

News and Notes

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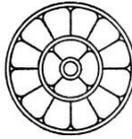
A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



18 January 1967

Mother: To transform what's not receptive.

There are billions of elements in the body, so it's a mixture of receptivity and nonreceptivity. It's still mixed. And that mixture is why the appearance [Mother's physical appearance] remains what it is. So making everything receptive, in every element, is a work, you understand, a formidable work. If it had to be done in detail, it would be impossible, but through the pressure of the Force it can be done. So then, the trance would be made necessary precisely so it's done fast (relatively fast). This work is **BEING DONE** (I am myself conscious of it), but, you understand (*laughing*), it may stretch over hundreds of years! That's what Sri Aurobindo said: a state of consciousness has to be established in which the collective life of the cells can be preserved for as long as desired; in other words, the Lord's Will must be sufficiently active for the balance between all those elements to be kept for as long as necessary for all of them to change. And always, it has always been said that the most external form would be the last to change; that the whole internal, organic functioning would be changed before the external form, the appearance (it's only an appearance, of course); that the appearance would be the last to change.

It seems to me to be the legacy of primordial habits - the habits of Matter. This Matter, of course, comes from total unconsciousness, and throughout the ages and all the ways of being, it returns to total consciousness - it goes from one extreme to the other; well, what gives that need for trance is the habits of static immobility. It shouldn't be necessary. Only (how can I explain?...), logically, as things are, it depends on the balance between the body's capacity of receptivity and its external activity: it's obviously far more receptive when it is immobile, because its energies are turned to the transformation.

There is another thing that could help to change the course of events: it's that the vital is growing increasingly receptive and collaborative. This whole vital zone, which was the zone of revolt and deliberate opposition to the divine transformation, is growing increasingly collaborative, and with its collaboration (because this vital zone is the zone of movement, action, energy put to use), with its conscious collaboration, the methods of transformation may become different (it's something I have been studying these last few days). It may change the methods. But that's a whole world to be learned.

One should grow increasingly not only attentive but receptive, with a precision in details which would every second give one the knowledge of what should be done and how it should be done (not outwardly: inwardly). These cells should learn to have every second the attitude necessary for everything to unfold smoothly, keeping pace with the supreme Consciousness.

To replace the need for immobility and immobile rest by the power of inner concentration and peace - that peace which is perfectly independent of action, which can be there, unchanging, even in the midst of the most frantic actions.

Satprem: *Is that where you envisage the vital's intervention?*

Mother: Yes

Satprem: *I often wonder what the best possible attitude is for us. Is it better to be simply in a state of silence, open to the heights, a wide silence, or...*

Mother: I think that's it. But what's the alternative?

Satprem: *Or should one have, I don't know, a special concentration in the activity?*

Mother: No, because the transformation is the only thing that doesn't call for the mind's intervention: the mind befuddles everything. I clearly see what its use will be - why there has been the mind, why it exists, what its use will be - but that will come afterwards.

The mind will be transformed quite naturally, effortlessly; it's not the same as with this body. But for the moment, it can't be used as yet. It can be used only through aspiration, like this (*gesture opened to the heights*), a constant aspiration - the constancy of aspiration and receptivity to let the forces and the light come through.

There. So we'll meet again on Saturday.

(to be continued next week)

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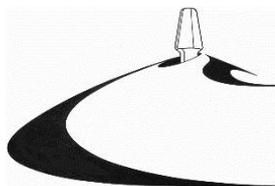
P.S. There's a HOMA page on the Auroville website: <https://www.auroville.org/contents/1085>



To persevere in turning towards the light is what is most demanded.
The Light is nearer to us than we think and at any time its hour may come.

~ Sri Aurobindo
Breath of Grace
editor: M.P. Pandit, p.204





AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR
Meditation at sunset with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every **THURSDAY, 6 - 6.30 PM** (weather permitting)

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. Thank you.*
- Amphitheatre Team

COVID 19 UPDATE

From the WC/Covid Task Force - As you are probably aware, **the lockdown in Tamil Nadu has been extended until 31st August with various restrictions and relaxations.** Please find at this [link](#):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q9axM1YhCOAG_vy88UATDWV0Bi2t2r-B/view the official new guidelines in Tamil, and English translation [here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mw3514cbMDiu_bFWt3VR1SilvN6K8BJ6/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mw3514cbMDiu_bFWt3VR1SilvN6K8BJ6/view) from the Tamil Nadu Govt.

The following continues to be restricted:

- Hotels, resorts and other hospitality services with accommodation.
- Schools, colleges, training institutes, research institutes and all educational institutions. However, these educational institutes will continue to provide online education and to encourage online learning.
- The ban on international flights will continue except for works permitted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Public gathering places such as theaters, gyms, swimming pools, amusement parks, bar halls, large halls, meeting halls, beaches, tourist attractions, zoos and museums.
- All kinds of social, political, sports, entertainment, cultural events, religious, educational, festivals, meetings and processions.
- 50% capacity rule continues to be in effect for restaurants and tea shops from **6 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Also, even if **restaurants have air-conditioned facilities, they should not be operated.** Parcel service will be allowed from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. as it was before (31.07.2020) in restaurants.
- Vegetable shops and grocery stores that were already allowed to operate 6 AM - 6 PM, now can operate from 6 AM to 7 PM.
- Other stores that were already allowed to operate from 10 AM to 6 PM will now be allowed to operate from 10 AM. to 7 PM.
- All goods, including essential and non-essential items, are permitted to be supplied by e-commerce companies.
- Total curfew will be enforced across Tamil Nadu on all Sundays in the month of August (02.08.2020, 09.08.2020, 16.08.2020, 23.08.2020 & 30.08.2020) without any relaxation.** (No other activity except milk distribution, hospitals, pharmaceutical shops, hospital vehicles, ambulance and hearses may be permitted during the above Sundays, and private vehicles will be allowed to ply only for medical emergencies.)

We would also like to remind you all that the precautions and following of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) at the workplaces is an essential key towards breaking the chain for the spread of the virus. We request you all to read again the SOPs as below, give regular briefings to all staff, employees and other workers about the precautions towards the virus, how to wear a mask properly, importance of physical distancing etc. We also encourage each unit to print some of the SOPs and put them at the workplace/ restaurants/ production units in order to have the employees and customers make themselves aware of them. Below are some highlights from the SOPs:

- Monitoring the health of the workers, suppliers and customers: Please check temperature using a Non-contact thermometer, ask them for any symptoms and also if any member of the household has any symptoms or has been asked to quarantine for any reason.
- Limiting the number of people in the store, or the seating capacity of the restaurants.
- Maintaining physical distance: In queues, seating arrangements in the restaurants and offices, meeting rooms.
- Regular Sanitisation of the frequently touched surfaces like door handles, tables etc. In case of restaurants, tables to be sanitised each time a customer leaves, and in meeting rooms chairs and tables to be sanitized between meetings.
- Hand hygiene: use of sanitizers at the entrance of all offices, shops and production places and for all restaurants ensure that the customers wash their hands before entering the premises.
- Face Covers: All staff and workers including the ones serving, at receptions, at billing counters and/ or anyone who is interacting with customers/ visitors shall be wearing a face mask/ cover at all times. Please note that face masks shall not be touched in front by the hand, and read in the SOP details about proper use of mask.

SOPs as issued by government are here: [Offices](#); [Restaurants](#); [Construction Sites](#)

We realise it is a struggle for some to continue to respect all the precautions and restrictions. We appreciate that the majority of you do so anyway out of a belief in the need for them or at least out of respect for the sense of safety and security of those around you. With best wishes, -The Covid Task Force and the Working Committee

Current GOI immigration/travel restrictions:<https://boi.gov.in/content/advisory-travel-and-visa-restrictions-related-covid-19-1>

Message from White Eagle, Hopi indigenous:

"This moment humanity is going through can now be seen as a portal and as a hole. The decision to fall into the hole or go through the portal is up to you.

If you repent of the problem and consume the news 24 hours a day, with little energy, nervous all the time, with pessimism, you will fall into the hole. But if you take this opportunity to look at yourself, rethink life and death, take care of yourself and others, you will cross the portal. Take care of your homes, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual House.

When you are taking care of yourselves, you are taking care of everything else. Do not lose the spiritual dimension of this crisis; have the eagle aspect from above and see the whole; see more broadly.

There is a social demand in this crisis, but there is also a spiritual demand -- the two go hand in hand. Without the social dimension, we fall into fanaticism. But without the spiritual dimension, we fall into pessimism and lack of meaning. You were prepared to go through this crisis. Take your toolbox and use all the tools available to you.

Learn about resistance of the indigenous and African peoples; we have always been, and continue to be, exterminated. But we still haven't stopped singing, dancing, lighting a fire, and having fun. Don't feel guilty about being happy during this difficult time.

You do not help at all being sad and without energy. You help if good things emanate from the Universe now. It is through joy that one resists. Also, when the storm passes, each of you will be very important in the reconstruction of this new world.

You need to be well and strong. And for that, there is no other way than to maintain a beautiful, happy, and bright vibration.

This has nothing to do with alienation. This is a resistance strategy. In shamanism, there is a rite of passage called the quest for vision. You spend a few days alone in the forest, without water, without food, without protection. When you cross this portal, you get a new vision of the world, because you have faced your fears, your difficulties.

This is what is asked of you:

Allow yourself to take advantage of this time to perform your vision-seeking rituals. What world do you want to build for you? For now, this is what you can do -- serenity in the storm. Calm down, pray every day. Establish a routine to meet the sacred every day. Good things emanate; what you emanate now is the most important thing.

And sing, dance, resist through art, joy, faith, and love."

-submitted by Anandi A)

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Erratum: The second line was inadvertently omitted from the article in last week's News & Notes titled: **Update Regarding L'Avenir/TDC**. The first sentence should read:

"The Auroville Council and the Working Committee are working on a proposal for the selection of new TDC interface members that will be shared very soon with the community."

Sorry for any confusion caused. -Eds.

BCC: Sharing on the Economic Situation

Four months into the Covid-19 pandemic, we know many of you are concerned about its current and foreseeable economic impact on our communal fund, the services and community members it supports. We are writing to share how our team has been working on managing this so far, what we project, and how you can help.

How we managed so far: For April, May and June the income has just matched the expenses, so the existing buffer of the community is still the same. This has been possible through two methods:

1) reducing expenses to the minimum by only paying wages for the recurring budgets as well as asking services with reserves to use those instead of getting funds from City Services

2) aside from the regular income, receiving donations, collecting pending contributions from units and voluntary reductions of Aurovilian Maintenances.

We have also managed to help individuals and families in different ways, most notably with the children's nutrition scheme being allocated to parents' accounts and by helping struggling commercial units or activities through the allocation of Temporary Emergency Maintenances.

What we project: This financial scenario brought on by the pandemic is lasting much longer than we thought a few months ago. With zero income, we have enough reserves to fund our current reduced City Services Budget for 4 months. Our current income trend shows we may have enough for 8 months. However, we project that Auroville's income will decrease every month far into 2021. We also understand that more people may need financial help in this same timeframe. We cannot predict when our financial situation is going to get better, and the money that is still available must be spent towards ensuring that the minimum needs of Aurovilians will continue to be met during this uncertain period.

Auroville depended a lot on guests and tourists for income, with the Guest Houses and the sales of commercial units and activities. We do not see this income returning to pre-pandemic levels for at least one year after the return of tourism to our area.

How you can help:

- make a contribution to City Services (FS account 252554)
- reduce the recurring budget of your BCC-supported activity
- reduce your own maintenance to the minimum you need
- buy Auroville products to support AV units and activities
- continue or restart your monthly Individual City Service Contribution (Rs. 3,470)

We will continue to do our best to ensure that the minimum needs of Aurovilians will continue to be met in this very challenging period. Thank you for your cooperation and involvement in making this possible and thank you to all who have supported the community during these times.

With care and dedication,

- Your BCC team (Christine, Enrica, Hans, Inge, Jacques, Mahi, Margarita, Meena, Rathinam, Suryamayi)

Internal Functioning: The Auroville Council has new members, chosen during the last interim selection process. In addition to Ganesh and Shivaya, Enrica (reselected), Balaji, Dan, Mouttou, Riju, Siv and Vatchala joined the team. Due to the sudden lockdown in lieu of CoViD-19, the induction and integration of the new members was delayed by a month. However, the new team members have begun actively working on the cases that come to the table and when required, in collaboration with the Working Committee, Koodam, Mattram, Restorative Circle, Security and other working groups.

AvC and Koodam: The AvC and Koodam are revisiting the terms and processes necessary for their collaboration, to reach out effectively to the community members and to formulate their distinct functions, for the community members to have a clearer understanding of whom to approach and when.

Coordination and collaboration with Mattram: The AvC aims to empower awareness programs related to general well-being of the mind, together with the Mattram team. Ongoing projects are based on creating ways to make Mattram approachable, with sufficient information on its wide spectrum of expertise to treat cases of trauma, child abuse, mental abuse, addiction issues, depression, anxiety, loneliness etc.

Selection Process: Next steps for the 3 proposals that came out of a year-long process by the Task Force: AvC contacted the Selection Process Task Force in June to see whether they are still wanting to finalise their proposals for a selection process to be held in November 2020. Meetings to gain clarity on this were held on June 15th & 29th, with RAS and the task force members.

The 3 proposals that had earlier been presented in a General Meeting were declared almost ready. In that meeting individuals also referred to the Interim Selection process model (that was used for the recent selections in March 2020) as a valid alternative. The AVC also mentioned the urgency of TDC selection (only 2 members left) and that together with Wcom there are efforts made to formulate a process that is based on the Governing Board's Office Order to constitute the group, that hopefully would be ready soon. A follow up meeting was scheduled and held on Monday June 29th.

In this meeting it was decided, as a first step, to go ahead with a RAD for the 3 proposals that had emerged out of the efforts of the task forces created a year ago. If the proposals would not meet with acceptance in the community then a revised version of the Interim Selection Process (based in the formulation of the Participatory Working Group) will be proposed. Simultaneously the Working Committee, with help of the Auroville Council, is tackling the selection of some urgently needed people for the TDC.

News & Notes support group: In order to support the N&N editors, a N&N editorial support group was put in place. This group will assist the N&N editors with decisions relating to controversial content, or posts that might create unwanted repercussions for Auroville. The members of this group are: Annemarie, Mauna, Martin L. Abha P, Alan, Devi and Alan.

Housing Board - Selection of representative for the community at large: After the RAS had collected the nominations, the AVC held a process to shortlist the 9 candidates to 4 names that were then sent to FAMC. The process was witnessed by a member of the RAS. **The FAMC was not in agreement with the names sent to them.** They asked that we send them the full list of the candidates, which was done. So far the Council has not yet received a mail with an announcement of their final choice, other than the confirmation that Prabhu (Petite Ferme) can serve a second term.

BCC Selection for a representative of the community at large: The Auroville Council with the help of RAS called for Aurovilians to serve the community as community at large members for the BCC. 8 nominations were received. In an internal selection process held by a facilitator, and in the presence of an RAS member, the names were shortlisted to 3 for the FAMC to make the final choice.

Matrimandir: In March, before the Covid crisis, MM executives expressed the need for a group of experienced architects/designers that could be consulted when design questions arise. There was also an idea to create a task force to look into difficult unresolved safety issues and other pending matters at Marimandir. Due to the Covid situation, matters were stagnating, and in June it was felt that it is better to look for 2-3 new executives, as out of the original 7 executives, only 4 are remaining. The new executives will be selected for a 4-year term. This will allow staggering so that the work can continue smoothly when the 4 present executives' term is over (August 2021).

Recently there were safety concerns with the stone clad door in the passage between the inner circle of the Amphitheatre and the entrance from the garden side to the green room and electrical room. Fortunately this was resolved with the help of Toine and Ponnusamy.

RAS membership: As announced earlier Anandi Zhang stepped back from her work with RAS. Manoj Kumar has joined the team. Additionally, Verena Hargesheimer - Newcomer - staying at Invocation joined the team in March.

Arbitrations: Sanjana - in process

Appeals: The appeal body nominated by Council started the processing of Anne's appeal against the FAMC decision in regard to Nandini. Another appeal submitted by Bertrand against a decision from L'avenir regarding his building permission is in process and will be completed soon.

Youth Center: The AvC had encouraged the Youth Centre to identify some AV residents who could support them and create a YC support group. In difficult moments they could act as liaison and possibly also in decision making processes. This group is now created. A mission statement and a set of guidelines for the Youth Center are being drafted.

European House: In March the Council received complaints from the project holders of the European Pavilion as well as from a family living on the premises of International house. Due to Covid break no process has yet been held and no resolution to the conflict has yet been worked out.

Dog Breeding: The Council had to deal with a couple of issues related to big breeds and dangerous dogs, amongst them pitbulls. There was an intention to bring the topic to the Auroville community in a General Meeting in mid-April, but due to the covid-19 situation, all plans were postponed. We want to state again that we strongly discourage Aurovilians to keep potentially dangerous dog breeds. Each dog owner is fully responsible for all damage caused by their dog. To have aggressive dogs in neighborhoods and the Auroville community creates tension and fear, and is not compatible with our aim to foster a society based on respect and care for each other, i.e. human unity.

African Pavilion: The Auroville council intended to meet the new managers of the African Pavilion at the end of March and look at a gradual reintegration, on an activity basis, of the Africans that had stepped out for the time being. Due to the Covid restrictions and onset of the summer, this meeting was postponed.

Personal Debt: A subgroup of the Council has been looking at meaningful steps to, over time, create more awareness of the negative crushing cycle that borrowing money at high interest rates creates. The subgroup has also been looking at how debt counseling could be offered. In some cases, a subgroup has been supporting individual families in finding ways to possibly master and overcome such difficult situations.

Discipline Community: For 2 years there has been a conflict going in Discipline between the farm and the residents. The basis of the conflict is that the residents of Discipline Farm want to take up the management of the farm. The FAMC is working on a resolution.

Auronet moderation - Revised guidelines/ (Rules of the Game) have been drafted and are presented to the community in order to get feedback that will be looked at and integrated.

Resignations from other groups:

- In February 2020, Antonio resigned from the Land Board for personal reasons.
- In June, Suryamayi informed us that she has been selected by the FAMC to replace Stephanie, who resigned from BCC.
 - For the Auroville Council (Enrica, Riju, Shivaya, Siv, Vatchala, Balaji, Dan, Ganesh K. and Moutthou)

From the WC: Birth Certificate Information - for residents of Auroville

In case the delivery takes place in a hospital: The hospital will inform the parents about all the documents required and send them to the municipality. Personal information given needs to be exactly the way it appears on each parent's passport. **Do NOT use your Auroville name as it will invalidate the documents.**

After 20 days you have to apply directly to the municipality that will issue the birth certificate. Cost is Rs 5/ for print out and Rs 1 for application.

In case the delivery takes place elsewhere:

Before birth -

- Check with the Land Board to confirm the Tamil Nadu Panchayat where the mother intends to give birth: Irumbai, Kottakupam, Bommaiypalayam, or in Pondicherry.
- When the mother is pregnant, contact the Village Head Nurse (contact data with Santé).
- Keep records of all the mother's health checks.
- Contact the AV Safety and Security Team (AVSST) about birth certificate requirements. AVSST office phone number: 2623400.
- Foreign nationals: Inform your Embassy/Consulate in advance of birth to learn about their requirements to obtain a baby's passport. Some parents may need to decide what the nationality of the child will be and contact the relevant embassy or consulate accordingly.

After birth

- The Registered Midwife will issue an Attestation of Birth including the date and time of the birth, weight, gender of baby and number of children the mother now has. This document is to be taken to the Working Committee.
- Get a letter from the Working Committee confirming the place of birth, other birth details and the number of children the mother now has.
- Notify the Village Administrative Officer (VAO) within 24 hours of birth to register the birth. The person calling needs to speak Tamil. If needed, ask AVSST for help. Someone from VAO will visit you at home to see your baby.
- Fill out the birth registration document IN CAPITAL LETTERS or on computer if possible, and bring it to AVSST. for translating it into Tamil. Personal information needs to be **exactly the way it appears on your passport. Do NOT use your Auroville name as it will invalidate the documents.**
- Documents needed are: birth document issued by the midwife, letter from the Working Committee, passport, visa, stay visa, registration certificate/ residential permit, aadhaar cards of both parents and the certificate of marriage (if available).
- AVSST usually follows up until the Birth Certificate is issued which can take 1 month minimum. You will also need to pay hospitality expenses to the VAO of Rs 1400 -1600 (no bill will be issued)
- The VAO will register the birth in his register. The VAO will go to Vanur to also register the birth on-line. Once this has been done, the birth certificate can be downloaded from the government website: gccapp.chennaicorporation.gov.in/birth_death_tn/ This is done by AVSST.
- Intimation of the birth of a child of foreign origin needs to be submitted to the RRO within two weeks from the date of birth. The foreigner parent(s) need to submit the birth certificate issued by the hospital, the Auroville Health Centre or Santé to the Working Committee which will forward it to the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, which will send it to the RRO. Within a period of 90 days from the date of birth the foreigner parent(s) have to submit to the RRO the official birth certificate and

the passport of the child. If this is done accordingly, no late fee penalty will be due.

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Birth certificate: Midwife's Role

The Midwife will:

1. Inform all pregnant women to register their pregnancy with correct Village Health Nurse.
2. Communicate health assessments to VHN at appropriate intervals.
3. Inform parents of all steps they are responsible for both before and after birth.
4. Complete Attestation of Birth including data on parents, date, time and location of birth and gender of baby. Include how many children the mother has, ex "This is mother's second child."
5. Sign the Attestation of Birth including credentials and give it to parents.
6. Notify the VHN that the mother has delivered and inform of condition of both mother and baby.
7. Support parents and remind them of the timeliness of birth registration.



We hope that our latest Update Report for the first 6 months of 2020 (published on AuroNet) helps to bring you up to date on our priorities, what we are doing & why, & the resources & wider support needed to make this happen. Below is a brief summary of the report, and here is a link to the full document: <https://auroville.org.in/article/80803>.

UPDATE REPORT - SUMMARY

During this period we have faced significant resource challenges, with just 2 Interface Team members since February (Saravanan & Sreevatsa). We also faced a major, ongoing funding shortage. Unfortunately, this resulted in us having to pause some of our key functions.

However, our teams were able to utilize the relatively quiet COVID lockdown time effectively to progress many tasks, especially on areas of strategic importance to Auroville's development (formalizing Auroville's Statutory Land Status, understanding strategic value of lands required for Auroville's development, establishing Technical Teams & water). We are the service mandated to plan & actively support Auroville's growth & development. In practice it is not an easy job, especially when there is often a gulf between aspirations & ground realities, or between urgent community needs & resources available. But we are sincerely trying our best with the resources we have available.

UPDATES FROM THE INTERFACE TEAM: The Interface Team is selected by the community to manage & coordinate our work on town planning, urban design, resource mobilization etc. They are accountable to the community for delivery & provide the interface between the Technical Teams & the community. As there were only 2 members in the Interface Team for most of this period we had to restrict some of our operations. Most notably we paused the processing of new building & site applications. We hope that a new selection process will be agreed soon, enabling the Interface Team to be fully functional.

Our limited resources in this time have been utilized to:

- Coordinate works by technical teams, identifying & prioritizing resources needed
- Manage & review day to day operations (responding to appeals, CAG enquiries, etc.)
- Meet with working groups (we recently initiated regular meetings with FAMC & Land Board & continue to meet weekly with Housing Service).
- Build relations with community groups (such as Forest Group & Green Group) & the wider community. Unfortunately our scheduled community meetings were cancelled due to COVID.

UPDATES FROM THE TECHNICAL TEAMS - Our Technical Teams undertake the works initiated, anchored & coordinated by the Interface Team. They undertake studies & analysis based on which they provide detailed recommendations, enabling the Interface Team to make informed decisions. They also implement & execute the decisions of the Interface Team. Four technical teams are now functional - Applications, Evaluation & Monitoring, Mapping & Data & Regional Planning & Development. Key projects undertaken include:

- **Regional Planning & Development** - mapping existing land use under the Master Plan Area at plot level & production of Development Guidelines
- **Planning** - developing surveys for housing & mobility, & production of Detailed Development Plan & Site Guidelines for Residential Zone 1 & 2 to unlock housing sites for development
- **Mapping & data** - creation of a unified base map for Auroville, which will enable the mapping team to provide a wider range of support to Auroville's planning
- **Policy & Development Priorities** - production of a report identifying Auroville's Development Priorities based on extensive data analysis & development of guidelines to integrate assessment of environmental impact into Auroville's development projects.
- **Integrated Water Resource** - establishment of a team for this priority area, building dialogue with Auroville's water players & exploring works required on sludge/wastewater treatment systems
- **Energy** - developing energy guidelines for Residential Zone & electrical guidelines for construction & coordinating works to lay underground HT cables along the Crown
- **Development & Building Applications** - processing applications received before February, developing a system to verify & monitor violations, reviewing processes & linking applications to ACARAT
- **Evaluation & Monitoring Cell** - developing an empanelment procedure for contractors & SOP for construction activities post COVID-lockdown & updating Auroville Works Manual

Many of these projects will have outputs coming to the community for feedback soon, so we look forward to receiving your input.

UPDATE ON FINANCES: Due to uncertainties over the availability of GOI grants, we sought to minimise our expenditure in 2019/20. Despite this we still had a funding shortfall of INR 7.49 lakhs, which we met from our reserves. This left us with just over INR 5 lakhs in reserve at the start of 2020/21 & INR 67,000 income from BCC for the first quarter. We estimate that the minimum monthly expenditure for TDC to operate is 2.5 lakhs. For optimum functioning we need 4 lakhs. This major uncertainty in income is likely to impact our operations & have long term impacts on the growth of Auroville. We are therefore working hard to review & explore funding possibilities.

LOOKING AHEAD: We hope that we can be fully operational soon - both in terms of having new Interface Team members & finding funds to strengthen our Technical Teams & enable their works. Until then we will continue to target our resources on essential & priority works - especially those required to support our strategic priorities.

To help us in our work we specifically request:

- Support from the Auroville Foundation to formally initiate the process to obtain Statutory Land Status from TN Government & enable speedy resolution of this critical issue.
- An urgent selection process to recruit Interface Team members who understand the work required & are able to deliver this. Members must also be willing to work collaboratively to support Auroville's growth in line with the community's needs & aspirations.
- Understanding, patience & goodwill from the community that we are facing challenging times & our services may be limited.

- Trust from the community that we are sincerely trying our best with the resources we have available.
- Saravanan and Sreevatsa, for L'Avenir d'Auroville

City Services Contributions and Payments - July, 2020

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,64,03,283
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,42,72,908
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	8,06,76,191
Total Payments	1,49,49,539
CS Ending Balance(Includes BOB)	6,57,26,652

Monthly loss/gain -6,76,631

Internal Contributions

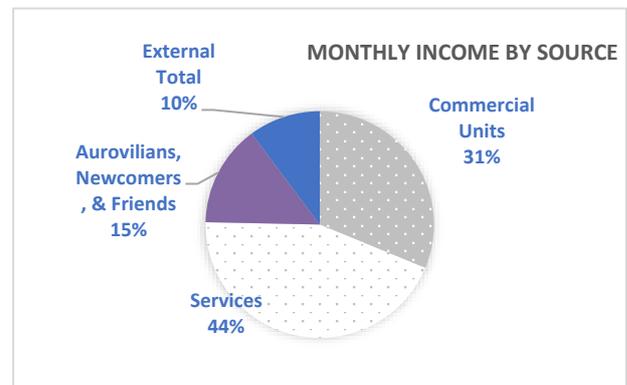
Source	Total
Commercial Units	44,59,974
Services	62,91,677
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	20,71,214
Internal Total	1,28,22,865

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	-
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	14,50,043
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	14,50,043

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	31,96,567	92,70,883
Social Support	20,21,408	60,61,958
Children & Youth	15,32,655	52,02,841
Organization	13,60,080	39,80,653
Village Education	10,98,308	32,36,669
Forests	10,85,651	31,21,882
Health	10,20,062	33,99,614
Security	6,12,168	16,72,620
Prosperity Services	5,39,188	14,27,091
Culture & Sports	4,98,031	13,13,246
Farms	4,93,001	15,75,537
Roads, Cycle Paths, Transport	4,29,549	14,48,183
Outreach	2,60,809	9,61,797
Land	2,59,693	8,03,953
Matrimandir	1,95,636	6,06,079
City Planning	1,45,971	2,36,112
Housing	85,487	2,74,289
Utilities	36,628	1,15,078
Projects	16,590	48,988
Contingency	62,055	13,95,843
Total	1,49,49,539	4,61,53,317



Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	5,60,410	5,60,410
Conscious Living	4,10,410	4,15,410
Maroma	4,06,940	4,22,940
Eco Femme	2,26,025	2,26,025
Miniature	2,20,820	2,20,820
AV Consulting	1,88,170	1,88,670
Svaram	1,81,230	1,81,230
Cynergy	1,29,820	1,29,820
Tanto	1,19,245	1,29,245
Aureka	94,700	96,700
AV Bakery	88,170	88,170
La Ferme Cheese	62,383	62,383
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
The Colors Of Nature	57,940	57,940
Hers	47,145	47,145
ASSA-Naham Consulting	43,341	43,341
Eco Pro	40,410	40,410
Coffee Ideas	30,410	30,410
MG Ecoduties	30,410	30,410
Cadd Studio	26,940	41,540
Shradanjali	26,940	26,940
Auroville Papers	24,290	28,490
Right Path Café (VC Café)	24,290	24,790
Anveshan	24,290	24,290
Capability	23,880	23,880
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Auromics	20,820	29,820
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
AV Online Store	20,820	20,820
Naturellement	20,820	20,820
Pitchandikulam Forest Consult.	20,820	20,820
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Inside India	17,350	17,700
AVA-Wasteless	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Tree House Community	17,350	17,350
Flame	16,940	17,940
EV Future	16,940	16,940
Maharaswathi Constr.	16,940	16,940
Mereville Trust	16,940	16,940
Sciroy Pizza	16,940	16,940
ASSA-Aire	15,615	15,615
Holistic	15,615	15,615
To be Two (Auromode)	15,205	15,205
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Buildaur	13,880	13,880
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Magica	13,410	13,410
Omega	12,940	15,190
Abacus Accounting	11,940	12,940
Varuna	10,410	60,410
Sound Wizard	10,410	13,910
Aurosoya	10,410	10,610
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Aurinoco Systems	10,410	10,410
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
Filaure	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
New School Crafts	10,410	10,410
Sumark	10,410	10,410
Upasana	10,410	10,410
Worktree	10,410	10,410
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
La Terrace	6,940	31,940
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
AFA-Natures Gift	6,940	6,940
Artisan Revolution	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshimi Construction	6,940	6,940
Auroyali Production	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
AVA-Spirit of Leadership	6,940	6,940
Bamboo Center Auroville	6,940	6,940
Boutique Visitors Center	6,940	6,940
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Gastronomica	6,940	6,940
Glimpse	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
Mantra	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	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
Tapasya Design Studio	6,940	6,940
The Neem Tree	6,940	6,940
Well Café	6,940	6,940
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470
ASA-Mona	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Mandala Pottery	3,470	5,970
Bon	3,470	5,470
AFA-Auro Amirtham	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
AFA-Taste of Korea	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Prime	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
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	3,470	3,470
AVA-150 DPI	3,470	3,470
AVA-ATB with AMIR	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	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-Inscapes	3,470	3,470
AVA-Local Guide	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Mia Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
AVARTS-Surya Performance Lab	3,470	3,470
AVA-Translating Engineer	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
C3Streamline	3,470	3,470
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	3,470	3,470
Comfort Design	3,470	3,470
Discovery	3,470	3,470
Earth & Us	3,470	3,470
Eco Fare	3,470	3,470
Ecoteco Pools	3,470	3,470
Freeland	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
Gecko!	3,470	3,470
Imago	3,470	3,470
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
Kalki	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	3,470	3,470
LEAD-ACI Project	3,470	3,470
LEAD-Aurothaima	3,470	3,470
Light & Sound	3,470	3,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Light Fish	3,470	3,470
Mohanam	3,470	3,470
Mukti Accounting	3,470	3,470
New Creation Corner Frites	3,470	3,470
Nymphea	3,470	3,470
OK Upcycling Studio	3,470	3,470
Pitchandikulam	3,470	3,470
Pottery Sipapu	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Quantum Mech Training	3,470	3,470
Radiance	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Taboo	3,470	3,470
Upcycling Studio kiosk	3,470	3,470
V Design	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Yatra Nova	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Anjali	3,310	3,310
Akriti Construction	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
Stone Age Handicraft	3,000	3,000
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
AFA-Vegan Essence	1,735	1,735
ASSA-Dream Studio	1,735	1,735
Aurocabs Taxi	1,735	1,735
AVA-Agnijata	1,735	1,735
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
AVA-Have Fun Pottery	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
Bhojanam	1,735	1,735
AVA-Oceans	1,000	2,000
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D`Av Pondy	-	500
Total	42,77,374	44,59,974
Percent of Total	96%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Exploration GH (Total 70)	1,09,599	1,09,599
Auromode GH	1,00,138	1,00,138
Isai Ambalam GH	57,988	57,988
Tanto GH (Show u: Rs. 33,630/-)	6,940	6,940
New Creation GH	30,900	30,900
International House	23,032	23,032
Needam GH	23,000	23,000
Gaia's Garden GH	20,951	20,951
Aspiration GH	20,239	20,239
Arka GH	19,520	19,520
Sharnga GH	13,880	13,880
Atithi Griha GH	12,959	12,959
Reve GH	12,927	12,927
Samasti GH	12,240	12,240
Joy Community GH	11,514	11,514
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Afsanah GH	3,470	4,270

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Creativity GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - New Community GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Sonja & Umberto GH	3,470	3,470
EUU-Goodness GH	3,470	3,470
Mitra GH	3,470	3,470
Samarpan GH	3,470	3,470
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
Swagatham GH	1,000	1,000
Youth Camp Fraternity GH	900	900
Center GH	-	4,900
Subtotal	5,21,102	5,26,802
Additional Guest Contributions	1,96,765	1,96,765
Less Volunteer refund	(27,069)	-27,069
Net Additional Guest Cont.	1,69,696	1,69,696
Total	6,90,798	6,96,498

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	49,87,510	49,87,510
Quiet Healing Centre	55,110	56,110
Botanical Garden	50,315	50,315
CSR	41,640	41,640
Working Committee	24,290	24,290
Bharat Nivas	10,410	10,410
Citadine	10,410	10,410
Sacred Groves Care	10,410	10,410
Visitor Center	10,410	10,410
ABC	6,940	6,940
New Era Secondary School	6,940	6,940
Birth Center	5,205	5,205
AV Arts Service	4,720	4,720
Anntara	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	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
Integrated Transport Service	3,470	3,470
Sri Sanskrit Research Institute	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
SAIER-Supportive Learning Satellite	3,470	3,470
Tomatis Project	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Sewa	1,735	1,735
Sunship Maintenance	1,735	1,735
Thamarai	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	3,09,144
Total	52,85,035	55,95,179

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	15,74,770	15,74,770
School Participation	2,71,355	2,71,355
Friends of AV	1,72,755	1,72,755
Newcomer	52,334	52,334
Total	20,71,214	20,71,214

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Taxi Share - AV to Bangalore on 11th August, leaving in the AM. Manohar 948-641-6179

Auroville Bakery & Cafe will be closed for Independence Day on Saturday, 15th August 2020
Please pick up your Saturday order on Friday (14th)
Happy Independence Day! ~ Auroville Bakery & Cafe Team

Nandini - Changed Timings

We hope to find you well and healthy.
Nandini's opening times have changed to make it more convenient for all of its members.

Distribution Section is Open:

Monday & Friday: 9.30 AM - 12 noon & 2 to 4 PM
Tuesday through Thursday: 9.30 AM - 12.00 noon

Tailoring Section is Open:

MON/WED/FRI: 9.30 AM - 12.00 noon & 2 to 4.00 PM
We look forward to seeing you ~ the Nandini Team

New Asst. Editor at the News and Notes!

We're a team again! Please welcome Julie to the N&N team. Her assistance will allow us to pursue an edition that is mobile friendly, and perhaps even move to a whole new updated format! (Swaha is just relieved not to be alone anymore 😊.)

AV Today printed again

The last two Auroville Today issues (April/May, June/July) have been printed at last. The lockdown and how Auroville has responded are main themes. The issues will be sent to subscribers next week. They will also be available at the usual outlets.

Guest information Service Office

For guests, volunteers or newcomers staying in Auroville since the lockdown - The Guest Information Service located at the Solar Kitchen is now **open Monday to Friday, 9:30 to 12:30.**

Trio Kitchen Restaurant at Aurovelo

is open Monday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Sunday-Closed).

All are invited to enjoy our Veg and Non-veg dishes, like: Falafel, Momo, Fried rice, Chicken kabab, hamburger and more. Take Away options are available too.

TRAVEL



United Airlines US-India Flight Schedule August 2020

United Airlines announced additional special flights between USA and India through September 2, 2020. With due permission from Indian government, United Airlines resumed operations to India on July 17 as part of the US-India air travel bubble. United's US-India flight schedule which was over on July 29 has now been extended till September 2. **Mumbai** has been added to the phase two as the other origin of United flights from India to Newark (EWR). United will be operating three weekly Mumbai-Newark (BOM-EWR) flights from August 2 till August 30, 2020.

- Delhi-Newark: Daily flight from August 1 till September 1
- Delhi-San Francisco: Thrice a week (Mon/Wed/Sat) from August 3 till September 2
- Mumbai-Newark: Thrice a week (Wed/Fri/Sun) from August 2 to August 30

Travelers who are eligible for United's US-India flights All Indians and US nationals holding a valid travel document or visa to the US can book United flights from India to USA. Indian nationals, OCI card holders and US diplomats having a valid document/visa to travel to India can book United flights to New Delhi (DEL) from Newark (EWR) and San Francisco (SFO).

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 044 - 08-08-2020

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. Prior to "status confirmation", there is a community feedback period. For Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville, this period is two weeks, and for Aurovilians and Returning Aurovilians, one month. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

- Helen Yasmin Magdalene KELLER (British) staying in Hope and working at DEEPAM and Auro Orchard
- Prabhu PONMUDI (Indian) staying in Hermitage and working at Hermitage & Forecomers

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

- Elham VALI (Iranian)
- Gomathi DEVARAJ (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Maninathan EZHUMALAI (Indian) staying in Simplicity and working at Future Dreams
- Rajeswari Potti Kadavath SADASSIVAM (Indian) staying in Transition School Caretaker House
- and working at Transition School

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

- Lucas BOCK (German)
- Maud UDIN (French)
- Siva PERUMAL (Indian)
- Valentina Beatriz SEPULVEDA (Chilean)
- Vasantharaj GANDHI (Indian)
- Viacheslav MITEVSKII aka Slava (Russian)



Lucas



Maud



Siva



Valentina



Vasantharaj



Viacheslav

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been completed and returned. Be aware that the duration of the process cannot exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- An Aurovilian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Residence (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office.

- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovillian is the B-Form. An Aurovillian's name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.
- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovillians who are registered in the RoR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Third Age Community Center

Two weeks ago, we shared our aspiration to develop a 'hang-out' facility, a social community centre mainly but not only for older Aurovillians to meet, socialize and have fun from time to time. We are grateful to everyone who has completed the surveys and shared their thoughts regarding this initiative. The surveys remain open (till 14th August) and we request everyone else to kindly provide your feedback.

- The first survey (<https://bit.ly/32vKItX>) is aimed towards our residents, to find out what the community thinks of this initiative and to obtain some specific feedback
- The second survey (<https://bit.ly/32BNyyq>) is aimed towards practitioners (artists/musicians/dancers/etc) who would like to offer their skills and services for our seniors - this survey will help us understand you and your activity better, and thus plan accordingly.

- Camille, Dan, Don, Fakeera, Rashmi, Saif, Shivaya, Susmita and Valeria

Organic dried apricots available again at PTPS

For those who appreciate and often ask me: we got a new batch of organic dried apricots from Ladakh, which are available at PTPS. We will also make apricot jam this week which will be available soon too. - Steffen / Joy Health food

Solitude Farm

There are some amazing dishes being cooked with wild spinaches at the Solitude Farm Cafe along with millet dosa, chutneys, various curries and salads, the food is really as close to farm to plate as it gets. Many of the foods we serve are growing in a very simple way, they are often self-seeding and require less water. In that way, although I am in awe of farmers with a great production and efficiency, I see a great beauty and even elegance in nature providing us with delicious food that grows easily and has in fact superior taste and nutritional and medicinal values.

Today we made Nanari juice from the wild Nanari or Indian Sasparella, that grows everywhere. Like the delicious spinaches, this amazing root that has such a refined flavour is really available for everyone. The irony is we don't use it!

Nina's book on edible weeds in Auroville has been a real eye opener for many in our community. This morning we made another video for the edible weed walk channel on Youtube. There is so much to learn for our own well-being and thus for that of the planet. Please have a look:

https://youtu.be/KcTpO9he_ns

These types of foods are also available in our basket service along with more commonly found local foods. Exploring where our food comes from is one of the most important things we can do right now. The thalis at Solitude Farm Cafe are an education in themselves. There is a lunch scheme option and along with our basket service, homemade soaps, you can also pick up seedlings and seeds along with our range of Ayurvedic powders from the cafe.

Look forward to seeing you! Yours, Krishna

Greetings from Annapurna!

FYI - our farm-made cheeses, fruit compotes and other products are now available at the Bread and Chocolate store in Kulapalayam. All products are made from our own organic produce. Don't forget to ask for an 'Aurovillian' discount when you buy your Annapurna goodies!

Shiatsu and Energy Alignment

What is it? - The purpose of this practice is to discover a unique way to harmonise personal health. This is a technique based on multiple manual experiences: acupuncture treatment and physical Qi Gong exercises. It explores a combination of acupressure points, physical stretches and a guided practice of Qi Gong breathwork.

Why? - After feeling, listening to and observing the "symptoms" of the person, both patient and practitioner reach a conclusion as to why there is an unbalance in the mental & physical health.

How? - The session is created individually, considering the patient's needs. It is based on the need to re-establish energy balance and to reduce/dissolve the unwanted feelings and energy blockage of the patient. This will be practiced with breathing exercises, shiatsu massage and acupuncture.

Where? - In a private residence with nice ambience. Recommended to wear comfortable sporty clothes. The duration of this practice is approximately 90 minutes.

Who? - Andres Lokuta is a qualified practitioner with more than 20 years of intense experience and is passionate in the fields of acupuncture, chinese medicine and energy work.

Recommended contribution is welcome. For appointment please contact +91 9655474497 or lokutta@auroville.org.in

New Home Repair Service

I am starting a small service for the community. If you need small scale repair work at your home, e.g. plumbing, carpentry, electrical work, repairs of home equipment, etc., please write me at alexey@auroville.org.in. The work will be done in two visits. First to see the work needed and assess the tools and needed spares, and second visit to complete the work.

In your email please mention your name, community, type of work, phone number, convenient time to call and/or come.

For now, the service is only for the Auroville area. The idea is especially to help those who are older, live alone, etc. It is a free service, but you will need to pay for any materials.

Thank you. -Alexey S.

Auroville Papers and Auroville Press Publishers



We are happy to inform you that for the month of August, we are offering a 30% discount on all our products. This will be valid for Kalki, Puducherry, for our bookshop at the Visitors Centre, and for our showroom at our workshop.

- Auroville Papers & Auroville Press

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

AV Internal Delivery Service - We are looking for an Aurovillian or Newcomer who can be present in the afternoon from 2-5 pm at the Service, receive/hand out orders, and coordinate deliveries across Auroville. Please contact Krishna, UTS, 0413-262-3587, 944-336-2218 or Shivaya, 948 960 1312, shivaya@auroville.org.in



LOOKING FOR

Vienna contacts - I am Emanuele Scanziani, a long term Aurovillian, I am looking for some contacts in Vienna - Austria, for my daughter, Anama Kotlarevsky (she's living in Paris at the moment) to find a place where she can stay at a reasonable cost from September 2020 till June 2021. While she completes her studies at the Vienna University (Wien Universität) nearby the Rathaus. She currently has no contacts at all. If anybody knows someone trustworthy who could offer her a place to stay, please contact either me or her directly - Emanuele: lele@auroville.org.in or Anama Kotlarevsky: anamakotlaf@gmail.com. It would be SO helpful! Thanks!

A sound box - Do you have a sound box that is not in use and you would like to gift it away? I'm looking for one, to play music...to plants at Savitri Nursery. Gratitude. Anandi: +91 8940285201 (whatsapp only)

Long-term housesitting - This is Valentina and Pablo (13 years old son) from Kriya community. We would love to take care of your home, pets (if you have any) and garden. Thanks much for considering us! Valentina and Pablo. +91 949-889-6117 or valentina@auroville.org.in

Work - Auroville Institute of Applied Technology - 3 of our female students finished their education in COPA (Computer Operator & Programming Assistant) and are now looking for a job. If interested: office.ais@auroville.org.in, 0413 267-1758, website: www.ariat.in

Laptop Needed by Aurovillian youth to start a business and for study -763-981-0621 (ph/WA) or arun.s@auroville.org.in.

Viola - I need a viola to start practice. Because of lockdown, it is difficult to order one either from a shop or online. If you have one viola which you're not using, I would like to borrow or buy it. Thank you. Alexey, alexey@auroville.org.in, What's app +795-045-89070.

Camera and Pressure cooker - Photo camera with good quality picture. Budget 10 to 15 000 max. Prefer one with an integrated battery with charger. huyslaure@gmail.com

Massage table and electronic keyboard - both in good condition. 262 3615, 8 AM - 8 PM or 95008 22629. Please note the category - I am LOOKING FOR these, not having them!

A guitar - Anyone selling a guitar (acoustic / semi-acoustic /electric) please get in touch with me :) -G, sattvig@gmail.com, 8407997970

Digital camera - looking for a simple and small digital camera. If you have one laying around It would be much appreciated - Eden, 7598394821

Laptop - I am Raquel, volunteer in Auroville since last year. I need a laptop or computer to study and work from my house, to play music and write scores. I can offer a contribution.- Whatsapp: +34602260536 or raqueljoverpiano@gmail.com

AVAILABLE

Cashews - This season, Noe and I collected cashews from a reforested, unkept, 12 acre cashew orchard tucked away in the northern greenbelt. The two of us are now cracking open, roasting, and peeling the nuts. We are ready to start distributing! Come get your organic AV raised and processed cashews from AV raised and processed youth :) Limited quantity, so don't hesitate! Call or text Angeli at 9655688952

Garden Gate - I have a steel gate available with AV logo at centre, 105 x 141 cms, with attachments for granite pillars each side. If interested: Tim (ph.2622381 or 296; timwrey@auroville.org.in)

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.

With love from the Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.

watergroup@auroville.org.in/www.aurovillewater.in

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Report and Reflections of the Water Group May-July 2020

Water situation: While May rains were below average (-63%), June rains were above average (114%) and July remains slightly below average (-7%). While rains provide relief and greenery, they do not significantly alter our groundwater situation, **which continues to deteriorate.**

Summer months: Summer months are often extra busy for Water Group members, as suddenly communities find themselves increasingly concerned about their water situation or facing shortages. Some members work full time at jobs that require them to be in the field to help with water issues directly. This, coupled with Covid circumstances, have made the last few months challenging. We appreciate all of the people working in the field, including Auroville Water Service and Pour Tous Water, during these times.

Forest Group: Some members of the Water Group attended a Forest Group meeting in which they shared the work of the Water Group, answered questions, and initiated the exchange of views on water management between the two groups. We look forward to ongoing talks and further understanding and collaboration.

L'avenir presentation: L'avenir presented its ongoing Residential Zones 1&2 Development Study to the Water Group to harvest our opinion on the same. We appreciated their work and were glad to be able to offer a water perspective for their consideration.

Low-hanging fruit - L'avenir recently requested for the Water Group to share a list of water priorities, or "low hanging fruit", to help ameliorate our water situation. You can find it at [this link \(http://aurovillewater.in/list-of-water-priorities-or-low-hanging-fruit/\)](http://aurovillewater.in/list-of-water-priorities-or-low-hanging-fruit/). We welcome your feedback. If you would like to get involved, drop us an email.

~ Water Group (Tom, Tency, Satprem, Ing-Marie, Giulio, Eric Chacra); watergroup@auroville.org.in/www.aurovillewater.in

Zero Waste

I'm living a nearly **zero waste lifestyle**. I made a short video to explain what it is, how I manage this and how I got all my (non recyclable) waste of 6 months to fit in a jar. Watch the 4 minute video here: <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CDK2HSAhxFl/?igshid=erhtaxomx3ao>. I give talks on this subject. If you want me to come and explain in more detail about this lifestyle to your community, friends, classmates, etc., let me know. ~Laure, huyslaure@gmail.com

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE

The Magic Cycle Path Team

The Cycle path team wishes to make themselves known, as many people are under the impression the cycle paths by magic exist and are taken care of. When a branch falls on the path it disappears, when they are eroded by rain they are restored; new ones are built. Due to this people sometimes decide to make editions and changes to the paths which generally turn out badly as they are not thought out enough.

To curtail any unplanned changes on the paths, here are 2 phone numbers to call whenever there is a problem or an idea you think will make the paths more friendly or accessible, or some repair work needs doing that has not been noticed.

Mobile numbers to call: + 919442067481; + 919443658959
~ The Magic Cycle Path Team

Electric Bikes: Throttle vs. Pedal Assist (Pedelec) for CYCLE PATH use

Auroville's cycle paths are designed for walkers and pedal bikes and not for motorized bikes. It has not gone unnoticed that many Aurovilians and guests use electric motorbikes on the cycle paths and drive very fast, exceeding 25 KPH, often creating dangerous and very unpleasant situations. There are actually two types of electric bikes and they have very distinct differences. One is suited for cycle paths and the other is not.

Throttle Mode - The throttle mode is similar to how a motorcycle or scooter operates. When the throttle is engaged the motor provides power and propels you and the bike forward. In some countries the throttle electric bike is not allowed; only pedal assist. This kind of motorbike is not suitable for cycle paths and should not be used on them.

Pedal Assist (Pedelec) Mode - Pedal assist, also referred to as pedelec, is a mode that provides power only when you are pedaling. If you are used to riding a traditional bicycle, the pedal assist mode has a more intuitive feel compared to the throttle mode. This kind of electric bicycle is more suited for the cycle paths. This cycle's maximum speed is also ~25 KPH, but it is less dangerous than the throttle type. This vehicle is permitted on the cycle paths on the condition that a maximum 15 KPH speed is respected, as the paths are quite often narrow and with a lot of bends.

For any information concerning Auroville's cycle paths you may contact Gillian at 9442067481

Mobility in Auroville - Some helpful phone numbers

- City Transport (Electric van): 0413-262-2611/948-765-0951
- Cycle Kiosk (SK): 894-011-5240
- Cycle Path maintenance/info: 944-206-7481; 944-365-8959
- Govindaraj (electric vehicles): 944-337-2418
- Internal Delivery Service: 853-196-9746
- ITS: 403 6913/809-877-6644, 944-256-2656
- Kinisi: 0413-262-2168/830-460-0680
- Puncture/Vehicle Repair Serv: 0413-262-2741; 944 289 1235
- Road Service: 0413-262-2844/944-300-1761
- Vehicle Service (DL, registration & insurance): 0413-262-3302; 944-307-4825
- VC Cycle Rental: 0413-262-3034



Hello Auroville, your favorite radio moves forward! The stream channel can be heard here: <http://aurovillerradio.org:8000/av-radio-128.mp3> (just click on it!) It broadcasts mixed music and LIVE events from our studio.

Next LIVE episodes:

- [A Cup of Joy](#) (wellness) w/ Vega & Francesco, **Mon, 2:30pm**
- [Nutritional Cultural Redemption](#) (food and farming) with Krishna McKenzie every **Tuesday at 10:30am**
- [The Best of What's Still Around](#) (music) with Dhani Muniz every **Wednesday at 2:30pm**
- [The Neo Urban Chronik](#) (opinion) with Froggy de Frenchy every **Friday at 10:30am**
- [Happiness, Love and Laughter](#) (wellness and well-being) Fif/MediClown Academy every **Mon/Wed/Fri** around 12 noon
- [Audible Weed Walk](#) (local food) w/ Nina, **Fridays at 2:30pm**
- [Capriole](#) (music) with Luca, **Tuesdays at 2pm**
- [The readings by Gangalakshmi](#) (en francais) **Wed, 10:30am**
- [Soul Songs](#) (music) with Jules and Matthew, **Sat at 3pm**

Other podcasts:

- [Two Talks to Chinese Visitors - Talk 1](#) w/ Loretta and Anandi
- [Two talks to Chinese visitors - Talk 2](#) w/ Loretta and Anandi

All the programs are also available as podcasts (just click the title). All the recordings can be downloaded on the AurovilleRadio website www.aurovillerradio.org.

Write us if you need more information radio@auroville.org.in

Your favorite radio is constantly changing and evolving...

STAY TUNED! Please write us for your suggestions :)

Haiku of August

August is here. Everybody is invited to make a haiku and send it to News & Notes or to me at anandi7@auroville.org.in

- Anandi-a

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

- FITZMAURICE VOICEWORK ONLINE SUMMIT** - From August 7-9, a free online summit supporting people finding and using their unique voices - in healthy, clear, and creative ways, while developing greater freedom and presence. www.fitzmauricevoiceworksummit.online
- WRITING FOR YOUNG READERS** - Offered by Commonwealth Education Trust, this course is for aspiring authors with a passion for writing for young readers. www.coursera.org/learn/writing-for-children
- INKO CENTRE PRESENTS 'CHOON HYANG' BY THEATER SEOUL** - Choon Hyang (True Love), a musical with a cast of 20 children, is a tale of love and resilience for adults and children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyY3gArSu38>
- IFA PRESENTS A WORKSHOP FOR DANCE & MUSIC PRACTITIONERS** - Embracing The Digital Space, an online workshop in two parts, has the aim of familiarizing music and dance practitioners/teachers/organizers with digital platforms and possibilities of the digital space.
Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bBbSagKEL0&t:t=1414s>. **Part 2:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Y-4RUl_KO8&feature=youtu.be
- NUIT DE L'ANNEE 2020 EN LIGNE** - The 51st Rencontres d'Arles is now online. Discover montages of the participating artists and photographers' works. <https://www.rencontres-arles.com/en/nuit-de-l-annee-2020/>
- PLATFORM FOR ARTISTS: VIRTUAL FLEA MARKET** - Looking for artists who create unique products to participate in a virtual flea market in the middle of August. Contact hello@pfaindia.com with 'Products for Virtual Flea Market' in the subject line.
- MUSEUM OF ART & PHOTOGRAPHY: CREATIVE CONNECTIONS** - Presents textile artist Renuka Reddy in conversation with researcher, curator and collector Peter Lee on the topic: Traditions & Transitions: The Kalamkari Through Time. To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9015960094837/WN_zfjTZ4tgR3miUAXTr3sh-Q
- THE ART OUTREACH SOCIETY: CALL FOR SOUND ARTISTS** - The Art Outreach Society is inviting applications for a sound art public project (installation titled 'Memory') to be exhibited from December 2020 to March 2021 in Kochi, India (during the upcoming Kochi Muziris Biennale). Contact tanya@taos.org.in to get details. www.taos.org.in
- AUROVILLE RADIO - SOUL TRACKS** is a music and chat programmed by Jules and Matthew. Their second episode is now out! www.aurovillerradio.org/soul-tracks-ep-2/
- AUROVILLE RADIO - HAPPINESS, LOVE AND LAUGHTER - EPISODE 13** - A show by Fif, this episode is about the '4H Club' - Habits of Happiness, Humor and Health that when done consistently can change our lives! www.aurovillerradio.org/happiness-love-and-laughter-ep-13-the-4h-club/

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS



Unlock!

Film making workshop for adults!

Auroville Film Institute is happy to present the 6th Edition of Online Film making Workshop: **UNLOCK! Exploring the nostalgia of the past, uncertainty of the present and**

imagination of the future; exploring the essential condition of being human...

Anchored in the exploration of self and surrounding, the workshop will hold space for emerging stories and help participants to acquire a language, a possible expression in form of short films. Personal computers, smartphone cameras or any other gadgets readily available at home are enough to embark upon this intensive 8-days film-making journey!

Please visit: www.filmstitute.auroville.org/ www.aurovillefilmstitute.com or call / message +91 9969879319 for more details. Link for registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpvtG1UGE6A8GC7oQNBqxLUyM6oEnH4H6cJlRhJyooYjsUNA/viewform>

Selection will be based on the strength of application.

The workshop is on a voluntary payment scheme, on the principles of gift economy. Participants may voluntarily contribute as much as they wish.

Those who wish for certificates will be given digital certificates of participation.

Please spread the word among those interested!

Love - Richa with the Auroville Film Institute /Auroville Timelines Team.

Aurinoco Webinars presents:

Pranayama with JV

7 AM - 8AM, 16th to 18th August (Sun-Tues)

"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 powerful Pranayama practices
- Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge yourself

It can be practiced by people of any age. Pranayama improves lung capacity and lung efficiency. The benefits include reduction in stress, enhanced energy level and improved wellbeing. Sustained practice reduces the breathing rate - the key to retarding the aging process and boosting immunity.

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 wellbeing.*

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

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/voc-agde-hdn>

IMPORTANT: Please familiarize yourself with muting/un-muting of Audio and Video. Put phones in speaker mode. The icons of microphone, red disconnect button and speaker disappear after some time. To get them back, 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.

SEVEN STEPS TOWARDS GLOBAL PEACE

Reflections on the 75th Anniversary

of Hiroshima & Nagasaki

by Dr. Sehdev Kumar

Hall of Peace, Unity Pavilion, Auroville, India

Thursday, August 6th & Sunday, August 9th 2020

Both ZOOM sessions at 7:30-9:00 PM, Indian Time

To register, please write to: globalpeace222@gmail.com

Be sure to have a look at the **Regular Activities Addendum** for classes and treatments that have restarted.

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Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers

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Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107:

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

Puducherry helpline: 104

TN COVID helpline: 044-29510500

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Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.

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