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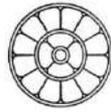
A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

5th December 2020



“Sri Ganesha” by Jyoti Naoki Eri/acrylic on canvas

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive section of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive section of the world will be embraced - not "embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought. Those who already are have the good fortune of being the first ones, that's all."

– The Mother. The Agenda . 16 February 1972 (+ 50 years = Year 2022)

Death's sombre cowl was cast from Nature's brow;
There lightened on her the godhead's lurking laugh.
All grace and glory and all divinity
Were here collected in a single form;
All worshipped eyes looked through his from one face;
He bore all godheads in his grandiose limbs.
An oceanic spirit dwelt within;
Intolerant and invincible in joy
A flood of freedom and transcendent bliss
Into immortal lines of beauty rose.
In him the fourfold Being bore its crown
That wears the mystery of a nameless Name,
The universe writing its tremendous sense
In the inexhaustible meaning of a word.
In him the architect of the visible world,
At once the art and artist of his works,
Spirit and seer and thinker of things seen,
Virat, who lights his camp-fires in the suns
And the star-entangled ether is his hold,
Expressed himself with Matter for his speech:
Objects are his letters, forces are his words,
Events are the crowded history of his life,
And sea and land are the pages for his tale.
Matter is his means and his spiritual sign;
He hangs the thought upon a lash's lift,
In the current of the blood makes flow the soul.
His is the dumb will of atom and of clod;
A Will that without sense or motive acts,
An Intelligence needing not to think or plan,
The world creates itself invincibly;
For its body is the body of the Lord
And in its heart stands Virat, King of Kings.
In him shadows his form the Golden Child
Who in the Sun-capped Vast cradles his birth:
Hiranyagarbha, author of thoughts and dreams,
Who sees the invisible and hears the sounds
That never visited a mortal ear,
Discoverer of unthought realities
Truer to Truth than all we have ever known,
He is the leader on the inner roads;
A seer, he has entered the forbidden realms;
A magician with the omnipotent wand of thought,
He builds the secret uncreated worlds.
Armed with the golden speech, the diamond eye,
His is the vision and the prophecy:
Imagist casting the formless into shape,

Traveler and hewer of the unseen paths,
He is the carrier of the hidden fire,
He is the voice of the Ineffable,
He is the invisible hunter of the light,
The Angel of mysterious ecstasies,
The conqueror of the kingdoms of the soul.
A third spirit stood behind, their hidden cause,
A mass of superconscience closed in light,
Creator of things in his all-knowing sleep.
All from his stillness came as grows a tree;
He is our seed and core, our head and base.
All light is but a flash from his closed eyes:
An all-wise Truth is mystic in his heart,
The omniscient Ray is shut behind his lids:
He is the Wisdom that comes not by thought,
His wordless silence brings the immortal word.
He sleeps in the atom and the burning star,
He sleeps in man and god and beast and stone:
Because he is there the Inconscient does its work,
Because he is there the world forgets to die.
He is the centre of the circle of God,
He the circumference of Nature's run.
His slumber is an Almighty in things,
Awake, he is the Eternal and Supreme.
Above was the brooding bliss of the Infinite,
Its omniscient and omnipotent repose,
Its immobile silence absolute and alone.
All powers were woven in countless concords here.
The bliss that made the world in his body lived,
Love and delight were the head of the sweet form.
In the alluring meshes of their snare
Recaptured, the proud blissful members held
All joys outrunners of the panting heart
And fugitive from life's outstripped desire.
Whatever vision has escaped the eye,
Whatever happiness comes in dream and trance,
The nectar spilled by love with trembling hands,
The joy the cup of Nature cannot hold,
Had crowded to the beauty of his face,
Were waiting in the honey of his laugh.
Things hidden by the silence of the hours,
The ideas that find no voice on living lips,
The soul's pregnant meeting with infinity
Had come to birth in him and taken fire:
The secret whisper of the flower and star
Revealed its meaning in his fathomless look.

- 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 322-413

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



Whatever is our work and whatever we do, we must do it sincerely, honestly, scrupulously, not in view of any personal profit, but as an offering to the Divine, with an entire consecration of our being.

The Mother (Words of the Mother, Vol. 14 Page: 323)





From the Residents Assembly Service
REMINDER - RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY DECISION- MAKING PROCESS RESTARTED -
METHOD FOR SELECTING WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

This is to remind you that the Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) to agree the method of selection for working group members is going on.

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 (<https://bit.ly/3emlzWa>), B (<https://bit.ly/34Ssh48>) or D (<https://bit.ly/2UzkbYr>) 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/3iWCL74>) 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 are set out in the RAS emails.**

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/34TsUv0>) 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: Please use your personalised link to the voting form sent through the RAS mailing system. The online voting will run till **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**. 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 an Aurovillian and didn't receive an email with a voting link from RAS please write to raservice@auroville.org.in. We are happy to help you register your decision.

IN-PERSON: VOTING (meeting of the Residents' Assembly) will be organized at Solar Kitchen on **Saturday, December 5, 11am - 2pm**. Please note, the Residents' Assembly Service invited the stakeholders to be present during this time to clarify any questions from the residents on proposals A, B, D.

A printed voting slip is also 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 on Saturday, December 5, 11 am - 2 pm

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

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

<p align="center">YES, I ACCEPT</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p align="center">NO, I DO NOT ACCEPT</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p align="center">I DO NOT KNOW, but I trust the collective intelligence, please give my voice to support the majority</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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MAKE YOUR CHOICE FOR METHOD OF SELECTING WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

<p align="center">PROPOSAL A (received through the SP taskforce)</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p align="center">PROPOSAL B (received through the SP taskforce)</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p align="center">PROPOSAL D (received through the WCom)</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p align="center">NONE of these proposals</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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NAME COMMUNITY EMAIL

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS: Proposals from the Selection Process taskforce: [Proposal A>>>](#); [Essentials](#); [Proposal B>>>](#); [Summary Proposal from Working Committee: \[Proposal D>>>\]\(#\); \[Summary\]\(#\); \[Explanation\]\(#\)](#)

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

From FAMC: Roma's Kitchen

We are pleased to inform you about the successful completion of the selection process for the future management of Roma's kitchen. We would like to express our deep appreciation for all the interesting project proposals that we received. We would also like to thank everyone involved in the selection process which we believe was conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

Overall, we received 11 applications of which 3 were shortlisted for the final round. We are pleased to announce that Gumsoon and Thulasingham project proposal (a restaurant offering Korean food) was selected to take over Roma's kitchen. Gumsoon and Thulasingham will cover the outstanding liabilities of Roma's Kitchen and be appointed as Executives for an initial period of 3 years. We hope this is sufficient time for them to get established. There will be a review by the FAMC at that point with a view to confirming, if appropriate, their Executive appointments. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

City services Contributions and Payments Nov. 2020

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,46,71,229
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,37,81,750
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	7,84,52,979
Total Payments	1,54,57,873
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	6,29,95,106

Monthly loss/gain -16,76,123

Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	54,51,536
Services	58,27,179
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	19,24,335
Internal Total	1,32,03,050

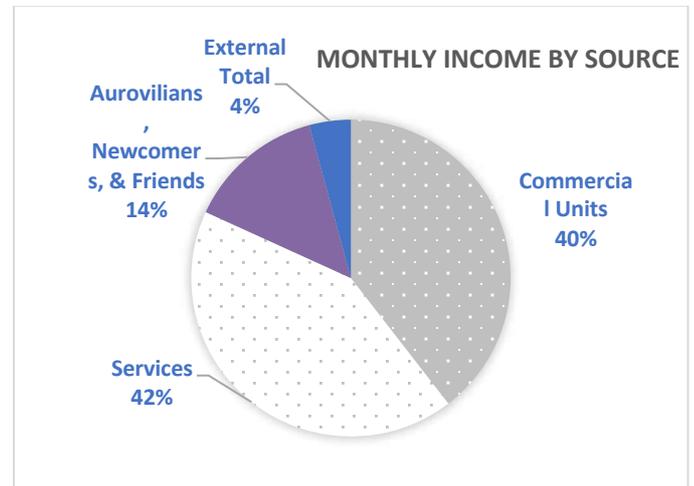
External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	-
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	5,78,700
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	5,78,700

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	32,15,592	2,16,21,734
Social Support	18,87,124	1,30,82,194
Organization	17,10,281	94,10,661
Children & Youth	14,11,211	1,13,61,757
Health	11,50,847	77,02,065
Village Education	10,88,431	75,34,128
Forests	10,15,015	73,20,717
Prosperity Services	5,98,043	35,34,481
Security	5,60,983	39,65,247
Culture & Sports	5,53,499	32,44,439
Farms	4,80,347	35,25,140
Outreach	4,64,839	26,02,082

Land	3,25,563	18,57,797
Roads, Cycle Paths, Transport	2,87,951	32,85,872
Housing	2,46,293	8,59,125
Matrimandir	1,80,847	13,73,400
City Planning	1,44,344	8,17,927
Utilities	31,191	2,13,622
Projects	16,723	1,15,385
Contingency	88,751	36,94,559
Total	1,54,57,873	10,71,22,334



Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	5,10,410	5,10,410
Sumark	4,59,688	4,59,688
Maroma	4,06,940	4,22,940
Conscious Living	3,06,940	3,11,940
MG Ecoduties	2,76,940	2,76,940
Tanto	2,64,549	2,74,549
Sound Wizard	2,60,410	2,63,910
Eco Femme	2,20,820	2,20,820
Svaram	1,77,760	1,77,760
Imago	1,50,410	1,50,410
Miniature	1,20,820	1,20,820
The Colors of Nature	1,07,940	1,07,940
C3Stream Land Designs	1,05,975	1,05,975
La Ferme Cheese	91,608	91,608
AV Bakery	91,555	91,555
Aureka	91,230	93,230
Varuna (To Rest: Rs. 14,88,399)	87,010	1,37,010
Mira Computers	76,342	76,342
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Hers	47,145	47,145
AV Consulting	38,170	38,670
Auromics	34,290	43,790
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
AV Online Store	31,230	31,230
Cadd Studio	26,940	41,540
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Shradanjali	26,940	26,940
AVA-Wasteless	24,290	24,290
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Auroville Papers	20,820	25,020

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Pitchandikulam Forest Consult.	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
Worktree	20,298	20,298
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Auronet Connect	17,514	17,514
Aurodent	17,350	17,350
Cynergy	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Naturellement	17,350	17,350
Right Path Café (VC Café)	17,350	17,850
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
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
Aurinoco Systems	13,880	13,880
Buildaur	13,880	13,880
Gastronomica	13,880	13,880
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Zurmuehl Consulting	12,159	12,159
Eye See	12,000	12,000
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Aurosoya	10,410	10,610
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
Eco Pro	10,410	10,410
Holistic	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
Magica	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Tree House Community	10,410	10,410
To be Two (Auromode)	10,205	10,205
AAS-Mona	8,675	8,675
Abacus Accounting	8,470	9,470
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
ASSA-Swastika	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
ADPS (Aurelec)	8,426	8,426
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
AFA-Trio Kitchen	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Ilion	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshmi Construction	6,940	6,940
AV Language Lab	6,940	6,940
Auroyali Production	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
AVA-Spirit of Leadership	6,940	6,940
Bamboo Center Auroville	6,940	6,940

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	6,940	6,940
Comfort Design	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
La Terrace	6,940	31,940
LEAD-IPK Activities	6,940	6,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
Mantra	6,940	6,940
Mitra Auroville	6,940	6,940
Natura	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	7,190
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
LEAD-Integral Learning Center	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
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
Anveshan	3,470	3,470
Artisan Revolution	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Prime	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-BHU Nausheen	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 Productions	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AVA-Inscapes	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
AVARTS-Surya Performance Lab	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470
Café 73	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
New School Crafts	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
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Taboo	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Yatra Nova	3,470	3,470
Akriti Construction	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
AFA-Vegan Essence	1,735	1,735
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
Bhojanam	1,735	1,735
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
<i>Aurgnic/closed</i>	880	880
LEAD-Ara	572	572
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D`Av Pondy	-	500
Inside India	-	350
Total	52,71,436	54,51,536
Percent of Total	97%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Exploration GH (Total 76)	1,11,404	1,11,404
Tanto GH (Show u : Rs. 71,584)	10,410	10,410

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	50,665	50,665
New Creation GH	40,030	40,030
Isai Ambalam GH	33,472	33,472
Needam GH	24,680	24,680
Center GH	22,400	26,200
Aspiration GH	14,403	14,403
Gaia's Garden GH	12,800	12,800
EUU-Goodness GH	12,424	12,424
Arka GH	10,562	10,562
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
Reve GH	8,749	8,749
Samasti GH	6,976	6,976
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Youth Camp Fraternity GH	6,460	6,460
International House	4,368	4,368
Afsanah GH	3,470	4,270
Atithi Griha GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Creativity 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
Discovery GH	1,200	1,200
Subtotal	4,07,438	4,12,038
Net Additional Guest Contri.	1,20,605	1,20,605
Total	5,28,043	5,32,643

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	45,87,510	47,60,567
Botanical Garden	53,785	53,785
Quiet Healing Centre	41,640	42,640
CSR	38,170	38,170
Working Committee	26,025	26,025
Bharat Nivas	13,880	13,880
Citadine	10,410	10,410
Birth Center	8,675	8,675
Visitor Center	8,675	8,675
ABC	6,940	6,940
New Era Secondary School	6,940	6,940
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
Electrical Services	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
Puncture Service	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Sewa	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Sunship Maintenance	3,470	3,470
Supportive Learning Satellite	3,470	3,470

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Thamarai	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	2,53,634
Total	48,66,845	52,94,536

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
School Participation	1,91,135	1,91,135
Aurovilian	15,28,445	15,28,445
Newcomer	32,000	32,000
Friends of AV	1,72,755	1,72,755
Total	19,24,335	19,24,335

External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Government of India for SAIER	-	-
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	5,78,700	5,78,700
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	-	-
External Total	5,78,700	5,78,700

ANNOUNCEMENTS



From Housing Service

Housing Service is looking for a caretaker (Aurovilian) for Celebration volunteer and newcomer accommodation complex which is opposite to Isaiambalam guest house.

To apply, please write to housing@auroville.org.in before **21.12.2020** to get the application for you to fill it out.

Town Hall open full day again

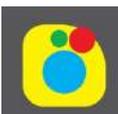
As of December 1st, the Town Hall will be open full day as before the lockdown. ~ ACUR team

From Tuesday 1st December onwards the **Financial Service** will be open again full day, **9 am- 12.30pm and 3 - 4.30 pm.**

From Tuesday 1st December, **PTDC** will be open for distribution from **9am to 4pm!** We look forward to being more accessible and helpful.

Maroma, new factory outlet

Located on its premises, open Monday to Saturday, 9AM to 5PM. We offer all Products at a Special discounted price. There are surplus candles available at lower prices for Aurovilians



NIRAMI, design & print studio open

It is located opposite to Marc's Café (old block) on the Auroville main road. Nirami is a one-stop professional digital printing solution for all your creative works. Our aim is to provide a quality service for an affordable price. Some of the services offered are as follow.

- Professional archival quality prints for Photographers, Artist and Art enthusiasts,
- High definition A3+ color prints on a wide variety of papers, Panoramic prints (12in x 48in),
- Offset printing, Passport size photos, Scanning, Photocopying, Lamination and much more.

Office hours: 9am - 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm.
Contact for inquiry: Office: 0413-2965251 / WhatsApp: 9442069251 / +91 7867848475 / print@nirami.in

Trio Kitchen Restaurant at Aurovelo is happy to offer a 15% discount on our food menu (using an AV account). We are open Monday to Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Sunday-Closed). All are invited to enjoy our Veg and Non-veg dishes: Falafel, Fried rice, Chicken kabab, Hamburger, Salads and more. Take Away options are available too.

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 61- 05-12-2020

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.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Ankita SHETH (Indian)
Ramakrishnan JANAKIRAMAN (Indian)
Rituparna SARKAR (Indian)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Renzo PEZZATO (Italian)

NOT READY TO JOIN AUROVILLE:

The Entry Board, in consultation with the mentors concerned, has not accepted the following Newcomers joining Auroville. The reasons have been communicated to them.

Dorian NADAUD (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 Aurovilian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Residence (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office.
- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovilian is the B-Form. An Aurovilian's name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kiran Singh

We are most grateful to inform the community that **Kiran Singh** has been discharged from PIMS on 27/11 and is back home. For a full report, [see Auronet](http://see.Auronet).

PTDC Kitchen Team will be providing a **pre-ordered tiffin menu daily, starting this Tuesday, 1st of December. Ordering timings: 12 - 4 PM** on previous day

The procedure for pre-ordering is simple for those who are interested. A table and a board have been set up outside in the corridor (next to Nandini's entry) where a menu for the entire week will be put up. Then...

1. Check menu
2. On the sheet placed on the table, write your name, account number, and your order (item and number of portions)
3. Place your empty, 'very clean and dry' tiffin carriers (with name clearly written in permanent ink) on the table, in the box specially made available for it.
4. On small piece of paper provided, write your order and tape it to your tiffin carrier.

The next day, the filled tiffins will be placed on the same table:

Distribution timings: 12:15 - 1 pm on day of meal

After 1 pm the remaining tiffins (if any) will be moved indoors.

As this is a new system, we hope to fine tune it as the insights emerge from your participation (brace for small tweaks!)

For any queries, our Admin Team is available to assist you during working hours (9am - 4pm) as always....

Hall of light in Creativity

is available for regular classes and workshops. Please contact nausheen@auroville.org.in

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.

Hospitality position - You have experience in all work related to a restaurant, either you have studied Hotel Management or similar or have previous practical experience. You know stock taking and the related programs, you are flexible and you like to drive, you are hardworking and committed. You are good at organizing. Full time or part time, maintenance available.

Guest House Supervisor - You are able to supervise staff, you are meticulous, have an eye for details and know how to welcome guests. You have experience in the field. You will be flexible and work in other areas if needed. You have handyman skills. Full or part time, accommodation can be provided.

And other positions (please inquire about details):

Customer Care and Website Maintenance

Production Management (part-time)

Graphic Designer and Video Editor

Social Media & Communications Manager (Ecofemme)

Coordinator

Volunteers for Auro Orchard

Workshop Assistance (volunteer)

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



School Administrator needed

Aikiyam School is looking for a person who can take care of correspondence and minutes, arrange meetings, assist the principal in taking care of volunteers and teachers, maintain files and records, and attend the weekly (at present once a month during school lockdown) Core Group meetings.

Very good written and spoken English is required, along with good computer skills. We are looking for a person who loves children, is comfortable working in a village related environment, has a good sense of humour, and who is organized, flexible and self-motivated. This is a part time post, but may become full time in the future. Only Aurovilians and Newcomers will be considered. If you are interested, please write with a short profile to: aikiyamsg@auroville.org.in

MATRIMANDIR



Sri Aurobindo's Mahasamadhi
Sat 5th December, 6pm, Matrimandir
Amphitheatre (weather permitting).

"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

A sound offering by the Svaram Team that was to take place on 24th November being rescheduled. In case of rain, it will take place on 9th December at the same time.

Entrance as per current 'entrance guidelines', guests must bring their Aurocard. Aum!

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.



Matrimandir and the Park of Unity is open **everyday from 6 to 8 am & 4:30 to 6.30 pm** (for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers holding a valid Matrimandir Pass). Volunteers' place of work will need to send an email to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in to be considered for the valid pass.
- Matrimandir Executives and Access team

LOOKING FOR

Smart phone - I need it for work, to receive the photos of children for drawing their portrait. If you can help, contact ivana@auroville.org.in

Folding massage table in decent condition. Maya: 7025100991

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

Household items - 2 to 4 top Gas burner, Dining table with 4 chairs, Double Bed and single bed, Iron, Fridge, Utensils holder, Cloth drying rack, Study table and chair, Side table. Contact Pawan @ 91197 62631

Long term Housesitting - My name is Marjan. I'm a newcomer with my daughter (10 yrs). We are quiet, responsible and we love pets. Contact: 759 870 0955 (call) or +98 921 657 4705 (WA)

Place to stay - I am Anju, currently working in an Auroville unit as an Architect for last 1 year with Lalit & Shailaja. I am willing to contribute within my financial possibilities. I can also take care of pets, gardens etc. I am a peace loving, young and energetic person & would respect the applicable guidelines. I plan to be around till April 2021, open for house sitting and suitable home stay options. Contact: 9072947477, anjudevasia0@gmail.com

Small office space - only for few hours a day (and at times at night) near Maitreye. Contact Pawan @ 9119762631

Someone going to Europe - I need to send 2 bottles of homeopathic medicine to Europe. If you or someone you know is going, contact 9786773499 or aurosova@auroville.org.in

Work - I Build Wonderful Websites. I'm a freelance Graphic Designer (10 y) and Web Developer (5 y). If you're looking for a beautiful website, sweet! Because I'm looking to make you one. If you've visited AfricanPavilion.org or AurovilleTheatreGroup.com, then you've seen my work. I code from scratch and work from home. Contact Malcolm: 9080159721 (WA)

AVAILABLE

House-worker - 4 days/wk, experienced, good English, honest, hard-working. Contact: 944 343 4182 or terrasoul@auroville.org.in

Tailor - Mr. Vazhumuni from Alankuppam is a skilled tailor who can help with mending clothes and stitching new clothes and chair/cushion covers too. He has been working with Aurovilians for 25 years. As many of his usual guests from abroad are not returning due to travel restrictions, he is looking for work. I have had good experiences with him. Contact him directly and he will be happy to make a visit: +91 91598 03336

Jigsaw Puzzle - 1000 pieces, to give away. Can be collected from Auromics or call 9843387755. Great for de stressing. .

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth. Running the tap while brushing your teeth can waste 15L of water. With Love from the Water Group - helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.

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

YOUNG NATURALISTS PART II

In the second of our series of Green Columns through the eyes of Auroville children we introduce you to Mohini (12) studying at the Learning Community (TLC). When we asked about her relation with the environment we turned out to be colleagues! She researched two articles for the TLC Magazine *Literary Cup Of Tea* about sustainability. The first one on textiles, for which she interviewed Uma (Upasana) and the second one about greenhouse gases.



“The project about greenhouse gases was very interesting. I learned how they appear in nature and how humans are making them. I also learned how people are finding ways to emit much less. For example by grazing cows in a different way. When studying textiles I found out

how dyes are going into rice fields and how most cotton is genetically modified (GM). Uma doesn't use any GM cotton. Every time I research something I change something in my habits. After the textile study I buy even less clothes than before (though most of my clothes are from friends or freestore anyway). And after the greenhouse gas piece I started asking where my food comes from. I am not vegan, but I don't eat anything from companies like Amul, because I can't find out where the milk is from. I do trust most products made in Auroville. I am so happy I found out about the milk used in Royal Elements ice cream. I really didn't want to give it up, but I wanted to know how they made it, so I asked someone who works there. She told me they have their own cows and take good care of them. I think kids play a very important role in caring for the environment. If we don't change, we will end up making the same mistakes when we're adults. The older you get, the harder it is to change your habits, because you have been doing things the same way for so long. I try not to buy anything with plastic packaging for example, and have been doing this since I was six. I remember having a big fight with my older sister about this when we were shopping in HERS. She kept putting all these Lays crisps packs in the basket and I kept putting them back. Eventually I got so upset I shouted and cried and she was very embarrassed. Now I think she does pay a bit more attention to what she buys.”

BROAD CASTINGS

Cyclone Nivar did not cause as much destruction as was expected: some trees uprooted (and efficient clean up done by Lands Service and Tree Care!) The roads and bunds got washed, exposing pebbles but bringing us 25-30 cm of rain (!) to work away the deficit that our coastal area had. But conditions in the warm Bay of Bengal are ideal for more depressions to form which can develop into cyclones, so keep your fingers crossed ... Cyclones and hurricanes that develop over warmer oceans carry more moisture and therefore stay stronger for longer after hitting land. This means that in the future, as the world continues to warm, they are more likely to reach communities farther inland and be more destructive.

Antarctic and Arctic ice sheets 'conversing. Changes in the Antarctic ice sheet are driven by the melting ice sheets in the Northern Hemisphere. Over the past 40,000 years ice sheets thousands of kilometers apart have influenced one another over great distances due to the water that flows between them. "It's as though they were talking to one another through sea level changes" say the scientists at [Mc Gill University, Canada](http://McGillUniversityCanada) studying this phenomenon. The scale and complexity of ice sheets, oceans and the secrets of the Earth's past climate that are locked up in the geological records are fascinating and inspiring. Recent research results highlight how interconnected the Earth systems are, with changes in one part of the planet driving changes in another. In the modern era, we haven't seen the kind of large ice sheet retreat that we see today and will probably see in our future warming world.

Plastic Pollution during Covid. As lockdowns took effect to slow the spread of coronavirus, the global demand for petroleum collapsed. As a result, oil prices plummeted, making the manufacture of virgin plastics from fossil fuels less expensive than recycling. During the pandemic disposable personal protective equipment (PPE) has driven increased plastic pollution. The pandemic could result in a **monthly** global consumption and waste in our drains, rivers and oceans of 129 billion face masks and 65 billion gloves... (source: [Ocean Conservancy](http://OceanConservancy))

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

HEALTH

INTEGRAL HEALTH

Classical homeopathy/hypnotherapy/child care
We are providing alternative health care for all since 2001

All healing arts enhance your life force and thus immunity : Homoeopathy, Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurveda, Siddha, Nature Cure Practices. Meditation in Movement like QiGong, TaijiChuan, Yoga, Dance, and sports strengthen your life force as well. A healthy body full of life constantly wards off diseases upon exposure and produces antibodies. Information on the 200 years of success of homeopathy treating epidemic diseases is available. A listing of Aurovilian therapists can be sent by email, from integralhealth@auroville.org.in

An introduction to homeopathy : A Way to Health with Nature "Another Way" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXpp45i4VrW&feature=youtu.be&fbclid>

We offer a short training in "Homeopathic First Aid" on **Monday Dec 7th 4pm in English and Tamil** (on request in German and French).

Training in homeopathy - We hope to train new homeopaths : a medical interest and background, an interest to study, and desire to support people in their healing and personal evolution. A course with Video classes, study with books, and training with Sigrid is offered to a committed group of students, starting Thursdays 11 am.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available. Contact us if you like to learn how to use homeopathy for First Aid.

Available from our remedy box in the waiting area, 24-7, for free: PC Shock Trauma, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Bloodpressure and 70 more PC remedies for trauma, as well as chronic diseases are available. Harmony and Samata, remedies related to Mothers and Sri Aurobindo energy. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

Consultations are free for Aurovilians and newcomers, from others donations are welcome. Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil.

Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies , Monday to Friday, 9 - 12.30 am. You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669 / Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigridlindemann.com / Aditi: 9428429642 / Malar: 9080054843, malar@auroville.org.in



Not many productions last week due to the visit of our great friend Nivar but at least we have the return of the Tamil literature program! Stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). [Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts:
[Soul Tracks - ep.19 "Sleepy Head"](#) (Music)
[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.61](#) (Wellness)
[Aarohan - ep.9 "Living Traditions"](#) (Music)

The Tamil Literary Forum - “திருமந்திரத்தின் முதல் தந்திரம் - உபதேசம்” (Tamil culture)

Happiness, Love and Laughter - “Lilaloka, the Joy of Learning (pt2)” (Laughter yoga)

Audible Weed Walk - “About eating wild greens after Nivar” (Edible weeds)

...and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org

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

To the Sea - a Poem by Sri Aurobindo

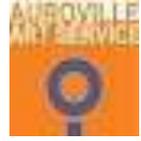
In a video talk, Dr Alok Pandey presents Sri Aurobindo's poem *To the Sea* and speaks about the symbolism of ocean and sea. According to the Veda there is the inconscient ocean and the superconscious ocean, and man's life moves between the two. The poem uses the image of sea to illustrate our innate soul strength and resilience against the opposition of world forces, and is a monument to Sri Aurobindo as a warrior, as can be seen in the following few lines:

*O grey wild sea,
Thou hast a message, thunderer, for me...
I hear thy roar
Call me, ...
I come, O Sea,*

To measure my enormous self with thee. (CWSA 2: 207-208)

The video talk “On Sri Aurobindo's Poem 'To the Sea' (SAP 04)” is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ejg0JlqvTAE>

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE - 'basket' for the week

1. AV ART SERVICE OFFERS ONLINE STORY BUILDING SESSION WITH RASHMI. Every Saturday at 11am, for the age group 6-16. To join the google meet session, whatsapp Rashmi 94482 35935. Join with Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/pdz-giak-fta>

2. WATCH EVER SLOW GREEN ONLINE FREE AT THESE FILM FESTIVALS:

Science Film Festival 2020 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYPq2XiWEScz_lh3uDV0bGmBdzKC9dyN3BbUJWwEcWZ_5A6bWA/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=78cdbf8a548e9c8e25275dd8c&id=2c21049d0e>

3. AUROVILLE TIMELINES & AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE OFFER The last 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_EgQunU8k5_5LfC5-0JbeqyCa-8VzAtjw7FfdJWiFVvG/viewform?exids=7628

4. COLORFUL VIGNETTES BY AUGUST TIMMERMANS - Colorful Vignettes are sent from time to time by August Timmermans, a dutch ex-AVian, 'Guus', who lived here from 1977 - '85. <https://lucidpanorama.blog/2020/11/27/a-meaningful-fall/>

5. MUSEUM OF ART & PHOTOGRAPHY - ONLINE - 'On a Roll' is a selection of downloadable activities around four unique scroll painting and story-telling traditions in India: <https://map-india.org/discover-map/on-a-roll/>

6. MUSEUM OF ART & PHOTOGRAPHY DIGITAL MUSEUM PRESENTS Art (is) Life, a week-long festival (Dec 5-11) with thoughtfully curated events, including drumming, yakshagana, contemporary dance, jazz fusion music, and theatre. To register, http://www.artislife.events/?mc_cid=3bc56c5f4f&mc_eid=3aa3d68510

7. 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. Try mimicking a masterpiece. Pollock in paint and string: <https://youtu.be/t-WAloRet0s>

8. SING A LULLABY - A year-long workshop series, every Tuesday at 8 pm, Vedanth & Gurupriya invite mothers, fathers, grandparents, nannies, educators, and anyone else to gather on Zoom to learn lullabies in different languages. So far there's been Bengali, Rajasthani, English, Tamil and Kannada. Pay as you can. Sign up by writing to singalullabyworkshop@gmail.com

9. EMERGENCE MAGAZINE OFFERS A FILM - Border Nation, by Jason Jaacks. The Tohono O'odham people have lived on both sides of the US-Mexico border since long before either country existed. As an increasingly militarized border threatens their way of life, Ofelia Rivas journeys across the border seeking to revitalize her ancestral village. <https://emergencemagazine.org/story/border-nation/>

10. DRAMA SCHOOL MUMBAI OFFERS UNREHEARSED FUTURES #19 'What's Mime is Yours' brings together Daniel Stein (Faculty Brown University & Accademia Dell'Arte) and Norman Taylor (Senior Lecoq Pedagogue) in an open discussion on the future of drama training in uncertain times.

11. ALL LIVING THINGS ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL OFFERS FREE ONLINE EVENTS - Panel discussions: A snapshot of sustainable tourism in India; Teeth, tails and tentacles: wildlife filmmaking and photography; Investigative journalism - what does it take; Workshops: Trash talk with bare necessities; What a shame! - the art of storytelling with Monika Naranjo Gonzales; Nature, camera, action - the mini filmmaking masterclass; December 5-13, <https://watch.eventive.org/alteff2020>



A BODY FOR THE SOUL

The City the Earth Needs

exhibition at

UNITY PAVILION

Mon to Sat 10 to 12.30 / 2 to 5

Auroville was planned with a unique model, visionary and practical, foreseeing the crisis that cities today demonstrate - it sets new paradigms for the future of humanity.

Discover your City

Bhagavad Geeta Chanting Practice

Monday to Saturday, from 30th Nov to 23rd Dec, 4.30 to 6PM
(Those who are already familiar with chanting the Geeta shlokas can also join by 5:15 pm)

As a preparation for the Bhagavad Geeta chanting (all 700 shlokas in Sanskrit) on December 25, 2020 (Gita Jayanthi, time and venue to be announced), we are having daily practice sessions. Anyone interested is welcome to join us in these sessions for chanting fully/partly or just to join in silence and bathe in the vibrations of the Geeta.

Venue: Kala Kendra in Bharat Nivas. (We will be moving to Progress Hall behind SAWCHU in Bharat Nivas when the space is ready and will let you know when we shift there.)

For the detailed schedule of chapters and shlokas we intend to cover, see this link: <https://auroville.org.in/article/82487>

Kindly bring a copy of Bhagavad Gita book with Sanskrit shlokas if you have it, else you can take from a few extra copies we have for sharing. For more details or suggestions, please write to devabhasha@auroville.org.in - Samskritam Auroville Team

AUROFILM / AV FILM INSTITUTE PRESENT “CINE-MASTER CLASS”

Sat 5th Dec, 5 - 7.30 pm at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes! Welcome to the 4th chapter: “A fistful of sand from utopia”

Overview: As a documentary filmmaker and cinematographer Rivu will present a perspective on the causal relationship of

cinema with our being, body and mind in the world. Taking off from the deepest concerns of what Comolli suggested 'with the advent of photography the human eye loses its 'immemorial privilege' and is devalued in relation to the 'the mechanical eye of the photographic machine' which now sees in its place', Rrivu will explore 'the cinematic' as the filmmakers' continuous tryst with the sacred and the profane, her struggle against any separation and calcification of truth. It's a story bringing home a fist full of sand from utopia. The 90 min talk will include screening of excerpts from iconic and obscure films including the speaker's own works. The speaker welcomes interaction post the talk.

Bionote: Alumnus of Film and Television Institute of India, Rrivu Laha is a Cinematographer and a documentary filmmaker. In 2017 he moved to Auroville. In Auroville, Rrivu with his partner Richa curated an exhibition titled 'A tribute to the soiled hands and feet' commemorating the pioneering spirit of early Auroville. They are now steering the Auroville Film Institute (along with Aurofilm) and designing cinema-centric learning journeys.

The Aurofilm building is half open-air. Chairs for about 20 participants -on first come first entry. Please carry your torch light. We follow the Covid-19 SOP.

KIRTAN

Mon 7th Dec, 5 - 6.30 pm, Butterfly Barn, Svadam

Welcome to join this circle of singing from our hearts and celebrating Divinity in all life!



Photo Circle

Fri 11th Dec, 5pm

at Centre d'Art (Citadines / Town Hall)

After many months the Photo Circle restarts. We meet on the second friday of every month. The photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers. We share our own work or show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques. Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

You will be able to meet us at the opening of Om & Julie's exhibition in Centre d'Art on Friday 4th December from 4PM.

AUROFILM

AUROFILM PRESENTS : A MINI FESTIVAL OF INDIAN CINEMA
18th-19th Dec 2020 - Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

Aurofilm his happy to invite you to a Mini Festival of Indian Cinema. Screenings will take place in the afternoon and evening on Friday and Saturday. You will find the whole program in the next issue of the News and Notes, on posters and published in Auronet. Welcome to all for this event, the first one at the Auditorium after long months! aurofilm@auroville.org.in



Savitri Painting

This Covid-19, first through Sunday Savitri sessions and later through a formal 12 week online Journey, we developed a process for going deeper into ourselves through the luminous words of Savitri, Concentration on colours, sadhana of painting and power of sangha. Based on that, we are happy to offer two one-month courses in Jan & Feb 2021. Enrolment open till 20 Dec. Nominal financial contribution for all. Aurovilians can contribute by account &

upload the screenshot in the registration form. All sessions will be online. To know more and register: <https://aci.auroville.org/savitripainting>

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Pranayama and Chakras Harmonization w/ Lakshmi

Sat 5th December, 9am to 12pm, Butterfly Barn, Svadam

In the first part we will explore ancient yogic breathing techniques used to connect body, mind and soul. Pranayama improves lungs functions, clarity, peace, relaxation and 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 information call Lakshmi at 8489764602. Lakshmi is a Certified Yoga teacher, massage and sound bath therapist

INTRODUCTION TO REIKI

Sunday 6th December, 10 to 11 30 am .

Auromode yoga space is happy to being you an introductory session of Shambala Reiki. During the session you will understand the origin of Shambala yoga, the benefits of Reiki to our body and mind etc and how to receive and give to others. We will follow this with level 1 and level 2 full day course with certificate . (Level.1 December 20 and Level 2 January 17). You are welcome to join for free this introductory talk by our Pierre who is a level 4 Reiki master . Come and join this quest for your spiritual self. Contact: balaganesh.siva@gmail.com / contact@auromodevogospace.com

Qi Gong work out and moxibustion

Mon 7th, Wed 9th & Fri 11th Dec, 7 - 8.20 am

At Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone

This session will be orientated our daily exercises with incorporating technic of Bone breathing. It is beneficial to purify and regenerate bone marrow and also lubricate and improve mobility of articulation.

By vision of traditional Chinese Medicine, end of monsoon and winter is optimal time to work on water element and reinforce the bones. Guided by Andres Lokuta



ROOTED IN YOURSELF, STRENGTH TO COMMUNITY

FRI 11th Dec, 3pm

to MON 14th 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...

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

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



KAHUNA MEDIUM level 2
5 days residential course, 14th to 18th Dec
at Pavilion of Tibetan culture

KAHUNA MEDIUM workshop will be a continuation of KAHUNA BASIC. In this workshop, focus will be on new moves, perfecting existing ones, using body weight, clothed massage, body reading, Polynesian floorwork, dynamic meditations, reconnect with the huna philosophy

There will be plenty of time for practicing, getting to know your body and its limits. Share and learn from each other's KaHuna experiences. Intro to case study and much much more

For further information and booking: kahunacourse@gmail.com
phone: 7094532505, WhatsApp: +4591118176

Personal Life Challenges and Self-Transformation
19th, 20th and 21st December, 9 am to 4 pm

This three day intensive workshop supports your own process for emotional healing through experiential exercises and meditation. Examine any patterns in personal and work life situations, return to core self, and create loving & authentic relationships. Shifts in awareness from the moments of vulnerability are a key to self-transformation.

Sirish is a Cognitive Behavior Therapist & intuitive healer. To know more/register: 8127524550 or sirishnew@gmail.com

Note: It is not important to bring a partner.

Somatic Voicework

Experience greater ease and freedom in the use of your voice. Your intention may be to move through old fear and begin to sing, or to deepen your voice-body connection in the singing or speaking you already do, or therapeutic in nature.

Embodied Listening

A space to listen to all parts of yourself. No advice or analysis offered: instead, you are gently supported in dipping into the wisdom of your own body as you explore whatever is alive for you. Free of charge.

Contact: shalini@auroville.org.in / WA text: 9489586348 (no calls)



New Classes at Language Lab

See detailed schedule in Regular Activities

Language of Philosophy - Wed & Fri, 4.30 to 5.30pm.

We will study the great conceptual framework of philosophy: logic, metaphysics, epistemology, ontology, materialism, ethics, aesthetics etc. We will begin with a brief look at the history of western philosophy, then contrast that with eastern concepts (Vedic and Buddhist), and finish with a look at where we are now, and what lies ahead. Brief lectures with active class participation.

The Language of Astronomy - Fri, 4.30 to 5.30pm. We will compare geocentric and heliocentric models of planetary movement. We will look at the ecliptic, lunar nodes, retrograde motion, conjunctions, eclipses, transits, occultation, seasons, etc. Limited space: please sign up beforehand.

Introduction to Esperanto - Timings to be determine This international language is a tool for unifying the human race through neutral communication, which gives an advantage to no particular nation. It is easy to learn and pretty to the ear. Please contact us with your preferred days and timings, so that we can arrange a time appropriate for all students.

Hindi for Beginner's - Mon & Wed, 11am to Noon. We will talk in Hindi, recite poems, explore the Navarasa (the 9 human emotions), sing, and relish the beauty of the Hindi Language.



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