

# News and Notes

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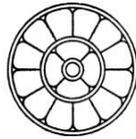
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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



10 October 1964

As Satprem prepares to leave, Mother inquires about his health:

Mother: ...Now, the last stage is that the body should forget it has been ill; that's very important.

Satprem: Very difficult.

Mother: It's very important.

Satprem: I am constantly struggling against pernicious suggestions. This physical mind gives me a lot of trouble - a lot of trouble. It has terrible apprehensions and fears.

Mother: Oh, absolutely.

Satprem: You understand, it has received so many blows...

Mother: Exactly!

Satprem: ... that it lives in an anxiety which ruins everything.

Mother: Yes, yes.

Satprem: What can you do?!

Mother: Persist.

I saw it in my own case. It was interesting enough, because from my earliest childhood, I was in contact with the higher consciousness (gesture above the head) and in a real stupefaction at the state of the earth and people - when I was very little. I was in a stunned amazement all the time. And the blows I received!... Constantly. Each thing came to me as a stab or a punch or a hammer blow, and I would say to myself, "What? How is this possible?" You know, all the baseness, all the lies, all the hypocrisy, all that is crooked, all that distorts and undoes the flow of the Force. And I would see it in my parents, in circumstances, in friends, in everything - a stupefaction. It wasn't translated intellectually: it was translated by that stupefaction. And when I was very little, the Force was already there (gesture above the head); I have a clear memory from the age of five: I only had to sit down for a moment to feel it, that Force which would come. And I went through the whole of life, up to the age of twenty or twenty-one (when I began to encounter Knowledge and someone who explained to me what it all was) like that, in that stupefaction: "What - is this life? What - is this what people are? What...?" And I was as though beaten black and blue, mon petit!

Then, from the age of twenty or twenty-five, that habit of pessimism began. It took all that time, all those blows, for it to come.

But with regard to health, whenever I had an illness (for me it was never an "illness," it was still part of the blows), I had a trust, a complete assurance that it had no reality. And very young (very young, maybe around the age of thirteen or fourteen), every time a blow came, I would tell my body, "But what's the use of being ill since you'll just have to get well!" And that stayed until I was over thirty: what's the use of being ill since you have to get well? And it faded away only little by little, with that growing pessimism.

Now I have to undo all that work.

But with you, it's the same thing, because you were already conscious when you were small (without being conscious of it), and when all those terrible things (Mother is alluding to the concentration camps) happened to you, there was something that remained conscious, but those things "cultivated" the pessimism - that pessimism of the physical mind. And now you have to undo all that work. And what a work it is, phew!...

You understand, it was **IMPOSSIBLE**, impossible for me to believe in ("believe" - even understand) all those movements of betrayal, of jealousy, all the movements of negation of the Divine in human beings and things - it was impossible, I didn't understand! But it came from every side, striking and striking and striking.... So all that had to be undone.

And with you, it was the same thing - I know it very well. I know it very well. And for you it took brutal forms.

But we only have to hold out, that's all.

We must erase the imprint little by little. And in fact, the only way to erase the imprint is to make contact with the Truth. There is no other way - all reasoning, all intelligence, all understanding, all that is totally useless with this physical mind. The only thing is to make contact. That's just what the cells value: the possibility of making contact.

Making contact.

On the material level, japa is very good for that. When your head is tired and you are a little weary of forever contradicting that pessimism, you just have to repeat your japa, and automatically you make contact. To make contact. That's something the cells value a lot. A lot. It's a very good way, because it's a way that isn't mental, it's a mechanical way, it's a question of vibration.

There, mon petit, we must endure.

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

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

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From birth to death, life is a dangerous thing. The brave pass through it without care for the risks. The prudent take precautions. The cowardly are afraid of everything. But ultimately, what happens to each one is only what the Supreme will has decided.



~ The Mother, Words of The Mother, Vol. 15

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## WORKING GROUP REPORTS

### From the WC re: Solidarity movement

There are times when there is a need to stand together and show a strong, silent presence to care for the physical reality of Auroville. When there is a dispute over land or assets of Auroville, when members of our community are being harassed or threatened by outsiders, then there should be a rapid and direct way to alert each other that there is a need to come to the site and demonstrate quiet solidarity and strength.

Some of you may remember that many years ago there was a similar call and a list of almost 50 Aurovilians was compiled who would be willing to be called in such situations. We would now like to update this list and revive the Solidarity Movement. The 2 main bodies that may use this list are the AVSST and the Land Board. The names of those who come forward will be shared with these 2 groups and they will then contact individuals as needed to brief them and explain the expectations.

Please be aware that this is not a call to get directly involved in the issues and that the lead of the AVSST and Land Board, depending on the situation, would need to be respected at all times. It is simply to be a presence if it is felt it could be helpful. If you are ready to offer yourself for this, please send your name, contact number and community to the Working Committee ([wcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:wcoffice@auroville.org.in))

### From the AVC: Follow up on proposal C (FAMC members)

The selection process for the members of FAMC as per the proposal C, presented by the ABC and ABS, requires amendments in the existing mandate of FAMC. We will invite 3 members of the community to be a part of this Task Force that will consist of members of ABC, ABS, and members of FAMC to cocreate a revised FAMC mandate.   
 -The Auroville Council.

### RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION MAKING PROCESS METHOD FOR SELECTING WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

This Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) is for the community to agree the method of selection for working group members. The selection for working group membership is due to take place before the end of the year as a number of existing members' terms are ending.

With multiple proposals to be considered, this decision making process first seeks consent from the community to deviate from the 50% in-favour threshold for agreeing the method of selection. If accepted, the proposal A, B or D that receives the most votes will be regarded as the community decision, even if that proposal gets less than 50% of votes in favour. If the community chooses to use the 50% decision-making threshold (as per the RAD policy 2007 (<https://bit.ly/3jWCL74>) default), it will require one of the proposals A, B or D to receive at least 50% of votes in favour to be registered as the community decision. If no proposal is successful in the first round, there will be further rounds to determine whether one of the proposals can reach 50% votes in favour. Further details will be set out with the launch of the RAD on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>.

Proposal C presented by ABC/ABS representatives was focused on the selection of a representative form of membership for FAMC, followed by a review of the mandate. With the expected formation of the FAMC mandate review Taskforce, which includes proposal C stakeholders, it has been decided to withhold proposal C from this RAD, pending assurances from the Auroville Council about the Taskforce. The FAMC mandate, including membership selection, is expected to be brought back to the community within 4 months, with an RAD on the proposal(s) for change.

### WHAT ARE THE PROPOSALS ASKING FOR?

Proposal A (<https://bit.ly/3emlzWa>) replaces the method of selecting working group members currently set out in the PWG 2018 (<https://bit.ly/3mQIQnc>).

Proposal B (<https://bit.ly/34Ssh48>) replaces the full PWG 2018 (<https://bit.ly/3mQIQnc>) with the suggested method of selecting working group members.

Proposal D (<https://bit.ly/2EIF5ji>) replaces the method of selecting working group members currently set out in the PWG 2018 (<https://bit.ly/3mQIQnc>).

### HOW TO VOTE

**ONLINE:** On Saturday, November 7 the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) will disseminate an email, containing your personalised link to the voting form. The online voting will run for two weeks and will end on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**.

**IN-PERSON:** A printed voting slip will also be available from the RAS sounding board outside Financial Service in Town Hall and from New & Notes (see below). Please fill your ballot out and hand it over to the RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS desk) every Tuesday between 10am to 12pm. In-person voting (meeting of the Residents' Assembly) will be organized at **Solar Kitchen on Saturday, November 21, 11am - 2pm**.

**RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION MAKING PROCESS  
METHOD FOR SELECTING WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

**DEVIATE FROM THE 50% IN-FAVOUR DECISION-MAKING THRESHOLD**

YES, I ACCEPT	NO, I DO NOT ACCEPT	I DO NOT KNOW,
In this instance only, the proposal that receives the most votes will be regarded as the community's decision, even if that proposal gets LESS than 50% of votes in favour.	The proposal that receives the most votes will only be regarded as the community's decision if that proposal gets MORE than 50% of votes in favour.	but I trust the collective intelligence, please give my voice to support the majority
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**MAKE YOUR CHOICE FOR METHOD OF SELECTING WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

PROPOSAL A <small>(received through the SP taskforce)</small>	PROPOSAL B <small>(received through the SP taskforce)</small>	PROPOSAL D <small>(received through the WCom)</small>	NONE <small>of these proposals</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

**Proposals from the Selection Process taskforce:** Proposal A <https://bit.ly/3emlzWa>, Essentials <https://bit.ly/2TQhS2J>, Proposal B <https://bit.ly/34Ssh48>  
**Proposal from Working Committee:** Proposal D <https://bit.ly/2EIF5ji>, Summary <https://bit.ly/3oVaRvS>, Explanation <https://bit.ly/3gJPWqg>



### TDC quarterly report - July, Aug & Sep 2020

This report covers the work undertaken by our team from July to end of September 2020. Our previous work is detailed in our Jan-June 2020 report (see <https://auroville.org.in/article/80803>). This report is intended to bring the community up to date on where we are & support informed, positive discussions on how we can move forward. It provides a snapshot of our recent work.

### Summary

During this period we have continued to face significant resource challenges, with just two Interface Team members & a major, ongoing funding shortage. This has been a difficult time for the team but we have used the resources available to progress our work areas as best we can. Key areas of work undertaken in this time include:

- Draft Detailed Development Plan for Residential Zone 1 & 2
- Housing survey
- Exploration of faecal sludge management options
- Empanelment of contractors
- Land use map

For the full report see <https://auroville.org.in/article/82091>



Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
La Ferme Cheese	72,576	72,576
Cynergy	67,350	67,350
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Hers	47,145	47,145
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
Auromics	30,820	39,820
Mitra Auroville	27,760	27,760
Cadd Studio	26,940	41,540
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Shradanjali	26,940	26,940
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Auroville Papers	20,820	25,020
AV Online Store	20,820	20,820
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Naturellement	20,820	20,820
Pitchandikulam Forest Consul	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
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
Flame	16,940	17,940
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	16,940	16,940
Mereville Trust	16,940	16,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
ASSA-Aire	15,615	15,615
ADPS (Aurelec)	14,363	14,363
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
AFA-Masala Project	13,880	13,880
Aurinoco Systems	13,880	13,880
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Worktree	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Magica	12,410	12,410
Abacus Accounting	11,940	12,940
Omega	10,953	11,203
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Aurosoya	10,410	10,610
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
Eco Pro	10,410	10,410
Gastronomica	10,410	10,410
Holistic	10,410	10,410
Imago	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Sumark	10,410	10,410
To be Two (Auromode)	10,205	10,205
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshimi Construction	6,940	6,940
AV Language Lab	6,940	6,940

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Auroyali Production	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	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
Filaure	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. Managemant	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
AAS-Mona	5,205	5,205
LEAD-Integral Learning Cen.	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
LEAD-Being	4,359	4,359
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
AFA-Taste of Korea	3,470	3,470
AFA-Trio Kitchen	3,470	3,470
Anveshan	3,470	3,470
Artisan Revolution	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 Product.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturel.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
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-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
Surya Performance Lab	3,470	3,470
AVA-Translating Engineer	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470
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-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 AND SOMETHINGELSE	3,470	3,470
Path Architects & Planners	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
AV ARTS-Saraswati Unlimited	2,775	2,775
AVARTS-Rachana Art Works	2,200	2,200
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
LEAD-Ara	266	266

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
LEAD-Hall of Light	80	80
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D'Av Pondy	-	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,54,946</b>	<b>50,44,546</b>
<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Exploration GH (Total 76)	88,850	88,850
Tanto GH (Show: Rs. 58,062)	6,940	6,940
Auromode GH	57,196	57,196
Gaia's Garden GH	23,248	23,248
Isai Ambalam GH	20,564	20,564
Arka GH	19,108	19,108
New Creation GH	18,017	18,017
Center GH	13,880	17,680
Aspiration GH	10,680	10,680
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
Samasti GH	7,452	7,452
Reve GH	7,440	7,440
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Needam GH	6,940	6,940
Joy Community GH	3,624	3,624
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
Mitra GH	3,470	3,470
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
Sharnga GH	1,400	1,400
Discovery GH	1,000	1,000
Youth Camp Fraternity GH	900	900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,27,144</b>	<b>3,31,744</b>
Additional Guest Contributions	42,653	42,653
Less Volunteer refund	75,411	75,411
<b>Net Additional Guest Contri.</b>	<b>1,18,064</b>	<b>1,18,064</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,45,208</b>	<b>4,49,808</b>

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	39,97,510	40,19,794
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
Citadine	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
Anntara	3,470	3,470
AV Arts Service	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
Ayarpaadi	3,470	3,470

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Electrical Services	3,470	3,470
Sri Sanskrit Research Institute	3,470	3,470
Korean Pavillion	3,470	3,470
Land Board	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
L'Avenir	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Sewa	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Supportive Learning Satellite	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Sunship Maintenance	1,735	1,735
Thamarai	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	1,87,823
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,62,965</b>	<b>44,74,072</b>

### Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	15,40,510	15,40,510
Friends of AV	1,69,285	1,69,285
School Participation	1,14,825	1,14,825
Newcomer	74,000	74,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,98,620</b>	<b>18,98,620</b>

### External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Foreign Contributions	13,71,575	13,71,575
Other Contributions	4,14,180	4,14,180
Government of India for SAIER	-	-
Other GOI	-	-
Project Contributions	-	-
<b>External Total</b>	<b>17,85,755</b>	<b>17,85,755</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Richard Butcher left his body**

Our dear Friend Richard Butcher, husband to Clare and father to Kim & Keith, step-father to Aurotaranti, grandfather to Ennio and Elora, and Zig & Zag, left his body Tuesday around 2pm.

He spent years working at Matrimandir and New Creation School. He was in Chiang Mai, Thailand when he got sick.

He loved the theatre and was a memorable Vinney in the Auroville production of the Odd Couple. He was a source of great humor and kindness. He will be deeply missed."

We are putting together a video to play at his cremation Friday at the McKean Center where he visited the sick once a week for four years. If you want to share a few words, please send on WhatsApp +919486650264 by Thursday noon. All our love.

## Weekly Peace Meditation Resumes at Unity Pavilion

After a long wait, we invite you to join us once again to gather around the Peace Table in the Hall of Peace at **Unity Pavilion**, every **Thursday, 5 to 5:45 PM** to meditate, aspire and call for Peace, Healing, Unity and Transformation for ourselves, for Auroville, for the world. While it is not a guided meditation, it is an open space for each of us to concentrate and aspire for Peace in whatever way feels right, and to be open to allowing that Peace to descend into the space and be spread throughout the inner and outer worlds. We are limited to 20 people due to the official protocols, but normally we have plenty of space for those who wish to participate. If you wish to confirm your presence, contact Noel, [earthyyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:earthyyoga@hotmail.com).  
- Thank you and Peace to All.

**This Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 10AM -4:30 PM**



**Food:** cake, samosa, chai, lemon grass tea, channa. / **Live music:** people playing any instruments - you are welcome to play (2.30 to 4.00 PM) / **Drop in workshop:** weaving, coiling, jewelry assembly (10.30 to 12.30)

## LOST AND FOUND



It has been reported to the AVSST that this cycle (says Mongoose on it) has been left unlocked in Surrender for the past few weeks. It is now at our office (next to Gas Service). If you are the owner of the cycle please contact us: 944 309 0107 or [security@auroville.org.in](mailto:security@auroville.org.in)



This electric scooter has been collecting dust for the past 1 ½ yrs. in the Humanscapes parking. If it is yours, please come and collect it or write to [humanscapes@auroville.org.in](mailto:humanscapes@auroville.org.in)

## APPEALS

### Volunteers Needed for Botanical Gardens Labyrinth and Japanese Garden

The Botanical Gardens is growing wonderfully in many ways, and with this growth comes the need for more help to maintain and care for all this beauty that we all like to experience and enjoy. Due to the current situation with the lack of new volunteers, we are in need of people to offer any amount of extra time they have to help keep the Labyrinth and Japanese Garden well maintained. Help is needed for weeding, pruning, hedge trimming, raking, sometimes watering, and other works that come up periodically. There are also opportunities to help in other parts of the Botanical Gardens, so if you have any amount of time - a few hours a week or a few days a week - please contact Noel at [earthyyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:earthyyoga@hotmail.com), or stop by the Nursery at 10:00 AM tea time any day of the week to inquire with us.  
- Thank you and wishing you all Happy Rains and Happy Planting

## WELCOME

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 057- 07-11-2020

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovilian 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](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in).

**NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

Livia MIKAI (Brazilian)

**AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:**

Brigitte MARANGANTI-KUMAR aka Gita (German) staying in New Creation and working at Center Guest House & New Creation Child Development

Monica CARELLA aka Lakshmi (Italian) staying in Serenity (House sitting) and working at Botanical Gardens

Yogini GANDHI (Indian) staying in Kalpana and working at Visitors Centre & Arpanaa



Gita

Lakshmi

Yogini

**AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

Sheida SHARIFI (Iranian)

**SPOUSE / PARTNER / CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER OF AN**

**AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

Suraj SINGH aka Prem Karunesh (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**



**Bharat Nivas activity report - Oct. 2020**

The Bharat Nivas campus has been officially closed since the lockdown started in March, due to the Coronavirus epidemic situation. In October regular activities started to resume, respecting the proper protocols to prevent the further spread of Covid-19. Here is some news from the Bharat Nivas campus from the month of October 2020:

**Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies**

• A few small gatherings were held in Bhumika Hall, including working group meetings, lecture and presentation, a collective Zoom session on fundraising and a meeting and program of the Sanskritam Auroville group, with both in-person and distant (online) participants.

• Sanskrit classes with limited participants resumed for Aurovilians, Newcomers & Volunteers, including "Introduction to Sanskrit" classes and a class on "The Bhagavad Gita through Sanskrit".

• The Resource Library is currently open by appointment only.

**Kalakendra**

- An exhibition on tribal Indian handicrafts/home decor was held.
- Painting classes/ workshops for small groups of children were conducted.

- Regular clean-up and maintenance was managed with the help of a few volunteers. Works to prevent and control water leakages are in progress.

**Sri Aurobindo Auditorium**

- A few urgent roof repairs were completed, but much work remains still to be done after the monsoon is over.
- Other urgent clean-up, repairs and maintenance was undertaken.
- The auditorium is still closed for public programs. Restarting of public programs is being looked at for January 2021.

**SAWCHU & Progress Hall** - Regular classes for Aurovilians, Newcomers, volunteers & children resumed, including Ashtanga Yoga, Capoeira & Dance classes (Bharatnatyam, Odissi, Hip Hop).

**Harmony Hall** - Civil works renovating the newly named "Harmony Hall" were completed, with a new wooden floor suitable for dance and asana classes. The hall will eventually be equipped with audio-visual materials and will also be able to be used for working group meetings, small seminars, workshops, presentations and other types of activities. This was funded by grant from the Government of India.

**Atithi Griha Guesthouse** - Expansion of the guesthouse adding a new first floor to the existing buildings was completed. This will allow greater occupancy in the guesthouse when guest activity resumes and increase the financial self-sufficiency of the Bharat Nivas campus. This was funded by grant from the Government of India.

**Sharanam** -Sharanam dormitory adjacent to Atithi Griha GH continued to be used as a Covid-19 quarantine facility for Aurovilians.

**Tamil Heritage Centre** - Work on construction of the Tamil Heritage Centre was ongoing during the month of October.

**Campus General**

- Ongoing challenges were faced with regard to retrenching of employed workers due to lack of funds. The campus is currently being maintained by Aurovilians and volunteers.
- Campus maintenance repair and upgrade work was reviewed and some repairs were completed.

**Administration**

- Annual accounts of the Bharat Nivas Trust were prepared and consolidated for all the activities on the campus. These were submitted to the Auroville Foundation.
- Utilization Completion paperwork for the constructions funded by government grant were submitted.
- The grants and financial support for the Bharat Nivas campus is being reviewed to sustain in the long-term the maintenance of Aurovilians working in Bharat Nivas and ongoing urgent repairs and maintenance.
- The Bharat Nivas Trustees and team members resumed weekly meetings to bring the Bharat Nivas campus back to life, for the new use of the upgraded facilities for Auroville and the International Zone.

## MATRIMANDIR



The Inner Chamber is open from **6:00 - 8:00 AM without prior booking** (Aurovilians and NC only) & **4:30 - 6:30 PM with prior booking** (Aurovilians, NCs & LT volunteers holding a valid Matrimandir pass). 15 people per sitting. Mat will be folded after one use.

If you would like to come to the Inner Chamber for concentration in the evening, please inform the Matrimandir Access team at [mmconcentration@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in). Please give your Name and Community, the date & time 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 **everyday from 6 to 8 am** (for Aurovilians and Newcomers only) & **4:30 to 6.30 pm** (for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers holding a valid Matrimandir Pass). ~ **Matrimandir Executives and Access team**



### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation at sunset with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music. **Every Thursday, 5.30 to 6.00 PM** (weather permitting)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, the immense sunset and heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!  
*The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work. We request everyone not to bring/use cell phones, cameras, tablets, etc. Access is still limited to Aurovilians, Newcomers and Pass holders (have it with you) from 5.15 pm.*

## LOOKING FOR

**House sitting** - Hoping to (finally!) come back soon after 5 long months and since I couldn't till now, find a permanent house, I'm looking for a temporary home (after the mandatory travel-quarantine, of course). I'm Aurovilian, quiet, loving plants and would be really grateful if you help me ;- ) [gali@auroville.org.in](mailto:gali@auroville.org.in)

**Work** - I am an Aurovilian, looking for any kind of office/administrative work. I have more than 22 years of experience working in Auroville. I am good at computer, billing and sales, assisting for accounts. Contact: [subamurugan1980@gmail.com](mailto:subamurugan1980@gmail.com) or 9385767513.

**In-home tutor** - for my 6 years old son on Mon, Wed and Fri from 9 AM - 12:00 PM. Contact: Pawan @ 9119762631

**Play Group/School** - I am a Newcomer, looking for a play group or a play school where my 6 yr old son can play and interact with other kids. Contact Pawan @ 911 976 2631.

**Cycle** - If you have one that you don't use, I would be happy to put it back in shape and to good use, can contribute if needed. [amos@auroville.org.in](mailto:amos@auroville.org.in)

**Kid's cycle** (for 9 yr old boy) & **adult cycle** - If you have spare one, we will be happy to put it to use. Okay to buy a used one as well. WA or call: 970 425 8709.

**Moving Boxes** - I am looking for some clean moving boxes that I can use to move my belongings to New Comer's housing. Please exclude the ones that have been used to store shoes. Contact Pawan @ 9119762631

## AVAILABLE

**Honda Navi** - 2016, 12000 kms, TN reg. Suresh, 984 266 1147

**EUREKA water filter** - Model Aquaguard Nova, contract valid till 29.06.21 Contact: 0413-2623017 or [margritmala@auroville.org.in](mailto:margritmala@auroville.org.in)

**House work** - Shandya from Edaynchavady is looking for part-time work. If you need some help for cleaning your house, contact [lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmiprem369@gmail.com) or 848 976 4602

**Diyas** - I am Vivaan, a 9-year-old staying at Needam Guest House in Certitude. I like coloring Diyas and would like to offer them to anyone willing to get a few against contributions for Diwali and Karthika Deepam. Contact: WA 970 425 8709 (my mother's #) or [vivaanambadipudi@gmail.com](mailto:vivaanambadipudi@gmail.com).

## GREEN MATTERS



### Water Saving Tip of the Week!

Drop tissues in your sanitary waste bin instead of flushing them and save water every time. Better yet, use a handkerchief! With Love from the Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. [watergroup@auroville.org.in](http://watergroup@auroville.org.in) / [www.aurovillewater.in](http://www.aurovillewater.in)

### From the Water Group:

#### A comparison of water levels in some Auroville wells

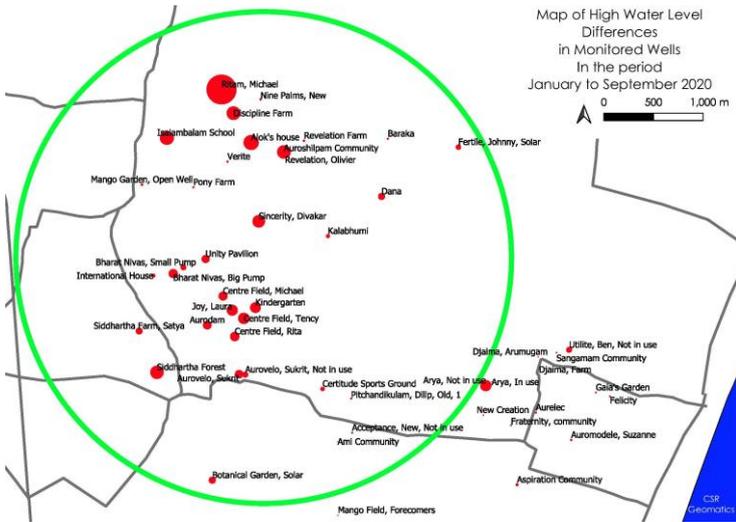
A comparison of water levels in wells, between January 2020 and September 2020 has been compiled in the table below. As you all know, the period between the last monsoon and before the incoming monsoon usually receives little rain, so the recharge of wells is very limited: it is a good opportunity to see the human impact on the water level here in Auroville.

A map has been compiled as well, showing locations of these wells, with symbols size proportional to the water level difference. It needs to be noted the substantial difference in levels in the North-Western region of Auroville, where water levels have significantly dropped most probably due to over-extraction in neighbouring non-Auroville wells, and consequent deepening of the water table level in quite a large area. Looking at the differences of water levels, the Water Group invites everyone to use water very consciously, with carefulness, avoiding any unnecessary consumption and minimizing any possible wastage. Another analysis will be conducted taking into account the water levels of wells immediately after the monsoon, to evaluate the recharge occurred because of the rain. It needs to anyhow be kept in mind that interpretation of these kind of data is far from easy, as many several factors, time - and space-depending, are involved.

- Water Group (Tom, Tency, Ing-Marie, Giulio, Eric Chacra)

Well ID + Name	Date	Level (m)	Date	Level (m)	Level difference (m)	Days
1-Baraka	28/02/20	-36.2	02/07/20	-37.50	1.30	125
2-Bharat Nivas, Big Pump	02/01/20	-20.78	24/09/20	-27.33	6.55	266
3-Bharat Nivas, Small Pump	02/01/20	-16.01	24/09/20	-19.91	3.90	266
4-Siddhartha Farm, Satya	02/01/20	-8.68	24/09/20	-13.44	4.76	266
5-Siddhartha Forest	02/01/20	-6.59	24/09/20	-16.91	10.32	266
8-Unity Pavilion	02/01/20	-18.46	23/09/20	-24.16	5.70	265
13-Mango Field, Forecomers	03/01/20	-31.49	25/09/20	-32.20	0.71	266
16-Pitchandikulam, Dilip, Old, 1	03/01/20	-27.13	25/09/20	-28.42	1.29	266
18-Ami Community	03/01/20	-30.17	25/09/20	-30.76	0.59	266
19-Certitude Sports Ground	03/01/20	-23.47	25/09/20	-26.40	2.93	266
23-Arya, In use	06/01/20	-34.69	21/09/20	-35.41	0.72	259
24-Arya, Not in use	06/01/20	-18.7	21/09/20	-27.03	8.33	259
25-Aspiration Community	06/01/20	-32.93	21/09/20	-34.82	1.89	259
26-New Creation	06/01/20	-33.49	21/09/20	-34.35	0.86	259
27-Auromodele, Suzanne	06/01/20	-35.15	21/09/20	-36.60	1.45	259
28-Djaima, Farm	23/06/20	-30.61	21/09/20	-30.66	0.05	90
29-Djaima, Arumugam	06/01/20	-28.66	21/09/20	-29.52	0.86	258
32-Felicity	06/01/20	-26.61	21/09/20	-27.79	1.18	259
33-Aurelec	06/01/20	-35.91	21/09/20	-37.16	1.25	259
34-Sangamam Community	06/01/20	-27.71	21/09/20	-28.68	0.97	259
41-Revelation, Olivier	07/01/20	-25.55	22/09/20	-27.87	2.32	259
42-Aurodam	02/01/20	-16.7	24/09/20	-22.88	6.18	266
48-Joy, Laura	02/01/20	-19.75	24/09/20	-27.88	8.13	266
49-Centre Field, Michael	02/01/20	-19.4	24/09/20	-25.78	6.38	266
50-Centre Field, Rita	02/01/20	-19.8	24/09/20	-26.55	6.75	266
51-Centre Field, Tency	02/01/20	-19.76	24/09/20	-28.20	8.44	266
52-Utilite, Ben, Not in use	06/01/20	-14.2	21/09/20	-18.22	4.02	259
54-Fertile, Johnny, Solar	07/01/20	-40.51	22/09/20	-44.18	3.67	259
59-Gaia's Garden	06/01/20	-29.32	21/09/20	-30.47	1.15	259
62-Pony Farm	08/01/20	-13.95	23/09/20	-15.33	1.38	259
63-Mango Garden, Open Well	08/01/20	-7.55	23/09/20	-9.24	1.69	259
65-Isaiambalam School (*)	08/01/20	-42.79	23/09/20	-53.77	10.98	259
69-Discipline Farm (*)	21/01/20	-45.63	22/09/20	-56.25	10.62	245
70-Auroshilpam Community (*)	07/01/20	-62.42	22/09/20	-72.97	10.55	259
73-Verite	22/01/20	-22.08	23/09/20	-23.47	1.39	245
76-Aurovelo, Sukrit, Not in use	03/01/20	-23.04	25/09/20	-26.99	3.95	266
77-Ritam, Michael (*)	07/01/20	-19.65	22/09/20	-54.50	34.85	259
80-Nine Palms, New	07/01/20	-15.02	22/09/20	-16.50	1.48	259
85-Ravena, Jaap (Forecomers)	03/01/20	-33.6	25/09/20	-34.66	1.06	266
86-Dana	13/01/20	-29.34	21/09/20	-34.17	4.83	252
97-Fraternity, community	06/01/20	-36.96	21/09/20	-38.03	1.07	259
112-Botanical Garden, Solar	03/01/20	-17.67	25/09/20	-22.55	4.88	266

119-Alok's house (*)	07/01/20	-46.94	22/09/20	-58.99	12.05	259
120-International House	02/01/20	-10.3	24/09/20	-12.94	2.64	266
121-Aurovelo, Sukrit	03/01/20	-21.02	25/09/20	-26.99	5.97	266
122-Revelation Farm	07/01/20	-23.62	22/09/20	-25.21	1.59	259
125-Acceptance, New, Not in use	03/01/20	-31.62	25/09/20	-32.86	1.24	266
236-Kalabhumi	08/01/20	-26.69	23/09/20	-29.33	2.64	259
238-Kindergarten	02/01/20	-23.6	24/09/20	-31.41	7.81	266
273-Sincerity, Divakar	08/01/20	-16.55	23/09/20	-26.03	9.48	259



Hello readers! Thanks for following us on our journey trying to map what's happening in the Green scene around you in a way that acknowledges the depth of the crisis but does not feed despair and fatigue. We invite comments and feedback every fortnight, but receive very little, which either means you are 100% satisfied, or 100% uninterested. As it is impossible for us to assess which of the two, we decided to try a more DIRECT approach. And as we like to work with kids we will start with them. So next time you read this column it will likely look and read very differently, as it will be co-written by the next generation. Stay tuned for a fresh young sprout and thanks again for your time and attention!

**\*\*THE GREEN COLUMN NEWS FLASH\*\***

**Biodiversity meets the Pandemic:** The UN declared 2011-2020 The Decade on Biodiversity. This was adopted at the COP 10 in Aichi, Japan. This decade is almost over and the world failed to achieve most of the targets to preserve and restore its different life forms. There has been virtually no progress in minimizing anthropogenic (human caused) pressures on coral reefs and other vulnerable ecosystems impacted by climate change and ocean acidification and safeguarding ecosystems that provide essential services including those related to water, health, livelihoods and well-being. Meanwhile, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), an independent intergovernmental body comprising over 130 member governments, says unsustainable exploitation of the environment has led to almost all pandemics and calls for system change.

**USA Elections:** Donald Trump's re-election would be catastrophic for the Climate Movement. But what will Joe Biden's presidency entail? He takes the middle ground aiming to appease both parties, pledging to achieve 100 % clean electricity by 2035, spending \$ 2 trillion over 4 years to boost renewable energy. His running mate Kamala Harris endorsed the Green New Deal, supported a ban on fracking and by 2021 wants to negotiate an international phase-out of fossil fuel subsidies. Her climate plan needs \$ 10 trillion.

**Flash Droughts:** are dry spells within the monsoon season and have a devastating effect on agriculture. A flash drought can develop in as little as 10-15 days, caused by rapid evapotranspiration due to extreme heat, wind and incoming solar radiation. Madhya Pradesh and Odisha had 40 % deficit in rainfall and lost 15 % of their Soybean-rice and maize crops. When rains returned in August, they were so heavy that farmers again suffered crop damage.

**Coal mining:** Over the last 5 years, 29 coal mines were allotted or auctioned under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act of

which 14 are operational, sometimes located under hard fought for tribal wildlife preserves and mostly outsourced to private companies in an unregulated and non-transparent manner. Many countries are phasing out coal based power because it causes climate change and respiratory diseases.

**Recommended Documentaries:** Extinction: The Facts by David Attenborough / Kiss the ground by Woody Harrelson / Eating Animals produced by Natalie Portman

Sources: The Guardian, Down to Earth

Gijs & Lisbeth - THE GREEN COLUMN REPORTS ON GREEN ISSUES IN AUROVILLE, THE BIOREGION AND THE WIDER WORLD. IT APPEARS BI-MONTHLY IN THE NEWS & NOTES AND IRREGULARLY ON AURONET. WE LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!  
[avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)

Our aim is:

- To facilitate the pickup of your waste by our AV Eco Service
- To help you better organize your common waste place
- To facilitate sorting in correctly labeled waste bins according to the poster color (let us know if you didn't get the free poster)
- To organize training for your ammas on the spot.



Please contact us: [ecoservicefairies@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservicefairies@auroville.org.in). We can contact you but we need the name of your community and the name and phone number from the person responsible for your waste place.  
~ Agnes and Rena



Last week SaiPriya was not in place so no Tamil Literature programme for you but! You can find two gorgeous live recordings: Theatre and Music!! Stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). [Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

**Last published podcasts**

- ["In search of the Usselthwaark" - Live theatre performance](#) (Theatre)
  - [Live Jazz Music by Kirtana Krishna](#) (Music)
  - [Nutritional Cultural Redemption - "Reading Fukuoka"](#) (Natural farming)
  - [Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.51](#) (Wellness)
  - [Soul Tracks - "All About the Bass!"](#) (Music)
  - [The Akademik Genius Brothers - The Making Off... ep.5](#) (Theatre)
  - [Aarohan - ep.5 "Gwalior Gharana"](#) (Music)
  - [Audible Weed Walk - "Pleasing the goddess w/ Taro"](#) (Edible weeds)
  - [Savitri, B. VII, C. V, Part 2](#) (Integral Yoga)
  - [The Best of What Still Around - ep.16](#) (Music)
  - [Neo Urban Chronik "Babies of the new world"](#) (Humour)
  - [Marlenka's Weekly Offering - ep.9](#) (Reading)
  - [Lectures par Gangalakshmi - 336](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- ....and more! on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org)  
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**Akashku**

Everything is so painful  
My baby got a tick  
I got a xxxxxxx tick  
  
I have to paint  
I have to paint you  
I need it to survive  
  
After you will be alive  
Love in my heart  
Smile on my face  
  
And ticks?  
Out

~ Anonymous

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**BHARAT NIVAS PROGRAMS - 7th to 30th NOVEMBER 2020**  
(All Covid procedures to be respected)

**Nicholas Roerich's Vision of the Great Spiritual Leaders of Humanity**

Slide-show with narration  
by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev

The slide-show explores the series of paintings by the famous Russian artist, thinker, explorer, and public figure Nicholas Roerich dedicated to the founders of world religions and great philosophical and spiritual traditions: The Buddha, Jesus Christ, Moses, Zoroaster, Confucius, Tibetan Yogis, and Christian saints.

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020, 4-5 pm  
Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

**BHARAT NIVAS**  
भारत निवास - மாத் திருமளம்  
The Pavilion of India, Auroville  
(Covid-19 Protocol to be respected)

**Friday, 13th Nov**  
Bhumika Hall Film Show on a reputed contemporary painter, Sri Krishen Khanna's artistic journey, in the presence of the filmmaker Mr. G.P Aravindan to share his experience on the Perspectives on Indian Art.



**Saturday, 14th - 30th Nov.**  
Kalakendra Art Gallery Re-opening of "SAMVIJNAANAM - exhibition on the Sanskrit Scientific Heritage of India:

RE-INAUGURATION CEREMONY,

14th NOV, 4 to 5 PM. Gallery opening hours: 9 am to 4.30 pm, Mon-Sat. We had inaugurated this exhibition in March 2020 and had to pause due to the Covid situation. We are glad to restart this exhibition on the auspicious day of दीपावली (Deepavali). Many of you would also know that on the occasion of the inauguration of a school in Auroville on 15th December 1970, the Mother had written about Sanskrit as one of the four languages (along with Tamil, French and English) to be studied in Auroville.

Auroville and outreach schools wishing to bring students in small groups can write to [devabhasha@auroville.org.in](mailto:devabhasha@auroville.org.in) For more information, please write to [bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in) or call 0413-2622488

**Monday, 16 November onwards:** resuming of daily South Indian lunches served at Annam Kitchen (Old Indus Valley Restaurant Venue of Bharatnivas). Lunch Hours only: from 12 Noon to 1.30 pm (no prior booking required).

**Additional info on BHARAT NIVAS Booking Procedures:**  
Interested individuals and Working Groups: You can book in advance by writing directly to the following coordinators. Please send your proposal with purpose, date/time, duration & list of requirements, etc to:

- Bhumika Hall: [cicbn@auroville.org.in](mailto:cicbn@auroville.org.in) - Shilpa & Vani
- Sri Aurobindo Center for Studies: Resource Library - Opening by appointment: [angelo@auroville.org.in](mailto:angelo@auroville.org.in)
- Kalakendra: [bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in) - Coordinators: Tapas & Vivekan
- Sri Aurobindo Auditorium: Joy & Sai Suresh [bharatnivas-auditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas-auditorium@auroville.org.in)
- Shilpa Kendra, SAWCHU Hall, Progress Hall: Jean-Christophe, [bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in)
- Annam Kitchen Restaurant: South Indian daily lunches: [annam@auroville.org.in](mailto:annam@auroville.org.in), Ramesh & Tamarai, 890 304 9770

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## AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

### AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL ...

... is pleased to announce its partnership with the Silver Jubilee edition of the European Union Film Festival in India.

**The festival will run online, completely free, from 5th - 30th November.** In this very special edition, the festival will feature outstanding, award-winning films from 26 European countries, celebrating the most recent cinematic triumphs at Cannes, Locarno, Venice, Berlin and San Sebastian, amongst others. To watch 42 films, 6 genres, 36 languages, 50+ awards and selections, and 15 remarkable female directors....visit <https://euffindia.com/>.



### AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. CREEVA OFFERS figurative life drawing by Lakshay, Saturday, 9-11am. Contact 981 005 2574

2. ROOTS GROUP AUROVILLE OFFERS a free workshop on learning to use a steamer pot to fix a quick nourishing meal using local seasonal vegetables. To register: Archana via WA at 862 895 5394 or [bacttoroots@auroville.org.in](mailto:bacttoroots@auroville.org.in).

3. WATCH EVER SLOW GREEN ONLINE FREE AT THESE FESTIVALS: Science Film Festival 2020: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYPq2XiWEScz\\_lh3uDv0bGmBdzKC9dyN3BbUWwEcWZ5A6bWA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYPq2XiWEScz_lh3uDv0bGmBdzKC9dyN3BbUWwEcWZ5A6bWA/viewform)

Bozcaada International Festival for Ecological Documentary: <https://www.bifedonline.org/en/film/daima-yavas-yesil/>  
These 2 festivals have a wonderful array of films to watch for free... And only available online in Israel at the Spirit Film Festival: <https://www.spiritfestival.co.il/everslowgreen>

4. GOOGLE ARTS AND CULTURE - COMPARE CULTURAL MOMENTS features content from over 2000 leading museums and archives who have partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to bring the world's treasures online. What came first? Compare cultural moments in time at <https://artsandculture.google.com/experiment/what-came-first/ZQGBUPErEE3bVg>

5. COLLECTIVE CREATIVE INITIATIVE 30 hours a week of free online classes and workshops in the performing arts. <https://www.collectivecreativeinitiative.co.uk/>

Feedback welcomed by email at [aurovillearts@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovillearts@auroville.org.in)

### KIRTAN

Welcome to join this circle of singing from our hearts and celebrating Divinity of life! Monday, 9. November, 5 - 6.30 pm, in Butterfly Barn, Svedame.

### Some Remarks on Indexical Marks

with Dr. Deborah Stein



10th Nov, 2020

Auroville, India 9.30 pm, San Francisco 9.00 am, Paris 6.00pm, Tel Aviv 7.00 pm

Auroville Film Institute announces a Lecture on 'Some Remarks on Indexical Marks'. It is the 1st of the 4 Lecture-Series on Art History in association with Université Imaginaire by Dr. Deborah L. Stein, Ph.D. Through these lecture series, Dr. Stein, a Francophone Radio Speaker, will take participants on a global journey through the discipline with a constellation of specific case studies related to overarching themes in different premodern periods. Dr. Stein will focus on a history of visuality that predates the camera as we know it, moving or still.

Participants will have the chance to engage with Dr. Stein in the Q & A to brainstorm about how this cornucopia of visuality could dialogue diachronically with their own creative process. Artists and art lovers alike will never see quite the same way after this new series. Some of the examples and ideas will correspond to Dr. Stein's first book, *The Hegemony of Heritage: Ritual and the Record in Stone* (Indian Edition, Mapin, 2019), and some of the lectures share research in progress from her next book, tentatively titled *Aesthetic Polity*.

The lecture will be held online on Google Meet Platform.

FMI: <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2020/09/08/art-history-lecture-series/> or call/text +91 9969879319. Aurovilians/Newcomers may register on a voluntary contribution basis.

### The French Pavilion presents

Every Wed and Sat from 4:30pm (sharp) to 5:45pm (approx.)  
"Immersion Reading" of SATPREM by BB IN FRENCH

LA TRAGÉDIE DE LA TERRE (THE TRAGEDY OF THE EARTH) - from Sophocles to Sri Aurobindo at MORGAN TERRACE (Town Hall). Contact: 948 658 45 20 / [france@auroville.org.in](mailto:france@auroville.org.in) & on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpezTFVzRTZlfbjMSLAtuQ/playlists>

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS



**Nourishing Your Creative Self**  
(5-week ONLINE workshop/embodiment circle)  
Fridays, 3.30pm - 5pm,  
beginning 13th November.

Join us for a gentle exploration into your creative rhythms, impulses, inspirations and supports. We'll play with the stuff that gets in the way, hold the vulnerability of creation tenderly, and build a safe ground for an authentic creative voice to begin to emerge. Expect nourishment through movement, voicework, writing, drawing, reflection, and play. Contact for details: Shalini: [write.shalini@gmail.com](mailto:write.shalini@gmail.com), WhatsApp +919489586348

### AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB NEWS

New Classes/Changes in days and timings for English classes:

We are happy to welcome Rupam Mishra, a Newcomer who'll be teaching Pre-Intermediate and Intermediate English at the Lab. Please see the class schedule in Regular Activities for day/timing changes.

English Beginners class w/ Asha from the 2nd November, every Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 - 10 AM. This is for students who know no or very little English.

Astronomy Introduction - Basic movements of the planets and the history of our understanding of these movements. An intermediate level of English is required. Register in advance for Astronomy class with Miko for December.

Saravanan has started a new Tamil Beginner's group from the 3rd of November, every Tue and Fri from 9.30 to 10.30 am.

Mila has started a new Spanish Beginner's group from the 2nd of November, every Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm.

We have a few spaces available for each of these beginners classes. If interested, register before the 7th of November at <http://register.aurovillelanguage.org/>. FMI on regular classes, please visit our website: <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/courses.php>.

Tomatis: There are spaces available for the Tomatis Program for Language Assimilation or Personal Development/Therapeutic purposes. Contact (0413)4036922. FMI: <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-method.php>

We request all those coming to the Language Lab premises for these classes and programs to respect all the Covid-19 guidelines. Remember also to switch off your mobiles before you enter since it is a completely wireless-free space.



**KoTree Yoga**  
moved to Sharnaga community in Aurora's Hall  
Tues, Thurs and Sat from 4 to 5.30PM

A Kolam inspired movement practice that invites you to tune into your highest aspirations 'KO' and connect with the ancient and contemporary body of movement knowledge like a 'Tree' with its roots, trunk, branches, foliage, flowers, fruit and seeds. A financial contribution is expected. Contact Grace Gitadelila [info@kolamyoga.com](mailto:info@kolamyoga.com)



**New Classes at Pitanga**  
Advance registration required

Feldenkrais classes w/ Shari  
Mon 5.00 - 6.30pm, Sat 8.00 to 9.30am

Mindfulness Through Movement comes from Moshe Feldenkrais's neural-muscular repatterning process. It helps the person learn new ways of posture and movement that are more functional and less pain producing. For people who sit at desks, it is a magical cure to prevent or reduce back, shoulder, arm, hand and neck pain. For people who practice yoga or any sports activity, it supports the body in ways to help reduce activity related injuries. These are very gentle, meditative movements often done lying down on the floor or sitting in chairs that encourage body/mind awareness.

Pelvic Floor w/ Michelle - Thursdays at 8.30 to 10.00am  
(New students should register in Pitanga)

A progression of modules aiming to develop feminine awareness of the pelvic floor through Anatomy, posture, breathing and its connection to daily life. It will be a variety of short lectures combined with practices, meditations, yoga for women and introspection. Closed group for women of all ages  
Part 1 Connected women (6 sessions)  
Part 2 posture (3 sessions)  
Part 3 Pelvic floor & Breathing (3 sessions)  
Part 4 pelvic floor and Voice (3 sessions)

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403/2622994 - [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

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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)**

The contents of *News & Notes* are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. 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](mailto: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 (i.e. Word shows you typos, extra spaces, punctuation errors, etc - don't make us do all the work!).

**We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.**

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

**Visiting hours:** Hit or Miss. Call first or email for appointment.

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