

News and Notes

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A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

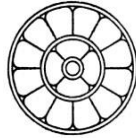
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Ananda in the physical

photo: Lalit

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



For a long time now the seeker has got rid of the mental machinery. He has also brought order to the vital machinery. And if old desires, wills or reactions still come to muddy his clearing, they are rather on the order of a motion-picture images projected onto a screen, out of habit, but without real substance. The seeker has lost the habit of sitting in the screen and identifying with the characters - he looks; he is clear; he observes everything; he is centered in his fire which dissipates all those clouds. From then on, another level of entanglement comes more and more to light, another degree of the machine (this is truly a "path of descent"): a material, subconscious mechanism. But so long as he is not clear, he sees nothing; he cannot unravel those threads which are so intertwined with his habitual activities, and "mentalized" like all the rest, that they make up an altogether natural web. This material, subconscious mechanism then becomes extremely concrete, like the whirlings of the goldfish in its glass bowl. But let us emphasize that this is not the subconscious small fry of the psychoanalysts - those fry belong to the mental bubble; they are merely the reverse of the little surface fellow, the action of his reactions, the knot of his desires, the constriction of his nurtured smallness, the past of his old little story inside a bubble, the goat tether of his small separate ego tied to the social and familial and religious stake, and the countless stakes that tie men inside a bubble. And we strongly suspect that those dreamers simply go on dreaming inside a psychoanalytical bubble, the way others dream inside a religious one of hells and paradises that exist only in man's mental imagination. But, as long as one is inside the bubble, it is implacable and irrefutable; its hells are real hells, its filth real filth, and one is the prisoner of a little bright or dark cloud. So let us say, in passing, that one does not free oneself from the mud by digging in the mud and unwholesomely plowing up the byways of the frontal fellow (one might as well take a bath in dirty water to get clean), one does not free oneself from the bubble by the lights of the bubble, or from evil by a good that is only its reverse, but by a something else that is not of the bubble: a very simple little fire within and everywhere, which is the key to freedom, all freedoms, and to the world.

This subconscious resistance is very difficult to describe. It has a thousand faces, as many as there are individuals, and for each the color is different, the "syndrome," so to say, is different. Each one of us has his particular "drama," with its staging, preferred situations, puppetry of Grand Guignol. But it is one and the same puppet show under all colors, one and the same story behind all the words - and the same resistance everywhere. It is the resistance, the point that says no. It does not reveal itself immediately; it is elusive, cunning. In fact, we really believe it loves drama. It is its *raison d'être* and the salt of its life, and, if it no longer had any drama to grind out, it would make up some - it is the dramatist of all excellence. It is perhaps even the great dramatist of all this chaotic and painful life that we see. But each of us harbors his little man of the big "man of sorrow," as Sri Aurobindo used to call him. The drama of the world will stop when we begin to put a stop to our own little drama. But the clever puppet slips between our fingers. Driven off the mental stage where it ran its explanatory and questioning machinery - it is a tireless questioner; it asks questions for the pleasure of asking, and if all its questions were answered, it would come up with more, for it is also a great doubter - ousted from the mind, it sinks down one degree further to play its number on the vital stage. There it is on more solid ground. (The further it descends, the stronger it becomes, and all the way down at the bottom, it is the very image of strength, the knot par excellence, the irreducible point, the absolute NO.) We are all more or less familiar with its tricks on the vital stage: its great game of passion and desire, sympathy and antipathy, hate and love - but in fact they are the two faces of the same food, and it savors evil as much as good, suffering as much as joy; it is just a way of swallowing in one direction or another. Even charity and philanthropy serves its purpose. It grows fatter either way. The more virtuous it is, the harder it is. Idealism and patriotism, sacred or less sacred causes are its clever victuals. It has mastered the art of dressing itself in superb motives; it can be found at the parties of charity volunteers and Peace conferences - but of course Peace never comes, for if by some miracle Peace ever came, or the eradication of all poverty on earth, what would it do for a living? Driven off that stage, it sinks one degree lower and disappears into the dungeons of the subconscious. Not for long. There it begins to become clear, so to say, and show its real face. It has grown very small, very hard, a sort of grinning caricature: "the grisly Elf," as Sri Aurobindo calls it.

[Man] harbours within him a grisly Elf
 Enamoured of sorrow and sin.
 The grey Elf shudders from heaven's flame
 And from all things glad and pure;
 Only by pleasure and passion and pain
 His drama can endure. (Sri Aurobindo, "A God's Labour" 5:99)

— Satprem. On the Way to Superhumanhood, Chapter 11 - The Change of Power

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



Keep faith in your spiritual destiny, draw back from error and open more the psychic being to the direct guidance of the Mother's light and power. If the central will is sincere, each recognition of a mistake can become a stepping-stone to a truer movement and a higher progress.



~ Sri Aurobindo, Letters on yoga, Vol.24



COVID 19 UPDATE

From the WC/CTF: Thank you for your patience while waiting for this detailed update. In continuation to the previous massbulletin, please find below the new guidelines for the Auroville context based on the guidelines from both the Central and State governments.

1. Guidelines on gatherings:

From [TN government guidelines](#):

- Large gatherings in public places such as theatres, swimming pools, Entertainment/ Amusement parks, large halls, meeting halls, beaches, zoos, museums and tourist sites remain restricted.
- Prohibition on holding religious gatherings, social, political, entertainment, cultural events, educational ceremonies, other gatherings and processions will continue.

Please note that although the Central guidelines mention that gatherings of up to 100 people are allowed, the above restrictions from the State guidelines must remain in place.

2. In a meeting with representatives of GFCG, GRS, Covid Task Force and Working Committee on Thursday, **it was agreed to start a phased opening of Auroville to people coming from outside. The first steps will be:**

- **Family members and close friends** of residents may come to Auroville, abiding by all quarantine requirements and registering with the Guest Registration Service. It will be the responsibility of the host to organise a place where quarantine is possible and to abide by the relevant protocols, which are available with the Covid Task Force.
- **Volunteers** who plan to come for an extended period of time to work in Auroville may come, abiding by all quarantine requirements and registering with the Guest Registration Service and SAVI. It will be the responsibility of the volunteer and host/workplace to organise a place where quarantine is possible and to abide by the relevant protocols, which are available with the Covid Task Force.
- **Guests may come if they commit to a minimum 2-week stay** by booking with an Auroville guesthouse and making the required payment in advance. They must also abide by all quarantine requirements and register with the Guest Registration Service. It will be the responsibility of the guest and guesthouse to ensure that quarantine is possible and that the relevant protocols are respected; these are available with the Covid Task Force.
- For all of the above, a Self-Declaration Form will be given to be signed saying that they agree to respect the quarantine requirements.

A meeting with the Matrimandir executives and Access team was also held on Thursday. An update on access to the Matrimandir will follow soon.

3. Updated quarantine guidelines still require 14 days quarantine for out of state/country travelers and an e-pass is still required when coming from other states. Although the State quarantine guidelines say that those traveling for business purposes for less than 72 hours are exempt from quarantine requirements, we do not believe it is time for Auroville to open to weekenders and day visitors yet. The reason for this is that if any of them would carry the virus, they would come and go and possibly leave Aurovilians and Auroville workers infected and without any possibility to do contact tracing.

4. Travel to the Nilgiris requires a special permission. (With the permission of the District Collector, E-Pass must be obtained to restrict the movement of outside tourists to the Nilgiris District, including all hill stations such as Kodaikanal and Yercaud.)

5. What can open with new SOP's:

- Playgrounds: For physical exercise and for sports exercise, parks and playgrounds are allowed to open by following Standard Operating Procedure. However, spectators are not allowed on the playgrounds. (Sop link for [public parks](#).) This means that participation in team sports is now allowed to resume.
- Yoga centres and gyms can be open. (Sop link for [Yoga and Gym](#).)
- Restaurants and tea shops are allowed to operate from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., by following Standard Operating Procedure already

issued by the government. Parcel service is allowed to operate until 9 p.m. Please note that the existing SOP specifies 50% seating so this should continue to be followed.

- Skills and Vocational Training Institutions are allowed to open from **21.09.2020** by following Standard Operating Procedure.
- As per Central government guidelines, Open Air Theatres can open from **21.09.2020**. As there is no mention of this in the TN government guidelines, the Central govt. guidelines may be followed.
- Following the guidelines of the Central Government on air-conditioned facilities and following Standard Operating Procedure for all shopping malls, showrooms, and big format stores with 100% staffing are allowed to operate. However, theatres in shopping malls will continue to be banned.

6. What is still restricted by the State guidelines:

- Schools, Colleges, Research Institutes and All Educational Institutions. However, these institutions can continue to promote online education and encourage it.
- Under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, a restraining order of not more than five persons in public places will continue to be in force throughout the State.

Due to the high number of cases in Pondicherry, we request you to continue to avoid going there unless absolutely necessary.

Although there are more and more relaxations of restrictions, we would like to remind you that cases in our district are still high and there are cases in the neighbouring villages as well. We trust you all will continue to exercise caution. At the same time, we may all remember that She is with us in this time of uncertainty with potential for growth and progress.

REMINDER - COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Most infected people have no symptoms and most of those who do recover without hospitalisation.

- = **Most common symptoms** -- fever, dry cough, tiredness,
- = **Less common symptoms** -- aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell, a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes.
- = **Serious symptoms**-- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain or pressure, loss of speech or movement

Current GOI immigration/travel restrictions:

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



WORKING GROUP REPORTS

From the WC - Re: Aurovilians abroad

We have been receiving many requests from Aurovilians stranded abroad wishing to return to Auroville. We understand their situation and it is one of the priority concerns of the Working Committee. Recently we have written to the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, asking that X2 and X3 visa holders who are outside of India should be permitted to come back to Auroville. We intend to pursue the matter further in Delhi.

Presently commercial flights are not available. There are only special "bubble" flights from a few selected countries that have a special permission from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and are open only to Indian citizens, OCI, employment and project visa holders. Auroville visas are not included but we are trying our best to rectify this situation. It is not yet known when the commercial international flight will resume. We will definitely inform you whenever there is reliable news about this.

When travel resumes, please keep in mind that opening of flights and obtaining/extending a visa may differ for each country. We suggest that Aurovilians and newcomers keep in contact with the Indian consulate/embassy in their respective home country (or closest to their current location) to get updated information.

We will keep updating the community regularly when there is a new shift in terms of visa guidelines and in general through COVID Bulletin (mass mail).



Auroville Safety & Security Team - Bulletin

Our team would like to share the following with you:

THEFTS: In the last two weeks 7 thefts / attempted thefts have been reported to AVSST. **Please make sure you lock your doors and windows at night or whenever you are away.** You can contact us in case of any suspicious activities on the following number **+91 944 30 90 107**.

Furthermore, in the last 2 months 2 KTM bikes were also reported stolen. If you own one or similarly priced models make sure it is safely locked and stored at night.

INCORRECT EMERGENCY NUMBER: We have noticed that some have an old phone number saved to contact us. **Please note and store in your phone AVSST's Emergency number (24/7): +91 944 30 90 107.** If you think you have already stored this number please make sure it is the correct one. **This is the ONLY phone number that AVSST expects you to call on in case of emergency.** Note that emails / SMS / Whatsapp messages are not considered by AVSST as an efficient or prompt way to report an incident, please call us instead.

CHECKPOST / VEHICLE ACCESS NUMBER: AVSST has decided to start separating emergencies and requests for vehicle access. Please contact us on **+91 94 88 75 24 35** for **Vehicle Access / Check-post** entry requests. **This number is NOT to be called for emergencies.** Please save it under a distinctive name to avoid confusion.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON AVSST PERSONNEL: On Tuesday 18th of August, two of our team members were victims of an unprovoked physical assault in front of the Solar Kitchen. A complaint has been submitted to the Police. In a year, it is the 4th time various members of our team have been assaulted. We would like to **thank all the people who have helped us during this incident.**



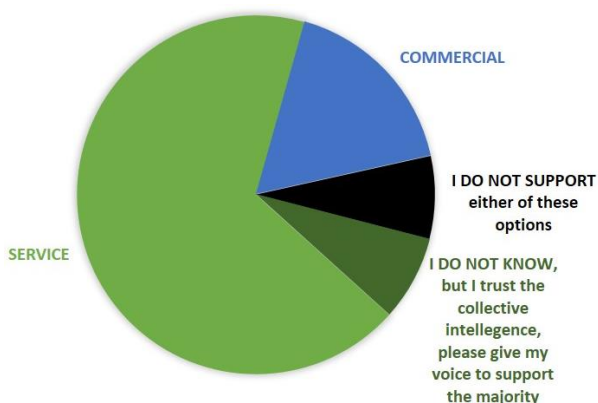
RADs results

Many thanks to all the residents who participated in the decision-making events!

FUTURE OF POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE & ENTRY POLICY 2017 - PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Here are the results of the RAD (voting) called by the FAMC to decide on the FUTURE OF PTPS. A total of 480 registered residents participated in the online and manual voting. The number of participants exceeded the 10 per cent quorum required to validate the voting (265 votes).

FUTURE OF PTPS - RAD results



354 Aurovilians supported the proposal to keep PTPS as a service unit (67% (322) voted YES and 7% (32) asked to add their votes to the majority).

87 Aurovilians (18% of all who participated) voted for PTPS to become a commercial unit.

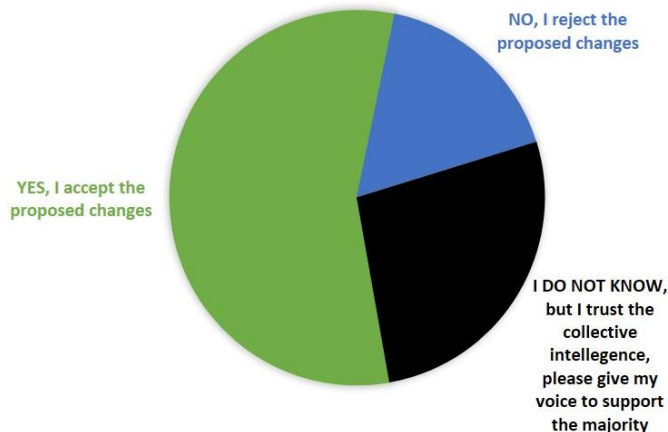
39 (8%) Residents did not support either of these options.

Here are the results of the RAD (voting) called by the Working Committee and Auroville Council to approve the **IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ENTRY POLICY**

Total votes: 181

- YES, I accept the proposed changes: 101 (56%);
- NO, I reject the proposed changes: 31 (17%);
- I DO NOT KNOW, but I trust the collective intelligence, please give my voice to support the majority: 49 (27%).

ENTRY POLICY - RAD results



The quorum of 265 votes (10% of the community eligible to vote) has not been reached in order to allow a final decision to be made.

We will keep you updated on the next steps. We would like to thank the Covid-19 taskforce for providing us all necessary help in organising the in-person voting. Warmly, The Residents' Assembly Service



GM+: Proposals for Working Group Membership Selection Process

As you might be aware the method of selecting the working group members has been undergoing a process of review and improvement, held by the Selection Process Task Force and the working groups. For more details, please refer to background information published in N&N last week and on AuroNet.

We kindly invite you to a new hybrid General Meeting (GM+) to get updated on the same. This GM may result in a Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

ONLINE: Please click [here](#) to proceed with the online GM platform. The GM will run until SATURDAY, September 19th

[Learn more about the GM+ platform >>>](#) The online GM+ platform requires an AuroNet account as it is meant only for Auroville community at large. If you don't have an AuroNet account or have problem with login, please get in touch with the AuroNet team at: auronet@auroville.org.in for registration.

IN PERSON: Relevant materials are available to be viewed in person at the Town Hall ground floor. Please feel free to leave your questions and comments (on paper) that will be passed on to the stakeholders.

Warmly, the Residents' Assembly Service



Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) Report April 2020

During the month of April, the FAMC held 17 meetings, this is the report made from the approved minutes of these meetings.

Due to the Covid-19 lock down measures, the FAMC members convened the meetings virtually via Zoom and Google meet.

Internal functioning

New Members Joining: Aneeta, Sundar, and Palani joined after being selected through the selection process held in March. Their orientation was done online and they were given access to FAMC documents and records.

FAMC Finance Secretary: A work agreement of the FAMC Finance Secretary was approved by the group, and accepted by the FAMC Finance Secretary.

The FAMC decided to strengthen the secretariat to process the Trust, Unit, and Activity applications. A new entity applications position has been created.

Covid 19: The following steps were undertaken by the FAMC to tackle the challenge posed by the outbreak of Covid 19 Pandemic:

- 1. Creation of Management of Emergency Response in Auroville (MERA), a unit under Health and Healing Trust.** In order to bring accountability and transparency to the receipt and use of donations, the FAMC formed MERA, a unit under Health & Healing Trust. The main function of MERA is to ensure that funds are used for the purposes intended, accounted for properly, and reported during emergencies such as the Covid-19 emergency. The terms of the executives of MERA, unlike for regular units, are only for the duration of any particular emergency in question. When another emergency occurs, the FAMC and the BCC at that time will be tasked with appointing executives. Between emergencies, MERA will be dormant. MERA currently works closely with the Covid Task Force and the Working Committee. MERA will provide regular reports to the community.
- 2. Health Check up of the units:** The FAMC is developing a unit financials database based upon balance sheet data. We will add basic financial ratios to help assess the health of units so that in future a strategy can be designed with more pertinent information than currently exists. This can also be used to help us adapt to the impact of Covid 19.
- 3. Government Funding Request.** A letter was sent to the Governing Board requesting funds for Covid 19.
- 4. Temporary Emergency Maintenances.** Intense discussions were undertaken along with BCC to support the community during the crisis resulting in approval of a new ledger, Temporary Emergency Maintenances (TEM). TEMs are half time equivalent maintenances for Aurovilians who can no longer be paid by units because of the Covid crisis. Trustees and unit Executives must also approve the TEM for the individual. This has been announced to support the units in crisis.
- 5. Covid Related Unspecified Donations.** Donations which are given to Auroville to help the community manage through the Covid Crisis and are not specified for a particular project are being held for City Services.
- 6. Monthly City Services Budget Reviews.** Because the current crisis has created deep uncertainty. The FAMC and the BCC have agreed to review and approve City Services budgets on a monthly basis.

Activities, Units and Trust issues

- **Ganesh Bakery:** Change of Trust approved for 2019-20 only.
- Resolution to change La Maison address from Pondy to Auroville approved
- **Services United Network (Sun):** request to close the unit accepted.
- **Conscious Living:** Bobby Patel is accepted as new Executive
- **Mattram:** New Unit formation request approved.

- **ACARAT:** The Statutory documents have been requested from all the trust and units so as to consolidate Assets Registry Tracking (ACARAT) system.
- **Roma's Kitchen:** With the untimely death of Roma, FAMC is working along with the ABC Trustees to set up the future process of managing the asset.
- **Atithi Griha.** Divya's and Kiran's appointments expired and were not renewed. Dominique was appointed as a new Executive
- **Aqua Engineers** Dirk's appointment expired and was not renewed because he is not present sufficiently in Auroville. The FAMC agreed that once he reestablishes a permanent presence in Auroville he may be considered for reappointment.
- **Homestays.** Home Stays was closed on 28 April 2020. The activities under Home Stays were migrated to Exploration All of the Home Stay accounts with Financial Services have now been closed.

Policy issues - The long-awaited policy enabling Aurovilians to register Activities was submitted by the FAMC with the full consent of the Umbrella Executives affected by this policy, including: LEAD, Auroville Small Scale Activities, and Auroville Activities. All of the groups, along with the FAMC worked for several months to finalize this policy. The Working Committee approved the policy and it has been announced in News and Notes. Regretfully, we note that AV Arts did not accept that activities under it have any responsibility for contributing to City Services.

Housing issues:

Vibrance. The FAMC received the minutes from the Integrated Finance Division (IFD) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) stating that justifications and a detailed project report (DPR) have not been provided to the MHRD and therefore commitment to provide funds cannot be given at this stage.

Government of India:

- a. Constitution of the Gol group:** The Governing Board stated that coordination of the Government of India grant should be the responsibility of the FAMC. A new group has now been formed with 1 member from the Working Committee (Jurgen), 2 members from the FAMC (Marc and Palani), 1 member from the Unity Fund (Rathinam), there are two more open slots for community members nominated by the FAMC. Major Capital Grant beneficiaries should not be part of the group to avoid conflicts of interest. A Project Management Cell oversees accounting and on-site inspection for Capital Grants building and infrastructure projects..
- b.** A separate report on the GOI grant for 2019-20 will be forthcoming.

Unity Fund: The Unity fund Annual reports for the years 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 were approved and sent to the News and Notes and the Auroville Foundation office.

Guest Houses: The FAMC requested the Guest Accommodation Booking Service for a guest house room registry to be submitted on an annual basis in order to maintain a comprehensive inventory of Guests and to have an overview of expected turnover.

In community, **Funds and Assets Management Committee** (Daniel Emdin, Dhruv Bhaskar, Kalia, Lyle Jaffe, Marc Tormo, Nicole Clarence Smith, Palani M, Aneeta P, Sundar K)

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Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) Report: May 2020

Covid Crisis Response: The deep impact of the lockdown on Auroville's economy, and how best to deal with it, and future difficulties that may befall us, was a key focus of FAMC activities in May. Work was undertaken to create a framework for managing emergency responses to crises, including the Covid 19 one. MERA was created with the aim to establish efficient reviews and allocations of community finances to those needing help in an accountable, fair and transparent manner that inevitably arise during emergencies, particularly when donations start arriving from both within and outside of India. The concern

that the Covid crisis will significantly hurt Auroville's income generation resulted in work to assess how best to plan for an economic contraction that may not end soon. To that end we have:

1. Supported the BCC in developing a monthly budgeting process and projections for City Services income and expenses.
2. Arrived at a process for units and Individuals to apply for suspensions and reductions, or restructuring of loan payments and City Service contributions due.
3. The process by which Aurovilians can apply for Temporary Emergency Maintenances (TEM) when usual sources of maintenance have failed due to lockdown pressures was elaborated and put into action. The continued need for TEMs will be reviewed in August.
4. Agreement on a database structure to begin compiling unit balance sheet data to help in the assessment of our surplus generating sector and of individual unit health.
5. Agreement to standardize the unit balance sheet format to expedite data collection. Currently, because Trusts submit their balance sheets in various formats, this work has to be done manually, and takes anywhere from 6 months to a year to compile the data from our approximately 600 entities.

Streamlining the Unit Application Process: A Unit and Activity Application form was created and shared with the community and a process was developed for post lockdown receipt of new applications. An applications review sub group was created to help expedite the process once lockdown concludes and applications can once again be received and processed.

Income Tax Notice: The need to effectively address the Income Tax notice demand for the financial year 2016-17 remained at the forefront of the FAMC's concerns. Our report of December 2019 highlighted the income tax demand of Rs. 14.56 crore, payable by the Auroville Foundation. This month, a further Income Tax Demand Notice for Rs. 8.42 crore was received for the financial year 2018-19. Work continues (along several lines) to address these income tax notices.

Roma's Kitchen: We were all saddened to hear, in late April, of Roma's passing. The future of the much-loved Roma's Kitchen and financial issues related to it, are being discussed with the ABC Trustees. Eventually, the space will be re-utilised after obtaining views and proposals from the Community.

Discipline Farm: For some time now, the long-term future of Discipline Farm has been on FAMC's agenda. We worked on developing a fair process to attempt to resolve the conflict, drawing on resources from the Community. We will report further on the progress made on this issue.

Trusts and Units:

CS Stream Land Design - The application to create a new unit under this name was approved with the following individuals as Executives: Sanjeev Ranganathan, Sundranandhan Kothandaraman, and Muralidharan Aswathaman.

New Era Secondary School (NESS) TRUST: The following Aurovilians had their appointments as Trustees renewed: Ramesh, Martin, Anbhu and Manas.

Bharat Nivas Trust: The following Aurovilians had their appointments as Trustees renewed: Tapas Bhatt, Deepti and Aster.

Bamboo Centre: The following Aurovilians had their appointments as Executives renewed until 31 March 2021: Yuval (Govert, Jan VAN DEN EIJK), Balu (Balusundaram PONNUSAMY) and Ranjith Kumar (Ranjithkumar RAMAMURTHY)

Creativity Guest House: Gumsoon An's reappointment as an Executive was approved.

LEAD: Dhanya's reappointment as Executive was approved.

In community, **Funds and Assets Management Committee** (Daniel Emdin, Dhruv Bhaskar, Kalia, Lyle Jaffe, Marc Tormo, Nicole Clarence Smith, Palani M, Aneeta P, Sundar K)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apartment Available for Transfer



One more home is currently available for transfer of stewardship:

• Vikas Community - Couple

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

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

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the group site visit. For any questions, see Sundar or Savithri at the HS Office. (0413) 262-2658; housing@auroville.org.in.

Call for Grant Proposals -Stichting De Zaaier Annual Review for Funding in 2020-2021

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting for its annual review of grant proposals for funding by Stichting De Zaaier in 2020 and the Foundation for World Education in 2021. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday, **5 October**.

Please submit earlier if possible. You are invited to send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. *(If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end!)*

Following the procedure set up by the Foundation for World Education, the Project Coordination Group will review and select projects for approval and budget allocation by their Board members. In recent years, funds available with the Foundation for World Education for Auroville projects and programmes amounted to approx. USD 30,000 in total. *Please note that no funding is available for the maintenance of Aurovilians:* maintenance of Aurovilians is either to be covered by Auroville or from a source other than Foundation for World Education grants.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, the Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 50.000 to € 90.000 in total.

In addition to the criteria given as bullet points below, the SDZ Board has indicated that they are willing, "to consider proposals in relation to COVID-19 challenges" and, "initiatives aimed at a more sustainable economy with a comprehensive plan or roadmap that can support the various initiatives to become more than the sum of the parts".

Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- Research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- Exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- Initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- Studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- Initiatives requiring seed money (micro-projects) for innovative and informal education and training, women's development, outreach as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that *no funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport*. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville

Stichting De Zaaier has indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

A revised grant application form, budget request form and guide for filling these in are available on request from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from Auronet.

Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (Please contact any individual schools mentioned in your proposal before submitting it to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

NB If you have already received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group please send in a progress report/status update (if project is ongoing) or final report (if project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for new grant.

For more information or assistance please write to pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250. Last date for submitting proposals is **Monday, 5 October**.



Resumption of Pondy trips

We are happy to announce that ITS is resuming electric van service to Pondy. We can also purchase and source items

for you. Stay safe and feel free to contact us at +91 8098776644 | +91 9442566256 | or email us at its@auroville.org.in

Reminder: Joy of Impermanence - Anitya Open Day
Saturday, September 12th, 9AM til noon

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, 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, please bring your masks.

We are located at Center field, next to Sacred Groves past the big cricket field. Call if you get lost: +91 7094716136. joyofimpermanence@gmail.com/

With love and light, JOI Anitya team

Aurelec Cafeteria is now open on all 7 days.
We serve lunch on Sundays.

Naturellement Garden Cafe is open on Sundays again
Our new timings are: every day from 9 am to 5 pm

Marc's Cafe Store Timings Update

We have decided for the time being to close on Sundays.
Our timings are **Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 6 pm**

LOST - two keys (one Supremo door key, one Godrej filing cabinet key) with Tibetan hanger on large metal ring at **around noon on Thursday 3/9, between Mahalakshmi Home and Visitor's Centre**. If you found them, kindly phone or WhatsApp 9443168323. (Reward for the happy finder, certainly for the Tibetan hanger!) Thanks - Mauna

APPEALS



From the AVC: One of the Council members is in need of a **laptop**. If you have a laptop that you hardly use or you are buying a new system and your old one can still serve for simple writing work, work on excel sheets, email and using google drive, and surfing the net, then we would be delighted and grateful if it could be donated to us for the member in need. 9047240618 or avcouncil@auroville.org.in. 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.

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Sudhir Rao MUDIGANTI (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Naveen VASUDEVAN (Indian) staying in Grace Homestay (Pump House) and working at Social Entrepreneurship Association (SEA)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Maninathan EZHUMALAI (Indian)
Rajeswari Potti Kadavath SADASSIVAM (Indian)
Yatharth LAAD (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

Nandhagopalan DHANDAPANI (Indian) staying in Aurelec
Sandhya ARUMUGAM (Indian) staying in Shakthi



Naveen



Nandhagopalan



Sandhya

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



PURNAM

Integral Education

We are happy to share with you that on August 15, 2020 we launched the integral education portal. The Integral Education (IE) Portal is for lifelong learners and facilitators to deepen their understanding and lived experience of Integral Education

qualities and faculties. Our first initiative on the Portal is the Email College. As a part of the IE Email College, those who subscribe to the Integral Education Portal (<https://ie.auroville.org>) receive biweekly newsletters on the IE theme of the month. The theme of August was Gratitude. The theme of September is Concentration. These newsletters are completely free of cost.

After you subscribe, on the monthly IE theme, every Monday you will receive **Monday Mail** consisting of an image, a short 150-200 words write up, and a short video. Every Thursday, you will receive **Thursday Tidbits** wherein we will share with you something extra - be it practice of the week, a quote of the week, a short interesting write up on the topic or just something special!

The flow of the week in each month would be from understanding the importance of the theme in **week 1**, understanding the what, of the theme in **week 2**, delving into the how of it **week 3** onwards, giving you a glimpse of the tools and practices you can use to bring it in your daily life.

With this, we wish you all the best. We hope the newsletters are useful in your process of integral self-development. If you have any questions, suggestions, contributions, please feel free to write to ieadmin@auroville.org.in.

Subscribe at <https://ie.auroville.org/#subscribe>. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IntegralEducationPortal/>; Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PortalIntegral>; Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/integral_education_portal/

Warm regards, Auroville Campus Initiative

Laddership Pod begins on Sep 14, 2020

In addition to the [u.lab 2020](#) program, there is one more online program called 'Laddership Pod' that I'd recommend in the spirit of Auroville being a laboratory working for the earth-consciousness. I had participated in the first Laddership Pod that happened in July 2020 and it was an enriching experience. This blog post has a [brief summary](#).

This program is offered by volunteers of ServiceSpace and several people in Auroville are aware about their work. Here are some recordings / blog posts of events that were co-created by Auroville and ServiceSpace:

- Auroville Radio captures a talk on the [Laws of Unconditional Love](#)
- Blog posts on [Karma Kitchen](#) and [Startup Service](#) gatherings in Auroville

The next Laddership Pod online will be from Sep 14 to Oct 19. The invitation page starts with these words: "If you feel we are at an inflection point in history, and feel called to step up to radically innovate solutions that circulate love over fear, we invite you to co-create our upcoming Laddership Pod journey." If that resonates, you can find out more details on: <https://www.laddership.org/join/>

Warmly, Deven

THIRD-AGE

We had our first gathering of about 10 people at Center Guest House. It felt like a very good beginning. New connections were made and ideas exchanged. We will continue offering different ways to interact and enjoy time together.

One suggestion made was to organize a "Chess" and "Go" afternoon, so we are now looking for Chess and Go sets that might sit unused somewhere in the Auroville community. If you have any type of social games, and cards in good shape (or that can easily be restored) we would have good use for them and gratefully receive and play with them. We are also looking for a person that could lead an afternoon of Sufi dancing. Contact us either via email: thirdage@auroville.org.in or phone 91599 00709, 948 960 1312. THANKS!

With enthusiasm to foster connection, joy, and togetherness,
-Don and Shivaya

Here's a link to the new **Martuvam Healing Forest Newsletter**: [Martuvam Newsletter reduced size.pdf](#)



Update from Auroville Village Action Group

We attach an update newsletter on the AVAG pandemic response. We are very grateful for the support received which created an enabling environment for this work. The response campaign has been a generative time with many people expressing appreciation for the care from Auroville, relationship with the village has been strengthened and cross-community engagement has been very active with significant shifts in inclusion as mixed castes came together to work as a team. We continue in our commitment to service the villages in the bio region to the best of our ability at this crucial time and now that areas open up, we are intensifying our training with the village level tasks forces now on safety protocols and immunity boosting will be essential.

Please see a full report attached of our efforts to date. Should you like to contribute to further this campaign our account is 0226 Auroville Village Action Group. With gratitude, Abha, Alain, Anbu, Bridget, Moris, Subbu, Nadja and all at Auroville Village Action Group

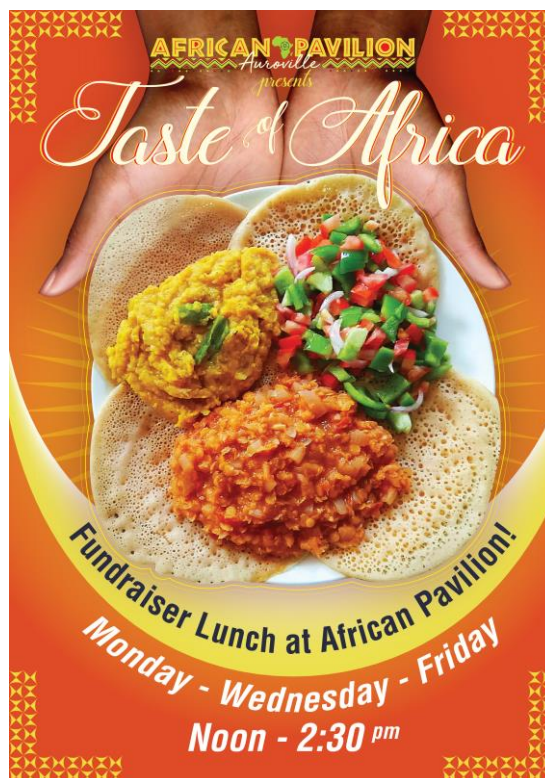
Attached files: [Aug 2020 -Update on the pandemic response of AVAG-2.pdf](#) (2.22 MB)



OUTREACHMEDIA
Auroville

News from OutreachMedia:

Following our latest posting about developing a strategy to rank Auroville content on top of the list on YouTube, we are happy to share with you that it is happening! Ruben with Tube Thambi is working hard behind the scene to give Auroville content the value it deserves by constantly doing analytic research and experimenting new key words among others. Together we can improve Auroville visibility on the net and make a difference. FMI: outreachmedia@auroville.org.in
Find all your favorite channels in one place by clicking here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TubeThambiAuroville>
New content every week ! Enjoy!



Authentic and delicious vegan meals available: *Crispy Falafel from Sudan, smooth savory Peanut Veg Medley from Burundi and mouth-watering Misir from Ethiopia*. Please enter through the gate nearest Bharat Nivas. Please also stay updated on the Auroville Covid Task Force's guidelines. FMI: +91 90801 59721. Peace, Love & Umoja - African Pavilion Team

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Web Assistance - You will work as a web admin and assist in managing an existing web portal and handle the social media. The work will include site testing, communication of emails, content creation, social media marketing and blog creation. All trainings will be provided along with SEO and SMO training. You will be trained in handling software like Zoom, Canva, Figma, Clickfunnels and more. You are enthusiastic about communications and developing PR. A minimum commitment of 6 months is required.

Graphic Designer and Video Editor - You are a graphic designer and video editor and will work for an online web portal, create podcasts and blogs, create webinars and you tube content, work on Doodly and Toonly and create emailers and graphics for blogs. All trainings will be provided and some course material will also be provided. Amazing internship and learning opportunity to see how web marketing works. You will be part of creating a virtual summit and online courses. If this work excites you and you want to master the art of content creation, this is a perfect opportunity. You will be working on a MAC machine. A minimum commitment of 6 months is required.

Marketing, production & sales - You co-create and execute the marketing and production of a line of design objects both online and via stores. You have experience in marketing, social media marketing, website design, sales. You will be the driving force in marketing and selling design products. Part-time, flexible timing, half maintenance available.

And other positions (please inquire about details):

- Customer Care and Website Maintenance
- Production Management (part-time)
- Youthlink Executive/Manager

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

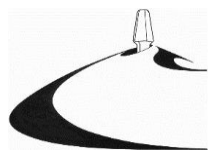
MATRIMANDIR



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

COHERENCE

New Moon, Wed. 17th September 2020, 6:45 - 7:45 PM
Matrimandir Amphitheatre
Masterpieces Selected from Indian & World Classical Music
(Curated by Chandra Pai)

A ritual bath of soothing moonlight,
A gentle gathering of musical delight
Resonances that only music can create
Leaving silence to behold and meditate



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

Enjoy this peaceful moment in the
Matrimandir Gardens, by the Amphitheatre.
SOP to be followed in the Matrimandir area.

LOOKING FOR

Children seat - for bicycle, 2nd hand, to carry my grandson around - Contact Sonja: 9626886029.

Coir mattresses - Even deteriorated is fine for our purpose - Contact Megha: 04132623576 or unitypavilion@auroville.org.in.

Skateboard - for a 14-year-old (larger size). Happy to pay a contribution if in good condition. Amy: 915 919 8534.

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 bullet 350 to trade for a good cycle or for a contribution.
A functioning gas oven. amosck@auroville.org.in

AVAILABLE

House & office items - Sofa set (3 seater and 2x 1 seater). 1 Sofa cum bed, 1 Coffee table, 2 Office desk tables 6x2,5x2,5'' (each sit 2 people comfortably), 4 Office chairs w/o wheels, 1 office chair with wheels, 2 foldable tables (desk size), 2 ceiling light fixtures with 2 long led tubes 20W each, 1 air compressor new gen, 1 aircrete foam machine, 1 UPS inverter with battery 1 year old - Contact Joseph +917094027046 (WhatsApp)

Space for meetings - In Unity Pavilion, to facilitate and support the ongoing functioning of Auroville. Having cut expenses, and with a very limited budget, we are able to keep the Unity Pavilion open Mon-Fri, 9 AM to 4.30 pm. Outside of these hours, a contribution will be asked for. To book the space, contact Megha: 0413-2623576 or unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Gardener - Ram is looking for work in the afternoons. He is the best gardener I have worked with in the last 50 years! Contact Shyama at 262 2525 or 944-270-8149. (submitted by Renu)

Eicher Van - 17ft, open type, purchased new in 2014, TN Reg., very good condition, 172 000 kms. Lokesh Kumar: 8012809612, 958 5550709 or auroyali@auroville.org.in.

Treadmill - SOLE (SF 63), black, purchased Sept. 2018, very good condition, rarely used. Contact Lokesh, Mohan: 8012809612, 9585550709 or auroyali@auroville.org.in

Pet carrier for small cat or puppy (29cm*39cm*20cm). Never used & brand new.

Chinese cupping set - Hansol professional, set of 17 cups with extension tube. Used 5 times, excellent condition. 40% discount on original price. Contact: 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

Appliance Service - Good, prompt and very reliable servicing of AC's, fridges and washing machines. Ashok, 978-766-7691. (submitted by Lieve)



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

If you still have a garden that needs water, consider installing a drip irrigation system in your garden rather than using a hose or sprinkler. Check out Jain Pipes in Pondi to help you with your drip irrigation needs. With Love from the Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in/www.aurovillewater.in

Here is the video made of the presentation Water talk by Slava, Varuna team | Auroville | Water Metering <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKZPE-CP6GQ>



Wishing us all a Speedy, Green Recovery :)

Recommendations towards a clean, green, just and sustainable India, reflecting the collective hope of those longing for change. Prepared with the inputs of individuals, organisations and academics engaged in Covid-19 relief work with low wage workers, farmers, and urban poor.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed fundamental flaws in our economic and social life. We saw a breakdown of food security and livelihood systems across the country. Millions lost their jobs, and struggled for access to food, while farmers struggled to find buyers. The farm labor crisis peaked during harvesting season. The economic crisis has further deepened in the last few months.

Meanwhile, during lockdown, there were reports of clear skies, recovering habitats, clean rivers and lagoons. Butterflies, birds, honey bees and many other species could be seen in the otherwise congested and polluted cities. We experienced a glimpse of a completely different environment: it seemed for a fleeting moment that the ecosystem was healing itself. But then, with the easing of the lockdown we see a reversal of these changes. Not only are political elites campaigning for a return to exploitation of nature, but they're doing so under the guise of "economic health" and recovery.

We're told that sacrifices to natural capital are needed to grow financial wealth which will "lift all boats" - hence we needn't worry about social inequality. But what if short term cuts into Nature's reserve reduces humanity's potential to adapt to future crises? Less biodiversity means less scope for finding plant-based medicines. Less carbon absorbing forests mean less protection against runaway climate change. Less fish stocks mean less scope to feed coastal populations. And all these vulnerabilities increase the risk of mass migration and conflict.

But is there a way for short term relief to support long term resilience too? Can we turn this crisis into an opportunity for welfare and wellbeing for all? Here are some ideas:

Clean Energy and Transportation for Clean Air: Burning oil and coal causes air pollution, leading to respiratory disease and creates less jobs per kWh than renewable energy technologies.

Implement new Emission Standards (notified by the Ministry of Environment in 2015 for coal power plants on sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter). Older power plants that are near or past their 25-year life span and cannot meet the new standards must be closed and replaced with non-polluting sources. All fossil fuel subsidies need to be phased out.

Decentralisation of Energy: Renewable energy distributed through the grid (27 %) as well as through mini-grids and off-grid installations (3%) have provided power to 30 per cent of the households electrified since 2000. For rural areas, incentivized systems based on renewable energy are the most cost-effective option.

Employment with Ecology: More than one million jobs can be created by the renewable sector by 2022 if India hits its ambitious renewable target of 160 GW. The transformation of the automobile sector to electric vehicles could be an important source of jobs.

Clean Transport: Increasing demand for electric vehicles. The automobile industry is expecting a 'relief package' from the Government of India. As it will take some time to remove the

fear of using public transport, this is an opportunity to promote bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters. The government must further purchase electric buses for cities and towns.

Develop Safer Public Transport: Reports suggest heightened risk of infection with COVID19, especially if ventilation is limited. Public transport will face a massive capacity challenge, as maintaining strict social distancing will mean operating with less capacity.

Prioritize Low-cost, Active and Carbon-neutral Transport options like walking and cycling. Local authorities to create safe walking and cycling routes and car-free zones. Such areas are known to increase footfall and boost retail.

Free Public Transport: Marginalized people are the worst hit by the economic slowdown and most of them can't afford expensive transportation. Public transport is a vehicle for mobility justice and public welfare at large. This will help discourage the use of personal automobiles.

Legislate for Repair not Waste: Manufacturers need to be made responsible for the collection and upcycling of their products after their use by consumers. A shift to usage rights instead of ownership rights could pave the way.

Living Soils for Regenerative Agriculture: Shift agrochemical subsidies and develop decentralized infrastructure for farmers to boost Soil Organic Carbon (SOC). Indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture pollutes our ground and water. SOC minimizes emissions of greenhouse gases, improves air quality and retains more water. Aim should be to help farmers in building structures and capacities to increase SOC content in agricultural fields up to 2% by the end of 2030. This will also help achieve the 2030 commitment of restoring 26 million hectares of degraded land.

Shorten the Food Supply Chain: up to 30% of all food grown is lost due to lack of storage and marketing facilities. Gram Panchayat level procurement and storage facilities should be developed for food grains and perishable food materials, and connected with the Public Distribution System. This will not only protect huge amounts of food and agricultural inputs from getting wasted but will reduce the fossil fuel consumption and emissions caused during transportation.

Incentivize Organic and Ecological Farmers: Farmers practicing ecological farming methods are producing safe, diverse, nutritious and tasty food, and help rejuvenating degraded soil and biodiversity in and around their fields. They should be entitled for special incentives such as environmental service fees.

Empower Women Farmers: Women play a critical role in sustainable, resilient food systems. Organizing and empowering them will directly strengthen the steps towards food and nutritional security. Leadership skill building such as done in Kerala (Kudumbasree) has great potential.

Invest in Community Food and Biodiversity Parks: Food forests can ensure not only food security, but also increase the incomes of farmers and rural communities. Government schemes under different departments (Horticulture, Agriculture and Social Forestry) could be converged with an increased budget. Decision-making by communities will make these schemes more resilient.

Seed Sovereignty for Farmers: Native and landrace seeds provide significant self-reliance for farmers and are good for ecological resilience too. Such seeds need to be promoted and made available to farmers.

Groundwater-depletion Free India: Resolve the water conservation programs which are scattered under different government programs and departments. The recovery plans must converge these under one Mission. Construction of rainwater harvesting systems such as small and micro check dams, lakes and ponds, shallow wells and micro canals and bunding of farm fields should be done as top priority, to be done manually so as to offer employment.

***** FORTNIGHTLY NEWS FLASH *****

Something to celebrate/remember: action days!

- Sept 15th World Cleanup day,
- Sept 16th International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer,
- Sept 19th International Coastal Cleanup day,

- Sept 20th Sustainable Home day,
- Sept 21st International Peace day,
- Sept 22nd World Car- free day.

References: The Guardian, FAO, naasindia.org, Greenpeace, world agroforestry, Science in Action, BBC radio, Mother Jones magazine, Washington Post, Meteorology UK.

The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News & Notes and (occasionally) on AuroNet. It reports on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you! ~ Gijs & Lisbeth avgreencenter@auroville.org.in.



Hello Auroville, your favorite radio is goin' on! You can listen to the **stream channel** here: <http://aurovillerradio.org:8000/av-radio-128.mp3>. It broadcasts **mixed music** and **LIVE events** 24/7 from our Town Hall studio.

All LIVE episodes of the week (click title to get the podcast):

- **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** (humour) 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 recordings can be downloaded on the AurovilleRadio website www.aurovillerradio.org. Write us if you need more information or with suggestions: radio@auroville.org.in

Your favorite radio is changing and evolving - **STAY TUNED** :)

Sri Aurobindo's Uttarpara Speech

Delivered at Uttarpara, Bengal, on 30th May 1909. Text published in the Bengalee, an English-language newspaper of Calcutta, on 1st June 1909; thoroughly revised by Sri Aurobindo and republished in the Karmayogin on 19th and 26th June 1909. The text is read by Angad on 15th August 2020 in the presence of Shradhdhavan, Helmut and Joel. Audio recorded by the Savitri Bhavan Audio-visual Team, edited and compiled by Zech.

To listen to the audio please follow the links:

<http://savitribhavan.org/vimeo-video/uttarpara-speech/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcV7Yc_mObE&t=755

- Savitri Bhavan Team

Health Freedom Auroville

(Bridging Individual Freedom and Collective Health through Research & Dialogue implanted in Truth)

Thanks goes out to all those in the community who have given such positive feedback and participated in Health Freedom discussions. All are welcome to visit or join on AuroNet at <https://auroville.org.in/group/health-freedom-av> and check out the group description, aims and growing resources list.

Many in Auroville are committed to ongoing, deep and unadorned research. Even as such research is expressed in a *diversity* of both 1) lanes of exploration and 2) *varied evolving conclusions*, it is indeed, a promising expression of the *unity consciousness* in these unprecedented times. Furthermore, in such a critical thinking climate, *disagreement* can be even more of a valuable growth catalyst than agreement. For individuals to be able to express disagreement honorably and without

suppression of any sort is a parallel area of collective work in progress.

N&N readers not on AuroNet who would like a most current copy of the Health Freedom group description, aims & resources, can find pdf version here: <https://bit.ly/3jHsUjW>. It is a transparent and open system group; all aligned with the aims are most welcome to join.

Haiku - a collective experience

When bodies decay
We let go: death comes today
God returns to clay.

- By Miko

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. OPEN CALL TO PERFORMERS - Poets, singers, dancers, actors and all other performers are invited to let your talent speak for democracy.

To participate, do lives on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube & Twitter using #ifwedonotrise

2. AUROVILLE CITY EXHIBITION PRESENTS AUROVILLE CITY CONVERSATIONS - The first in a series, this is the YouTube link of the first Auroville City Conversation with Dr. B. V. Doshi, Toine and Srivatsa Ramesh. <https://youtu.be/xScC002Lu5M>

3. MUSIC AS BIOLOGY: WHAT WE LIKE TO HEAR AND WHY A course offered by Duke University on the Coursera platform, study about everything, from the emotions music elicits to our auditory perceptions, in a biological framework during this course. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/music-as-biology>

4. SHORT MASTERCLASSES FOR ARTISTS - Winsor & Newton has well over a hundred learning tools for artists and just released 20 new videos. Created by artists for artists, they reveal techniques, insights and demonstrations to help you perfect your practice. <https://www.youtube.com/user/WinsorandNewton>

5. DIY MFA - A WRITING COURSE - DIY MFA does exactly what it promises—it helps you learn the skills taught in a formal MFA program at home on your own! The course walks you through the three major areas that good masters programs focus on: writing, reading, and building community. www.diydfa.com

6. AVI ITALY ORGANISED - An interview of Valentina Garozzo by Riccardo Valle on Silos, part 2 (IT) <https://www.spreaker.com/episode/40748908> (GB) <https://www.spreaker.com/episode/40748909>

7. VALENTINA GAROZZO MAKES A PRESENTATION OF HER NEW BOOK - In Italian, this is the presentation of 'Una nuova storia. La rivoluzione interior necessaria'. <https://youtu.be/h-ltnukpARY>

8. MUSEUM OF ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY HOSTS - "A Jewish Sufi Yogi: Tales of Confluence in India", Jonathan Gil Harris in conversation with Shilpa Vijayakrishnan. Underlining the need for us to examine the past in the present, this talk will highlight the story of the fascinating and unique mystic, Sa'id Sarmad Kashani, dubbed the 'Jewish Sufi Yogi Courtier of the Mughals'. The session will explore Harris' work on historical figures in India who embraced fluid identities, blurring the lines between borders, geographical, cultural and religious. **12th Sept, 6pm.** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gD_JMB08T2eIPRHomKYIA

9. GOETHE INSTITUT CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (THEATRE, CONTEMPORARY DANCE) - Apply for Refunction 2020-2021, an online performance series at the Goethe-Institut New Delhi that will support work that imaginatively engages with the question of what it is to produce and present dramatic work digitally. The work must be realized by April 2021. The deadline for applications is the 20th of September 2020. [https://www.goethe.de/ins/in/en/m/kul/ser/aus/refunction-2020.html?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01\)](https://www.goethe.de/ins/in/en/m/kul/ser/aus/refunction-2020.html?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01))

10. POPLAR UNION OPEN CALL - Apply to contribute a commission to the winter edition of Outside In Arts Festival. The theme is 'looking out, looking in, looking up' and it's open to all those who do and do not consider themselves 'artists'. People of any age, working in any medium may apply. **Deadline 30th Sept.** [https://poplarunion.com/open-call-out-community-commission/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01\)](https://poplarunion.com/open-call-out-community-commission/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01))

11. THE DRAMA SCHOOL MUMBAI PRESENTS 'UNREHEARSED FUTURES' - A webinar on Pedagogy in the time of multiple Disruptions: Part 1, with Janice Sze-Wan Poon of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts and Jehan Manekshaw of Drama School Mumbai, on **September 10 at 4pm.** [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEtf-quqT4sGdFdBsZCElFdkkeycqYwCmpON?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEtf-quqT4sGdFdBsZCElFdkkeycqYwCmpON?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01))

12. FESTIVAL DES 3 CONTINENTS - CALL FOR ENTRIES KOLKATA 2021 (FILM) - The call for entries for the Produire au Sud workshop of Kolkata 2021 is now open. It's now called KoPro/PAS workshop. Producers and directors from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives are invited to submit their fiction film project in development from now on. [https://www.3continents.com/en/actu/ouverture-de-l-appel-a-candidatures-atelier-produire-au-sudcalcutta2021/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01\)](https://www.3continents.com/en/actu/ouverture-de-l-appel-a-candidatures-atelier-produire-au-sudcalcutta2021/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01))

13. NINA SENGUPTA AND KRISHNA MCKENZIE PRESENT THE LATEST EDIBLE WEED WALK - Featuring manathakkali (Solanum nigrum, Black nightshade) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGE_ODMfpNA&feature=youtu.be

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