

NEWS AND NOTES

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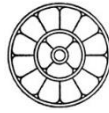


*“What matters is the contact with Krishna and the growth towards Krishna consciousness,
The presence, the spiritual relations, the union in the soul ...”*

~Sri Aurobindo

Celebrating Siddhi Day – 24th November 1926

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



In groves that seemed moved bosoms and trembling depths
 The million children of the undying spring
 Bloomed, pure unnumbered stars of hued delight
 Nestling for shelter in their emerald sky:
 Faery flower-masses looked with laughing eyes.
 A dancing chaos, an iridescent sea
 Eternised to Heaven's ever-wakeful sight
 The crowding petal-glow of marvel's tints
 Which float across the curtained lids of dream.
 Immortal harmonies filled her listening ear;
 A great spontaneous utterance of the heights
 On Titan wings of rhythmic grandeur borne
 Poured from some deep spiritual heart of sound,
 Strains trembling with the secrets of the gods.
 A spirit wandered happily in the wind,
 A spirit brooded in the leaf and stone;
 The voices of thought-conscious instruments
 Along a living verge of silence strayed,
 And from some deep, a wordless tongue of things
 Unfathomed, inexpressible, chantings rose
 Translating into a voice the Unknown.
 A climber on the invisible stair of sound,
 Music not with these few and striving steps
 Aspired that wander upon transient strings,
 But changed its ever-new uncounted notes
 In a passion of unforeseeing discovery,
 And kept its old unforgotten ecstasies
 A growing treasure in the mystic heart.
 A consciousness that yearned through every cry
 Of unexplored attraction and desire,
 It found and searched again the unsatisfied deeps
 Hunting as if in some deep secret heart
 To find some lost or missed felicity.
 In those far-lapsing symphonies she could hear,
 Breaking through enchantments of the ravished sense,
 The lyric voyage of a divine soul
 Mid spume and laughter tempting with its prow
 The charm of innocent Circean isles,
 Adventures without danger beautiful
 In lands where siren Wonder sings its lures
 From rhythmic rocks in ever-foaming seas.
 In the harmony of an original sight
 Delivered from our limiting ray of thought,
 And the reluctance of our blinded hearts
 To embrace the Godhead in whatever guise,
 She saw all Nature marvellous without fault.
 Invaded by beauty's universal revel
 Her being's fibre reached out vibrating
 And claimed deep union with its outer selves,
 And on the heart's chords made pure to seize all tones
 Heaven's subtleties of touch unwearying forced
 More vivid raptures than earth's life can bear.
 What would be suffering here, was fiery bliss.
 All here but passionate hint and mystic shade
 Divined by the inner prophet who perceives
 The spirit of delight in sensuous things,
 Turned to more sweetness than can now be dreamed.
 The mighty signs of which earth fears the stress,

Trembling because she cannot understand,
 And must keep obscure in forms strange and sublime,
 Were here the first lexicon of an infinite mind
 Translating the language of eternal bliss.
 Here rapture was a common incident;
 The lovelinesses of whose captured thrill
 Our human pleasure is a fallen thread,
 Lay, symbol shapes, a careless ornament,
 Sewn on the rich brocade of Godhead's dress.
 Things fashioned were the imaged homes where mind
 Arrived to fathom a deep physical joy;
 The heart was a torch lit from infinity,
 The limbs were trembling densities of soul.
 These were the first domains, the outer courts
 Immense but least in range and least in price,
 The slightest ecstasies of the undying gods.
 Higher her swing of vision swept and knew,
 Admitted through large sapphire opening gates
 Into the wideness of a light beyond,
 These were but sumptuous decorated doors
 To worlds nobler, more felicitously fair.
 Endless aspired the climbing of those heavens;
 Realm upon realm received her soaring view.
 Then on what seemed one crown of the ascent
 Where finite and the infinite are one,
 Immune she beheld the strong immortals' seats
 Who live for a celestial joy and rule,
 The middle regions of the unfading Ray.
 Great forms of deities sat in deathless tiers,
 Eyes of an unborn gaze towards her leaned
 Through a transparency of crystal fire.
 In the beauty of bodies wrought from rapture's lines,
 Shapes of entrancing sweetness spilling bliss,
 Feet glimmering upon the sunstone courts of mind,
 Heaven's cupbearers bore round the Eternal's wine.
 A tangle of bright bodies, of moved souls
 Tracing the close and intertwined delight,
 The harmonious tread of lives for ever joined
 In the passionate oneness of a mystic joy
 As if sunbeams made living and divine,
 The golden-bosomed Apsara goddesses,
 In groves flooded from an argent disk of bliss
 That floated through a luminous sapphire dream,
 In a cloud of raiment lit with golden limbs
 And gleaming footfalls treading faery swards,
 Virgin motions of bacchant innocences
 Who know their riot for a dance of God,
 Whirled linked in moonlit revels of the heart.
 Impeccable artists of unerring forms,
 Magician builders of sound and rhythmic words,
 Wind-haired Gandharvas chanted to the ear
 The odes that shape the universal thought,
 The lines that tear the veil from Deity's face,
 The rhythms that bring the sounds of wisdom's sea.
 Immortal figures and illumined brows,
 Our great forefathers in those splendours moved;
 Termless in power and satisfied of light,
 They enjoyed the sense of all for which we strive

— Sri Aurobindo. Savitri - A Legend and a Symbol. Part 3: Book 11. The Book of Everlasting Day. Canto One. The Eternal Day: The Soul's Choice and the Supreme Consummation. Lines 107-222

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



*An opinion is neither true nor false, but only serviceable for life or unserviceable;
 for it is a creation of Time and with time it loses its effect and value.
 Rise thou above opinion and seek wisdom everlasting.*

~ Sri Aurobindo, Thoughts and Aphorisms





ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Land Campaign 24 November 2020 - The Path towards Realization



On November 24th, 1926 occurred the landmark that The Mother called Sri Aurobindo's "Siddhi (Realization) Day". This date then became the paving stone for Auroville's creation 42 years later. In founding Auroville, The Mother described it as *"an attempt to achieve on earth a slightly more ideal life"*. In humanity's history, it is our privilege to lay the pathway of the City of Dawn and build the step-by-step realization of its ideals. For, as The Mother said, *"Now is the time, it has to be done"*

"Little by little we are moving towards our goal, which, we hope, we shall one day be able to show the world as a practical and effective means of emerging from the present chaos to be born to a new life, more harmonious and truer"

"There is a beauty trying to realise itself. This is what you should love and draw towards you, this is what you should make the object of your dreams, of your ambitions."

"The sign of the new humanity is a reversal of outlook and the understanding that inner means, inner knowledge and inner techniques can change the world... Auroville is the place where this new way of living is being worked out, it is a centre of accelerated evolution where man must begin to change his world by the power of the inner spirit."

Join us to keep Auroville's realization growing – help consolidate its designated land!

Please specify your donations for 'ACRES FOR AUROVILLE' - via check/bank transfers to Auroville Unity Fund;
via your country's AVI center: www.auroville-international.org or online via www.auroville.com/donations/

Donating/Deductions & Info: <https://land.auroville.org/a4adonations>

News, videos, and information: www.land.auroville.org. Contact: lfau@auroville.org.in

Photo: courtesy of Piero Cefaloni - **The Mother's quotes:** "Mother On Auroville" pages 20 & 3; "What parents should tell their children" CWTM Vol. 9; "A Dream" August 1954; "Mother On Auroville" p. 93

Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified



Lands for Auroville Unified (LFAU)

Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area,
Auroville – 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

Health and Auroville – a Perspective

At this moment, our minds are naturally turned to health and well-being. So many of The Mother's messages over the years have been on the body's health and the role of consciousness. In fact, she said that for those who want to progress, one way is to **“constantly enrich the possibilities ... and ceaselessly perfect”** the functioning of our physical instrument. (*The Mother's Agenda*, 26/6/68)

Indeed, Auroville has always devoted an emphasis on treatment and healing – traditional, conventional, and holistic – with its many facilities, units, and approaches. **“Auroville ... where they heal”** - the Mother remarked in the context of a specific incident during the founding years of Auroville. We can infer from this that health is one area where The Mother had hopes for Auroville to be a center of advancement and an affirmative force, contributing in this area, too, of humanity's development.

This dynamism provides one more reason why the planned township area must be protected. Creation of a healthy and health-generating environment is the necessary adjunct to providing healing therapies. This is possible and supported when the Greenbelt of Auroville and the city as a whole are protected from haphazard incongruous developments. In fact, the Greenbelt could be regarded as the lungs of Auroville – clean air, natural buffer, health-generating herbs and activities, alternative and innovative health-related undertakings would strengthen, as the Mother wanted, Auroville's usefulness and relevance. The sky is the limit for creativity, for new approaches, new researches and new progress in Auroville.

Acres for Auroville seeks to generate resources for the Land Board for the securing and safeguarding of the planned township area - so that the spiritual as well as psychological and physical health of the world could improve significantly. All collaborations towards this goal are sincerely welcome and appreciated.

With trust in Auroville's bright future,

Aryadeep

Mandakini

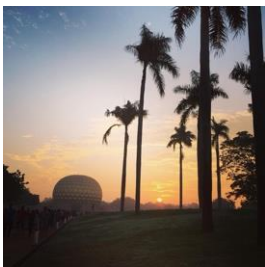
Please specify **“ACRES FOR AUROVILLE”** (all Master Plan priority plots) for all donations via:

Auroville Unity Fund (checks & bank transfers) - **Auroville Donation Gateway** (credit & debit cards)

<https://donations.auroville.com/> - **Auroville International** www.auroville-international.org

Complete donation & tax deductibility information: <https://land.auroville.org/a4adonations>

<https://land.auroville.org/campaigns/acres/> <https://land.auroville.org/news/>



Our MA Birthday Fundraiser for Auroville's missing land - hosted by AVI-USA on Facebook

Anandi & Mandakini LB invite you to help us celebrate our birthdays by donating to the **MA Fundraiser** between **November 17th and December 24th**. Supporting the purchase of Auroville's designated but still-missing land is the gift that will make us the happiest!

Your donation will be sent to the **Acres for Auroville** land campaign, the unity action of "Lands for Auroville Unified" with "Auroville International" - to be used by Auroville's Land Board for Master Plan land purchase. To date, **A4A donations have funded the purchase of 63 new acres** of City of Dawn land - and **together we can make that number bigger**. Each friend who contributes to our fundraiser will receive a warm thank you from A4A. **Here is the Fundraiser link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/297315144771290/>. If you can't use your credit card via Facebook, you can always donate directly to A4A via the Auroville Donation Gateway <https://donations.auroville.com/> or by check or bank transfer <https://land.auroville.org/a4adonations/>. Aurovilians can donate directly to Unity Fund's Main account 240001 from their FS account. Please specify «Acres for Auroville - MA Fundraiser»

We thank all the friends who support and share our enthusiasm for securing the missing plots and consolidating the designated physical base for the City of Dawn!

- The "MA" girls, Anandi & Mandakini

Covid-19 Updates

This is to inform you all that in view of the still ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and feedback from citizens, the Tamil Nadu government has revoked the following two relaxations:

1. **Opening of colleges/schools for classes 9-12 starting Monday, November 16th - order has been revoked until further notice.** Following a recent consultation meeting with parents of students from 9th to 12th class on November 9th and based on the outcome of that, the government has dropped the decision to reopen not only schools but also colleges on Monday November 16th, as most parents disagreed.

2. **Easing of restriction on large gatherings and celebrations (social, religious, cultural and political) has been revoked.** There is a re-emergence of the second wave of corona infection in many parts of the world. In this situation there is a need to further intensify the prevention of infections. In this context, the order allowing up to 100 persons from Monday, November 16th at large gatherings (social, political, religious, entertainment, cultural events, and educational ceremonies) has now been revoked. So, NO gatherings are allowed, for funeral it is still up to 20 people and for weddings it is 50 people allowed.

We would like to thank the community for everything you are doing to keep Auroville and our surrounding areas safe, and we hope you will be extra-cautious during this festive season. Stay safe and healthy. **--The Working Committee & Covid-19 Task Force**

From: Sante: General Health Considerations

1. If you have **flu-like symptoms like a dry cough, fever, tiredness, sore muscles and/or difficulty breathing, and other common symptoms include loss of taste / smell, vomiting & diarrhoea, please stay at home and call Santé on (0413) 2622803** during office hours (8:45 - 12:30 & 2:00 - 4:30 Mon - Sat) & ask for a doctor to return the call as soon as he or she is free.
2. **Stay indoors till you have had a telephone consultation with the doctor and he has assessed your condition.** This is both essential & responsible for the wellbeing of both you, your family & those around you. This is especially important for guesthouse managers, who take the responsibility to inform the guests of how to proceed.
3. **In case of difficulty in breathing or other deterioration of health, contact the AV Ambulance 94422 24680 immediately.**
4. Stay safe; wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene & proper social distancing.



WORKING GROUP REPORTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE!



RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION MAKING PROCESS - Restarted method for selecting Working Group members

It is very unfortunate but RAS made an error in the uploading of the final proposals for voting: the version of Proposal D, which incorporates feedback received from the community, was not the latest one. This was only just noticed and so the RAS wants to re-issue the RAD, with the updated file linked. The RAS apologises for this mistake and hopes that you **will submit your votes through the new link that will be sent out on Saturday 21st November**. Votes already cast will not be carried forward, so if you want to have your voice heard, please follow the link in the email to be sent on Saturday. We feel this is the most appropriate course of action, that will best serve the community and uphold the decision making policy in place.

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 re-launch of the RAD on Saturday 21st November.**

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 Task Force, which includes proposal C stakeholders, it has been decided to withhold

proposal C from this RAD, pending assurances from the Auroville Council about the Task Force. 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/2UzkbYr>) 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 21 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 5th DEC**.

Please look out for this email and participate in voting online. Web based Gmail interface users should check their Promotions tab in case the email is not found in your inbox. Good to also check your spam / junk folders for this email. If you are Aurovillian and don't receive this email on Saturday, please write to raservice@auroville.org.in or visit us at the RAS desk, first floor, Town Hall on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm. We are happy to help you register your decision.

IN-PERSON: A printed voting slip will also be available from the RAS sounding board outside Financial Service in Town Hall. 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 5th Dec., 11am - 2pm**.

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/2UzkbYr>, Summary <https://bit.ly/3oVaRvS>, Explanation <https://bit.ly/3gJPWqd> ~ Residents assembly service

From BCC: Update on our economic situation

We are reaching out with an update on the economic situation of our communal fund. We are incredibly heartened and grateful at how well we have all collectively sustained these economic challenging times. Our appreciation goes out to the full

community for our generosity and resilience, as well as to the Divine Mother for her blessings and support. It's now been over 6 months since the lockdown started, and we can share with you some figures that help to understand how this has impacted us financially.

Let's start with last year's figures.

- Our average monthly income in the previous financial year (April 2019 - March 2020) was 181 lakhs.
- Our average monthly expenditure was 173 lakhs.

Now let's compare this with our current year's figures.

- From April 2020 - Sep 2020, our average monthly income has been 150 lakhs. This is 30 lakhs less than last year. *We would like to extend our thanks to the Auroville units who have managed to continue contributing in spite of the difficult situation.*
- Our average monthly expenditure has been 142 lakhs. This expenditure is also about 30 lakhs per month less than last year, and reflects all the budget cuts we have made in an effort to make it through this financial squeeze. *Thanks to all the Services for utilising their reserves and managing with less budget*

What do we think will happen in the coming months?

In the past month of October, our income reduced to 128 Lakhs and our expenditure rose to 150 Lakhs. This means 22 lakhs were drawn from our reserves. We project a continued decrease in income and rise in expenditure.

- Income is predicted to decrease given that India's international borders are still not open to foreign tourists, export to Europe is affected by its current second lockdown, and there is the potential of a second lockdown in India which would impact domestic tourism.
- The rise in expenditure is projected for a few reasons. Among these are that schools will eventually re-open, which represents a significant budgetary increase. And services who have been using their reserves are starting to run out, and need to restart monthly budgets. These monthly budgets will continue to be given on the minimum basis required to operate.

According to our current projection, we would run out of reserves in July 2021. Please note this is a conservative projection, and it is adjusted every month as actual figures come in. In our latest figures (end of October) our reserve was 668 lakhs. We will keep you informed.

If you are in a financial position to help the BCC provide temporary support for community members and budgets for our Services, you can make a contribution to account number 252554, description: BCC Support. You can also add the name of a Service you would like to specially support. Thanks to all for contributing to the community in so many ways. You are welcome to pass by the BCC office (Town Hall, top floor left) with any questions or ideas you have. We are all in this together. - Your BCC members

(Christine, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Inge, Jacques, Mahi, Margarita, Meena, Rathinam, Suryamay)

From AVC: Update on the arbiters list

We are happy to present the pool of arbiters that was updated according to the conflict resolution policy.

The Council would like to thank the arbiters who are now stepping out of the pool: Ange (Samridhi/Pottery), Aloka (Sangha/ATB), Dominique (Sukhavati), Janet (Center Field), Dodo (Center Guest House), Kathy (Eco femme) Fabien (B&C) and Dr. Ruslan, we are grateful for their contribution, time and efforts to support arbitrations and appeals in Auroville.

We would like to welcome the new arbiters: Amos (Evergreen), Angelo (Creativity), Divya (Grace), Eric (Baraka), Hans (Abri), Indra (AVSS), Inge (Gaia), Isa (Forecomers), Iyyappan (Felicity), Kavitha (Sharnga), Lakshmi (Fertile), Mandakini (Eternity), Maya (Invocation), Rina (Aspiration), Robert (Luminosity), Sam (AVSS), Selvi (Aspiration), Selvi (Shakti), Suhasini (Prathna), Sundar (Douceur), Tomas (Annapurna).

This is the full 2020 updated list of arbiters: Amos (Evergreen), Angelika (Grace/Deepam), Angelo (Creativity), Antonio (Grace), Auradha (Certitude), Alok (Cuppa Chai), B (International House), Biggie (Samridhi/Botanical Gardens), Bobby (Prarthna), Bunty

(Auromodel), Clare (Aurodam), Danny (Wellpaper), Dave (Courage), Deepti (Last School/Certitude), Divya (Grace), Eric (Courage), Eric (Baraka), Fabian (Pitchandikulam/Architect), Hans (Abri Forest), Indra (Prarthna), Inge (Gaia), Isa (Forecomers), Iyyappan (Felicity), Jean Francois (Sharnga), Joerg (Dana), Joy (Dana), Judith (Grace), Kalsang (Tibetan Pavilion), Kati (Creativity), Kavitha (Sharnga), Kripa (Sharnga), Krishna (Pazhamuthir Cholai/UTS), Kumbha (Aurodam), Lakshmi (Fertile), Luk (Shakti), Mandakini (Eternity) Marlenka (Arati), Maya (Invocation 4), Nicola (Transformation/Dental Clinic), Otto (Samasti), Palani (Auromodel), Partha (Maitreya), Ponnusamy (Grace/Electrical Service), Priya (Samasti), Rina (Aspiration), Robert (Luminosity), Sacha (Grace), Sam (Citadines), Selvi (Aspiration School Campus), Selvi (Shakthi), Suhasini (Prarthna), Sundar (Douceur), Suzie (Aurogreen), Thera (Invocation), Tomas (Annapurna), Umberto (Aurodam) and Yuval (Utility).

AV Service Trust update - Pour Tous Purchasing Service

On 15 October <https://auroville.org.in/article/81856> and on 18 September <https://auroville.org.in/article/81516> we informed you of our initial actions towards the manifestation of Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS) as a service for the community. Over the last month we have:

- Facilitated weekly meetings of the Transition Team, who are: Ann R., Ashok A., Auroswadha, Devna, Iyyappan, Jocelyn B., Joseba, Kumaran, Olivier B., Pashi, and Prabhu.
- Finalized the Transition Team scope of work (<https://auroville.org.in/article/82237>).
- Facilitated a special meeting to explore "What do we mean by a service?" with the whole Transition Team and Kala (current executive) and Kumar (current manager).
- Kala and Kumar are in agreement to work towards the transformation of PTPS to a service.
- The team, along with Kala and Kumar, went through the 'Charter for Auroville Food Outlets' where all were in agreement. The document is being used as a reference only.
- A sub-group was created to collect and compare suppliers / prices of certain food products from PTPS, PTDC, and Hers.
- Initiated a financial and stock audit with the Trust auditor. The work is steady and ongoing. There is a good energy and synergy. Individuals are showing their capacity and interest in the many work areas such as documentation, and strategizing (future PTPS organization, future Central Purchasing Service). We continue to be happily challenged by the scope of work before us. What wants and needs to emerge is slowly showing itself to us.

Over this next month our aim is to:

- Continue to hold a weekly meeting of the Transition Team.
- Finalize a clear vision of PTPS as a service.
- Document current and potential future roles & responsibilities; & operational work areas.
- Document an open and transparent process to invite capable and skilled Aurovilians to join a three or four-person executive team with clear roles & responsibilities. Initiate this process.
- Finalize the financial and stock audit.
- Initiate a detailed written proposal for practical steps to move the orientation of PTPS to a service.

We need to mention an unpleasant interaction that took place between an Aurovilian supplier and the current executive. We were sad to learn of this incident. We expect Aurovilians, everyone frankly, to be respectful and patient during this transition process. The current team has been doing its work for over a decade; the situation is surely not going to change 'overnight'. It will be a little while yet before a new team is proposed, considered and approved by the Service Trust which also includes a recommendation by the Auroville Board of Services, and the 'green light' of the FAMC.

As promised we will keep you informed of the actions and ongoing work on a monthly basis. Please read our announcements as we explore where you might be asked to help with this important work for the community. We continue to envision a respectful and healthy transition. This will be our position throughout the many months of actions, challenges and simple joys. We ask for your continued good will and patience as we explore leaning into the emerging future.

- Auroville Service Trust
Amy, Anne, Joseba, Ponnusamy & Ulrich, 14 November 2020

APPLICATIONS FOR FINAL BUILDING NOC 21st Nov 2020

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

Thamarai educational project - Learning Centre in Annai Nagar, Phase 2 - application for final building NOC. **The building NOC shall be given to Bridget Horkan to build a 2nd phase of the Thamarai educational project not exceeding 176,9sqm in Annai Nagar village in Greenbelt.** Total estimate of the 2nd phase structure is 40.79.500/- rupees, and it is funded by donations. The structure consists of a second floor of the educational centre with an adequate staircase and a terrace. On the compound of the centre EcoSan toilet will be built for children, along with a normal flush toilet with soak pit. The design for construction was made, as for the 1st phase by Raman Construction. The building shall be used according to its description in the building application and any change in function or purpose of building is subject to TDC approval throughout the lifespan of the building. **The project holder can begin construction on site after picking up the signed NOC document from the TDC office.**



Forest Group meeting in Miracle Friday, 13th November 2020

The meeting took place in the Circus in Miracle, chosen for the large space which offers, which helped us to stay dry and healthy by following social distancing rules.

Present: Christoph (Bliss), Ancolie (Evergreen), Elisa, Lakshmi, Nina (Adventure), Agnès (Darkali), Alyona (Darkali), Jacques, Eric (Baraka), Amos (Evergreen), P. Elumalay (Bliss), Vikram C.S (Youth Centre), Yuval (Eternity), Jürgen Axer (Working Committee member, guest), Edzard (Discipline), Manolo (Bliss/Youth Centre), Alex (Fertile), Philippe (Kalpana), Tom (Discipline), Island (Espace), Andrey (Infinity), Mohini (9 Palms), Enea (Miracle), Be (Baraka), Gijs (Udumbu), Jessamijn (Udumbu) V. Boobalan (Siddhartha Forest), Shivaraj (Martuvam Healing Forest), Rita (Centre Field), D. Segar (Equality), G. Vengatesh (Abri Forest), Hans (Abri Forest, notes), Fabian (Pitchandikulam), Natasha (Evergreen), David (Aurodam), Cristo (Revelation), Glenn (Anasuya), Jacques (Road Service, guest), Dave (Silence, chair)

HIGH TENSION CABLE / YOUTH CENTRE & BLISS FOREST

The Forest Group heard a brief report on a meeting called by the FAMC to understand and ideally resolve the issue of laying a much-needed HT line in the area. The meeting happened on Nov. 2nd at the Youth Centre.

The meeting was called by the FAMC to discuss the route along which a high tension cable would be laid. During this meeting representatives of the FAMC, Working Committee, TDC, Forest Group, Youth Centre, GOI group and Electricity Service discussed the two main route options of this urgently to be laid cable:

- through Youth Centre and Bliss Forest (Crown Road option)
- bypassing Youth Centre and Bliss Forest, along the existing roads from Youth Centre to Lilaloka (the alternative option)

The meeting started with a walk along the alternative route. Because Bliss Forest is a dense forest, walking the Crown Road option was not possible, but it was clearly pointed out where the Crown Road route would be cutting through Bliss Forest and Youth Centre. The walk followed with a discussion on the merits and demerits of both routes. A large majority of participants choose the alternative route as the most desirable option, but no full consensus was reached. However, it was agreed that the representatives of the FAMC would inform the Auroville Foundation about a community process currently being followed to further explore merits of the alternative route. Meeting notes of this November 2 meeting are available.

Auroville Foundation letter to TDC and the position of the Forest Group - Soon after the Youth Centre meeting delegates of the Forest Group met with members of TDC to discuss practical details of cable laying along the alternative route. It was during this meeting that the Forest Group delegates were informed by members of TDC of a strong worded letter from the Auroville Foundation to the TDC advising the TDC to urgently issue a working order to clear the way, lay the cable along the Crown Road route and finish the work by the end of this year. Moreover, the Foundation advised the TDC to urgently clear, before the end of January 2021, all right of ways along Master Plan roads on lands currently owned by Auroville.

Discussion and Forest Group advices - The Forest Group lengthily discussed the contents of the Foundation's letter to the TDC.

Regarding the high tension cable, the Forest Group sticks with its long held advice to lay the cable along the alternative route, because cable laying along this route avoids destruction of forest, thereby avoiding unnecessary environmental costs and avoids removal of currently extensively used infrastructure in Youth Centre. The alternative route cable would simply be just another cable along existing roads, next to an already laid BSNL fibre optic cable.

The Forest Group does not agree with the Foundation's advice to the TDC to clear all right of ways along Master Plan roads, because this would lead to a massive removal of greenery and existing infrastructure in many Auroville communities.

The Forest Group deeply aspires for a continuation of community driven processes during which residents, groups and stakeholders meet, discuss and reach consensus on ways forward on the many topics that concern our larger Auroville community. Time is needed in order for these many processes to be initiated, grow, mature and come to a consensual conclusion. Therefore, the Forest Group advises that as long as Auroville as a community is on its way to reach these consensual conclusions, to not put any urgent time pressures, but instead nudge these processes to be concluded in their own timeframes.

Practical steps of the Forest Group - In order to make its positions clear, the Forest Group decided on the following points of action:

- on short notice, a letter will be written to the Auroville Foundation, a draft of which will be circulated first among Forest Group members and when finalized
- the Forest Group letter will be presented in person by a Forest Group delegation to the Acting Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Sri P.R.Srinivasamurthy, and
- a delegation of the Forest Group will write to FAMC to inform about the current process

Petition to call for a General Meeting - Currently, a petition is circulating among Auroville residents to sign and by doing so urge for a General Meeting to discuss issues brought up by the Foundation's advisory letter to the TDC and further steps to reach a community consensus on these issues. Members of the Forest Group stated that the mission of the petition was laudable, but that the timing and wording may not be optimal. Next time, whenever a petition relating to Auroville's forests is in the making, it may be better if the contents of a petition is circulated first among Forest Group members, so that we can agree on wording and timing.

OTHER SUBJECTS

Cristo and Revelation - Cristo informed the Forest Group that the steward of Revelation is TOS longer than planned, and that the volunteer who took care of Revelation forest has left. In cooperation and coordination with the steward, Cristo has taken up responsibility of taking care of the forest. He informed the Forest Group that he would be very pleased if somebody would help him, on a regular basis, with the work and that it would already be helpful if somebody passes by regularly to say hello.

Land Board - Yuval, who is both a member of the Forest Group and the Land board, shortly informed the Forest Group of current activities and issues of the Land Board:

- in the last 2 ½ years approx. 8000 trees have been planted by the Land Board

- in recent years, 20 acres of greenbelt land has been purchased. Whenever you hear about a piece of land possibly for sale, please inform the Land Board, who will then approach the landowner
- recently, a meeting of various working groups (among these delegates from the Green Group) discussed various land related subjects, such as speculation, unwanted development and encroachment of Auroville lands.
- it was noted that Aurovilians are sometimes working closely together with speculators, developers and encroachers and that this was very much not okay.
- it would be very good if each steward has a ready to be shown proof of Auroville land ownership with clear borders indicated on both paper and on the ground.
- in case of a land related problem: please do not hesitate to **inform the Land Board** who will do its utmost best to take over and solve the problem. Even if scared or intimidated: call the Land Board at 0413 2623699.
- There is still an unresolved unwanted access issue with Shivam forest, but the Forest Group could not yet decide on a clear way forward.

Vinoth and friends waste clearing group - Amos informed the Forest Group of a great and active waste clearing initiative of an informal group of friends from Kuilapalayam. Without a budget or outside help the friend's group has engaged itself in clearing roads in Kuilapalayam and Auroville's surroundings of unwanted waste. As an appreciation the group has been given around 100 seedlings to be planted on temple grounds and other places. The Forest Group greatly appreciates the initiative.

Sludge disposal - Now that Fertile has stopped further cooperation and Auroville's sludge cannot any longer be disposed there, the TDC is urgently searching for an alternative spot. Before even being able to consider any piece of forested land, the Forest Group asks the TDC to present a clear plan: sludge management, design, costs, acreage needed, etc. On such an important subject the Forest Group can only make decisions based on clarity and facts.

Green Group - Fabian informed the Forest Group that the Green Group needs new input. Currently four elderly white men are representing the Forest Group in the Green Group. At the same time the Farm Group has been blessed by a newly formed coordination group of 5 young, still a bit overwhelmingly 4 out of 5 male, but educated, fresh, outspoken and very local farmers.

Visions and Realities - Elisa, Lakshmi and Ancolie presented a process which aims at exploring and updating the Forest Group's Self, its identity. They have been engaging with foresters since some time in the Vision and Reality sessions. From these sessions transpired a need for a meaningful growth. A growth from within, starting to formulate and update the Forest Group's purpose, values, its landscape of tasks and how it carries out these tasks (its processes). So that the Forest Group will be equipped with better clarity to understand itself, engage with the community and better represent what it stands for. This process is highly meaningful when the participation and presence are there, so we warmly encourage everyone to come and bring his/her valuable inputs to the Vision and Realities and Forest Group meetings.

The next Forest Group meeting will take place again in Miracle, in the Circus, on **Friday 4th December at 3pm**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are happy to inform you all that we are starting our shuttle service between Auroville and Pondicherry from 17.11.2020. Kindly note the new timings (p.16). We are requesting everyone to cooperate with present Covid-19 regulations. **No one will be allowed to board the bus without a mask. Use the sanitizer placed beside the bus steps before entering into the bus.** We are grateful to those who contributed to cover our yearly maintenance. We are in need of donations to cover the expenses. Our account number is **251675 / AV Accessible Bus**



Ever Slow Green Wins Gold in China!

EVER SLOW GREEN, the documentary film about Auroville's afforestation work, has received the Gold Award at the Handle Climate Change Film Festival 2020 in

Shenzhen, China. The film was chosen from a total number of **1113 films submitted from 90 different countries and Chinese districts to receive the highest award in the festival.**

A friend of Lijun's was able to attend the ceremony, receive the award on my behalf and send the pictures and video that you can see here: <https://auroville.org.in/article/82246>. It was also Lijun who kindly gave me a crash course in Chinese for the beginning of my acceptance speech which was screened during the ceremony via video message. I would like to extend my gratitude to everybody who has helped bringing this film to life. **THANK YOU!**
- Christophe P.

Petition to Call for a General Meeting

There is a petition to call for a General Meeting on the issue of the HT line between Sve Dame and Lilaloka. The petition and all the background can be seen here:

<https://forms.gle/hbDkU1XY1emQZubj6>

Books to give away at the Auroville Library

We invite the community to come and take some books by Sri Aurobindo, The Mother and their disciples. Welcome to visit for the next 2 weeks, during opening hours, and take what you need.

ANNAM Kitchen Reopen

Located behind Kalakendra (Bharat Nivas), serving South Indian Meals for Aurovilians/Newcomers and AV guests. We welcome lunch schemes and we are ready to deliver your take away lunch boxes at Matrimandir office gate, Aurelec and Pour Tous (Kuilapalayam). Kindly book the group lunches between 8.30 to 9.30AM at 890 304 9770. You may call us on 0413-2623070 to know the availability of the food on short notice. (closed on Sundays)

News from Matrigold

Matrigold will be working again from 23rd November onwards on appointment (9442300574) and from the 1st December within our regular working hours (Mon to Sat from 9am to 5pm). As we will restart with only 1 person and also have outside work to do, it is better to phone our workshop in Sanjana before coming. 2622458

Chlorine Dioxide (MMS) open house "Introduction to Basic Use"

Saturday, 28th November, 10:30am to 12pm

RSVP with Kaliananda: kaliananda@protonmail.com / 9787917469



Taxi Share - On 26th night to Chennai Airport.
Umberto, 7598331379
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Taxi Share - to Aravind Eye Hospital for treatment, I plan to undergo a lens replacement operation, hopefully next week after 23rd Nov. Birgitta 9442300574 / birgittavolz@hotmail.com

APPEALS



A big shout out to everyone who stopped by our new office in Townhall and gave us amazing energy, high fives & good wishes! Big hurray to welcoming Youth link in the community. We feel warm and welcomed!

Youth link is looking for a Personal Computer and a Black and white Printer for our little office. All our equipment is old and out dated. So if anyone has a spare PC and a B&W printer or if anyone is willing to donate funds for these equipment than kindly get back to us on youthlink@auroville.org.in. We promise to make best use of the equipment and take care of it.

- Ankita & Tenzin (Youth Link team)

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 059- 021-11-2020

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 CONFIRMED:

- Anna Bianca TORRACO (aka Bianca) (Italian)
- Pawan MITTAL (USA)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:



Philippe

- Philippe GOURMEL (French) staying in Surrender and working at Solitude Farm & Aikido budokan
- Vinisha RAJU (Indian) staying in Aspiration and working at NESS



Vinisha

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

- Ganesh ARUNACHALAM (Indian)
- Nidhish PUROHIT (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

- Ajith LOGANATHAN (Indian) staying in La Ferme
- Aiyana SKOLES BLIER (Dutch) staying in Kailash
- Eden Uriel TORMO MIR (Spanish) staying in Kailash
- Jasmine STOREY (British) staying in Evergreen
- Kathiravan KANNIYAPPAN (Indian) staying in Pitchandikulam
- Raghul KATHIRAVAN (Indian) staying in Mango Garden
- Yidam Saba HERNANDEZ GARCIA aka Danish (Mexican) staying in New Creation



Ajith

Aiyana

Eden

Jasmine



Kathiravan

Raghul

Danish

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Valentin SOLTYS (French)

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Auroville Prosperity

In the course of the last two months the Auroville Prosperity team (Jocelyn B, Ann R, Olivier B) has organised a series of meetings at the Unity Pavilion to present the in-depth research they have done about the Auroville economy and its general organisation.

Starting by studying the vision of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, the team also explored most of the researches done for the last 0 years including the various conferences made by Sri Kireet Joshi when he was the chairman of our Governing Board. To their surprise, the conclusions of most of these studies were leading to the same kind of vision and their work has therefore been mainly an attempt to synthesize what they could learn from them in the light of what Sri Aurobindo and The Mother said about Auroville and spiritual societies...

Each session has been followed by Q & A and the Team regularly updated their presentation with some of the critics, ideas and suggestions they could harvest during these meetings. The final draft has just been prepared along with a video and they are now ready to be shared with the community at large. Link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CspXQCF-2sY&t=136s>.

Link to the pdf document: <https://auroville.org.in/article/82189>

Note: there are some slight differences between the video presentation and the pdf file as the film was shot before the Auroville Prosperity document was finalized. The pdf document is the latest draft of this presentation. ~ Auroville Prosperity Team



Citizens' Assembly: Sessions 1 & 2

The first two sessions of the restarted Citizens' Assembly pilot have now taken place. About thirty randomly selected Aurovilians are participating, divided into two separate groups (subdivided once again for discussions) to ensure social distancing.

In the first session, participants viewed two short videos on the remarkable water heritage of Tamil Nadu and the present water situation in Auroville. As the purpose of this Citizens' Assembly is to come up with a water vision for Auroville and concrete ways of implementing it, the next part of the programme focused on what makes a good vision. Finally, a role play - based on a scenario where someone wants to introduce a vegetable garden in a water-scarce, fictitious Auroville community was used to introduce participants to some basic meeting challenges and techniques, including ways of identifying bias. The awareness and practice of such skills is important as the final outcome of this pilot will be heavily dependent upon the quality of the discussions among the participants.

In the second session, participants watched a video in which four Aurovilians - Tency (CSR), Juergen P. (Palmyra), Kireet (Gaia's Garden) and Allan (Deep Adaptation Auroville) - spoke about their work with water, the challenges, their dream/ water vision for Auroville, and what needs to happen for this to be implemented. This is the first of a number of videos which will be shown in subsequent sessions in which about thirty different 'water players' will share their work and ideas about how to implement a water vision for the community. The participants then broke up into small groups to discuss the video. After sharing what struck them most, and their own aspirations for water in Auroville, they began to examine which elements could be incorporated in a water vision for the community, and how this could be implemented. Each small group prioritized a few vision and implementation points from their discussions and these were shared with the whole Citizens Assembly. Everyone marked the perceptions/ideas which they thought were the most promising or significant. We ended with a time dedicated for personal evaluations of the day, in which participants, facilitators and observers recorded their feedback. This is very important as this first Citizens' Assembly in Auroville is a pilot project that we hope to learn from to inform future collective decision-making processes in our community.

There are seven more sessions to go, but the participants have been very positive about the process so far. As one participant put it after the first session, *“The thing I most valued today was the focussed intensity of importance of water and the feeling that we were all pretty much in agreement. It feels almost alchemical to concentrate the ingredients of a problem without deviation or distraction in order to try to distill a solution.”*

The video from the first session can now be watched at <https://cutt.ly/waterheritage> (English) or <https://cutt.ly/waterheritagetamil> (Tamil). All the other videos will also be made available for general viewing in due course.

We extend immense gratitude to Outreach Media, Serena and AuroVenkatesh for producing these videos, as well as all the many community members who responded to our call to translate and transcribe subtitles in both English and Tamil.

As further sessions take place, we will continue to share with the larger community how this unique learning journey is progressing, as well as all the learning resources on water which we are producing to support developing a water vision for Auroville. This is so that you can accompany us along the way. You will be able to find regularly updated info regarding the Citizens' Assembly project at: <https://caexplorationauroville.wordpress.com>. We will also hold a presentation at the end of the process, and offer an opportunity for a community review. You can get in touch by writing to us at citizensassembly@auroville.org.in.

~ The Citizens' Assembly Exploration Group
(Kathy, Suryamayi, Helen, Alan, David, Aditi, Martin, Sandhya, Nikethana, Anshul & Lesley)



Let's talk about Death, part III & IV

The 'Let's talk about Death' group intends to provide space, time and content on the topic of Death in Auroville. We have met twice now at different locations with each time 20 new

interested people attending. The meetings were heart-warming and inspiring.

The next dates are Saturdays 28 Nov. and 19 Dec., venue to be announced. Timings are 3 to 5pm and will start with coffee & cake, followed by sharing. Open for all ages. Please book by email to quietusauroville@gmail.com. Once you reserved, an email of confirmation will be sent to you.

If you would like to give a donation to help us to cover the expenses, we opened an FS account, no 106829 Quietus.

~ The 'Let's talk about Death Group'
Dan, Fakeera, Julietta, Kalsang, Lisa, Valeria

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in.

Management & Accounting position - You have fluency in spoken & written English, you are communicative and able to deal with customers in a friendly manner, you are able to manage accounts and learn a new software quickly. You have leadership skills and you are ready to work full time 6 days (including Sundays) from 9 to 5:30. Good maintenance, starting in the beginning of December.

And other positions (please inquire about details):

- Customer Care and Website Maintenance
- Production Management (part-time)
- Web Assistance
- Graphic Designer and Video Editor
- Social Media & Communications Manager (Ecofemme)
- Coordinator
- Volunteers for Auro Orchard

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

SHARAN - SHARAN is looking for a consultations and support co-ordinator. This would involve understanding our system and the client's needs and helping clients get the best solution. It requires a good knowledge of English both oral and written, a good knowledge of Hindi, being computer savvy, the ability to make and answer calls efficiently and in a helpful pleasant manner. A basic knowledge about health, nutrition and reports. Please apply with your CV to nandita@sharan-india.org only if you satisfy the requirements.

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 the evening, please inform the Matrimandir Access team at 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



Remembering Sri Aurobindo on Siddhi Day
24.11.2020, 5.15 pm
Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Offerings in live music, flowers, a deep silence
Entrance as per current guidelines, guests must bring Aurocard.

The Divine gives itself to those who give themselves without reserve and in all their parts to the Divine.

For them the calm, the light, the power, the bliss, the freedom, the wideness, the heights of knowledge, the seas of Ananda.

~ Sri Aurobindo

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

Someone to carry a parcel from Europe or USA - we are missing some essential photographic material to run an Analogue Photography Workshop in Centre d'Art in the upcoming months. Would you be able to carry 2-3kg parcel from Europe or USA to India (Auroville). We can order the material online and ship it to your address. It would take 7-10 days to arrive at your place. Contact us at centredart@auroville.org.in

English teacher - Narayan is looking to learn English through conversation while working w/ you. He is willing to help w/ gardening, housework, or any other work in exchange. If interested, call 9786861658

Laptop - 2nd Hand, No mac. Contact: vonlieres@gmx.de

Furniture - Moving into a new house and looking for bed, mattress, table, chairs etc. If you have extra furniture lying around and would like to rent or give away or for contribution. Contact Ankita: 8690586909 (WA)

Bollywood dance teacher - for my 6yo son. Group or individual classes. Contact Pawan @ 911 976 2631.

Household items - fans, dishes, blankets, tables, chairs, saris, paint and brushes, etc, we are transitioning to another home soon. Grateful. Contact: 8870895691

AVAILABLE

Math Teacher - I am a newcomer proficient in science and math. I am starting a new group class (maximum 4 kids) for high school math (statistics, calculus, probability, permutations and combinations). Contact: Pawan @ 9119762631

Carpentry & Repair Work - I have 20 years of carpentry experience in Auroville. If you want custom furniture, mend broken furniture or any sort of carpentry work, I can make it at affordable price. Contact: Iyanar 8778180971

House-work - for Ponni. She is decent at work, can read, write, and understand English. She is happy to do any kind of household work as well as care for elders. Her number is 9500237252.

TAKAMINE electro-acoustic nylon string guitar for left handed players. Contact Tejas : 9787732313

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

Use a broom instead of a hosepipe to clean patios and sidewalks. With Love from the Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.

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



Young Naturalists

As first in a series of talks with kids about their experience with nature in and around Auroville, this issue is about birds. Sijmen (11) is a young birdwatcher and shares his recent discoveries.



“Years ago when we went on a trip to Vedanthangal I learned that not all Kingfishers are blue. The pied Kingfisher is black and white. Then we started watching documentaries and saw that one type of pied Kingfishers is the biggest bird that can hover in one place in the sky. I think it’s sad that people here think of beer when they hear the word Kingfisher.

Since I put a bird bath next to our house I started noticing which are the common birds and in what season they come. Besides the obvious Babblers and Red-vented Bulbuls, we have White-browed Bulbuls, Tailorbirds, Sunbirds, Magpie Robins, Indian Robins, Blue-eyed Malkohar, Munya, Iora (which my Dad confuses with a Golden Oriole sometimes), Hoopoe and of course the fancy Paradise Flycatchers with their streaming long white tails.

But we also get rarer visitors like the Pied Cuckoo, the Indian Blue Robin or the Tickell’s Blue Flycatcher who flies in and out very fast! Some are very shy, like the Indian Pitta, who likes to hide in low bushes, but some are almost tame like the Orange Headed Thrush. Once in Fertile we saw six of them within 5 meters. One came as close as 1 meter!

The coolest bird I saw was the Black Naped Monarch at Fertile Field. It’s bright blue with a small black patch on its head. I love watching birds because you get to observe how they live, what they eat, where they sleep. It’s fun and more people in AV should try it sometimes.

Oh, and for bigger birds like Painted Stork, Pelican, Grey Heron, Osprey, Marsh Harrier, etc. you don’t need to go all the way to Vedanthangal. They come to Kazhuveli tank which is close enough to go by bicycle.”

**** You might have noticed our feature ‘Flash News’ in the last Green Columns. We’re trying out another name: ‘Broadcasting’ in its old meaning: sowing seeds by scattering them over the surface of the soil (when well-done it can increase yields and extend the reaping season), so ... short green global issues which hopefully**

increase awareness about what is happening on this - and the other side of the fence ...

Broad Casting

***Oil Palm Plantations:** In Indonesia, Borneo & Papua, New Guinea, fast developing Palm oil plantations engulf and devour much of the pristine ancient rainforests. Land rights of the tribal people are bought for \$8/hectare by Corindo, in cohorts with the government. Land, water and air are polluted and the promises the company gave the tribals (free education through college level, housing, running water and work) were never fulfilled...

***The Smithsonian Institution announces the release of ‘The Genome of Birds’** representing 92 % of all Avian Families from the rare blue eyed ground dove (4 specimens left) to the humble chicken. The first bird evolved more than 150 million years ago, its descendants have adapted to a vast range of ecological niches, giving rise to tiny, hovering hummingbirds, plunge-diving pelicans and showy birds-of-paradise. **Today, more than 10,135 species of birds live on the planet**—and now scientists are well on their way to capturing a complete genetic portrait of that diversity. Over the last 500 years 183 bird species went extinct and today 1469 species are in danger of extinction.

*** Planned HT line through the Green Belt Follow the debate on Auronet...** Many trees risk being cut. Utilities need to be laid along existing roads and cycle paths for easy access. Losing and disturbing even more of our already -discontinuous - Greenbelt is not wise. - Gijs & Lisbeth

The Green Column appears bi-weekly in the News & Notes and on Auronet. We report on green issues in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you! avgreencenter@auroville.org.in



Two new volunteers started to work at the radio. Aila and Raghu will propose new contents to all of us... Stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). [Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts

[Aarohan - ep.7 “The famous sons of Pandhrekaua !”](#) (Music)

[Savitri, B. VII C. V Part 4](#) (Integral yoga)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.56](#) (Laughter yoga)

[The Akademik Genius Brothers - The Making Off... ep.7](#) (Theatre)

[Audible Weed Walk - ep. 18](#) (Edible weeds)

[Neo Urban Chronik - “Greeting in a Greek Tragedy”](#) (Humour)

[The Best of What Still Around - ep. 18](#) (Music)

[Marlenka’s Weekly Offering - ep. 11](#) (Reading)

[Lectures par Gangalakshmi - 338](#) (Sri Aurobindo)

[Live Music Performance by Ronnie](#) (Music)

[Soul Tracks - ep.17](#) (Music)

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For more info write to radio@auroville.org.in, Love and Peace

SIDDHI DAY, Part 1

Interview with Dr. Alok Pandey by Narad

November 24, 1926 is remembered as Sri Aurobindo’s ‘Siddhi Day’. On this day, Sri Krishna’s Consciousness, or the Overmind, descended into the physical body of Sri Aurobindo which made the future descent of the Supermind into this world possible. After this event Sri Aurobindo completely withdrew to his room in order to concentrate on bringing about the descent of the Supermind and prepare the earth for it. To fully focus on this tremendous task, he handed over to the Mother full responsibility for taking care of the Ashram and their disciples living in it.

In this talk, Dr. Alok Pandey speaks about Sri Aurobindo’s renunciation and shares his valuable insights into the significance of the Siddhi Day and the new steps in consciousness-work introduced by Sri Aurobindo into spiritual life and yoga including the supramentalisation of the Overmind. The video is available on YouTube under the title: Interview with Dr. Alok Pandey - Part 15 - Siddhi Day. Kindly follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67XKxzBMG8>

An Invitation to Use the Aura App Network

Toward a Cashless Society -Auroville has a long-documented history of experimenting with alternative currencies & economies, including market economy, gift economy, barter, and several versions of mixed economy, but we continue to default to debit capitalism. The meaning of Auroville calls for more. At least a step. The core values and focus of Auroville have always been centered in a social welfare through sustainability and provision of basic resources for all. Universal Basic Income aligns with the aims and ideals of Auroville as UBI would create the foundation on which individuals would have the time and space to contribute to the Collective based on their unique skills and talents. As Auroville strives to create a cashless society, we move towards a digital domain where there is no need for the physical exchange of notes and coins as an obvious step forward. Moreover, by creating a digital currency that is founded on the idea of collectivism (i.e. covering the needs of other members in the community rather than individualism), the community can create a network of exchange that is seamlessly accessible for all.

The **Aura Network** is a collaborative project between Auroville and the Science Walden Center, initiated in February 2019. Since its commencement, the project has successfully completed three phases. Science Walden Center is a research institute at the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST) based in South Korea that is funded by the National Research Fund (NRF) of Korea.

The Aura Network App

- The Aura Network App generates and circulates a digital community credit called Aura. This credit has no equivalence in any other currency and cannot be traded for money.
- The value of the Aura is created in each instance where goodwill is turned into action. The action of members in the network is to identify, transform and circulate an array of underutilized resources (including human talent), surplus, and what had gone to “waste” in the community.
- The vision of the Aura is to break free from the linear commercial cycle where goods are used and turned into waste. The Aura creates a space for a **circular economy** where things considered waste, or things that are not being purposed can first be identified and then upcycled and repurposed. Additionally, the Aura facilitates a **care economy** where a diverse range of offerings from members of the network can cover the unique relative needs of others in the community.
- The consequences of the Aura are to nurture a sharing, caring community where each one is known and valued.

The main principles of the Aura Network include:

- Showcase of Offers and Needs
- Unconditional Access within Community
- Unconditional Endowment from a Circular Basic Income
- Unconditional Sharing

Social Sharing Network - There is a need in Auroville for a social platform that could allow newer members of community (i.e. Newcomers, Volunteers, new Aurovilians) to tap into the network of freely exchanged goods and service that long-term Aurovilians who are very well-acquainted with each other already enjoy. Moreover, there is a need to create a digital platform on which people can post their acts of goodwill (i.e. language lessons, deep listening, gardening, art and anything else.) that could allow community members to help cover each other's needs.

Expected Outcomes after the launch of the Aura Network App

- Revived Collective Auroville Spirit
- Creating a Care Economy: Addressing the Economic Crisis caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Creating a Circular Economy: Sustainability, Upcycling, Repurposing under-utilized resources sources including waste.
- Support all members of the Community to realize our ideals and build the City.

Using the Aura Network App helps create a richer experience of our need to love and be loved. The users come to appreciate their own skills and talents for service, and learn the joy of receiving from others. Since this level goes beyond impersonal, commercial or official transactions, the quality of life is upgraded The direct

experience of our common humanity and ability to solve the challenges of survival without strife and violence, lead us forward in our progress and evolution towards Human Unity

What you can do: Download the Aura Network on your phone from the Play Store or App Store. Search for the “Aura Network.” Follow the instructions to join... More information, tutorials, trainings and workshops will be available for those who need them.

-submitted by B

The Reality of Youth

Youth have many needs,
Some youth have some creeds;
Some youth aspire and seek
Some youth have yet to peek.
654Many pride themselves to be young
Some seek to remain unsung;
One thing is clear and common,
There remain stones to turn.

In order to leave no stone unturned, Auroville has to take a systemic approach to the quandary of “Youth” in Auroville. The “yogic” youth that never ages does not come by thinking alone - to be that “youth” requires a persistent and renewed effort. To begin again, daily if needs be, to live with the aspiration to progress, to be open to the Divine Consciousness for the unity to manifest in our midst.

Auroville as a society has yet to address the youth issue. As the society aged over time, an acceptance of change and reality of wider engagement of youth into all walks of life was never viewed as a core necessity. No systemic apprentice programs, no systemic support for education, training, entrepreneurship, artistic, governance, economy, technology etc were taken up. Where is the missing one more group -- Auroville Youth Development?

Auroville Consulting works with youth of Auroville, bio-region and many others who come from outside. SAVI works with volunteers who would like to offer their ability and gain experience in Auroville. ACI offers programs which address holistic development of youth with their innate aspirations and in context of Auroville. STEM Land and its off-shoots work to bring about engagement exclusively for youth development and self-empowerment. All dispersed and good initiatives, but we need more broad-based approach to begin earlier for the children and students of Auroville.

Where's the engagement of the youth of Auroville in Auroville life while they are still in schools? Extra-curricular activities in our various units, services, departments of governance and municipal services? Working at design firms or on farms or forests? All left ad hoc and even when there is a natural disaster, mobilization of youth to partake in social emergency under taking is visible by its absence. Many young adults today come and ask for work to engage in. Some even are requesting space for developing ideas and engage in activities of their choice. NO SPACE, no work. Hospitality is the industry supported by Auroville, not youth to be made productive and happy members of the society. The community at large needs more focused approach to take up the urgent issue of youth, especially now that everyone is aging. Maybe the bubble of what it means to be Aurovilians over the past for many needs to change in a stark manner.

Some Aurovilians have their notion of what a Youth Center should be and as is setup in current modalities. The present avatar can be in any of the greenbelt regions too easily and naturally. We need to provide all youth of Auroville who hold other aspirations to also have developmental possibilities in all aspects life of Auroville. This requires places to live, places to work, many streams of life to flow in with.

Youth from around the world were called in 1968 to come engage in developing a thriving, dense city where aspirations for learning, research and never ending progress was the only Dream. A true diverse diaspora. Where are we today? Not this lopsided, ad hoc organic growth that continues to spread mediocrity. The world moves on, decay is the only natural progression where there is lack of conscious progress.

-Submitted by Chandresh Patel

LIGHT

Let's talk about the lights we use. It's been quite a long time that I am concerned about the use of electricity in our Community, and for 2 or 3 experiences I had, I feel that we should have a group, as we have for the water, to increase people's consciousness about it. It is an issue in Auroville and in the World. If you are interested or know someone that could be, contact [anandi7@ auroville.org.in](mailto:anandi7@auroville.org.in). I would like to start getting together for that.

- Anandi-a

Alejandro Jodorowski: The change is already here

The elite knew about this quantum leap, which is why they released this thing.

They do not want us to be free, but they cannot prevent it. We are powerful in love, and they underestimate us, which is why they are in such a hurry to launch their new world order.

THE QUANTUM LEAP ALREADY HAPPENED

The dark elites are terrified. They knew that the human race was reaching a very high vibration, but they ignored the extent of this awakening as well as the quantity of the presently awakened souls. They do not hide anymore, they attack us head on; some people still are unable to see it - but that does not mean that the attack is unreal. Those attacks will go increasing. The elites will do their utmost to prevent this awakening and to prevent those who have awakened to communicate and awaken others. They will do their utmost to make the awakened ones be seen as crazy or criminals. Whatever they do, however, matters not, the quantum leap occurred already, it is unstoppable.

The human race already looks at the animals as fellow beings, respects the Mother Earth, understands there is no separation. The souls which incarnate now are coming as masters, they do not come to experiment, but out of love. We may, or we may not, be the witnesses of the total change, the transition may take one week, it may take 300 years, but it is unstoppable. Whatever happens during this transition, remember that you offered yourselves to be here now. Be the driving force of the change; under any circumstance, whatever you may witness, you are accountable.

We ask you one thing, one single thing: Do not feed them. It is the only thing you have to do - it is that simple - refuse to feed them.

The human being is, among other things, one of the most powerful generators ever - we are vortexes. Depending on the polarity to which you align yourself, you create one frequency or another. Those entities feed on the negative energies, we have been feeding them for millennia. The awakening of the human kind has bent the collective vortex towards the positive pole - that is why they are attacking so fiercely: they are starving.

You knew it already, surely, or perhaps it is the first time you are in touch with this kind of idea - either way, just ask yourself whether it resonates in you, do not create anything. Connect with your soul, observe. If your soul tells you that it is true, then do not lose one more second of your time in feeding them. Expel every low passion from your life: hate, resentment, envy, jealousy, fear, vices, food that comes from the suffering of another being, lies, ambition, selfishness, sadness, mistrust - all of this generates dense energy, feeds the obscure ones.

Be aware of your emotions, and whenever you feel such emotions, change them immediately, listen to a music which uplifts you, sing, dance, kindle incense, hug your cats, your dog or any other pet you may have, go out for a walk in nature, in a park, meditate, exert yourself physically... do whatever it takes to immediately change your energy - because that is how you feed those entities. Be conscious, constantly, that is all that is required of you: stop feeding those obscure hordes.

Feed your soul with whatever helps to uplift you. If you get used to live in the frequency of love, your reality will change in harmony with your will, without any effort, nothing can stop you, you are a powerful being. Do not fear, free your mind from the matrix, focus your attention on your intent, and, above all, be happy, enjoy, smile, sing, dance, love.

I AM THE OPENED DOOR WHICH NO ONE AND NO THING CAN CLOSE.

I AM THE PERFECT HEALTH IN THIS PERFECT BODY WHICH GOD CREATED FOR MY SOUL.

I AM THE MAGICAL CIRCLE OF PROTECTION, ALL AROUND ME IS INVULNERABLE, REPELS ALL DISTURBING ELEMENTS AND ANY PERIL WHICH INTENDS TO PENETRATE IN ORDER TO HARM ME.

I AM THE PERFECTION IN MY WORLD. -submitted by Anandi A.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. CREEVA OFFERS Watercolour Landscape painting with A.Sathya (9486145072) on Mondays, 7PM; Drawing with Audrey (9786411419) on Fridays 9:30-11:30 AM, Figurative Life Drawing with Lakshay (9810052574) on Saturdays 9-11 AM. Open Studio for those who aspire to explore their artistic expressions. Monday-Friday, 2.30-5pm, at CREEVA Art Studio. Make an appointment with Abhijit Roy 7517394469.

2. WATCH EVER SLOW GREEN ONLINE FREE AT THESE FILM FESTIVALS: Science Film Festival 2020 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYPq2XiWEScz_lh3uDv0bGmBdzKC9dyN3BbUWwEcWZ5A6bWA/viewform, Gottlieb Native Garden Green Earth Film Festival <http://thegottliebnativegarden.com/projects-partners/gottlieb-native-garden-green-earth-film-festival/> Register here: <https://thegottliebnativegarden.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=78cddf8a548e9c8e25275dd8c&id=2c21049d0e>, tve Global Sustainability Film Awards gsfa.tve.org

3. CENTRE D'ART CALL FOR ARTISTS - GROUP EXHIBITION 6 - 24 MARCH 2021 - Centre D'art is pleased to accept submissions on the theme of 'Transparency'. For information contact centredart@auroville.org.in

4. CENTRE D'ART OFFERS A FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP Facilitated by Marco Saroldi, this workshop is for residents of Auroville who are serious and enthusiastic photographers that want to develop a project of which they are the author (not the image producer). For registration and details contact centredart@auroville.org.in

5. AUROVILLE TIMELINES & AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE OFFER - An online course on art history with Dr. Deborah L Stein (of California College of Arts & San Francisco State). There is a special offer for Aurovilians, who can participate with a voluntary contribution. For more details: <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2020/09/08/art-history-lecture-series/> To register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOTvK_EqGunU8k55Lfc5-0JbeqyCa-8VzAtjw7FfdJWiFVvg/viewform?gxids=7628

6. AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE IN THE NEWS - Four films produced through the Auroville Film Institute are selected for a Swiss film festival! <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/minimalistic-works-from-auroville-film-institute-make-a-splash-at-swiss-festival/article33110864.ece>

7. AVI USA FUNDRAISING EVENT - The event will raise funds through offering two screenings of Ever Slow Green on December 5 & 6. Donations of any amount can be made through <https://eleonline.net/Pages/WebForms/Mobile/ShowFormMobile.aspx?id=f5e74536-76fe-4e3a-866e-37b71d2c89f5&linkto=1008>

8. MUSEUM OF ART & PHOTOGRAPHY - ONLINE - Download and enjoy activities on the theme 'Inside-Outside, looking at Space in Art', from painting to collages and photography, explore how physical space has been represented in the visual arts. <https://map-india.org/discover-map/site-sightings/>

9. 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. Take a walk on the famous Selaron Stairs of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/selaron-stairs/gQGKZPW5bCfE5A?sv_lng=-43.17970438125508&sv_lat=-22.91555382215602&sv_h=252.91259765625&sv_p=4.2227325439453125&sv_pid=yPrpzJZGL0hJShsfY9Oz9w&sv_z=0.21563314522566468

10. INKO CENTRE PRESENTS DAEMOKJANG - TRADITIONAL KOREAN WOODEN ARCHITECTURE (FILM). A film on the unique art & scientific brilliance of Daemokjang, an important intangible cultural heritage of Korea. Presented in association with the National Intangible Heritage Centre, Republic of Korea. Available online from Thurs, Nov 19th, 6pm IST, on <https://www.youtube.com/InKoCentre>

11. ARGENTINIAN FILMS - The Embassy of the Argentine Republic in India, in association w/ the Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation, present Violet Glasses, an Argentine film series from a gender perspective. FMI & to register, thangaraj_icafe@hotmail.com

12. EU FILM FESTIVAL ORGANISES an online talk with Martin Turk (director) and Teho Teardo (musician, composer) of the film 'Don't Forget to Breathe', on November 20, 6pm IST. To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zFmbo2r8ToCEqr85liKSjQ.

KIRTAN - devotional singing

Monday 23rd Nov., 5 - 6.30pm, in Svadame , Butterfly Barn

Welcome to join in this circle of friends, singing from our hearts to divinity in all life.

Film projection: The Mother as an Artist.

Saturday, 21 Nov, 5 to 6:30 pm, Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Presented by Rakhal, followed by a sharing session and insights

Bharat Nivas Presents
in association w/

The Dance Routes Centre
Odissi - A Dance of Sculpture
Sat 28th November, 4 - 5:40pm
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

Talk & discussion by Rekha & Michael



Open call for solo and group exhibition at Centre d'Art for the 2021 - 2022 season.

Centre D'art is pleased to accept submissions of cohesive art projects, and we carefully go over all submitted portfolios. However, we hope you understand that due to a high number of applications, we cannot unfortunately reply in person to each submission. If we are interested in your work for exhibition, we will be sure to contact you via the details provided with your submission. Submissions may be made to centredart@auroville.org.in When making a submission, please note the following guidelines:

- The subject line of any submission email must begin with the subject 'Exhibition Submission'
- All images should be sent as jpeg files, at screen resolution, not more than twenty-five images.
- Attach a short artist statement for the project being submitted, that will help us understand your work better.
- Provide contact details - email address.

Deadline for the submissions is 31st January 2021 and the exhibition season August 2021 to April 2022. Connect with us: centredart@auroville.org.in

Portrait of your child

If you have a child under or around one year, send me his/her photo by email or WhatsApp. I will send you free my drawing as a jpeg file. I will keep the original. I need a photo with one side darker, in shadow (no flat light). And a smile needs to be there too! Check out my work at <https://www.facebook.com/How-to-Bring-Up-a-Child-119766416594944/> Contact: 7094344154 (WA) or lvana@auroville.org.in

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Bansuri - The North Indian Bamboo Flute Every Saturday at Fertile

Open classes. Advanced: 2 to 3pm / Total beginners: 3 to 4pm
More info at <https://www.the-sound-of-bamboo.com>. Contact Michael 9150567003 (SMS, tel) or mail@the-sound-of-bamboo.com



JIVA - your journey in healing and transformation
"Jiva" is a growing collaborative of highly experienced therapists living in Auroville.

"Explore your mind"

3day workshop in hypnotherapy

20th Nov 4- 7 pm, 21st & 22nd Nov, 9 AM - 5:30 PM

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still"

What is hypnosis? How do right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Self-hypnosis

Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in. Trainer Sigrid Lindemann, certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville Venue: Sharnaga GH, Yoga hall. www.sharnaguesthouse.in, contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

Integral Regression Therapy - deeply transforming sessions Start planned for Nov 2020, modules every 2 weeks approx.

Integrating regression therapy, insights of the Integral Yoga, trauma therapy, systemic constellations. A naturally induced state of insight allows healing and transformation for issues of this life - Inner child Work -, Trauma -, and Past life Regression. Sigrid Lindemann offers sessions and teaches a full course:

- Teaser : free Webinar Sunday Nov 16th at 8 pm. Sigrid Lindemann will give a short introduction followed by Q & A and sharing of her experience as therapist and trainer.
- Webinar and Seminar: 6 x 3hr webinars about the theory of "integral regression therapy"- understanding of the background psychology and spiritual perspective
- 3 x 3 days practice seminars: enabling participants to apply the therapy successfully

A background in psychotherapy, hypnotherapy or trauma therapy is desirable for practicing integral regression therapy. Booking possible for Only webinars or Full package of webinars and practice of therapy sessions, seminars taking place in Auroville. Trainer Sigrid Lindemann.

For pricing and registration: contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA: 9626006961, www.auroville-jiva.com

Upcoming retreat:

- 3-8 January: Sufi Retreat "Whirling Smiles" with Sufi Master Nirupam.

Mirrabelle offers classes and workshops in "Natural Horsemanship". See the Regular Activities doc for details. WA: 9626565134 contact@auroville-jiva.com

Pranayama and Chakras Harmonization w/ Lakshmi Saturday 21st Nov, 9am to 12pm, in Svadame , Butterfly Barn

In the 1st part, we will explore ancient yogic breathing techniques used to connect body, mind and soul. Pranayama improves lungs functions, clarity, peace, relaxation & boost the immune system.

In the second part we will combine breath with chanting of Bija mantras (the seeds syllable of each chakra) it will improve mental power and strength, concentration, wipe out fear, anger, depression and enhance spiritual power.

Limited space, for more info call Lakshmi at 8489764602. Lakshmi is a Certified Yoga teacher, massage and sound bath therapist

Aurinoco Webinars presents:

3 Evening Session Pranayama with JV
Fri - Sun 27th-29th November, 6:15 - 7:15 PM

"It is in good health that the way to transformation is found"
~ The Mother

This workshop introduces you to an integrated Yoga practice consisting of:

- Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility
- Eight simple but powerful Pranayama practices

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0413-2656271/72
Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7
Emergency Service of India: 108
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General Hospital 2336050
Puducherry helpline: 104
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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.

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- Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge yourself.

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

Intended outcome: You will gain confidence to practice on your own. By practicing for about thirty minutes per day, you enjoy a new level of wellbeing.

This webinar is free and open to all. No registration is required. Please avoid eating after 2PM and drinking anything after 5:45 PM

How to join the webinar? You can join on your computer/laptop/ Android or Apple smart phone using Google Meet. Chrome browser required for laptop. For smart phone, download Google Meet App. & click on <https://meet.google.com/hut-enpc-bwg>

About the Facilitator: I was diagnosed with four incurable diseases in 1987 and the medical opinion was that I would not live beyond the age of 50. I am now 74, and enjoy excellent health and well-being; thanks to Yoga. I lived in Auroville from 2007 to 2016. I am facilitating workshops and retreats in Auroville since 2008.

Aurinoco Webinars is a new initiative to leverage the internet and fiber optic network of Auroville in the current situation to bring opportunities for 'unending education' directly to your residence.



Welcome to an Interactive,
Long - weekend JOURNEY,
Rooted in Yourself
Strength to Community

FRI 11. DEC, 3pm - MON 14. DEC, noon
at QUIET HEALING CENTER

EARTH - WATER - NEW MOON - FIRE

Exploring our own abundant knowing and creativity... Awakening a sense of celebration, gratitude and honoring the sacred in daily life...

THIS RESIDENTIAL RETREAT INCLUDES

- Beautiful space with nourishing food
- Embodied practices; Dance, Movement, Aquatic explorations, Breath work, Meditation, Ritual...
- Deep listening; relaxing and giving space to feelings & inner wisdom
- Being and expressing in your unique, authentic ways
- Creating a "Vision Board" - visual imprint of next intentions on the path
- You might walk away feeling nurtured and deeply connected... (see back side glimpses from views of participants from previous retreat)

With Dariya who is passionate about creating spaces for individuals and groups, to explore deeper aspects of our being and inter-connectedness. She is Aquatic bodywork teacher (Watsu etc), Women groups facilitator (Awakening Women Institute), Dance, ritual, nature and creativity lover...

Info & Bookings: Quiet Healing Center, quiet@auroville.org.in - landline: 413 2622329 - mobile 9488084966

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08.25am	MATRIMANDIR OFFICE	12.05pm	LOTUS HOTEL
08.30am	SOLAR KITCHEN	12.20pm	QUIET
08.32am	CERTITUDE	12.25pm	LAST SCHOOL
08.37am	KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction)	12.27pm	KUILAPALAYAM (SBI BANK)
08.39am	KUILAPALAYAM (SBI Bank)	12.29pm	KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction)
08.41am	LAST SCHOOL	12.34pm	CERTITUDE
08.46am	QUIET	12.37pm	SOLAR KITCHEN
09.00am	LOTUS HOTEL	12.42pm	MATRIMANDIR OFFICE GATE
09.05am	ASHRAM DINING HALL	12.45pm	VERITE
Afternoon Trips: MONDAY to SATURDAY			
2.50pm	VERITE	06.00pm	ASHRAM DINING HALL
2.55pm	MATRIMANDIR OFFICE	06.05pm	LOTUS HOTEL
3.00pm	SOLAR KITCHEN	06.20pm	QUIET
3.03pm	CERTITUDE	06.25pm	LAST SCHOOL
3.08pm	KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction)	06.27pm	KUILAPALAYAM (SBI BANK)
3.10pm	KUILAPALAYAM (SBI Bank)	06.29pm	KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction)
3.12pm	LAST SCHOOL	06.34pm	CERTITUDE
3.18pm	QUIET	06.37pm	SOLAR KITCHEN
3.30pm	LOTUS HOTEL	06.42pm	MATRIMANDIR OFFICE GATE
3.35pm	ASHRAM DINING HALL	06.45pm	VERITE
*** No Shuttle Service on TUESDAY and THURSDAY afternoon***			

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