine Music	6,940	6,940
Taboo	6,940	6,940
Tapasya Design Studio	6,940	6,940
The Neem Tree	6,940	6,940
Naturally Auroville	3,470	6,470
Bon	3,470	5,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
ASA-Mona	5,205	5,205
Aurocabs Taxi	5,205	5,205
AVA-ATB with AMIR	5,205	5,205
Prakrit	5,000	5,000
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
AFA-Auro Amirtham	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Royalty Bakery	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
AFA-Taste of Korea	3,470	3,470
AFA-Taste of Nature	3,470	3,470
Aline	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Arom	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Ortho Care	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Raman Constructions	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rio	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Swastika	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
Aurodesign	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Auronirmata	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
AVA-150 DPI	3,470	3,470
AVA-Atma Thirupti	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Bear and Trout Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Blossoms	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Product.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Future Dreams	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AVA-Insapes	3,470	3,470
AVA-Local Guide	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
Surya Performance Lab	3,470	3,470
AVA-Translating Engineer	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
Avdzines	3,470	3,470
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
Bike Care	3,470	3,470
Comfort Design	3,470	3,470

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
Auroville Vehicle Service	3,470	3,470
Auroville Village Action Group	3,470	3,470
Ayarpaadi	3,470	3,470
Electrical Services	3,470	3,470
GFCG	3,470	3,470
Land Board	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Tomatis Project	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Birth Center	1,735	1,735
Sewa	1,735	1,735
Sunship Maintenance	1,735	1,735
Thamarai	1,735	1,735
Total	52,58,503	54,40,041

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	17,35,865	17,35,865
School Participation	2,12,150	2,12,150
Friends of AV	1,93,425	1,93,425
Newcomer	68,000	68,000
Total	22,09,440	22,09,440

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Auroville Township Planning and Development Research Organization

Re: Svedam water

The Svedam community borewell is running dry and not supplying enough water to the community. Drilling a new well is not a possibility. The only other measure is to buy water in tankers. To tide over the situation, and as an emergency measure, a pipe is being laid from the Auroshilpam water distribution network to the Svedam infrastructure line. This line is temporary and shall be shifted if required due to planning parameters in the future.

Building applications

As informed in our February 2020 post, L'Avenir d'Auroville is functioning with a reduced staff and therefore applications that we had not started processing before end of January 2020, have been put on hold and will not be reviewed until additional members join the team. The below applications are those that were taken up before the announcement. Reviews were completed on these and recently, decisions taken jointly with the FAMC.

Below are two applications for which the design has been evaluated. The applications that receive a design approval can proceed to the next stage of applying for a final building NOC. Please take note that this is an **evaluation of the design only** & not a final building NOC therefore, no construction can begin before acquiring the final building NOC. Application forms, drawings & area maps for these have been uploaded on the Intranet in the application announcement posting. We await feedback from the community for the below two applications. Kindly mail any feedback before the 16th June 2020 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in

GEORG & ERIKA RESIDENCE (Newlands)-

Application for preliminary design approval
Area for which approval is sought - 112.67sqm
Project brief - A one bedroom and bathroom house on one level. Precast concrete frame with wattle and daub infill walls and insulated corrugated sheet roof. The space is for own use and is not to be used as a paid guest accommodation/homestay.

ADELE RESIDENCE (Petite Ferme, Auromodele)

Application for preliminary design approval
Area for which approval is sought - 53.5 sqm
Project brief - Compact house that will be attached to the existing house of Adele's daughter. It has a multipurpose room, a bedroom and attached bath. The space is for own use and is not to be used as a paid guest accommodation/homestay.



Housing Asset for Transfer

- Sanjana Community - Couple/Family

To apply, click on the "Houses Available" button in the bottom right column of the Auronet main page. You will be directed to our new Housing Transfer App at <https://housing.auroville.org.in>. All you need to do is:

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

Once the indicated application deadline has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the group site visit. For any questions, please feel free to come and meet Svenja at Housing Service Office upon appointment on Monday or Friday mornings during Lockdown.

(0413) 262 2658; housing-transfer@auroville.org.in

Auroville Health Center is now open until 5 PM

Visitors Centre Cafeteria now open for table service!

From Monday June 8th the Cafeteria will be open for normal table service from 8am to 8pm. We are reorganising our table set up to make sure social distancing is respected. No cash transactions, only Aurovilian accounts and AuroCards/ Volunteer Aurocards will be accepted.

We will serve organic idlys and a variety of organic dosas, omelets made with Auroville eggs, muffins and bakes for breakfast; organic Mini Meals and Healthy Plates based on Auroville products at lunch; Pizzas and Tandoori naans and rotis in the evenings.

Lunch and dinner items include also chicken and fish, curries, lasagna, gratins, quiches, momos, salads, homemade kulfis, cakes and bakes and more. These items will be available throughout the days for takeaway, except pizzas and tandoori items available only at dinner time.

Tiffin pick up service for Lunch Scheme will continue for those who prefer. **We are open every day except Monday night.** In service, Your Cafeteria team

Auromics has reopened

We are knitting and crocheting as usual. Our showroom is just below Afsaneh Guest House, and is open from 9 to 5.

Taboo Boutique has reopened

9am to 5pm, Tuesday to Sunday. Come and visit us!

Goyo, Taste of Korea is open for takeaway
Monday to Saturday - pick up 12 pm-12.30 pm

To order: <https://forms.gle/Pv13cxLuRNbASe5UA>



Dinner hours - We are now open for delivery and parcel till 7.30 PM (both AMR and ECR). We have to close at 8 pm.

OBITUARY

Vijayamala



On Tuesday 26 May, Ms Vijayamala Ganapatarao, a long-term volunteer at New Creation's Creche and Boarding School, passed away at Jipmer hospital due to heart attack. She was 51.

Mala came from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 2000 and has been living and working in New Creation, co-running the Boarding School with Marie Babu ever since. Always smiling, she was a gentle, kind person who became a beloved member of the NC family. Her gift was art which she shared with countless children as well as at various Auroville events, exhibitions and marathons. She also taught New Creation's children French, Hindi, painting, drawing, stitching and other artistic activities.

As her health became an issue. Mala spent more time doing her own craft, working from home, but would still assist and help the children as much as possible with their daily homework and art. Mala will be deeply missed by all New Creation's family members, young and old.

Her remains were buried at Auroville's burial grounds in the evening of May 26th. OM~

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Attention! From the Security Team

Over the last two weeks, **thefts happened** in Newlands, Sukhavati, Gaia, Sharanga, Certitude, Aurodam, Samasti, Center Field, Angiras Garden, Sunship & La Maison des Jeunes. In Windarra Farm, Surrender & Maitreye, suspicious individuals have been seen roaming at night. In the majority of cases the doors or windows of houses were open or easily openable.

Please remember the following basic precautions:

- Lock doors and windows at night or whenever away from a room or the house
- Keep valuable items out of reach and view
- Make sure doors and windows are not openable after a cut in the mesh
- Make sure you have saved AVSST's phone number & immediately report any suspicious activity/theft/attempted theft to AVSST 24/7 Emergency line 944 30 90 107
- Communicate to your neighbors any incident or suspicious activity.

AVSST is regularly patrolling most areas of Auroville, but basic precautions need to be taken by all in order to prevent thefts. The local Police have been informed of the situation. Stay safe!

Updated results of the

AVI Emergency fundraising campaign for Auroville

Donations from members of the various AVIs continue to flow in. So far, donations, already sent or about to be sent, amount to about 35 lakhs (20 lakhs for the emergency fund BCC-City Services, and about 15 lakhs for Village Support-AVAG). You

will find the detailed figures (in Euros) in the following dynamic table. Please note that these are the amounts that are transited through the AVIs, as some people would rather send the funds directly to Unity Fund. Thanks again to all the generous donors. Donations to BCC-Emergency (City services) thru 1st June (in €)

- Germany:	€12518 (€3000, AVI-Germany + member donations)
- Canada:	4430 (€1300, AVI-Canada + members donations)
- Nederland	3050 (€2000, AVI-Nederland + members)
- UK	1250 (€625 for BCC-Emergency and €625 for health support)
- France	1200 (€500 from AVI-France + members donations)
- AVI-Board	1000
- Belgium	500 (AVI-Belgium)
- Spain	400 (AVI-Spain)
Total:	€24348

Emergency donations for the Villages (AVAG) thru 1st June

- United States	€7400 (€2775 from AVI-USA + private donations)
- France	4954 (€200 from AVI-France + private)
- Germany	4370 (€500 from AVI-Germany + private)
- Canada	660 (€200 from AVI-Canada + private)
- Spain	400 (from AVI-Spain)
- UK	170 (from AVI-UK)

AVAG Total: €17954

Grand total €42302

- Christian Feuillette, AVI Board chairman

Rain data visualised on Aurostat

We've graphed 30 years of rain data (89-19) on Aurostat. Data used for the visuals is from the CSR Geomatics website. You can see the dashboard here: <https://aurostat.auroville.org.in/>

We hope these small steps towards building awareness with data contribute to transforming our collective behavior.

Please do visit, and share your feedback at onaurostat@auroville.org.in. What would you like to see next on Aurostat?

Auroville Library - Summer hours reminder

Mon - Sat: 9 AM - 12.30 PM; Tues, Thurs & Sat: 4 - 6.30 PM
(closed Mon, Wed & Fri afternoon)

The FARMER'S MARKET happens MONDAYS & FRIDAYS at TERRSOUL from 9.30 on. A few farms will offer their FRUITS & VEGETABLES. Please bring your BAGS and EMPTY JARS, and please respect the rules (masks, distance, spray).

Latest News from the Travel Shop/Inside India

Our team is preparing to open our office as soon as the situation allows. The first domestic flights are happening. Passengers have to see how to get to and from the airports. Inside the airport and aircraft, there are tight regulations to be followed. At arrival, every passenger gets tested and if even one is found to be infected, everyone could be quarantined.

We know that several airlines have prepared for international flights to and from India, but as of 1st June, such flights are still not permitted. Once it is possible, please be sure to inform yourself regarding the terms and conditions at the destination, as well as for returning to India.

Our Team is working every day on resolving pending matters, but till the airlines process the many requests, we can't give you any news, be it rescheduling, refund or any other. The moment we have news, we will inform you. We do not want to raise false hopes by speculating when that will be, so please bear with us and wait.

Link to download a PDF file published by the airline Spicejet: <http://corporate.spicejet.com/PassengerGuidelines.pdf>

You can contact us only through e-mail.

International Flight Tickets travelshop@auroville.org.in;

Domestic Flight Tickets/Trains/Bus: domestic@inside-india.

Tours, domestic hotel bookings: insideindia@auroville.org.in

Naturellement Garden Café info

For all those interested, we are happy to tell you what Auroville produce we regularly use in our restaurant, as well as in our lunch scheme for our employees: milk, cheese, eggs, bread, rice, spinach, cucumber and chow chow. From our kitchen garden we get all year long: beans, papaya, rucola, spring onion, basil and mint. We make our own sprouts as well as pasta, ketchup, mayonnaise. Organic farms in the bioregion provides us with tomatoes, and when not available in Auroville, spinach and cucumber. We are also almost totally avoiding refined cooking oil - instead we use extra virgin olive oil, cold-pressed coconut oil, butter and our own homemade ghee, (as commercial ghee is often adulterated.)

We are extremely lucky, especially these strange days, to have all this wonderful food available, much of it from and made in Auroville. In gratitude, -Martina



JIVA offers healing and transformation for all body/mind/soul connections,

from the most physical, to psychiatric issues, to questions about the spiritual path. JIVA is growing to a team of 8 therapists, teachers and workshop facilitators - Aurovilians sharing their journey in integral yoga in their healing modality.

Sigrid (integral regression therapy & homeopathy) and Andres (acupuncture) are available for therapy sessions! Contact Andres on 9655474497 directly. You find our profiles, workshops, therapies and classes, **videos & photos**, as well as testimonials on our website. www.auroville-jiva.com. Stay tuned for activities/workshops announcements, which we will start as soon as possible! contact@auroville-jiva.com; Whatsapp 9626006961.

APPEALS

Eco-Service calls for volunteers for administrative work

Eco-Service looks for volunteers to transform paper data into soft data. The purpose is to establish statistics from Eco-Service's work. So far the Eco-Service team created their data of collection of garbage in a book. The aim is double:

- 1) transfer all written information onto Excel sheets;
- 2) copy all sheets in PDF docs for better and safer storage;
- 3) establish statistics of Auroville's garbage situation.

Once the statistics are established, they will be presented to the Community for better acknowledgement and consciousness in our way to consume and relate to garbage. This administrative work can be done from your home and doesn't require specific skills. Please contact us if you can help out: Palani: cell 9443535172 or Denis 95002 71460 Thank you!

Migrant workers crisis Looking for Hindi-speaking volunteers

India grapples with migrant workers' exodus ...

As you all probably know, daily wage workers who have migrated across states to the cities are facing immense hardship due to the lockdown. Without a job for weeks now, they can't afford to pay for rent and face an imminent risk of starvation. Many, as you know, want to go back home and given the lack of travel options, try to walk for thousands of kilometres to get back home. The Supreme Court recently ruled twice in favour of stranded migrant workers.

Coast India (<https://coastindia.org/>), a national initiative of volunteers and NGOs, is committed to helping as many stranded migrant workers as it possibly can and as long as needed. Min, Siva, me and others in Auroville have been working on this issue for over a month. We work with data given to us by the Jharkhand government and seek to collaborate with Tamil Nadu govt. officials to help stranded Jharkhand migrants in this state.

Even if the lockdown is over on June 1, the work is likely to continue. Railways are putting out more special trains next month, but not to all destinations. We want to help everyone who is in need of basic relief and wants to go home. We need

more volunteers who can speak Hindi and who can commit to at least 1-2 hours per day till end of June to make calls to migrant workers and help them with their needs. You should also be able to take initiative and have the ability to handle distress calls.

If this volunteering opportunity is for you, then:

1. Login in using your Auroville account to this web-based app: <https://admin.coastindia.org/>
2. After you login, drop a note to sivasmil2k@gmail.com He will add you as an user, assign you cases, and send you a confirmation email.
3. After this confirmation call, you can start calling.

Here's a guide to get you started: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1peeJM8Z2zGFv5DVaH5yvCjweh3N97i1g935azN9Leo/edit>

I am available daily at 2 pm on a Zoom call to clarify things and answer questions to help you in your work, but please not over phone or at chance ftf encounters ;) Thank you for understanding! We do hope you will volunteer in this national initiative.

Here's an article from an Auroville friend, the environmental activist Nityanand Jayaram on migrants in Tamil Nadu, who is one of our partners: <https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/walk-migrant-workers-why-these-heartbroken-indians-are-leaving-tn-124671>

And last but not least, this is a public thank you to the many Aurovilians and friends of Auroville who have supported our work! -Bindu

Photos of the old SETRA bus from Berlin (now in YC)?

I am working on the old bus that got stranded at the Youth Center, to make a shared work space for inspiring projects. As it has an illustrious history I want to create a permanent exhibition with pictures from its past lives:

- as overland caravan from Germany through Iran and Afghanistan
- as summer camp bus
- as Aureka windmill building bus

In case you have such photographs or if you know anyone else who has some, please get in touch. THANKS! -Gijs

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opportunity: FAMC Administrator

FAMC urgently needs an Aurovillian or Newcomer who is able to take care of secretarial tasks, such as taking minutes, making agendas, responding to emails, and issuing resolutions.

What we need from you:

- Be present: Monday - Friday 9.00 - 5:00 are the office timings.
- Have good communication skills
- We expect you to inform the rest of the team in advance of any changes in your work routine. We expect a commitment of at least 6 months after a three month trial period.
- Be self-motivated and driven. We expect you to be proactive and get the work done.
- Ability to work in a team
- Be accountable: we expect you to organise your work transparently, report on deliverables/outcomes, and take the initiative to ask for help when you need it.
- Maintain confidentiality

Required skills:

- Excellent written and oral English
- Good computer skills
- Good work organisation skills (reliability and responsibility)
- Team work
- Other languages a bonus

What can you expect?

- A maintenance.
- The current team will train you on the tasks involved, most of which are recurring, so you will get used to them soon.
- If you need mentoring on specific tasks FAMC and/or secretariat members are available to guide you.
- Growth potential towards higher levels of responsibility

Please contact: famc@auroville.org.in with subject- FAMC SECRETARY along with a motivation letter and a recent CV.

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in.

Production management - You are interested to join our unit long-term, managing the production, sales, invoicing and preparing accounts for our products. You have basic skills in website management and graphic design. You are responsible, good at working both independently and in a team, take initiative, have good communication skills and an interest in education /games. Part-time, maintenance provided.

And other positions (please inquire about details):
Customer Care and Website Maintenance

Please contact us. hr_hub@auroville.org.in
~ HR Initiative (Angelo, Joel, Siv, Stephanie)

AVAILABLE

Office space available - 13 sqm. closed office space located on the first floor inside Aurelec premises with superb infrastructure, including generator, UPS System, air-conditioner, 24 hours security, parking and canteen facilities. Interested people may contact Siva at Aurelec in person, by phone at 2622293/294 or email adps@auroville.org.in

Commercial space available for transfer in Imagination campus. First floor building approx 160 sq m. Could be two units. For more details or to view, please contact Bobby 0413 2622039 or Stephan 0413 262-2526 or stephan@auroville.org.in.

Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam - Office space available for registered units or activities:

- * small office of about 23 sq mtrs
- * larger office of about 38 sq mtrs

If interested, please make an appointment with Stephan at stephan@auroville.org.in

Paver blocks - in good condition, available at the Road Service stockyard. Can be used for pathways, parking and plaza. If interested, email us at roadservice@auroville.org.in for rates and other details. The Road Service team is also available if you need us to lay them. Office - 0413 - 2622844; Jacques - 9585761677; Manickam - 9443001761

2 seater SOFA and dining table - alain@auroville.org.in/ or 9585981832

Synthesizer KORG TRITON Pro - alain@auroville.org.in/ or 9585981832



Three kittens up for adoption - They are 8 weeks old, have been trained to use a litter box, and are very social, cuddly and playful. We have one female and two males - have your pick! 948-665-0264 or aurotaranti@gmail.com. Check them out on youtube here: <https://youtu.be/284sY0gfZYY> ~ Taranti, Dana

Nice, hard-working amma - from Sangeevinagar, with good references, is available for half-time work. For details: 948-808-4961 (Dominique) or 948-848-3485 (Rakhal).

Excellent amma - from Edayanchavadi, w/ 4 yrs experience, is looking for house cleaning work, 6 mornings and/or 3 afternoons/week (Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays). If interested pls call during work hours: 944-336-6517.

LOOKING FOR

Mobile phone - Still desperately looking for a mobile phone in good condition. If anyone has one willing to give away or sell kindly let me know. Dheena, Aspiration, dinar@auroville.org.in; M: 848 953 7303; home: 0413-2622771

A laptop - If you have a spare laptop that you are not using and are willing to lend for awhile, contact Tania at Tania@auroville.org.in or 853-100-2333. -With gratitude

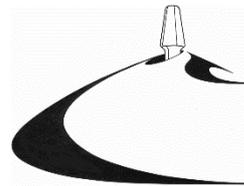
Long-term housesitting - This is Valentina and Pablo (son) from Kriya community. We would love to take care of your home and pets if you have any. I also love gardening, so I could also take care of your garden if you would like. You can contact me at +919498896117 or valentina@auroville.org.in. Thank you!

Housesitting - I am Lakshmi, Newcomer. I'm looking for a long term or any other possibility to housesit. I work at the Botanical Garden with medicinal plants and I facilitated yoga classes and workshops at Vérité & Joy Guesthouse. I feel very connected to nature, plants, flowers and animals, and would be happy to take care of your garden and your house. I'm quiet by nature and responsible. Lakshmi, 848-976-4602.

Work - Sarasu, a very experienced amma from Edayanchavadi, is looking for half day of work, mornings. Currently working afternoons in SveDam. Contact Sigrid, for more info. sigrid@auroville.org.in, 0413 2623888. Thank you.

Help with house chores - 9 AM - 4 PM, Hindi/English speaker. Contact Pawan @ 91197 62631 or Anamika @ 93453 21570

MATRIMANDIR



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

We are happy to restart the **Meditation at sunset with Savitri** - read by Mother to Sunil's music **Every THURSDAY** (weather permitting) from **6.00 to 6.30 pm**.

For the time being, access is limited to Aurovilians, Newcomers and Pass Holders. Enjoy the beautiful open space, the immense sunset and 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 not to bring/use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc. Please carry your pass with you. Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm. Please be seated by 5.55 pm. After the meditation is over, the gardens will close so everyone must return to the gate and our vehicles at that time. Thank you. ~ ~ Amphitheatre Team

Volunteers needed for garden weeding work

Please come **weekdays between 7am and 9am** via the office gate to the gardens. The main garden person will guide you to the areas to be weeded. After that you can inform garden coordinator to see if you like to come at a different time. Thank you! - Matrimandir Team



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

Be aware of what you're putting down your drain. Eliminate harmful soaps like Pril and choose chemical-free alternatives. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in



COP 26: Good COP or Bad COP?

Smoke everywhere, people dying. No, we're not talking about the recent riots triggered by police in the USA killing black people. We're a green column. Though it does make sense to combine social justice and environment policy. In fact, if the Corona crisis has taught us anything, it is that we're all in this man-made mess together. The word of the year might be "intersectionality" which refers to the overlapping layers of privilege and inequality that frame each inquiry into our complex reality. But if it's not the police, then which COP are we talking about?

The Conference of the Parties to the Paris Climate Agreement. The one that was postponed, and will now be held in Glasgow in November 2021. The multi-stakeholder platform **Climate Action** held a virtual panel [COP26: A Decade to Deliver](#) to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on climate change, environmental diplomacy in 2020, and what the delay to COP26 really means for our ability to tackle the climate emergency. We watched the hour-long video for you and here is an update.

As we habitually zoom into panel members home offices, most with serious bookshelves in the background, and one in his bedroom, there is one thing that stands out: decisions about recovery from COVID will move us from LOCK-DOWN to LOCK-IN. Where countries invest, which industries they bail out, will determine whether we will be locked into a scenario of increased carbon emissions or one of carbon descent. On social media the calls for #buildbackbetter and #greenrecovery are trending.

In the words of Alok Sharma, COP 26 President: *"While we rightly focus on fighting the immediate crisis of the Coronavirus, we must not lose sight of the huge challenges of climate change. (...) The steps we take to rebuild our economies will have a profound impact on our societies' future sustainability, resilience and wellbeing and COP26 can be a moment where the world unites behind a clean, resilient recovery."*

Despite the delays due to the pandemic, *"the race to the zero-carbon economy has already started and it's in part because of competitiveness"*, said Nigel Topping, who has the unique designation of *UK High level Climate Action Champion*. *"In the summer last year, some of those commitments started to emerge, at the UN Secretary General's summit in September there were a few hundred, and between September and December the number doubled."* Topping says he is *"seeing more and more companies, cities and investors committing to net-zero, asking that governments match that ambition because it's something that everybody has to do together."* At least it means we don't need to wait around for heads of state to see the Green Light...

Despite the temporary changes the pandemic has created, such as cleaner air and less pollution, emissions have only fallen by a maximum of 10%. **Concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are still going up, and they are higher than they've been for 2 or 3 million years. So will COP26 be a good COP?** All participants believed so, but they realized they have a daunting task ahead in making climate action go as viral as COVID (source : climateaction.org)

- Gijs & Lisbeth -AV Green Center

The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News & Notes and on Auronet. We report on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you!
avgreencenter@auroville.org.in



Radicle Network - A novel by Paul (Botanical)

If you are wondering what to read next this summer, I would like to invite you to check out a novel that I have just published. It is called Radicle Network. You can check out the promotional video on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oonr6TMAKW8&t=13s>

You can go online in India:

https://www.amazon.in/Radicle-Network-Paul-Blanchflower-ebook/dp/B087NMSZR8/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=radicle-network&qid=1588763557&sr=8-1. (It is also available on other Amazon sites globally - just type in the title of the novel.)

Printed copies are also available (contact me at botanical@auroville.org.in and there are a couple at the AV library to borrow.

This novel is a fast-paced thriller that takes a look at the world we live in and the current environmental crisis that we have created. It is also a story that explores the world of forests, their interconnectivity and our relationship to them. The intention is to be positive, to write a book that opens the reader to a realm that is there for us to imagine, experience and to enjoy. It is also a suggestion.

It is a way of looking at the world we live in and trying to understand how a number of things came to be the way they are: How we came to exist and what this existence actually is. How we came to be in the situation we are currently in, where we have stretched the environment we live in to the limit. How we came to live in a society where some people have much, much more than others.

But it is not only a novel about how these things came to be, it is also about how things can change for the better. What changes to our perspective are needed, so that we might move forward with a world view and attitude that will allow our society to function more equitably. Both for us as a species, and for the ecological community that we live within.

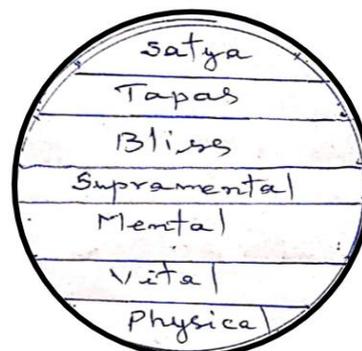
Hopefully you will give it a go, and that you will enjoy it. Let me know once you have read it, most happy to hear your feedback. And if you can please leave a review online, as it will help the book draw attention.

TWELVE PILLARS IN THE CHAMBER OF MATRIMANDIR

The Vedic Rishis claim that there are seven bodies (koshas) in man, corresponding to seven worlds (planes of consciousness) in the universe. This arrangement enables man to have relations with the beings and forces in seven planes of consciousness in the universe.

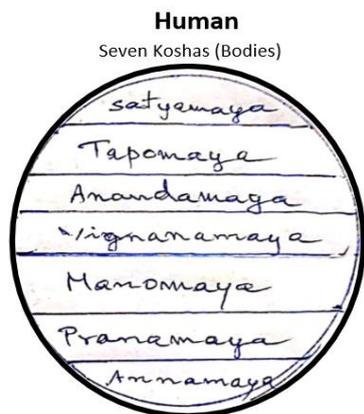
The twelve pillars in the Matrimandir chamber represent the 'Thousand-pillared Home' in the over-mind (heaven). The Supreme Divine Shakti (Transcendental Mother) has created

Universe
Seven Logas (Worlds)



overmental gods to help humanity to attain overmental truth, which serves true but limited creation. So man seeks the help of Supermind (divine Gnosis), the Self-determining infinite consciousness, which will liberate him from the struggle and suffering in life and usher him immortality.

Man is a mental being in a living body. His soul is capable of ascending through different planes of consciousness, whereas gods cannot do so, as they do not have soul in the evolving nature. Spiritual powers are delegated to them. They can increase their illumination (knowledge, light endless light no more darkness) to an infinite extent.



Saint Manickavasahar (900 C.E) follows Bhakti Yoga in his pursuit towards self-realisation. He compares the intellect of man to an elephant with two trunks; he is unable to find a definite solution for his problem. He intensifies his concentration on the heart centre (Anagatha) and becomes aware of his overmental kosha in his inner being. At the same time, he feels that he is one with the overmental plane of consciousness. 'Come to Chidambaram' is the 'Adesh' he received, but he is unable to fulfil it. Further concentration takes him to the limit of Vignanamaya kosha of his inner being. He becomes one with the supramental plane of consciousness and feels that all his suffering has been annulled, since the Self of supermind begins to govern all his activities. During this experience in Chidambaram, a small town in Tamil Nadu, he has noticed overmental gods in small groups worshipping the Self of super-mind along with him, with the intention to increase their illumination to an infinite extent. Impressed by the account of overmental gods given by many Saivite saints like Saint Manickavasahar, a Chola king built 'Ayiramgalmandapam', similar to 'Thousand-pillared Home' in heaven, in the temple premises of Chidambaram, exclusively for overmental gods.

Twelve pillars in Matrimandir serve two purposes. First, they inspire Aurovilians and others to ascend to overmind (heaven) to get overmental truth consciousness. Second, they remind them of the regular visits of overmental gods to Matrimandir to get the Truth Consciousness of the Transcendental Divine already fixed by the Mother (Ashram) at the bottom of Matrimandir. Mahalakshmi, Maheshwari, Mahasaraswathi and Mahakali are four aspects (powers) of the Supreme Mother. The Mother (Ashram) has brought down these powers and established them in four pillars of the Matrimandir respectively. Overmental gods, who are the regular visitors to Matrimandir in Auroville, are aware of this fact. They are able to receive the Truth Consciousness and increase their illumination to an infinite extent. The Mother expects that Aurovilians also could learn to receive the Truth Consciousness established at the bottom of Matrimandir.

Ref: Thiruvasham, Kandapattu, Verse 8
~ submitted by Somasundaram

In the spirit of unending education, I am interested to know who uses MMS (Chlorine Dioxide - ClO₂) in the past or on a regular basis?

- as a water purifier
- as a surface disinfecting agent
- internally for health

Or if you are interested to learn about it please contact me to connect with other adventurous people interacting with this selective-mild-oxidizing substance and expanding our knowledge base together. Love, Kaliananda, kaliananda@auroville.org.in / 9787917469

Note: Never ingest Chlorine (Cl₂), friends. It should be obvious, but it should be said **once** in the light of the media's confounding of these distinct substances. You can learn about the significant molecular and interactive differences between Chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) and Chlorine (Cl₂), here:

<https://www.lenntech.com/processes/disinfection/chemical/disinfectants-chlorine-dioxide.htm>

It's So Simple!

It seems there are two forms of simplicity.

Firstly, the simplicity that comes from a superficial view of things. We hear it so often: "It's so simple, all you have to do is..."

Secondly, the simplicity that comes from depth, from cutting through the superfluous to grasp the underlying dynamics that are driving surface manifestations. An example of this would be Sri Aurobindo's statement regarding the real nature of the conflict that was being waged in the Second World War. "You should not think of it as a fight for certain nations against others or even for India," he wrote to a sadhak, "it is a struggle for an ideal that has to establish itself on earth in the life of humanity, for a Truth that has yet to realise itself fully and against a darkness and falsehood that are trying to overwhelm the earth and mankind in the immediate future."

The problem comes when we confuse the two types, and mistake superficial simplicity for depth simplicity. This can happen at any time and in many different situations, but it is particularly problematic at present when, faced by so many unknowns, we are offered so many instant solutions - "COVID is a conspiracy of..." "Lockdowns don't work." "Take this to cure COVID," etc. - because in our yearning for quick, simple answers, we tend to grab at the ones that align with our existing predispositions and understanding and then proclaim these as the 'truth'.

It takes much more effort to step back, go deep, and try to understand that other, deeper level that deals with essentials, not symptoms. This may happen spontaneously, in meditation, for example, or through reading an apposite quote of Sri Aurobindo or Mother or other being of wisdom. But an intermediate phase may require us to do that hardest thing of all: to rest in doubt, to allow ourselves to know that we don't know.

For only when we've cleared the clutter of all our existing presuppositions and beliefs is there space for some deeper understanding to enter.

~ Alan (from Alan's Auronet blog. Shared by permission at the request of the editor)

Sharing a link to what I found to be a mind-blowing experience of integrative intelligence. In this age of Twitter wisdom and dumbed-down, sound bite newscasting, this guy says more in under 2 hours than most of us could manage in 2 years (or 2 lifetimes!). Thanks to L'aura for first sharing this on Auronet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LqaotiGWjQ>
~ Submitted by Swaha US

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. **AURORAS EYE FILMS** has produced a new film! This is how the lockdown affected the people in Auroville's neighboring villages. Hear them tell their story in 'Coronavirus Lockdown Impact on Auroville Bioregion'. <https://youtu.be/mYU1gbQvYl6>

2. **INDIA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS** - Seeks proposals for Arts Practice Program. If you are an Indian national, or have been residing in India for the last five years, you are eligible to apply at <http://indiaifa.org/programmes/arts-practice/request-for-proposals.html>

3. **AV ART SERVICE** - Offers free music classes to Aurovilians, Newcomers, Auroville Children! If you like to sing, Shalini Sekhar will share with you the things she has learnt about a free and relaxed voice, exercises to practice, and songs in different languages. Contact her at write.shalini@gmail.com for online lessons.

4. **WE MUSIC** - UK-based [We Music](#) has free beginner guitar lessons and music workshops on Zoom every day. Some of their highlights are Bulgarian folk music and old-style Jazz improv. <https://www.facebook.com/wemusicuk>

5. **KITCHEN BALLETT** - Vancouver-based [Jill Henis](#) offers free kitchen ballet lessons on her Facebook page. They are suitable for adult beginners and she often begins with somatic practices and poetry. <https://www.facebook.com/jill.henisgnoato>

6. **MORNING SINGING** - [Shruthi Vishwanath](#) offers gift economy morning singing sessions on Zoom <https://www.facebook.com/worldofshruthi>

7. **KRISHNA MCKENZIE, CELINE & MARKO PRESENT**
A play written by Masanobu Fukuoka, performed by Krishna McKenzie, directed by Celine, filmed and edited by Marko Who Is The Fool? <https://youtu.be/JoLSmbQzS6c>

8. **GOETHE INSTITUT OFFERS** - Virtual Partner Residencies. Solo artists and small ensembles can apply for international musical collaboration projects, as long as one of the artists is based in Germany. <https://www.goethe.de/en/uun/auf/mus/vir.html>

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Pranayama with JV
7 - 8 AM, 8th, 9th & 10th June (Mon-Wed)

"It is in good health that the way to transformation is found"
~ The Mother

This workshop introduces you to an integrated Yoga practice consisting of

- Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility
- Eight simple, but very powerful Pranayama practices
- Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge yourself

Intended outcome

You will gain confidence to practice on your own.
By practicing for about thirty minutes per day, you enjoy a new level of well-being.

This webinar is free and open to all. No registration is required. Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.

How to join the webinar?

You can join the webinar on your computer or lap top or Android or Apple smart phone using Google Meet. Please note that you need Chrome browser in your computer. If you want to join on smart phone, please download and use Google Meet App. To join the Webinar, click on <https://meet.google.com/zzz-hjqz-kyh>

IMPORTANT: Please familiarize yourself with muting/un-muting of audio and video. In case you want to test out your connectivity and controls, I will be online from 6:45 AM onwards on 8th June (Monday). **If you are using a phone, please put it in speaker mode.** The icons of microphone, red disconnect phone and speaker disappear after some time. To get them back on your screen, tap on the screen.

About the Facilitator JV lived in Auroville from 2007 to 2016. He has been facilitating workshops and retreats in Auroville since 2008.

Aurinoco Webinars is a new initiative to leverage the internet and fiber optic network of Auroville in the current situation to bring opportunities for 'unending education' directly into your residence.

AND

Saturdays 6th & 13th June, 6:15 - 7:05 PM

This webinar is organized by Matagiri, USA and is open to all Aurovilians and Newcomers. If you'd like to attend, please send a mail to info@matagiri.org so that you can be admitted to the event.

Please try this link in advance and download the Webex app if needed:

<https://meetingsamer20.webex.com/meet/pr1263175766>

Also test and learn how to mute and unmute your microphone. JV takes questions at the end.

Mother's Agenda @ Savitri Bhavan
Tuesday/Thursday/ Saturday, 4-5 PM w/Gangalakshmi.
(in French). This class open for everybody.

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Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers
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04132623400; security@auroville.org.in)
Ambulance: Auroville: **9442224680** -
PIMS: **0413-2656271/72**
Farewell: mobile number: **8903836246**. reachable 24/7
Emergency Service of India: 108
JIPMER hospital **2278380 / 2272389**
General Hospital **2336050**
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We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

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