

News and Notes

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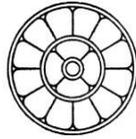
10th October 2020



Movable House in Anitya (Joy of Impermanence)

photo: Alan

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



9 July 1966

Satprem: *There's a question I'd like to ask you in connection with the last aphorism.... You started saying that regardless of all the unnecessary overactivity of people, there was underneath that great current of irresistible Power DOING things despite everything, despite people....*

Mother: So, what's your question? **Satprem:** *But that great current of Power needs instruments in order to express itself, doesn't it?* **Mother:** A brain. **Satprem:** *But not just a brain, precisely. That Power can express itself, as in the past, in a mental or overmental way; it can express itself vitally through force; it can express itself through muscles; but how can it express itself physically (because you often speak of a "material power"), purely, directly? What's the difference between the Action up above and true Action here?*

Mother: Every time I have been conscious of the Power, the experience has been similar. The Will from above is expressed by a vibration, which certainly gets clothed in vital power but acts in a subtle physical. There is a perception of a certain quality of vibration, which is difficult to describe but gives a sense of something coagulated (not broken up), something that feels denser than air, extremely homogeneous, with a golden luminosity, an AWESOME power of propulsion, and which expresses a certain will - it doesn't have the nature of human will but more the nature of vision than that of thought: it's like a vision imposing itself in order to be realized, in a domain very close to material Matter, but invisible except to the inner vision. And That, that Vibration, exerts a pressure on people, on things, on circumstances, in order to fashion them according to its vision. And it's irresistible. Even people who think the opposite, who want the opposite, do what is willed without wanting it; even things that are opposed in their very nature are turned around.

For national events, relations between nations, terrestrial circumstances, that's how it acts, constantly, constantly, like an AWESOME Power. So then, if you are yourself in a state of union with the divine Will, without the thought and all the conceptions and ideas interfering, you follow, see, and know.

The resistance of inertia in consciousnesses and in Matter are the reason why that Action, instead of being direct and perfectly harmonious, becomes confused, full of contradictions, shocks and conflicts. Instead of everything working out "normally," I might say, smoothly (as it should), all that resisting, opposing inertia causes things to start clashing together in a tangled movement, with disorder and destruction, which are made necessary only by the resistance but were NOT indispensable: they might not have been - they should not have been, to tell the truth. Because that Will, that Power, is a Power of perfect harmony in which each thing is in its place, and It organizes everything wonderfully: It comes as an absolutely luminous and perfect organization, which you can see when you have the vision. But when It descends and presses down on Matter, everything starts seething and resisting. So to want to ascribe to the divine Action and the divine Power the disorder and confusion and destruction is yet more human nonsense. It's inertia (not to speak of ill will), it's inertia that CAUSES the catastrophe. It isn't that the catastrophe is willed, or even that it's foreseen: it is CAUSED by the resistance.

Then, added to this is the vision of the action of the Grace that comes and mitigates the results wherever possible, that is to say, wherever it's accepted. And that's what explains that the aspiration, the faith, the complete trust of the human, terrestrial element, have a power of harmonization, because they allow the Grace to come and mend the consequences of blind resistance.

It's a clear, very clear vision, clear even in the details.

If one wanted to, one could prophesy by telling what one sees. But there is a sort of supercompassion preventing that prophecy, because the Word of Truth has a power of manifestation, and to express the result of resistance would make that state more concrete and would lessen the action of the Grace. That's why even when one sees, one cannot speak, one MUST NOT speak.

But Sri Aurobindo certainly meant that this Power or this Force is what does everything - everything. When you see It or are one with It, at the same time you know, and you know that That is the only thing that really acts and creates; the rest is the result of the field or the world or the matter or the substance in which It acts - it's the result of resistance, but it's not the Action. And to unite with That means that you unite with the Action; to unite with what's below means that you unite with the resistance.

So then, because they fidget, stir, bustle, want to do this and that, think, make plans... they imagine they're doing something (!) - they just resist.

Later, a little later, I'll be able to give examples for very small things, showing how the Force acts, and what interferes and mixes in, or what is driven by that Force but distorts its movement, and the result, that is to say, the physical appearance as we see it. Even an example for a very small thing without any world importance gives a clear notion of the way in which everything occurs and is distorted here.

For everything, everything, all the time, all the time, that's how it is. And when you do the yoga of the cells, you realize it's the same thing: there is the action of the Force acting, and then... (*Mother laughs*) what the body does with that Action! (*silence*) There immediately comes the why and the how. But that belongs to the realm of mental curiosity, because the important fact is to put a stop to the resistance. That's the important thing, putting a stop to the resistance so the universe may become what it must be: the expression of a harmonious, luminous, marvelous power, incomparably beautiful. Afterwards, once the resistance has ceased, if out of curiosity we want to know why it occurred... it will no longer matter. But right now, it's not by looking for the why that we will be able to bring about the remedy: it's by taking the true position. That's the only thing that matters.

Putting a stop to the resistance through complete surrender, complete self-giving, in all the cells if one can do it.

They are beginning to have that intense joy of being only through the Lord, for the Lord, in the Lord....

When that is established everywhere, it will be fine.

- Sri Aurobindo, *Essays on the Gita, Chapter 8, God in Power of Becoming*

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



You must find the true Person within yourself. First, when you have acquired the capacity to be a fit instrument of the Truth, then you will know what is intended of you.

- Sri Aurobindo
Evening Talks, p.329



WORKING GROUP REPORTS



From the RAS: Next Steps for the Method of Selecting Working Group Members

As you may have seen, the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) recently arranged a GM+ following receiving two requests to present proposals to the community on the topic of the working group membership selection process, with all the options eventually being presented together. As per the 2007 Residents' Assembly Decision Making Policy (RAD Policy) the RAS is called 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 were issued to the community for Residents' Assembly Decision(s) (RAD). The RAS intends to issue an RAD on this topic to start at the end of October, following a 2 week notice period.

The RAS role, as per the 2007 Policy, is to ensure that a clear agenda is provided setting out what decisions are to be arrived at by the community on the topic when presenting the RAD questions to the community. As previously set out, the RAS has received 2 requests on the same topic with proposals. After deep reflection on the technical & ethical considerations and through engagement with the stakeholders over the last few months, the RAS believes the route which best serves the community is to present the taskforce's final proposals (A, B & C) alongside the proposal D which was taken up by the Working Committee following a meeting between the stakeholders. Please see the previous GM+ content here <https://bit.ly/30BYASu> for more information.

As with many aspects of our work, the RAS has received various criticisms whilst handling the strong disagreements and differing interpretations held by the stakeholders as to the respective roles and 'powers' held by RAS, Selection Process Taskforce, Working Committee, Funds and Assets Management Committee and the Auroville Council, in general and on this topic. It has become increasingly clear to us that the 2007 Residents' Assembly Decision making Policy, which also forms the main element of the RAS mandate, requires urgent and deep review by the community. We continue to apply the RAD policy as consistently as we can, always with the intention to best serve the community and look forward to exploring how the RAS might assist the community better in the future.

-At Her service, Resident's Assembly Service

From the Auroville Service Trust: Proposed City Trust for City Services

We're writing to bring to your notice something that you may not be aware of. The FAMC is proposing to form a City Trust for registration of all activities under the City Services. For the second time, they will present this idea for ratification to the Governing Board in its next meeting (probably beginning of November). Furthermore, it is our understanding that the Trust would have three trustees, and the FAMC is proposing that 2 of the trustees are an "FAMC member". This aspect about the trustees is unprecedented.

Essentially what this looks like is that all the activities of the City Services (we counted 118 entries) would be under the FAMC. This includes Land Board & Matrimandir, as well as services such as the Free Store & Nandini, Cycle Kiosk, and Puncture Service, and Blue Light.

We are concerned by this development. We've repeatedly asked for an audience with the FAMC to discuss this. To date we have not been heard. From our point of view:

a. Auroville does not need any more Trusts. There are almost 40 already. We offered to use Auroville Service Trust if registration of activities under City Services is "required". We are informed that many of these 'internal' activities could be accounted for and remain directly under the Auroville Foundation.

b. Auroville needs to streamline its organization, not make it more unnecessarily complicated. We are in the process of researching the legal standing of Auroville Trusts under the Auroville Foundation. Basically we're discovering that they are merely 'administrative' bodies.

c. The FAMC has no mandate to direct activities.

d. The FAMC has not made a presentation to the community on this deeply impactful proposal, nor sought input from the RA.

These are just a few of our questions & concerns. We invite you to take time to inform yourself of this situation and if you are concerned, to ask your questions directly to the FAMC and in the public sphere.

Regards, Auroville Service Trust
(Amy, Anne, Joseba, Ponnusamy & Ulrich)

City Services: Contributions and Payments Sept. 2020

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,44,07,592
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,72,37,707
Total Contributions (OB + Monthly Inc)	8,16,45,299
Total Payments	1,47,87,973
CS Ending Balance(Includes BOB)	6,68,57,326

Monthly loss/gain **24,49,734**

Internal Contributions

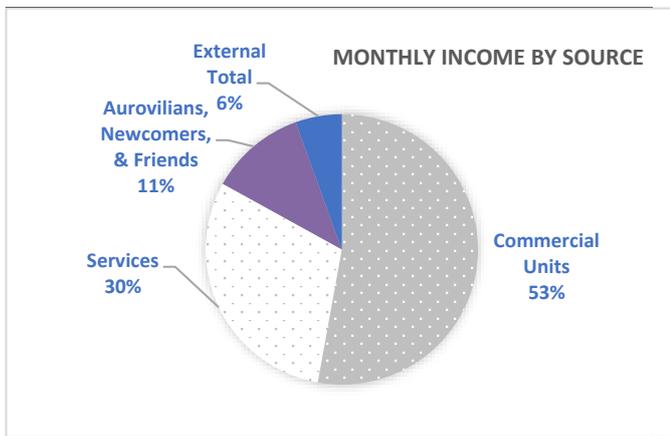
Source	Total
Commercial Units	91,06,919
Services	52,12,118
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	19,69,930
Internal Total	1,62,88,967

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	-
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	9,48,740
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	9,48,740

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	30,22,680	1,56,20,206
Social Support	20,76,156	98,07,636
Children & Youth	15,45,707	82,56,107
Organization	13,71,610	66,93,133
Health	10,53,884	55,46,836
Village Education	10,22,812	53,52,662
Forests	10,12,102	52,17,605
Security	5,60,419	28,44,814
Prosperity Services	5,18,572	23,74,078
Roads, Cycle paths, Transport	4,95,237	23,68,325
Farms	4,80,675	25,56,879
Culture & Sports	4,71,529	22,93,523
Outreach	3,34,274	14,96,240
Land	2,64,993	13,28,231
Matrimandir	1,93,897	10,00,536
City Planning	1,46,210	5,28,022
Housing	1,06,801	6,51,485
Projects	16,641	82,162
Utilities	16,641	1,66,053
Contingency	77,133	23,10,930
Total	1,47,87,973	7,64,95,463



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

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

Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Buildaur	22,28,148	22,28,148
Maroma	20,58,157	20,74,157
AV Consulting	7,84,700	7,85,200
Sunlit Future	7,10,410	7,10,410
Pitchandikulam Forest Cons.	4,20,820	4,20,820
Eco Femme	2,24,290	2,24,290
Svaram	1,81,230	1,81,230
Tanto	1,65,655	1,75,655
La Ferme Cheese	1,25,569	1,25,569
Miniature	1,20,820	1,20,820
Cynergy	1,17,350	1,17,350
The Colors Of Nature	1,07,940	1,07,940
C3Streamline	98,940	98,940
Aureka	94,700	96,700
AV Bakery	90,090	90,090
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Hers	47,145	47,145
Flame	46,940	47,940
Sumark	31,948	31,948
MG Ecoduties	30,410	30,410
Cadd Studio	26,940	41,540
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Capability	23,880	23,880
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Auromics	20,820	30,320
Auroville Papers	20,820	25,020
AV Online Store	20,820	20,820
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Naturellement	20,820	20,820
Magica	19,410	19,410
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Right Path Café (VC Café)	17,350	17,850
Tree House Community	17,350	17,350
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	16,940	16,940
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
Holistic	13,880	13,880
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Worktree	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Omega	12,940	15,190
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
Conscious Living	10,410	15,410
Eco Pro	10,410	10,410
Filaure	10,410	10,410
Imago	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
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
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 Lakshmi Construction	6,940	6,940
Auroyali Production	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	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
Gastronomica	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
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470
ASA-Mona	5,205	5,205
Integral Learning Center	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
AFA-Tavola	3,857	3,857
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-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
Anveshan	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Aurosun construction	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Prime	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Swastika	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press 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-ATB with AMIR	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
Brainfever Media Prod	3,470	3,470
Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Softw	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
AVA-Inscapes	3,470	3,470
AVA-Local Guide	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Mia Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
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
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
Kalki	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	3,470	3,470
LEAD-ACI Project	3,470	3,470
LEAD-Aurothaima	3,470	3,470
Light 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
OK Upcycling Studio	3,470	3,470
PAPUI & SOMETHINGELSE	3,470	3,470
Pitchandikulam	3,470	3,470
Pottery Sipapu	3,470	3,470
Prisma	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
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	1,000
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
AV ARTS-Saraswati Ultd	535	535
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D` Av Pondy	-	500
Inside India	-	350
Total	89,24,819	91,06,919
Percent of Total	98%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Exploration GH (Total 76)	1,05,820	1,05,820
Auromode GH	54,929	54,929
New Creation GH	49,596	49,596
Gaia's Garden GH	41,516	41,516
Tanto GH (Show: Rs.31,160)	6,940	6,940
Isai Ambalam GH	22,398	22,398
Aspiration GH	15,948	15,948
Center GH	13,880	18,780
Reve GH	13,601	13,601
Arka GH	11,016	11,016
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
International House	9,394	9,394
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Needam GH	6,940	6,940
Afsanah GH	3,470	4,270
Atithi Griha GH	3,470	3,470
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
Joy Community GH	3,470	3,470
Mitra GH	3,470	3,470
Horizon GH	2,400	2,400
Samasti GH	2,130	2,130
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
Discovery GH	1,000	1,000
Subtotal	4,04,353	4,10,053
Additional Guest Contri.	45,689	45,689
Less Volunteer refund	52,033	52,033
Net Additional Guest Contri.	97,722	97,722
Total	5,02,075	5,07,775

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	40,90,980	41,07,210
Botanical Garden	50,315	50,315
Quiet Healing Centre	41,640	42,640

CSR	38,170	38,170
Working Committee	24,290	24,290
Bharat Nivas	13,880	13,880
Citadines	10,410	10,410
Sacred Groves Care	10,410	10,410
Visitor Center	8,675	8,675
ABC	6,940	6,940
New Era Secondary School	6,940	6,940
Birth Center	5,205	5,205
AV Arts Service	3,970	3,970
Anntara	3,470	3,470
AV Language Lab	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
GFCG	3,470	3,470
Sri Sanskrit Research Institute	3,470	3,470
Korean Pavilion	3,470	3,470
Land Board	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
L'Avenir	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Aspiration	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 Satellite	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	-	3,02,418
Total	43,84,695	47,04,343

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	15,83,805	15,83,805
Friends of AV	1,83,165	1,83,165
School Participation	1,18,960	1,18,960
Newcomer	84,000	84,000
Total	19,69,930	19,69,930

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bharat Nivas/Sawchu has restarted activities!

See the schedule in the Regular Activities addendum.

MINIATURE - EARLY MONSOON SALE

Friday 9th to Friday 16th OCT, 9 AM - noon (Sun closed)

20% OFF for Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers

Aurosarjan building, Auroshilpam, 0413-2622654/2622409



Sasikala & Prakash are happy to announce the birth of our new baby, Thara, on 26/09/2020!

APPEALS

From Accessible Auroville public bus

Dear All,

We hope you are doing well during this pandemic period of Covid-19. The Accessible Auroville Public Bus has been running for more than 4 years, offering a daily bus service between Auroville to Pondicherry for all. Those who traveled regularly with this service were happy and felt safer than traveling in a two wheelers and cheaper than traveling in a Taxi. In a way

they were part of supporting the community collective transport. Also they took a part in reducing the Carbon dioxide.

Every year, in the beginning of October, we need to meet certain fixed expenses towards yearly maintenance of the Vehicle like, Renewal of fitness certificate, Renewal of Insurance, Replacement of tires, Renewal of TN permit (Once every 5 years), new battery etc. Even though our service is temporarily suspended due to TN government restrictions for Covid-19, this work should be done in order to avoid penalty in the future.

Therefore, we are requesting for donations to keep the vehicle in order to use it once the lockdown is relaxed on public transportation. To cover all the above said expenses, we need Rs. 94,000 in total. Currently we are supporting our driver Sivakumar by paying him 50% from his regular salary to support his family. Though he is not driving the vehicle now, we want to support him during this difficult period; he was giving us his best service and being honest in his work.

Kindly transfer or deposit your donations to our account no. 251675 / AV. Thank you for your cooperation towards a collective transport.

- Accessible Public Bus, Raju, Sauro, Susmita

A Friendly Invitation

Bharat Nivas Group invites volunteers who wish to help beautify the campus and its various centers. During the long lockdown period of the past six months, it remained closed due to the Covid Protocol Guidelines. Due to the present economic constraints and lack of funds, the Auroville community's support would be much appreciated in all forms.

Regular weekly classes of dance & painting are beginning this month, and Kalakendra Art Gallery is open for new exhibitions for Aurovilians & Newcomers. Video & documentary film projections can be organized for a limited crowd with reference to the Covid'19 Protocol Guidelines.

It is time to bring in new energies and start activities. To begin with, a lot of collective cleanup work is required in the gardens, fences, cultural centers, library, art gallery spaces. A few hours in the mornings or afternoons would be of great help. Those who wish to volunteer, kindly send a mail to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in.

Looking forward to a positive response from the Community.

- Bharat Nivas Activity Group

OBITUARY

Kamla Tewari



Dr. (Major) Kamla Tewari, MBBS, DGO, left her body peacefully on September 29th at 6.30PM, surrounded by her loving family.

Kamla was born on 4th April 1927 in Jammu. From a young age, Kamla had made up her mind to study medicine, completing her MBBS degree at Lady Hardinge Medical College in Delhi in 1950. This was also the year she married a young army officer, Krishen Kumar Tewari (later

Krishna).

The next few years found her raising three daughters and volunteering her medical expertise at free clinics and welfare centers. Following her father's guidance, she never charged private fees, in service to our young and developing nation. She and Krishna lived by this ethos all their lives.

Her life changed dramatically in November 1962, when Krishna was taken prisoner of war on the Himalayan heights during the short but brutal India-China war. With three children, and no income (Krishna's salary stopped the day he went missing in action) and determined to support herself and her daughters, she joined the Indian Army as a doctor. Her fourth daughter was born in 1965, and in the next many years she and Krishna juggled their military postings with their family life. They were both posted in Calcutta, in 1971, when India and Pakistan went to war over what became independent Bangladesh. This war awakened in both a deeper quest; a moment when they

discovered Sri Aurobindo's world view. Visiting Pondicherry with their daughters, they were present on 21st February 1972 for the foundation of the Matrimandir and Mother's birthday. On the 22nd of February Krishna, Kamla and the girls were given a personal Darshan by Mother in her room. This moment had life altering consequences for all.

Upon retirement from the army in 1976, they moved first to Pondicherry, and then to Auromodel where Krishna started a farm while building their house. Kamla worked at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram dispensary in Pondicherry, and the rural Health Center in Aspiration, abutting Kuyilapalayam, which The Mother had started. Her presence energised the Health Centre, and for years she ran an active maternity and birth control clinic, helping to deliver close to a thousand babies. She thought nothing of hopping upon the back of cycles or motorcycles in response to midnight calls to help deliveries, both at the Health Centre and at remote Auroville settlements, working sometimes with only the illumination of kerosene lamps.

While a qualified Allopath and gynecologist, Kamla's preference was for homeopathy and her practice expanded to include what she called the Multipurpose Health Centre located in Certitude and later Bharat Nivas. Many Aurovilians and villagers lined up for her treatment, not least because her deeply intuitive therapeutic approach included a warm and sympathetic listening ear. In the early years, Aurovilians will recall a seemingly driverless peach colored Jonga hurtling down the dirt tracks of Auroville, her diminutive figure wrestling the controls behind the wheel!

Kamla lived through many momentous events and broke many barriers. She did not let herself be limited by the opportunities available to women, qualifying as a doctor at a time when few women chose that route, and making her husband-to-be wait while she finished her medical studies. She was an accomplished sportswoman, horse rider, hiker, and swimmer, and won prizes for her prowess on the shooting range.

The house Krishna and Kamla built in Auromodel in 1980, Aurogriha was where she chose to leave her body surrounded by her family, having dedicated nearly half her life to Auroville.

Kamla's beloved life partner of nearly 66 years, Krishna, departed in 2016, at the same age, 93, as she is now. She leaves four loving daughters: Uma, Deepti, Abha and Shubha, sons-in-law Yogesh, Arjun, Claude and Narayanan, and grandchildren: Rohan, Ruchir, Smiti, Achala and Kabir. Much of her family have dedicated their lives to Auroville in no small measure influenced by her deep ethos of service, her indomitable courage and can-do spirit that triumphed over every obstacle.

She leaves a legacy of many lives touched and changed forever by her love, patience, and ability to deal with anything that came her way with unflappable presence of mind.

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WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 053- 10-10-2020

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

- Anand RAJARAM (Indian) staying in Creativity and working at Puncture Service
- Ramana JAYARAMAN (Indian) staying in Realization and working at Arka

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

- Mary SAMINATHAN (Indian) staying in Simplicity and working at Papyrus
- Peter WALSH (USA) staying in Kalpana and working at PTDC



Anand

Ramana

Mary

Peter

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Malgorzata KADZIELSKA aka Ocean BEKKER (Dutch)
Manikandan DHANDAPANI (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 Aurovillian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Residence (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office.
- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovillian is the B-Form. An Aurovillian's name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.
- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Mattram

Centre for Psychological Development and Support

Open walk-in for just sharing without appointment from 9 to 10 am (Monday-Saturday) with professional Integral Psychologists: Palani on Monday & Wednesday, Jerry on Tuesday, Gopa on Thursday, Saif on Saturdays. Appointments for consultation, counselling and therapy daily (except Sunday), call 948 774 6051 or write mattram@auroville.org.in. Mattram is situated in Mitra Youth Hostel behind Town Hall. <http://www.mattramav.in>

Internal Delivery Service for online purchased goods: Results of the Survey

You can find the results of the survey on "Internal Delivery Service for online purchased goods", to which 210 Aurovilians replied, here: <https://auroville.org.in/article/81716>. Thanks to all who took the time to participate. Many thanks also to Fred, who spent so much time to organize the data in order to present them to you in a meaningful way. For more information (statistics, process, team, contribution, etc.), write to internaldelivery@auroville.org.in or ph/WA +91 8531969746. Thank you for your consideration. ~ Dan, for the Survey Team

At "Hangout" gathering or seniors and friends October 17th, 2.30 to 5PM, Center Guest House

Our second Third Age "Hangout" gathering was held at Center Guesthouse last Saturday and the result was even better than we expected! There were 19 of us enjoying ourselves, eating some very yummy cake graciously prepared by Axum as well as various AV Bakery cookies and refreshments. Most of us were playing board games, and everyone had a great time and lots of fun. So much that we ended an hour later than planned! Not to forget Fabienne who joined us and taught us Mahjong.

We are now happy to announce that we will be continuing this activity ever 2 weeks and the next "gathering" will be held at Center Guesthouse again, on **Saturday 17th October**, between 2:30 and 5pm. Just drop in anytime you want and stay as long as you like, it's totally informal.

We will of course have all sorts of yummy cookies and cakes with juices and coffee and tea. This time we will not only have

the board games but also a special Qigong instructor to give instruction to those that are interested.

Space will likely still need to be limited so please let us know as far in advance as possible if you'd like to be with us. Looking forward to seeing you, Don & Shivaya (Third Age group)



Atal Incubation Centre - Pondicherry

The Atal Incubation Centre at Pondicherry Engineering College Foundation (AIC-PECF) is fully supported and funded by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, Government of India. AIC-PECF is established to promote innovative technology-based start-up enterprises in India. This incubation centre provides a vibrant ecosystem for the young and student entrepreneurs who are at the initial stages of their venture by providing mentorship support, guidance and handholding them through the valley of death.

AIC-PECF's focus areas are:

1. Electronics Design & Manufacturing (EDM)
2. Internet of Things (IoT)
3. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

AIC-PECF wishes to open its Rural Entrepreneurship Development Program to individuals, units and services from Auroville in order to:

- Connect with the Auroville community and its neighboring villages in which Auroville run outreach programs and support with entrepreneurship guidance.
- Provide technology support and state-of-the-art fab lab facilities for innovators to pursue their own ideas and convert it into a successful venture.
- Develop a network of innovator pools in every village to evangelize and promote self-sustainable business ventures.
- Provide skill development training sessions for young participants within the age group of 18 - 45.
- Arranging regular community meet ups for collecting the existing problems and to motivate locals with viable problem solving solutions.

AIC-PECF's ecosystem partnership programs are majorly inclined towards providing the above-mentioned support services to our startups. Thereby creating a platform for young entrepreneurs to overcome their pain points. Interested individuals, units and services may contact Mr. Kameswaran Swaminathan, Incubation Manager, AIC-PECF at kameswaran.s@aicpecf.org. More information is available under: www.aicpecf.org. - Auroville Consulting



In March 2020 a Citizens' Assembly pilot was launched which aimed to support capacity-building and participation in collective decision-making processes in Auroville, towards realising its ideals of human unity and unending education. It also aims to produce a much-needed water vision for our community.

As you may be aware, our first attempt at the pilot was impacted by the COVID lockdown, but we are now getting ready to begin again.

What is happening? - Given the COVID realities in which we now operate we have had to restructure the sessions. It means we will now meet in smaller groups, and inputs from the water players in our community will be through pre-recorded videos.

Despite initial concerns about whether the key elements of this model could be retained, we are excited to discover that the new structure may even be better - providing more time for small group discussion and a legacy of 20+ videos for the community. We are planning to run the sessions on Saturdays throughout November and December, with final wrap up sessions in January. We are currently in the process of re-confirming our assembly members.

Over the past month we have been busy filming interviews with 20+ water players in Auroville. We are thankful to all those who have agreed to be interviewed and also members of the archives who have been helping us find footage. We are also thankful to receive funding from SAIER to help make this happen (all of which will be spent within Auroville).

How you can help - To ensure that the content is fully accessible to all assembly members we will be transcribing and translating all videos. We would very much appreciate help from the wider community to make this possible. Specifically, we need:

- Transcribers - people with good English to transcribe the interviews. Transcripts will be used for English subtitles and also for Tamil translation. Interviews vary from 10-20 minutes in length, so each transcription is likely to be 1-2 hours per interview. This work needs to be undertaken by mid/late October.
- Translators - people who can translate from English to Tamil (and vice versa as some interviews will be in Tamil). Where interviews are in English translators will be provided with a written transcription. This work is likely to take place mid-October to early November.

If you are able to support us to make the Citizens' Assembly pilot truly accessible to our community please contact us at nikethana2001@gmail.com.

Warmly, from the Citizens Assembly Exploration team
Kathy, Suryamayi, Helen, Alan, David, Aditi, Martin, Sandhya, Nikethana, Anshul & Lesley

Flowering plants available, ready to plant?

With good rain and shine and more rains coming, are you ready to plant some flowering plants that Mother gave spiritual significance to? At Savitri Nursery, we now have a number of seedlings: Supramental Action, Sri Aurobindo's Compassion (different colors), Psychological Protection (different colors), Progress (different colors), Integral Wisdom, Immortality, Dynamic Power, Radiating Purity, Jasmine, Gratitude, peepal tree, desert rose, aloe vera, and more.

Voluntary donations. Seed and plant offerings and volunteers welcome. Please come at our collective gardening time: Every Wednesday, 8:00-9:30am; At other times, contact: Anandi Zhang: +91 89402 85201 (WA only); B: +91 99435 32829 (ph/WA); Prasad: +91 94428 59642 (ph/WA); Suresh: +91 97866 26952 (ph/WA). Please click [here](#) for more details. -Savitri Nursery volunteers team

Basketball Training for Children Indoor Stadium at New Creation sports Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

This is to inform you all that we'll be starting basketball training again in the indoor stadium at NC sports ground starting next Friday 9th. The stadium gate will be closed by 5:15 pm and no one will be allowed inside thereafter for the rest of the evening. Late comers will be sent back. All children must come with their parents to be dropped off and the same for pick up. All children must bring their own water bottles. It cannot be shared. No food or snacks will be allowed inside. All children must come with masks. No audience will be allowed inside; this goes for parents as well. All the children must come with proper training kits: sports shorts, t-shirts, shoes and socks. covid19 rules: masks, hands sanitizing and social distancing etc. will be strictly followed. We will check for temperature before entering the stadium. Anyone showing a temperature will be sent back.

Note to parents: If anyone in your household has covid19 symptoms, do NOT bring your child(ren) for the training.

La Terrace **NEW** opening times:
8 AM to 8 PM every day **except** Thursday (closed)

Link to Arka Wellness Center's October offerings:
[ARKA WELLNESS CENTER-OCTOBER-2020-converted.pdf](https://www.arkawellnesscenter.org/2020/10/01/arka-wellness-center-october-2020-converted.pdf)

Marc's Café store update

We are happy to inform you that from this month, we will be open on **SUNDAY** from 8.30 to 4.30 pm. We will remain closed on **Tuesday**. We will maintain strict Covid -19 measures as usual

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India

Since normal travel is not happening for a long time to come we will have no regular office timings.

Regarding refunds: there is no need to call, as we are following it up regularly with the airlines. Once a refund has been credited to our account we will automatically transfer it to your F/S account. We advise Avians who are having a rebooking option to get their ticket only reissued once the approval to return to India has been announced by the WC.

MATRIMANDIR

Concentration for Dr. Kamala Tiwari

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Opening of Inner Chamber

The Inner Chamber is now **open from 4:30 - 6:30 PM** with prior booking (Aurovilians, Newcomers & long term volunteers holding a valid MM pass, 15 people per sitting in the Inner

Chamber. Mat will be folded after one use.

The Petals are **open from 7 to 8am**. (No booking required). 1 person per petal (12 petals open). A/C will be off, but will be used to cool the room before your visit. After concentration, the petal will be closed. For details on protocols, SOPs etc, see Auronet: <https://auroville.org.in/article/81400>

If you would like to come to the Inner Chamber for concentration, please inform the Matrimandir Access team at mmconcentration@auroville.org.in.

(Note: You will first get the public auto-response regarding closure, but this is for visitors who write to this address. The email of all Aurovilians will be answered in any case.)

Please give your Name and Community and what evenings you would like to come and how long you would like to sit. As the number of places is very limited you will be informed by email of the date/s and time/s when you can come. Every effort will be made to meet your request/s.

You are reminded that the **Park of Unity** is open every day from 6 am to 8 am (for Aurovilians and Newcomers only) & 4:30 pm to 6.30 pm every day (for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers holding a valid Matrimandir Pass)

Thank you, - Matrimandir Executives and Access team

COHERENCE

New Moon, FRI. 16th October 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

Garden of the Unexpected Reports -

for the months of May, June, July & August 2020. Also a detail report on the Pond in Garden A.

[2020 09 17 GoU PPT Report May, June, July & August 2020.pdf](#) [2020 09 30 Garden A pond Reort.pdf](#)

LOOKING FOR

Music stand for sheet music - for our weekly rehearsals. If you have one to give away or wish to sell, we would be very grateful. It doesn't have to be in perfect condition. Contact Elke (94865 20868) or Deborah (91594 03412)

Long-term housesitting - I am an Aurovillian, teacher at Isaiambalam School for 5 yrs. Contact - Siva, 9944427769 or sivasmil2k@gmail.com

A biography in English of the French painter Fabienne Verdier. I'm told it was floating around Auroville a year ago. Please let me know if you have it. **ALSO: Someone who can use a laptop** for a small project. Audrey at 2622641 or 9786411419.

Massage table to use, rent or buy. Barbara (volunteer in Revelation), 9159971141.

AVAILABLE

Used Solar Water Heaters - available against a contribution to Avians/NC. atithigriha@auroville.org.in or Dominique (2622445) 9 to 11AM.

Office space - at Auromode, completely new, with or without A/C (GF, 170sqm, can be divided as per requirement). Very quiet and green surrounding, w/ following facilities: Generator Power back-up, AquaDyn water, Car & Bike parking, 24Hrs Security service - Contact: Pandian, General Manager, AUROMODE TRUST, 9943390391; 2622224; pandian@auroville.org.in, auromode@auroville.org.in

Dictionaries - "The Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology" Oxford University Press 1982 and "A Practical Sanskrit Dictionary" w/ transliteration, accentuation, and etymological analysis, Oxford University Press 1979. Contact Mauna, WA 9443168323, or mauna@auroville.org.in

Household worker - 3 days/wk. Discreet, dignified presence, reliable, clean, neat work, speaks English. I've employed her for several years, but now needs a 2nd job due to the economic slowdown. srinoyi@auroville.org.in or WA 9626915199.

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

Cook food in as little water as possible. This also helps it retain more nutrients. With Love from the Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.

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

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Time for Ecological Literacy

We can design sustainable societies by modeling them after nature's ecosystems. To understand ecosystems' principles of organization, which have evolved over billions of years, we need to learn the basic principles of ecology—the language of nature. The most useful framework for understanding ecology today is the theory of living systems.

Every organism, from the smallest bacterium to all the varieties of plants and animals, including humans, is a living system. *Parts of living systems* are themselves living systems. A leaf is a living system. A muscle is a living system. Every cell in our bodies is a living system and lastly *communities of organisms*, including both ecosystems and human social systems such as families, schools, and other human communities, are living systems.

System Thinking in terms of complex systems is now at the very forefront of science. It is also very like the ancient thinking that enabled traditional peoples to sustain themselves for thousands of years. But although the modern version of this intellectual tradition is almost a hundred years old, it has still not taken hold in our mainstream culture. Why do people find systems thinking so difficult? One reason is that living systems are

nonlinear while our whole scientific tradition is based on linear thinking (chains of cause and effect).

Linear thinking assumes that when something works, more of the same will always be better. For instance, a “healthy” economy will show strong, indefinite economic growth. But living systems don’t maximize their variables; they optimize them. When something is good, more of the same will not necessarily be better, because things go in cycles, not along straight lines. The point is not to be efficient, but to be sustainable. Quality, not quantity, counts.

We also find systems thinking difficult because we live in a culture that is materialist in both its values and its fundamental worldview. For example, most biologists will tell you that the essence of life lies in the macromolecules— the DNA, proteins, enzymes, and other material structures in living cells. Systems theory tells us that knowledge of these molecules is, of course, very important, but the essence of life does not lie in the molecules. It lies in the patterns and processes through which those molecules interact. The web of life is a network of relationships. Because living systems are nonlinear and rooted in patterns of relationships, understanding them requires a new way of seeing the world—in terms of *relationships, connectedness, and context*—that goes against the grain of traditional Western science and education. Such “contextual” or “systemic” thinking involves shifts of perception: *From the parts to the whole. From objects to relationships. From objective knowledge to contextual knowledge. From quantity to quality. From structure to process. From contents to patterns.*

Teaching the Next Generation About Sustainable Development

Because the study of patterns requires visualizing and mapping, artists have contributed significantly to the advancement of science. Two famous examples are Leonardo da Vinci, whose whole scientific work during the Renaissance could be seen as a study of patterns, and the eighteenth-century German poet Goethe, who made significant contributions to biology through his study of patterns. This opens the door for educators integrating arts into the curriculum. Whether it’s literature, poetry, visual arts, music, or performing arts, there’s nothing more effective than art for developing a child’s natural ability to recognize and express patterns.

Networks - Because members of an ecological community derive their essential properties, and in fact their very existence, from their relationships, sustainability is not an individual property, but a property of an entire network. Solving problems requires addressing them together in networks of support and conversation. A watershed restoration work, for example, might begin with one class of students concerned about an endangered species of shrimp, but then evolves into a network of students, teachers, parents, funders, farmers, design and construction professionals, NGOs, and government bodies. Each part of the network makes its own contribution to the project, the efforts of each are enhanced by the work of all, and the network has the resilience to keep the project alive even when individual members leave or move on.

From: Ecological Literacy by Fritjof Capra. Center for Ecoliteracy, Schumacher College UK

The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News & Notes and on AuroNet. We invite you to participate and comment on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the world.

~ Lisbeth & Gijs, avgreencenter@auroville.org.in



The regular weekly Radio Program listing has been moved to the Regular Activities addendum! Last published podcasts:
- [The Akademik Genius Brothers - The Making Off...](#) ep.1 (Theatre)
- [Soul Tracks - ep.11 "Screen Music" \(Music\)](#)
- [Aarohan ! - ep.1 \(Music\)](#)

Kamla: offspring of immortal India

Kamla’s life of dedication and service to the nation, to Auroville - one with her hero-husband and soul-mate, Gen. Krishna Tewari - is a reminder of Auroville’s early spirit of which Kamla was a symbol. Such an exemplary life streams from deep spiritual roots. Kamla was the daughter of a modern mahatma who went pilgriming around India on a spiritual quest. Particularly close to Ramana Maharshi, her father was also acquainted with Sivananda and Papa Ramdas. When as a doctor he was dispatched to serve “the Mother’s war”, flanking the Allies in WWII, before he left for the front Sivananda (or was it Papa Ramdas?) spent a week at home with the doctor and his family; little Kamla grew up in this atmosphere. When Swami Sacchidananda (the Self-realised successor of Papa Ramdas) visited Auroville, he was welcomed at the feet of Matrimandir and taken to the Chamber by Kamla and Krishna Tewari; whom else?

How imprisoned Krishna was miraculously saved thanks to his wife’s ancestral piety is another milestone chapter. Kamla hailed from a doctors’ family; her grandfather was a famous ayurvedic doctor and this reflected in Kamla’s broad-minded practice. Originally an allopathic doctor and a gynecologist, embracing the Aurovilians’ request Kamla shifted to homeopathy, which at times she combined with trusted ayurvedic remedies. As for her reaching impossible places, in Auroville, to deliver babies under stern conditions, she just kept doing what she had done for years as a medical doctor and gynecologist in the Indian army. Her whole life was challenge and self-discipline, like her husband and general. Kamla was more than the homeopathic doctor initiating us to homeopathy. More than a friend and confident. She was a living symbol of the country fast disappearing, and yet immortal, for which I left everything behind; the proof that it was not a dream: THAT India existed and is, forever.

A mature psychic being chooses the environment where to best progress; Kamla was a flower blossoming out of the *guru parampara* tradition that, for advanced souls, commences from within one’s kinship: spiritual families engender spiritual offspring nurtured since an early age. When her brother visited Auroville no one would imagine that so simple and friendly, so lovely man had been the General no. 1 in the Indian Army! Out of a profoundly lived spirituality ethics, integrity, service to all are born. In short, what the Mother expects from us Aurovilian. Old and frail and faltering, still Kamla kept serving -- and so did Krishna, at his post till the very end. Blessed are we for having had the like of them with us.

Relics of a bygone age? No, the future!
Salutation to Kamla and Krishna Tewari!

~ Submitted by Paulette



The Kaleidoscope issue #17: "At home Quarantine" by Faith group of Deepanam School is out.

Read online here: <https://issuu.com/faithclass/docs/kaleidoscope17>

Kindful Kids Newsletter

I’m part of a team that co-creates a weekly newsletter called ‘**Kindful Kids**’. It intends to offer inspiring content and useful resources for parents, teachers, facilitators etc. who are co-learning with children. This is a fully volunteer driven initiative and all the newsletters are freely available.

I often share what I’m learning from life and schools in Auroville. The purpose of this post is to share this resource and also an invitation for you to share inspiring content, tools, resources etc. that can be included in these newsletters and/or ideas to collaborate for creating something specific for Auroville. Write me at deven@auroville.org.in. Most recent issue of the Kindful Kids newsletter is on the theme of “**Self-Awareness and Mental Health**”. We have recommended Aloka and Joan’s book on ‘**Awareness Through the Body**’ along with several other resources. You can [click here](#) to take a look at it.

~ With Love and Gratitude, Deven

You can read it here: <https://auroville.org.in/article/81746>.
We welcome your valuable feedback.

- Ilaignarkal Education Centre Vaasal Team

Masks Are Bad for Children. Take Them Off

(Part of original Aurnet post (<https://bit.ly/34wqwgz>) by Kaliananda for Health Freedom Auroville)

Aurovilians in positions of responsibility such as WCom's COVID task force, school board, SAHER, teachers, shop & restaurant owners should deliberate on the linked cautionary informative post before promoting use of the damaging measure of restricting the oxygen intake of children by enforcing placement of masks on children. Working Committee and Covid task force have repeatedly clarified they have no medical expertise. With the well-being of the community at the fulcrum, it is not only possible, *it is necessary* to pick and choose which government orders to follow and which to disregard. In short, there is scope of interpretation at the service of the truth/health. Put another way, **we are duty-bound to reject dictates which cause harm to children.**

It is incumbent on individual conscious community members, schools, shop/restaurant owners and especially parents to step up and take responsibility. The practice and requirement of placement of masks on children should be stopped immediately. With Love & Light, Kaliananda, kaliananda@protonmail.com
Health Freedom for Auroville

The Mask Dilemma

The Covid Task force in its weekly communication with the community in the News & Notes, on Aurnet and through many Bulletins- has done a heroic job! The Pandemic in India is certainly not yet under control and we are asked to take caution; It is required by law to keep social distance, wear masks while going out and in public places and do not hold or go to large gatherings. As Auroville and Aurovilians, we have to follow the law.

Lately there are more voices of dissent, people who absolutely refuse to wear a mask in Auroville's public places: going to the Financial Service, PDTC or Pour Tous, (despite clear signs that say: 'NO MASK NO ENTRY'. Unpleasant, jarring, impatient and hot arguments were heard in PDTC at the entrance attacking the amazing people, who keep this service going since March, in a spirit of selfless service, wearing their own hot masks all morning!! and providing us with all our food needs, meanwhile keeping a beautiful atmosphere. Over the carrot- and onion displays someone went ballistic: shrieking to another customer who dared to inquire why she wasn't wearing a mask.. This was shocking painful and hurtful to everyone present .

If some Aurovilians feel so strongly not keeping these simple rules, they of course have the freedom to stop shopping or use Auroville services and do their errands and business elsewhere. It would great if these simple rules could be accepted and followed by everyone- whatever people's private opinions are- without the necessity to enforce them.
Stay Healthy! - Lisbeth

On Pets

People may choose to have animal pets for enjoyment, company, or security. In modern times, when physical affection is not as much a part of family life as it used to be, especially in Western cultures, the need for affection is often met by pets.

Sometimes it gets lonely after a break-up or divorce, and one is hesitant to be intimate with another human again. They surround themselves with one or more pets. For some time, it is therapeutic, as they learn about simple love without complications. However, we cannot call it unconditional love, as it depends on us feeding them. Giving them food and shelter earns their affection, and sometimes their protection. In the long-term this relationship may make us so comfortable that we don't allow ourselves to do the inner work to become live intimately and harmoniously with humans again. What was once a helpful therapy becomes an obstacle and handicap.

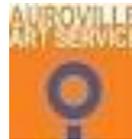
When we have adopted pets for a therapeutic purpose and have learnt our lessons from them, we can consider passing them on to someone who needs them more than us, or to a shelter where their needs will be met. We can then regain confidence in having harmonious and intimate human relationships again, based on simplicity, love and playfulness. Our relationships with other humans mirror the relationships between different aspects of ourselves. As we bring harmony to these aspects, and *integrate* them into a cohesive whole, our integral yoga will be successful. Our collective consciousness will rise, and our dream city will manifest. - Submitted Anonymously
Inspired by the Mother's words on pets in Auroville.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

OM CHOIR followed by SUNDAY SAVITRI Zoom Meeting on Sundays at 7:30pm

Every Sunday from 7:30 to 8pm is an OM CHOIR and then from 8 to 8:30pm the SUNDAY SAVITRI - Reading and Studies w/ Narad and Vladimir Yatsenko through Zoom. Narad and Vladimir are in the USA and start there in the morning. Vladimir is hosting the Zoom meeting. If you would like to join, write an email to Vladimir vlad@auroville.org.in or Margrit margritmala@auroville.org.in and we will send you the Meeting ID #.

- With love and gratitude and joy, Margrit



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. NEW VIDEO FROM NINA SENGUPTA & KRISHNA MCKENZIE - EDIBLE WEED WALK - Harmony - a plant whose leaves, flowers, seeds and roots are edible. It was part of the Native American culture once; we are reclaiming that knowledge. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0KF2mcsNwC&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1ejs5JhU0ifEs1Kdi--nnKje8FSJGg5yFosRMiR5G-ZYREiSqk9f4LLgo>

2. GOOGLE ARTS AND CULTURE
Features content from over 2000 leading museums and archives who have partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to bring the world's treasures online. This week we share here the link to an activity book for kids. This can be downloaded and printed out. http://services.google.com/fh/files/misc/googleartsandculture_activity_book.pdf <https://artsandculture.google.com/>

3. MUSIC TIME FOR KIDS

Megan Schoenbohm offers virtual concerts and jams for families. Attending them live may be difficult with time zone differences, but you can find them on her YT channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ECwtusxXI9AWtVvaXpNq>

4. IT'S TIME TO BE FUN, FAIR AND SQUARE

The Akademik Genius Brothers present The Bug. An attempt to perform a live show during lockdown... but things do not go as planned... <https://youtu.be/JZYV2Qd5tU>

5. FILM: THE ART OF THE POTTER

A digitally restored film from 1970 about Shoji Hamada and Bernard Leach, the original founders of the studio potter movement. Available to view for free till the end of this month. <https://www.leachpottery.com/leach-100-around-the-world>

6. 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.

The two foundations of good writing...Ep <https://youtu.be/xJFVKaJaEsl>.
How to approach writing your screenplay... Ep https://youtu.be/z_AMJA3G3bw

7. THIS IS OUR CHANCE FILM FESTIVAL 2020

Register and receive free access to a virtual film festival about the intersection of race, education, and youth empowerment. <https://our-chance.com/program/>

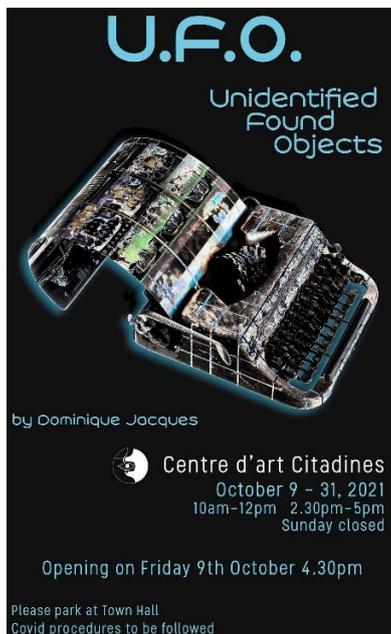
8. FILM: CONVERSATIONS ON DEATH WITH AUROVILIANS

A film by Auroras Eye Films and Danielle de Diesbach <https://youtu.be/ogJPuKSbjcc>

9. AUROVILLE CITY CONVERSATIONS PRESENTS

A short film on Auroville's Charter and city plan. <https://youtu.be/r32ol18hejo>

Centre d'Art, Auroville invites you for an Exhibition



The place is Auroville, the year is 2030. Residents of Auroville have unearthed several rather unusual objects.

While taking a walk, or shifting house or digging a field people have come across an old phone, a roller skate, a microscope. By their own account, the found objects were not strewn about randomly but rather seemed to be placed carefully as if somebody purposefully hid them. The findings were initially identified as remnants from the eighties; banal old stuff that grandmothers had in their home. However, it was soon clear that these were not normal "vintage" objects. Intentionally modified, the U.F.O.s emanate peculiar energy that is evident in spite of their poor condition, and that remains observable no matter how dirty and damaged by the climate the objects are.

Soon enough, the findings have started to add up and rumors of the U.F.O.s have spread like wildfire, reaching the ears of a highly specialized team of archaeologists. They have come to study them in detail. Thus far, their expertise has led them to believe that these objects, which by now total close to a dozen, have a common thread and a definite purpose. To confirm their intuition, they have submitted the pieces to x-ray testing and mobile scans. The results are surprising.

Examinations reveal, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that each object emanates a unique and particular energetic field and vibratory activity. However, due to the highly radiant nature of the emanations, the initial hypotheses continue to defy confirmation. And so, the questions remain:

- Could it be that these particular objects were specifically chosen because of their original waveform and then "charged" to emit particular energy? If yes, to what purpose?
- Could this be the work of a small group of local visionary researchers? Or it is an alien joke?

Realized by Dominique Jacques, collaborations by Marco Saroldi and Mariana Cortina.

Note: Only Auroville residents, registered guests and volunteers will be allowed. Information shall not be published inviting any groups/ individuals from outside Auroville.



Artwork submission for Lockdown show

CREEVA is very excited about the possibility of the show: **From Lock Down**

We hope you have taken time during lockdown to explore your creativity. Please join us, we are hoping for at least 20 participants. We can possibly use Savitri Bhavan's large room for the show. Send or bring (now or when your work is ready) to CREEVA's studio:

1. Three of your works wrapped or in an envelope.
2. Title (if any), date, medium and price.
3. Your name, email and phone.

Help us make this show one of deep interest. Call before coming: 2622641 / 9786411419 / 9486947245 -Sathya and Audrey for CREEVA

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

A Deeper Understanding of the Bhagavad Gita in the Light of Sri Aurobindo
 8 online talks by Dr Ananda Reddy
 16th to 23rd of October 2020

FMI: [A Deeper understanding of the BG new.pdf](#)

Integral Health will offer a short training in "Homeopathic First Aid" for accidents, fevers on Saturday 10th 4pm in English and Tamil., on request in German and French.

Training in homeopathy - We hope to train new homeopaths: a medical interest and background, an interest to study, and desire to support people in their healing and personal evolution are required. A course with Videoclasses, study with books, and training with Sigrid is offered to a committed group of students. integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Integral Health, Prayatna, 2623669

Qi Gong Workout

Orientated to: Relief the tension in the neck, shoulders, arms

Feel them free as a wings of the bird

Mon/Wed/Friday, 12th, 14th, 16th October, 7-8 am

Oriented to: Increase your immunity

Qi Gong excesses and Moxa on acupuncture points

Mon/Wed/Fri 19th, 21st, 23rd October, 7-8.20am

Pavilion of Tibetan culture (under the tree); WA 965-547-4497
 Guided by: Andres Lokuta

APPLY BY 15TH OCTOBER!



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Prayoga

Integrate Self & Social Change

A 12 week online course
 Nov 23, '20 - Feb 13, '21
 Sessions at 7 - 8:30 PM IST
 4 times/week

<https://aci.auroville.org/prayoga>
 Apply by October 15, 2020

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Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm
 For the ISSUE to be published that SATURDAY (though the digital version generally goes out on Thursday)

Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.

Please do NOT send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is NO guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way!

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm. Please do your best to submit copy that is ready for printing.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesday AM due to work pressure. Call for appt is best

Articles for the Notes section should under 500 words.

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