

News and Notes

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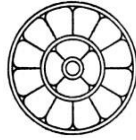
5th September 2020



Power of Consciousness

Photo: Sven

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



18 July 1964

(Mother translates into French the following letter by Sri Aurobindo:)

“The one safety for man lies in learning to live from within outward, not depending on institutions and machinery to perfect him, but out of his growing inner perfection availing to shape a more perfect form and frame of life....” *(We publish below the letter in full.)*

It made me see something so interesting.... Automatically, human thought is always convinced (automatically convinced, anyway) that things must “follow the mechanism.” For the body, in order to get cured, to change something, they instinctively feel that things have to follow the mechanism. For example, I've had these last few days an interesting experience concerning a question: “What will the form of the superman be like?” All the conceptions speak of a man with a more perfect form; but that's only an improvement. And man does represent a radical change from the ape - but from what point of view? Not so much because of the form of his body as because of his **POWER OVER THE MECHANISM OF LIFE**. So, following this idea, I had a confirmation of what I had seen, that Matter became plastic and obeyed the will. So everyone had a certain amount of matter at his disposal and gave it the forms he liked.

And I saw that human imagination has great difficulty getting out of a sort of enslavement to the physical machinery. That's what Sri Aurobindo means here.

(complete text of Sri Aurobindo's letter)

The one safety for man lies in learning to live from within outward, not depending on institutions and machinery to perfect him, but out of his growing inner perfection availing to shape a more perfect form and frame of life; for by this inwardness we shall best be able both to see the truth of the high things which we now only speak with our lips and form into outward intellectual constructions, and to apply their truth sincerely to all our outward living. If we are to found the kingdom of God in humanity, we must first know God and see and live the diviner truth of our being in ourselves; otherwise how shall a new manipulation of the constructions of the reason and scientific systems of efficiency which have failed us in the past, avail to establish it? It is because there are plenty of signs that the old error continues and only a minority, leaders perhaps in light, but not yet in action, are striving to see more clearly, inwardly and truly, that we must expect as yet rather the last twilight which divides the dying from the unborn age than the real dawning. For a time, since the mind of man is not yet ready, the old spirit and method may yet be strong and seem for a short while to prosper; but the future lies with the men and nations who first see beyond both the glare and the dusk the gods of the morning and prepare themselves to be fit instruments of the Power that is pressing towards the light of a greater ideal. - **Sri Aurobindo**

. . . That doesn't matter; what he needs is to learn to receive, to universalize his receptivity. That's just what Sri Aurobindo was saying: that “inwardness.” Not to depend exclusively on outward means, but to lean more on the universal Will (*gesture above the head*) than on the individual will; that way, you always have an inexhaustible source instead of depending on what you eat, how much rest you get, this and that.

That's the method exactly: to broaden your receptivity indefinitely and depend on the forces that circulate constantly in the world, so that only the most physical materiality is dependent on food and sleep. Because even what you eat feeds you differently according to your receptivity, your inner attitude; there is a capacity for extracting the Force from things, which can be gained from a broadening of the receptivity.

He **CAN** do that, he can. You understand, to shrink from giving narrows you - you should give generously and receive generously. *(Mother looks at the photo again)*

He has quite a considerable vital capacity.... But the true solution lies in the psychic development. Besides, that's how doctors cure people, much more than through medicines - much more. With some doctors, when the patient comes into contact with them, he feels supported, helped. *(silence)*

So, you did some good work in France. *(Satprem protests: it is Mother who worked)*

To me, it doesn't make any difference! It's extremely interesting, because it's becoming absolutely concrete. It isn't a thought, it isn't an idea, it's absolutely concrete: all, but all the contacts with people are simply vibrations. There isn't “this person” or “that person,” that's not it: it's nothing but vibrations, with places or moments of concentration, others of broadening and diffusion. And what's extremely interesting is that constant mass, in constant motion, of vibrations of all kinds: of falsehood, disorder, violence, complication. Then, within that mass, there is a rain, as it were, but a very consciously directed rain, of vibrations of Light, Order, Harmony, which enter that *(Mother draws movements of forces)*, and it all resists, it all works. It's something that lives untrammled, constantly, everywhere, every second, and in a consciousness... if I use the word “love,” it won't be understood, because... That's what is everywhere, constantly, eternally and immutably; nothing exists but by That and in That - in fact, only That exists essentially.

Volume 5. 1964: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

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



We may say that perfection will be attained in the individual, the collectivity, on the earth and in the universe, when, at every moment, the receptivity will be equal in quality and quantity to the Force which wants to manifest.



~ The Mother
Words of The Mother, Vol.4, p.16

COVID 19 UPDATE

From the WC/CTF: As many of you are probably aware, new guidelines have been issued by the Central and State governments, which allow for substantial relaxations on restrictions. **We are currently working on how to apply these relaxations to Auroville, considering its particular context and situation.** Part of this process is having meetings with the Matrimandir team, Visitors' Center team, GFCC and GRS, which are planned for this week. We also need to have SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for specific activities that will be issued by the governments soon. **In the meantime, we ask that everyone maintain the status quo for the time being** while we work out these details and to give us time to clarify certain discrepancies that exist between the Central and State guidelines, especially with regards to the dates of the relaxations. Two things that are clear are that there is **no longer the need for e-passes within Tamil Nadu, and that there will no longer be curfews on Sundays.** E-passes are still required for travel into the state.

Please note that although the Central guidelines say that certain types of gatherings can now include up to 100 persons, the State guidelines make no mention of this. This is one of the specific points that will be discussed and decided upon. **A detailed announcement will be made this weekend.** For your awareness, there are currently 5 confirmed cases in Edayanchavadi and 2 confirmed cases in Kulilapalayam. Also, the number of cases in Pondicherry is still on the rise so we again urge everyone to avoid going to Pondy as much as possible, and if unavoidable to take all due precautions including taking care of your needs and returning as quickly as possible.

Lastly, we are happy to report that Shankar, Selvi and Thilagam remain in good health and spirits during their quarantine in Sharanam. Thank you to those of you who came forward to help with delivery of their supplies.

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



WORKING GROUP REPORTS

CORRECTION: In the Working Committee Report published last week, topic #3 should have read:

Meetings New Delhi

As requested by the Working Committee, François G. and Namrita met with the HRD Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal, regarding Auroville's next Governing Board, the new Secretary and the new International Advisory Council; with Finance Minister Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman regarding the request of the Auroville Foundation that donations to the Foundation can avail of 100% income tax exemption; and with the new Joint Secretary (Foreigners) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr. Ashutosh Agnihotri, about pending visa cases.

From the Residents Assembly Service:



GM+ - Welcome A New Platform for General Meetings

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) has been working on a platform to enable General Meetings to take place online, where questions and comments can be raised to the stakeholders and with the facility for feedback to be given on proposals. We've tentatively called these 'GM+' (General Meeting Plus) in recognition of our current lockdown circumstances and the new step into having something inclusive and accessible.

The platform enables stakeholders (working groups, concerned residents) to present their proposals and topics to the

community on matters which are to be brought towards Residents' Assembly Decisions. This can be through presenting written proposals but also with videos, PowerPoints, etc. and space for residents to express themselves.

In addition to the digital space, the different materials will also be made available to be viewed in person, for example at the Town Hall building. The stakeholders will take care in providing the materials which could be in the form of an exhibition, print-outs of documents, or if arranged with the RAS in-person viewing of videos may also be possible. There will be the ability to leave questions and comments (digitally and on paper) which will be passed on to the stakeholders.

One more advantage of the GM+ is the prolonged time frame: it can last up to two weeks, making discussions meaningful and engaging.

The first trial GM+ will be happening very soon, and we at the Residents' Assembly Service hope that with some courage it will enable the community and working groups to progress on some important issues which otherwise will be held up in the absence of regular general meetings. We will review feedback we receive and work closely with the Auroville Council and Covid-19 Taskforce to see how things might be adapted over time.

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Proposals for Working Group Membership Selection Process

Summary:

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) has received two requests to present proposals to the community on the topic of the working group membership selection process. After some deliberation it was agreed between the Working Committee & Selection Process Task Force (with the exception of two members) to present all the options together. As per the 2007 Residents' Assembly Decision Making Policy (RAD Policy) the RAS is calling for these to be presented in a General Meeting, to be held digitally and with an exhibition in town hall due to lockdown, before they are issued to the community for Residents' Assembly Decision(s) (RAD).

Context & Details:

The RAD Policy specifies that RADs can be requested by the Working Committee, working groups, or by a group of 60 or more residents, and that the topic must be raised first in one or more General Meetings except in emergencies as determined by the Working Committee (an Emergency RAD).

The initial RAD process to revise the manner of choosing members for the working groups was initiated by a petition spearheaded by concerned residents in June 2019, after which GMs were held and the taskforce was created to conduct a community-led process, integrating feedback, and working up proposals for the working group membership selection process, towards having an RAD. There have been 5 General Meetings to discuss proposals from the community regarding methods of working group members selection. 23 Jul 2019, 3 Aug 2019, 20 Aug 2019, 9 Sept 2019, 17 Oct 2019. Three proposals have been presented for 2-week community feedback on 29 Nov 2019. The RAS handed over feedback received to the Selection Process taskforce for further incorporation (19 Dec 2019).

In the meantime, the term of office of some members of the working groups came to an end, and it was necessary to find a temporary solution to fill the vacancies. In view of the urgent need to keep the working groups functional, the Working Committee called an emergency RAD to approve an Interim Selection Process proposal which was created within the framework of existing PWG 2018 (Participatory Working Groups guidelines). 23 Dec 2019 - 2 Feb 2020. The selection process, based on the Interim proposal, took place on 14-15 March 2020, just one week before the lockdown.

Restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 spread situation put many community activities on hold, including the GM to present the final version of the proposals by the task force. The RAS, with the support of the Auroville Council, organised a meeting (May 2020) with the selection process task force due to concerns about the time taken to bring the proposals to the community for RAD especially with new members needing to be selected in November 2020.

Recently the Working Committee and Auroville Council submitted a proposal, built on the approved Interim Selection Process, as they considered it had strong community support and so should be made available (with some amendments) as an additional option for the permanent selection of working group members. They requested it to go for a 2 weeks feedback period.

To avoid confusion, the RAS encouraged the SPTF, Working Committee & Auroville Council to reach a common position, so that all options can be presented to the community together. Initially agreement couldn't be reached to have all the proposals presented to the community at the same time. After some further reflection the selection process the SPTF agreed to incorporate the Working Committee's proposal into a single GM to best serve the community, despite feeling that the situation compelled them to accept an otherwise unfair involvement in their community-led process (NB: this decision was not supported by Balu K. and Paulette, members of the SPTF).

Hence, all the proposals will be presented together with space for comments, questions and feedback before the final versions are shared with the community for Resident's Assembly Decision, with all the options clearly introduced and explained.

Reference Documents:

Proposals from the SPTF:

- <https://bit.ly/31tpG6>; <https://bit.ly/34TsUv0>
<https://bit.ly/3hNlVY1>; <https://bit.ly/3bdQFic>

Proposal from Working Committee & Auroville Council

- <https://bit.ly/3gJPWqd>; <https://bit.ly/2EIF5ji>



Our poop problem - ways we can all help

As you are aware Fertile community has been kindly hosting our community's sludge waste for the last few years, however they are closing their gates to 'fresh' waste from today (1st September). TDC and other community groups are working hard to find a temporary solution until a permanent and safe sludge treatment plant for Auroville can be developed.

One of the main issues faced by those gracious enough to host our poop is the contamination by plastics, sanitary products and other waste items. This contamination comes from us as community members, as well as our visitors to Auroville - so we can all help by being more conscious of what we flush away. In fact, **there is no such thing as "away"**. We need to face our waste and remember that it does not disappear to never be seen again. What goes into our toilets is sucked up from septic tanks across Auroville by Pour Tous Water who then transports the sludge to the community where it is being received and pumps it out again. In addition, our septic tanks and pipes require regular cleaning. Removing sludge and desludging are not easy or pleasant jobs. **All this work is undertaken by humans in service to Auroville.**

We can help those dealing with and hosting our poop by:

- **Ensuring that nothing other than pee or poop goes down your toilet.** Toilet paper, napkins, tissues, menstrual pads, tampons, diapers, condoms, dental floss, plaster/band-aid and earbuds should all be placed into a sanitary waste pedal bin with liner. Wrapped sanitary waste can then be placed into a clearly marked sanitary waste bin in your community. The bin should be weather and rodent proof to keep the waste dry, avoid smell and make it easy and safe for the Eco Service to collect and dispose of.
- **Switching to reusable products.** Cloth menstrual pads produced by Eco Femme are available at PTDC, PTPS, HERS and Visitors Centre. Menstrual cups and cloth diapers are also available from Eco Femme's office. And we suggest you use handkerchiefs instead of tissues.
- **Encouraging and enabling those using our toilets to do the same.** Much of our waste comes from units with outside visitors (cafes, guesthouses, shops). If this applies to you

make sure you have signage in the toilets encouraging people not to flush anything other than pee and poop. Posters with messages of 'bin it don't flush it' and 'why make the switch' to cloth pads are available from Eco Femme office in English and Tamil. Also make sure that there is a clearly labeled sanitary bin in each cubicle to encourage and enable correct disposal of waste items.

- **Use EM regularly to make your sludge less smelly and therefore easier for the humans to handle.**

For detailed information on the types of bins and posters available see the recommendations from a 2016 study into Auroville's sanitary waste undertaken by Wasteless and Eco Femme with support from Eco Service (on our auronet post <https://auroville.org.in/article/81263>). We have also included the full report from the 2016 mini-campaign for those who are interested to learn more.

We sincerely appreciate all efforts made by individuals, groups, activities, units and communities to take responsibility for our waste. - TDC/L'avenir d'Auroville with support of EcoService, Eco Femme, Green Group, PTW team and WasteLess.

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Final Building NOC Application

The following application has been reviewed and approved by L'avenir d'Auroville. This application has gone through the full review process including community feedback during its preliminary design approval and will be issued the Final building NOC. Application forms, drawings & area maps for these have been uploaded below. Any concerns or queries regarding the below building NOC's can be sent to application-avenir@auroville.org.in.

ADELE HOUSE - The building NOC shall be given to Adele to build a house, not exceeding 38.08 sqm in Petite Ferme, Auromodele. The house will be built attached to the existing house of Egle & Ravi and will be under the stewardship of Adele. It will be a permanent structure built with CSEB walls having a vault roof. The house will be a one-bedroom studio with a small verandah. Total estimated cost of the structure including services is 17,10,897/- The design for the structure has been done by Satprem of Auroville Earth Institute.

The building shall be used according to its description in the building application (in this case, for own use) and any change in function or purpose of building is subject to TDC approval throughout the lifespan of the building. **The project holder can begin construction on site after picking up the signed NOC document from the TDC office.**

- 📄 [2020-09-01-form & dwgs Adele house.pdf](#) (2.24 MB)

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Housing needs & aspiration survey - final reminder

We've already received almost 300 responses to our housing needs and aspirations survey. Community members have offered some great ideas on what is important for us as a community with regards to housing, as well as helping us to understand the current and future housing needs. We are keen to hear from as many people as possible - so **we are extending the deadline until midnight on Sunday**. So, if you haven't already responded to our survey please spare a few minutes to share your housing needs and aspirations.

- English - <https://forms.gle/J8Xg2wcuSJen6oy59>
- Tamil - <https://forms.gle/tvxCdYgJbQ6UVQ3k6>
- French - <https://forms.gle/VvUzmaquX9gxdUxPA>

If you have specific questions you can contact Hari at hari-avenir@auroville.org.in or call her at the TDC office (2622170).

On behalf of TDC/ L'avenir d'Auroville and the Housing Board



City Services Contributions & Payments - Aug. 2020

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,57,26,652
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,40,73,547
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	7,98,00,199
Total Payments	1,53,92,607
CS Ending Balance(Includes BOB)	6,44,07,592

Monthly loss/gain -13,19,060

Internal Contributions

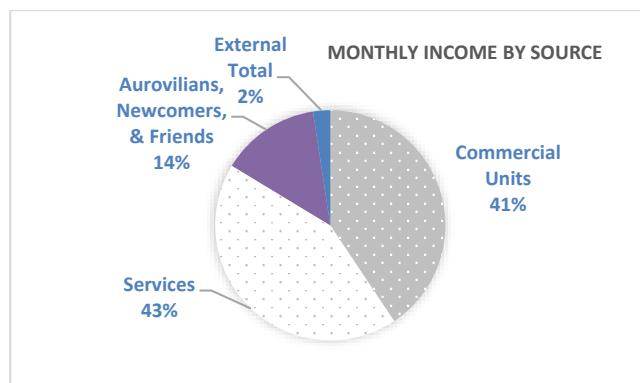
Source	Total
Commercial Units	57,18,348
Services	60,55,789
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	19,61,370
Internal Total	1,37,35,507

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	-
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	3,38,040
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	3,38,040

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	32,36,105	1,23,84,101
Social Support	20,41,320	78,83,366
Children & Youth	15,20,611	67,35,496
Organization	13,73,958	53,40,734
Health	11,27,159	44,19,676
Village Education	10,17,684	43,34,977
Forests	10,10,072	42,07,533
Outreach	6,08,571	12,22,606
Security	5,60,026	22,84,788
Prosperity Services	5,33,998	19,01,974
Farms	4,88,340	20,68,539
Culture & Sports	4,82,246	18,11,277
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Vehicle	3,67,305	19,42,037
Housing	2,91,710	3,59,776
Land	2,64,585	10,63,646
Matrimandir	1,98,821	8,01,715
City Planning	1,45,939	3,82,083
Projects	16,584	65,579
Utilities	14,348	1,51,706
Contingency	93,224	17,41,248
Total	1,53,92,607	6,11,02,856



Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AV Consulting	7,84,700	7,85,200
Sunlit Future	7,10,410	7,10,410
Sumark	5,53,410	5,53,410
Maroma	4,06,940	4,22,940
Eco Femme	2,24,290	2,24,290
Miniature	2,20,820	2,20,820
Svaram	1,81,230	1,81,230
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	1,66,940	1,66,940
C3Streamline	1,60,991	1,60,991
Conscious Living	1,60,410	1,65,410
Tanto	1,21,709	1,31,709
The Colors Of Nature	1,07,940	1,07,940
La Ferme Cheese	99,718	99,718
Aureka	94,700	96,700
AV Bakery	88,170	88,170
Cynergy	67,350	67,350
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Hers	47,145	47,145
MG Ecoduties	30,410	30,410
Cadd Studio	26,940	41,540
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Auroville Papers	24,290	28,490
Right Path Café (VC Café)	24,290	24,790
Capability	23,880	23,880
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Auromics	20,820	29,820
AV Online Store	20,820	20,820
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Naturellement	20,820	20,820
Pitchandikulam Forest Con.	20,820	20,820
ASSA-Swastika	18,470	18,470
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Tree House Community	17,350	17,350
EV Future	16,940	16,940
Flame	16,940	17,940
Mereville Trust	16,940	16,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
Shradanjali	16,940	16,940
ASSA-Aire	15,615	15,615
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Buildaur	13,880	13,880
Holistic	13,880	13,880
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Omega	12,940	15,190
ADPS (Aurelec)	12,810	12,810
Magica	12,410	12,410
Abacus Accounting	11,940	12,940
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Aurinoco Systems	10,410	10,410
Aurosoya	10,410	10,610
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
Eco Pro	10,410	10,410
Filaure	10,410	10,410
Gastronomica	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Sound Wizard	10,410	13,910
Varuna	10,410	60,410
Worktree	10,410	10,410
To be Two (Auromode)	10,205	10,205
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
Auroville Energy Products	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
AFA-Natures Gift	6,940	6,940
AFA-Taste of Korea	6,940	6,940
Artisan Revolution	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	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
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Glimpse	6,940	6,940
La Terrace	6,940	31,940
LEAD-IPK Activities	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
New School Crafts	6,940	6,940
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
Progress Landscape	6,940	7,440
School for sust. Manage..	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

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
ASA-Mona	5,205	5,205
LEAD-Integral Learning Cen.	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	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-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
Anveshan	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Aurosun constrution	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
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
Auroline	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
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
Brainfever Media Product.	3,470	3,470
Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
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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
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
Bon	3,470	5,470
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

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
LEAD-Aurothaima	3,470	3,470
Light Fish	3,470	3,470
Linea Dental	3,470	3,470
Mandala Pottery	3,470	5,970
Mohanam	3,470	3,470
Mukti Accounting	3,470	3,470
New Creation Corner Frites	3,470	3,470
Nymphaea	3,470	3,470
OK Upcycling Studio	3,470	3,470
Papui and somethingelses	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
Rangoli	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Taboo	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Yatra Nova	3,470	3,470
Akriti Construction	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
ASSA-Rio	1,970	1,970
AFA-Vegan Essence	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
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D'Av Pondy	-	500
Inside India	-	350
Total	55,35,748	57,18,348
Percent of Total	97%	100%

Samasti GH	10,620	10,620
Sharnga GH	10,410	10,410
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
Atithi Griha GH	9,845	9,845
Center GH	8,760	13,660
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Gaia's Garden GH	6,940	6,940
Needam GH	6,940	6,940
International House	4,200	4,200
EUU - Creativity GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - New Community GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Sonja & Umberto GH	3,470	3,470
EUU-3 Roses GH	3,470	3,470
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
Discovery GH	1,000	1,000
Youth Camp Fraternity GH	900	900
Subtotal	4,39,418	4,45,118
Additional Guest Contri.	2,29,295	2,29,295
Less Volunteer refund	(32,250)	-32,250
Net Additional Guest Contri.	1,97,045	1,97,045
Total	6,36,463	6,42,163

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	45,87,510	48,74,243
Botanical Garden	50,315	50,315
Quiet Healing Centre	45,110	46,110
CSR	38,170	38,170
Working Committee	24,290	24,290
Bharat Nivas	13,880	13,880
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
Anntara	3,470	3,470
AV Language Lab	3,470	3,470
AV Arts Service	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
Ayarpaadi	3,470	3,470
Electrical Services	3,470	3,470
Guest Facilities Coord Group	3,470	3,470
Sri Sanskrit Research Institute	3,470	3,470
Land Board	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
L'Avenir	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Sewa	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Supportive Learning Satelite	3,470	3,470
Tomatis Project	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Sunship Maintenance	1,735	1,735
Thamarai	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	2,46,903
Total	48,78,990	54,13,626

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	1,02,302	1,02,302
Exploration GH (Total 76)	72,224	72,224
Tanto GH (Show:Rs. 43,949)	6,940	6,940
Isai Ambalam GH	28,340	28,340
New Creation GH	23,804	23,804
Mitra GH	22,400	22,400
Arka GH	22,182	22,182
Aspiration GH	21,220	21,220
Afsanah GH	18,000	18,800
Reve GH	18,000	18,000
Joy Community GH	11,426	11,426

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	15,55,195	15,55,195
Friends of AV	1,72,755	1,72,755
School Participation	1,50,420	1,50,420
Newcomer	83,000	83,000
Total	19,61,370	19,61,370

Attention Swedes of Auroville

We would like to collectively write on behalf of the Swedish residents of Auroville to request facilitation of passport services in Chennai. Please contact Renu with your email and cell number so we can work together on this. If you have been acting as the contact person for us Swedes, please be in touch with me. renu@auroville.org.in

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Santé will re-open from Thursday 3rd September with our regular activities. We are happy to share that our medical team who were tested have all come negative, and our staff who had contact have completed one week in quarantine. Precautions like wearing a mask, proper distancing and good hygiene continue as before.

Apartments Available



The **Vibrance project** was restarted 2 months ago, and work is progressing well. There are currently a few different 1BHK and 2BHK apartments available, along with a single 3BHK on the third floor. If you are interested in joining the project, send an email to: Sumark@auroville.org.in. Looking forward to hearing from you. - Kevin, Michael G, Eric, Peter K.

From the Puncture Service

A month ago, Anbu left the service. He had been with us for 15 years. AV Puncture Service thanks him for his dedicated work. Anand has joined us. Here a photo of the team:



Arumugam Subramani, Saranraj, Anand Velu

From Third Age: Gathering for Seniors Saturday 5th September from 3 to 5 PM at Center Guest House, Miriam Hill Center hall

To begin our efforts of reaching out to senior Aurovilians and offering opportunities to meet, learn and enjoy life, we would like to invite you for a simple gathering at Center Guest House. Teas, juice and cake will be offered. There will be time for little chats and a moment to see together what would be meaningful ways to share thoughts, concerns and joys of living together in Auroville in this very particular time in history.

The Covid restrictions have been somewhat relaxed but we want to limit the number of participants to 15 people so that proper distance can be kept. If you would like to attend, please register your name by sending an email to: thirdage@auroville.org.in. The participation will be on a first come first served basis. Looking forward to welcome you, - Shivaya and Don

We are now more than 3 years old as a community project, working quietly to build our first community, Anitya. We would love to share what we have done and our upcoming plans with you. We invite you to drop in to see us to walk around and explore with us our history and our dreams. There will also be work going on either in gardening or building if you would like to get involved! We have lunch together afterwards from 12 30 onwards, please let us know before noon on Friday to confirm your place. We will follow suggested covid procedures, so please bring your masks. To find us, we are located at Center field, next to Sacred Groves past the big cricket field. Give us a call if you get lost. joyofimpermanence@gmail.com/+91 7094716136. -With love and light JOI Anitya team ~ * * * * *

For an in-depth reflection and lots of beautiful photos of the project, see Nikki's blog post here: <https://auroville.org.in/blog/nikethana/81174>

Kalpna Gym is now open 6 - 8 AM & 5:30 to 7:30 PM

1. Each person is given a space of 4sq.m and a physical distance are maintained at all points.
2. Use of shared equipment is to be discouraged. Wherever it is not possible to bring their own equipment, all shared equipment shall be sanitised after each use.
3. Everyone shall be bringing their own mats (if needed) and water bottles.
4. Only Aurovilians/ Newcomers/ Registered guests or volunteers shall be allowed to use the Gym
5. All frequently touched surfaces like door handles, tables, chairs, etc. shall be sanitised regularly.
6. Hand hygiene- either washing of hands with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer-must be ensured.
7. Showers and changing rooms will remain closed on the premises.

8. Maximum 8 persons will be allowed per 45min time slot to use the gym: 6 to 6:45, 7 to 7:45, 17:30 to 18:15 & 18:30 to 19:15.

Please take prior appointments by email kalpana@auroville.org.in or call the coach, Raj Kumar, to find out if there is space at any given time/994 496 0887.

- Satyakam & Debo

Darkali Fitness Track is open - 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

The stations with shared equipment (metal bars and wooden weights) will remain closed. If you would like to come in the AM, contact Alyona 7868084307. Way to the gate: goo.gl/dpdTgf. See you soon!

LOST & FOUND

MISSING

During Auroville's 50th anniversary, a small, low, light-color, wooden (transformation tree wood) table with folding legs and a gold fern pattern was borrowed from Shradhanjali by someone. As this was our only sample piece, we would very much like to get it back... Does anyone out there have it or remember having seen it somewhere? Yes, we know it is two and a half years ago, but it would be really great if we could trace it..Please phone Abha @ 0413-2622136 or 9442209136 if you have any information. Thank you!

APPEALS

Project to Assist Craftspeople in the Bioregion

Dear friends -

I am Arun.S, an aspiring, born Aurovilian, living in Celebration. I'm working on a project that is designed to give a helping hand to the craftsmen of our Bioregion.

The Covid 19 pandemic has created drastic socioeconomic issues in the lives of the craftspeople and their families. If the current conditions continue, their lives will be at risk, (which is already the case for many of them). The minimal or nil flow of guests has severely affected their livelihoods. The only way they were able to sell their products was through face to face interaction, which is not possible now - and it is terribly uncertain when or IF things will ever get back to "normal".

Seeing all this, Priyamvada (born Aurovilian), Punnnyakodi (currently residing in Fraternity & in the process of becoming an Aurovilian), and I have formulated a plan to bolster the well-being of the craftsmen of our Bio-region. As Mother said, the villagers are our first citizens. They have always been and still are a very strong backbone of Auroville. This is the right time for us to assist them in every way possible. "Growth through unity" is the key to development.

We are going to open an online store, which will exclusively showcase the products made by these people. This will also be a great platform to exhibit their skills, displayed for everyone in the world to see. Through this media, we will also be able to create a newsletter that exposes their situation and their struggle to the world. So this will not only act as an income generating site but also an educational opportunity - a place where you can get to know about the craftspeople and their lives and work. And we won't stop there. We have more ideas that will be executed successively, which will add more strength to the cause.

We are in need of your blessings and support to make this project a success. The following skills and items are needed to make our dream a working reality:

1. Web designer
2. Computer systems
3. Office space
4. People who are interested to work with us
5. Funding - a critical component of assuring success. You can contact me personally for details on how to contribute

For further information contact arun.s@auroville.org.in or you ph/WA to +917639810621. Thank you.

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 048- 05-09-2020

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:

- Agila VENGADESAN (Indian) staying in Kottakarai Farm and working at Life Education Center



Agila



Allan

- Allan Lawson BENNETT (British) staying in Hope community and working at Auro Orchard & RAS

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

- Bernardo OSELLA (Argentinian)
- Seul Ki JANG (Korean)
- Wanjung Kim (Korean)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

- Malcolm BOYER (USA) staying in Courage and working at African Pavilion
- Malgorzata KADZIELSKA aka Ocean BEKKER (Dutch) staying in Kalpana and working at Matrimandir
- Manikandan DHANDAPANI (Indian) staying in Auroyal (Caretaker house) and working at Auroyal



Malcolm



Ocean



Manikandan

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Shalini SEKHAR (Indian)

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after
- 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 Aurovilian is the B-Form. An Aurovilian'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 Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For September **Bread & Chocolate cafe** will be open on its regular days **Tuesday to Sunday / 8am to 5pm**. Our **store** will be open 7 days a week month from **8am -5pm!** All our baked goods and retail products will be available 7 days a week. As we have opened our new bakery, we will soon be

having more choice of baked items, including breads. Look out for these new products! :) **And we now have oat milk!**
Have a great week ahead! -B&C Team

INTERNAL DELIVERY SERVICE (IDS)

Some items are arriving addressed to Internal Delivery Service **but without the name of the person who has placed the order.** We cannot know who is the final recipient and therefore cannot notify them that the item has arrived. If there is more than one parcel without a name, there is a chance that the wrong one will be handed over to the person coming to pick up their order. **This is a reminder to make sure that your name is mentioned on your order** as well as the Internal Delivery address:

1. Your name/community in the order
 2. In the Delivery Address: Internal Delivery Service (UTS office - Service Area), Auroville, 605101, Tamil Nadu, Mobile Number: 8531969746
 3. Please email or phone/SMS to Internal Delivery Service with details of the order: Order number/ ID, Name - Community - Phone Number
- Indicate if for pickup at UTS of delivery at home.
internaldelivery@auroville.org.in; 8531969746 or 0413 2623587

We may not be able to deliver large items like fridges with the e-scooter or e-minivan. In such cases it may be better to place the order in the usual way where the external Courier Service delivers the item directly.

So far the Service has been rendered free of charge to the end user. In order to make it financially viable over time, we introduce now the possibility to contribute towards the Service. A contribution via FS blue sheet can be made each time a parcel is getting picked up or delivered. We thank all those using the service and reducing motorised traffic within Auroville.



Any small glitches that may have occurred are taken as lessons and help to improve the working of the Service - any inconvenience is regretted and feedback appreciated.

For your information and in a spirit of transparency, here are the updated cumulative results of the fundraising campaign launched by AVI about five months ago in order to help Auroville get through these difficult times. Donations from members of the various AVIs continue to flow in. You will find the detailed figures (in €) in the following dynamic table. Please note that these are the amounts that have transited through participating AVIs, as some people would rather send the funds directly to Auroville Unity Fund. Thanks again to all the generous donors.

- In Mother's Love, Christian Feuillette, AVI Board chairman

EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR AUROVILLE COMING FROM AVIS (already sent or coming soon)

Donations to BCC-Emergency (City services) up to 29.08.20

- Germany	€ 14018 (€ 4000 from AVI-Germany + member's)
- Canada	€ 4845 (€ 1620 from AVI-Canada + member's)
- UK	€ 3720 (€3095 for BCC-City services and €625 for Health support)
- Netherland	€ 3340 (€2000 from AVI-Nederland + member's)
- France	€ 2990 (€ 500 from AVI-France + member's)
- All AVI (Board)	€ 2092
- Belgium	€ 500 (AVI-Belgium)
- Spain	€ 400 (AVI-Spain)

Total €31905

Emergency donations for Villages (AVAG Fund) thru 29.08.20

- France	€ 5054 (€ 200 AVI-France + private donations)
- Germany	€ 4230 (€ 500 AVI-Germany + private donations)
- Canada	€ 980 (€ 200 AVI-Canada + private donations)
- Netherland	€ 500 (from AVI-Nederland)
- Spain	€ 400 (from AVI-Spain)
- UK	€ 170 (from AVI-UK)

Total €11334

Grand total €43239

Calling the Future: what needs to change

Calling the Future survey analysis part 2 (see part 1 on <https://auroville.org.in/article/81024>).

While the lockdown threw up many positives, it also highlighted existing weaknesses and gaps. Asked in which areas Auroville needs to change, 72% of respondents mentioned the economy, 64% farming and food distribution, 51% water and electricity, 48% social interaction and collective life, and 39% our spiritual life and aspirations. Education, as well as emotional, psychological and physical health were also often mentioned as requiring change or increased support.

- Many people felt there needed to be a radical shift in our economy, away from a reliance on tourism and cash-based transactions. 25% supported the idea of a collective support system, like Prosperity and/or a basic income for all, while PTDC was mentioned as one example of the kind of collective service that needs to be encouraged.
- Food was also a big issue. In particular, the need for greater food autonomy was emphasized. It was noted that we are not growing enough of our own food, partly because we don't dedicate enough land for food growing and partly because our farmers lack financial support for their work. The fact that too few Aurovilians are involved in food growing and distribution is another concern.
- Regarding environmental sustainability, a number of respondents mentioned there is an urgent need to increase consciousness about water usage in the community, along with a drive to reduce our reliance on the TNEB grid.
- 40% of those who felt that the spiritual life should be strengthened noted that there is an urgent need to follow the spiritual goals of Auroville and for a radical change of consciousness in individuals which would lead, among other things, to us treating each other with more love, care and compassion.

Overall, the COVID-19 crisis was seen as a unique opportunity for us to step out of our usual patterns, to reflect deeply upon the purpose of Auroville and to make radical changes both individually and in the community. Comments included we "need to re-calibrate our mission", to "identify our needs and priorities", and there is a "need for a better system in Auroville". "It's a chance we cannot lose", wrote one, "It's an opening for a new world to emerge", wrote another.

In our next update we will focus on the ways in which respondents believe this 'new world' can emerge, as well as their willingness to participate in making those changes happen. To be continued...

- Calling the Future survey team - Alan, Amy, Dan, Dom, Fred & Laurence); callingthefuture@gmail.com



Starting next week, African Pavilion will be offering African Cuisine on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon until 2:30pm. Authentic and delicious vegan meals available: *Crispy Falafel from Sudan, smooth savory Peanut Veg Medley from Burundi and mouth-watering Misir from Ethiopia.*

Available for takeaway only. Please bring your own tiffin and order in advance for speedy service. During lunch hours please enter through the gate nearest Bharat Nivas. Please also stay updated on the Auroville Covid Task Force's guidelines.

As this is a fundraising activity, all proceeds go toward African Pavilion development. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and we look forward to giving you a taste of Africa. FMI: +91 90801 59721 Peace • Love • Umoja -African Pavilion Team

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Aire Masks is looking for a content writer to write blog articles for us. Anyone, please reach out! Laure : huyslaure@gmail.com.

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.

Youthlink Executive/Manager - YouthLink is a service unit and educational activity that is set up as a platform/umbrella to incubate young adults' projects, to support their integration in Auroville. Anyone working in YouthLink is welcome to bring their own "life project" to the table, and is expected to help other youth with their initiatives as well. YouthLink engages many Aurovillian and international mentors. YouthLink also organises many workshops and events relating to the youth projects.

You are responsible for and have some experience in: management, communications, reporting, accounting oversight, social media oversight, networking, fundraising, facilitating, coordinating a team. You will learn about yourself, learn about Auroville. Do what you love, with people who support you. Be in service of others. Bridge generations. Connect to various Auroville & international opportunities. Have the freedom and flexibility to try something new! You work within a team where you get to decide, together, how you want to design your life, and your work. Benefits available after a training period.

And other positions (please inquire about details):

- Customer Care and Website Maintenance
- Production Management

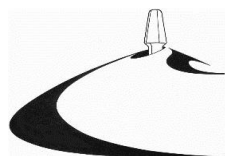
Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. hr_hub@auroville.org.in

MATRIMANDIR

Opening of Inner Chamber

Aurovilians and Newcomers only, 6 - 8 AM, Mon - Sat. To comply with Regulations, strict protocols must be followed. For full details: <https://auroville.org.in/article/80848>

- Matrimandir executives and Access team



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.

- The Amphitheatre Team

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Natural Impressions - Ambient Live Music by Nadaka
Every **Saturday evening, 5:45 to 6:30 PM**

Enjoy this peaceful moment in the Matrimandir Gardens, by the Amphitheater. Note: SOP to be followed.



LOOKING FOR

Housesitting - Long term guests/volunteers looking for a home until next summer. Family of four, looking to make a contribution while taking care of your place. Jim, Tel/WhatsApp/Telegram/Signal 887-040-2201.

Children's balance bike - kieraei@live.co.uk

A second-hand functioning gas oven, amos@auroville.org.in

Printer - for basic A4 b/w printing. I draw free portraits for parents, and it would help to have a printer at home. lvana@auroville.org.in or 709 434 4154.

MIC, pocket mic and mic stand - We are looking to do online webinars and podcasts, and we need a good mic, pocket mic and a mic stand. In case you have a spare one you could share would highly appreciate it. We would love to contribute meaningfully - maybe help you create virtual classes or podcasts or with social media marketing.

Thank you dearly, Romel and Mimansa, 961 999 6080

AVAILABLE

Commercial Space Available - well protected 47 sqm building, opposite Aurelec, available from 1st November 2020. Ideal for office, workshop or show room, with generator back-up, 24H security, parking, provision for air-conditioners, high speed fiber internet access (BSNL and Aurinoco) and canteen facilities. If interest, contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, by phone at 2622293/2622294 or e-mail adps@auroville.org.in.



Eicher Van - 17ft, open type, purchased new in 2014, TN Reg., very good condition, 172,000 kms. Lokesh Kumar, 8012809612, 9585550710 or auroyali@auroville.org.in.

Treadmill - SOLE (SF 63), black, purchased Sept 2018. Very good condition, rarely used. Contact: Lokesh, mohan, 801-280-9612, 958-555-0709 or auroyali@auroville.org.in.

Cat food (Kidney care, dry food) - 2 packets of Hill's prescription diet k/d feline renal health (chicken taste) - 1.8 kg each packet. Exp Nov 20. Also a **pet carrier** for small cat or puppy (29 cm * 39 cm * 20 cm). Never used, a brand new 7m retractable leash plus harness for puppy or small cats. All items 30 % discount on original price.

Chinese cupping set Hansol Professional Cupping Set 17 Cups with extension tube. Used 5 times, excellent condition. 40 % discount on original price.

CBD Oil - 3 10 ml bottles 5% (brand Cibdol from Switzerland). We used it to calm down epileptic crisis of our cat, it helps. Exp date August 2021. 30 % discount on original price.

Contact for all of the above: Yvelise 2623407, 8.30 AM - 5 PM

House helper - Sarasu from Edayanchavadi is looking for additional work part time. She is highly reliable, speaks basic English, well experienced in housekeeping, Indian cooking, and garden work. She has worked for Sigrid for 14 years. Sigrid@auroville.org.in or 0413 262-3888.

Experienced house helper - from Sanjeevinagar, very trustworthy & good natured. She has timeslots available PMs 2 or 3 X / week. If interested contact Kalaivani at +91 96267 40708 (Tamil), or Isha at +91 96555 34514

Housesitting - Hi, I'm Meera@vinolia, I'm working in Dana as a housekeeper for Claudine & Basil, and have applied for Newcomer status. Now I'm attending the Yucca program. I need to stay in Auroville for 3 mo as a volunteer as part of the process. muthukumarany749@gmail.com.

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

If you still have a garden that needs water, before watering it, check to see if it actually **needs** water. If the soil is still wet 5 cm below the surface, your plants don't need water.

~ The Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in / www.aurovillewater.in

Avison | Sustainable Water Solutions | presentation by Alok

Here is a presentation given by Alok in Auroville about water, and how we can try and save some:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dPujFI0gU4>

Here's a link to a **Water talk** by Azha, a project of Talam, Auroville: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3px5VOrHuj4>

Stop buying fruits in "bricks"!

This is the cry I was wailing in the middle of the mountain of Tetra bricks that we had been sorting for hours, in the heat of India ... And I'll spare you the swear words I added 😞 😞 😞

Please buy your fruit and vegetable juices, your tomato sauce, your milk, whatever milk product, almond or soya packaged milk in glass bottles! **Tetra bricks are not recyclable in India**, where we store m³ of compressed bricks **without knowing what to do with them**. Yes, you will tell me, but it is different in France! Note that in France only half of the Tetra bricks are correctly sorted by the people who throw them away, therefore *recycled*. The other half of these hyper polluting packaging made up of 75% cardboard, 20% polyethylene and 5% aluminum will end up in incinerators. However, I wrote recycled in italics since the term used is not correct. Actually, for Tetra bricks to be recycled, each layer would have to be used in the manufacture of new bricks, which is absolutely not the case! In 2013, Tetra Pack® estimated that globally less than 25% of their bricks were reprocessed. In addition, the aluminum layer cannot be separated from the plastic layer, resulting in a polymer, which, after being used in the automotive industry or in the construction industry, is not recyclable. So they are doomed to end up in a recycling center at the end of their life. Good, needless to say that it is more than urgent to react, because I do not even speak about the quantity of wood necessary to manufacture the cardboard of these bricks. So it's up to you to act now - **you will no longer be able to say that you did not know**.

Your good deed of the day is to **abandon the Tetra bricks for glass and metal containers**. And yes, we'd be back to tomato sauce in good old cans, simple, efficient, ecological! Moreover, knowing that glass is recycled up to 63%, we spend hours at the Eco Service sorting Tetra bricks by color, which have no future here, apart from polluting the soil and waterways. Our project is to use them as tiles to create a colored roof, nailed to a frame.

In the meantime: nothing beats a good fresh local and organic fruit juice, because by carefully screening the label of Tetra Pack juices in bricks, apart from a concentrate of sugar, water and chemistry, it is very expensive for poor health benefits.

- Yours, Isabelle, Volunteer at Eco Service



Hello Auroville, your favorite radio keeps on growing! The stream channel can be heard here: <http://aurovillerradio.org:8000/av-radio-128.mp3>. It broadcasts **mixed music** and **LIVE events** 24/7 from our Town Hall 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**

- **Punk and Around** (music) w/ Wobbli & Dudy, **Tues @ 2.30pm**

- **The readings by Gangalakshmi** (en francais) **Wed, 10:30am**

- **Marlenka's Weekly Offering** (literature) **Wednesday, 11 AM**

- **The Best of What's Still Around** (music) with Dhani Muniz **Wednesdays at 2:30pm**

- **The Neo Urban Chronik** (opinion) with Froggy de Frenchy every **Friday at 10:30am**

- **Tamil Literary Forum** (Tamil culture and literature - In Tamil) with R. Meenakshi every **Friday at 11am**

- **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**

- **Soul Tracks** (music) w/ Jules and Matthew, **Saturday at 3pm**

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

Please write us for your suggestions, and **STAY TUNED!** :)

Call for a Study Circle on "The Mother On Education"

A good amount of rethinking and experimentation has been happening in the area of 'Education' around the world. Covid-19 restrictions have made the educational institutions rethink on many aspects. Of course, Auroville being "a place of an unending education, of constant progress...", the scope of 'education' is much wider and deeper. Many units of Auroville are also offering educational programs through the online medium.

Wouldn't it be enriching if a group of us in Auroville read "The Mother On Education" together and did a circle of sharing in which we can share our experiences, insights, challenges, ideas etc? The intention is to connect deeply with Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's vision for Education and hold space for questions, reflections and new experiments to emerge in Auroville. (A digital copy of 'Volume 12, Collected Works of The Mother - On Education' is easily available for download)

The suggested format would be to meet (online for now) for about 60 to 90 minutes every week, start by reading some pages of the book together and towards the end of the session, share emerging questions and reflections. Depending on how many people are interested, we can decide the exact format and schedule.

I'd like to share one of the conversations from June 3, 1967 in which The Mother had discussed:

"the possibility of a sort of world television (I don't know how that would be arranged), with a telephone, and there would be a central office with a collection of answers to all possible questions—each question answered by someone eminent or qualified. The result would be the organization of a universal education—well, terrestrial—that would really be an education for all countries, in which the knowledge and best qualities of every country in the artistic, literary and scientific fields would be gathered in a kind of transmitting centre, and all you would have to do would be to get into communication with it."

So essentially she described the 'internet-based online education' platform much before it was manifested in the physical realm. She even mentioned details of online education like "There would be the image along with the explanation, or the text or speech" and said "we would have that in Auroville". Of course, in the same conversation, she also mentions:

"but the best education is one that could put you in contact with the region of knowledge where you find all answers."

"Yes, that would be the true education. It's not finding answers in a super-library, but catching hold of something up above—and you have all the answers."

"Z has done experiments like that. He told me the story of a girl at the School who had no imagination: when she was asked a question she could only answer what she had learned, and when she was given a problem she could never solve it. She was like that, blocked above. And he taught her to try and make contact precisely with that intuitive zone, by keeping quiet, falling silent and listening. And it seems that after some time, she had extraordinary results in that way, by falling silent and listening—answers which were really remarkable and certainly came from the region of intuition. And that's a practical fact, he did it at the School."

It will be wonderful to read many such insightful and inspiring texts by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother on Education and more importantly share reflections and experiment together. Whether you play a role of a parent or an educator, belong to the category of youth or the ones who refuse to age :) or anyone interested in the collective exploration and experimentation for education

in Auroville and would like to come together, please let me know on deven@auroville.org.in. I'd be happy to coordinate the logistics for co-creating a study circle on "The Mother On Education" and hold space for whatever is meant to emerge. With Love and Gratitude, - Deven

Love in the time of Corona

This pandemic has forced all of us to press the reset button. Outwardly we are all creatures of habit, and however much we may wish to get back to 'normal', it seems to be receding further and further away. Resilience and adaptability seem to be the need of the hour, and fortunately that can be resourced from within us. And as a community we can achieve resilience when we are clear within regarding the inner attitude to be taken that holds us together.

However divergent our views might be outwardly regarding this pandemic and the measures to be taken, it need not create divisiveness in the community if we can hold on to the trust that of all of us are essentially carrying goodwill in our hearts. Let us remain tolerant to the multiplicity of viewpoints, as it often denotes the manifold approaches to the reality which we are all attempting to manifest in our own ways whether through ignorance or knowledge.

Personally, I will attempt to understand you and love you whether you agree with me, disagree with me or completely ignore me. If you abuse me, I will try to understand you and mend the bridges if it is possible, otherwise I will ignore you and still love you. I wish to stand on this foundation of love at all cost. I am all for dropping this pandemic of fear whatever the outer measures we may take or not take against the virus, as we know that spiritually fear only opens us further to this virus. And anyway, I would much rather keep an inner attitude of trust, surrender and connection within, so that whatever be the circumstances outwardly, I can then embrace them with much more equanimity.

Let us not forget that above the 'yay' camps and the 'nay' camps, there is the overarching dome of love and trust in the Divinity within us and around us. Love you all.

- Samrat (from his blog on Auronet, reprinted by permission)

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. **INTACH CHENNAI CHAPTER SHARES:**
Temples of Madras - INTACH talk by Dr. Chitra Madhavan. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxPHmZP4Ny0&feature=youtu.be>
2. **ACCESSIBLE HORIZON FILMS PONDICHERRY SHARES (TAMIL)**
A series on screenwriting in Tamil. This is not only for aspiring screenwriters or writers, but also anyone who's interested or passionate about the filmmaking process. Ep 3 <https://youtu.be/OajcOQyGQg8>
3. **THE DRAMA SCHOOL MUMBAI OFFERS UNREHEARSED FUTURES** - Discussing questions facing drama schools, teachers and students of theatre in the post-COVID world. Thursday 4pm https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYtceirrTwwE9cCVLjh_oXpccYoF8rDoJ8V
4. **DEVASMITA SHARES AN ODISSI DANCE PERFORMANCE**
Performed on the 18th of February at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Pancha Bhuta is performed by Devasmita Patnaik and Lingaraj Pradhan. Watch on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFQDgJdJHk&feature=youtu.be>
5. **AVI ITALY ORGANISED** - An interview of Valentina Garozzo by Riccardo Valle on Silos. "We discover Auroville, a city founded on philosophical ideals located in India." <https://www.spreaker.com/episode/40607681>
<https://www.spreaker.com/episode/40612968>
6. **KITKA WOMEN'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE** - Kitka is an American women's vocal arts ensemble inspired by traditional songs and vocal techniques from Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Along with

their paid online events, they run a free FB live vocal warmup twice a week. <http://www.kitka.org/events/unleash-your-voice-monday-morning-warmup>

7. MODERN ART & IDEAS - A course offered by MoMA on the Coursera platform, designed for anyone interested in learning more about modern and contemporary art. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/modern-art-ideas>

8. DANCE LESSONS FROM GMD (Great Moving Dancers) GMD is a major training hub for Canada's largest modern and contemporary dance community. They have a few free dance classes on their website during the pandemic. <https://www.gmdtoronto.com/gmd-on-demand.html>

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS



Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti) - Aikido Weapon's classes (only - no contact sport/martial art) from Sept. 9th: **New evening class for beginners: on Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 PM.** Our regular early morning classes are on: Tuesday 6 to 7 AM & Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 AM. This weapons' practice takes place until we can practice 'normal' Aikido classes. We welcome new students -particularly those who cannot come in the morning. Reasonable contribution required for the Budokan dojo. For children's classes or more info, please contact Surya: 83001 89062 or 0413 2623 813 or write to budokan@auroville.org.in.

Awareness-Coaching with Svetlana

As we are all facing new situations and challenges, some old beliefs and behavior patterns might show up and ask for our full attention. If you feel overwhelmed with fears, limiting beliefs or if you simply need some support in your decision making, awareness-coaching might give you some new insights. I use some NLP methods combined with Meditation techniques and am holding space for the healing that only pure awareness can bring. If you are ready to dive deep, contact 917806826747. The service is offered on donation or skill exchange base.

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