

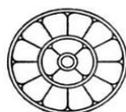
News and Notes

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Bonne Fête !

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



A stillness absolute, incommunicable,
 Meets the sheer self-discovery of the soul;
 A wall of stillness shuts it from the world,
 A gulf of stillness swallows up the sense
 And makes unreal all that mind has known,
 All that the labouring senses still would weave
 Prolonging an imaged unreality.
 Self's vast spiritual silence occupies Space;
 Only the Inconceivable is left,
 Only the Nameless without space and time:
 Abolished is the burdening need of life:
 Thought falls from us, we cease from joy and grief;
 The ego is dead; we are freed from being and care,
 We have done with birth and death and work and fate.
 O soul, it is too early to rejoice!
 Thou hast reached the boundless silence of the Self,
 Thou hast leaped into a glad divine abyss;
 But where hast thou thrown Self's mission and Self's power?
 On what dead bank on the Eternal's road?
 One was within thee who was self and world,
 What hast thou done for his purpose in the stars?
 Escape brings not the victory and the crown!
 Something thou cam'st to do from the Unknown,
 But nothing is finished and the world goes on
 Because only half God's cosmic work is done.
 Only the everlasting No has neared
 And stared into thy eyes and killed thy heart:
 But where is the Lover's everlasting Yes,
 And immortality in the secret heart,
 The voice that chants to the creator Fire,
 The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word,
 The bridge between the rapture and the calm,
 The passion and the beauty of the Bride,
 The chamber where the glorious enemies kiss,
 The smile that saves, the golden peak of things?
 This too is Truth at the mystic fount of Life.
 A black veil has been lifted; we have seen
 The mighty shadow of the omniscient Lord;
 But who has lifted up the veil of light
 And who has seen the body of the King?
 The mystery of God's birth and acts remains
 Leaving unbroken the last chapter's seal,
 Unsolved the riddle of the unfinished Play;
 The cosmic Player laughs within his mask,
 And still the last inviolate secret hides
 Behind the human glory of a Form,
 Behind the gold eidolon of a Name.
 A large white line has figured as a goal,
 But far beyond the ineffable suntracks blaze:
 What seemed the source and end was a wide gate,
 A last bare step into eternity.
 An eye has opened upon timelessness,
 Infinity takes back the forms it gave,
 And through God's darkness or his naked light
 His million rays return into the Sun.
 There is a zero sign of the Supreme;
 Nature left nude and still uncovers God.



The Mother does not think that it is good to give up all work and only read and meditate. Work is part of the yoga and it gives the best opportunity for calling down the presence, the Light and the Power into the vital and its activities; it increases also the field and opportunity of surrender.

- Sri Aurobindo



But in her grandiose nothingness all is there:
 When her strong garbs are torn away from us,
 The soul's ignorance is slain but not the soul:
 A high and blank negation is not all,
 A huge extinction is not God's last word,
 Life's ultimate sense, the close of being's course,
 The meaning of this great mysterious world.
 In absolute silence sleeps an absolute Power.
 Awaking, it can wake the trance-bound soul
 And in the ray reveal the parent sun:
 It can make the world a vessel of Spirit's force,
 It can fashion in the clay God's perfect shape.
 To free the self is but one radiant pace;
 Here to fulfil himself was God's desire.

Even while he stood on being's naked edge
 And all the passion and seeking of his soul
 Faced their extinction in some featureless Vast,
 The Presence he yearned for suddenly drew close.
 Across the silence of the ultimate Calm,
 Out of a marvellous Transcendence' core,
 A body of wonder and translucency
 As if a sweet mystic summary of her self
 Escaping into the original Bliss
 Had come enlarged out of eternity,
 Someone came infinite and absolute.
 A being of wisdom, power and delight,
 Even as a mother draws her child to her arms,
 Took to her breast Nature and world and soul.
 Abolishing the signless emptiness,
 Breaking the vacancy and voiceless hush,
 Piercing the limitless Unknowable,
 Into the liberty of the motionless depths
 A beautiful and felicitous lustre stole.
 The Power, the Light, the Bliss no word can speak
 Imaged itself in a surprising beam
 And built a golden passage to his heart
 Touching through him all longing sentient things.
 A moment's sweetness of the All-Beautiful
 Cancelled the vanity of the cosmic whirl.
 A Nature throbbing with a Heart divine
 Was felt in the unconscious universe;
 It made the breath a happy mystery.
 A love that bore the cross of pain with joy
 Eudaemonised the sorrow of the world,
 Made happy the weight of long unending Time,
 The secret caught of God's felicity.
 Affirming in life a hidden ecstasy
 It held the spirit to its miraculous course;
 Carrying immortal values to the hours
 It justified the labour of the suns.
 For one was there supreme behind the God.
 A Mother Might brooded upon the world;
 A Consciousness revealed its marvellous front
 Transcending all that is, denying none:
 Imperishable above our fallen heads
 He felt a rapturous and un stumbling Force.
 The undying Truth appeared, the enduring Power
 Of all that here is made and then destroyed,
 The Mother of all godheads and all strengths
 Who, mediatrix, binds earth to the Supreme.

- Sri Aurobindo

Savitri - A Legend and a Symbol
 Book 3: The Book of the Divine Mother

Canto 2: The Adoration of the Divine Mother, Lines 1-118



ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Land Campaign
21 & 28 February 2021 – The Mother’s & Auroville’s Birthdays
Staying True to Our Promises & Goals!



This photo of new Auroville land is just one of the many recent purchases by Auroville’s Land Board. In the past eight months, 30 new acres joined Auroville, with more new land on the way! We warmly thank all the donors who have made this possible - and our sincere thanks go to all the sellers whose goodwill has brought the benedictions of shared harmony coming with the new land!

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE started as a consecrated action with these goals: creating a new energy with a new unity of purpose for buying the City of Dawn’s missing land. Our aims are to make true progress in consolidating its designated Master Plan area and bring the land for assuring Auroville’s long-lasting viability. And along with our goals, we’ve made these promises and continue to keep them: transparency, accountability, and the use of your donations for land purchase only.

This week we honor The Mother’s Birthday and Auroville’s Inauguration. With 75 parcels of new land purchased to date – all thanks to your collaboration – we have come a long way since A4A’s start on Sri Aurobindo’s birthday 7 years ago! So we continue on with our goals and with our promises - with consecration, confidence, and growing collaboration - for as The Mother has said:

“Now is the time, it has to be done”

Join us in our consecration for realizing Auroville – help to 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

Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of

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Lands for Auroville Unified (LFAU)

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

“Auroville: At last a place where one will be able to think only of the future.”

(“Auroville in The Mother’s Words”, page 4)

This was an integral part of the message that the Mother wrote about Auroville. Today, more than half a century later, the study and research of the emerging future has become the preoccupation of numerous individuals around the world. This is so because the pace of progress and innovations in technologies has reached a stage where one of the ideals of Auroville, namely “constant progress” has become a reality. The phrases such as “Change is the only constant” and “Transforming the world” have become commonplace and universal in use. All this reminds us of Sri Aurobindo’s words about the Mother’s embodiment:

“There is one divine Force which acts in the universe and in the individual and is also beyond the individual and the universe. The Mother stands for all these, but she is working here in the body to bring down something not yet expressed in this material world so as to transform life here...” (Ref. SABCL 26:49-50)

February is the month when the Mother was born. February is also the month when her major creation during the last phase of her life in the body, namely, Auroville was born. February is also the month when that “...something not yet expressed in this material world so as to transform life here” - namely, the supramental consciousness - descended upon earth. When a question was put to the Mother about the time gap between the descent of the supramental consciousness and the birth of a new world, she replied, “Half an hour later”. Thus, a new world, too, was born in February.

Beholding in awe and celebrating in gratitude this special month and these extraordinary conjunctions, let us re-dedicate ourselves for the new creation upon earth - and, in that context, the Auroville creation. Our actions and efforts for a unified physical base of Auroville are expressive of this aspiration because Auroville has a vision and the ideals, inspiration and a “philosophy” which were never before available to earth. No utopian undertaking had ever had the Auroville level of comprehensive knowledge, the bold and daring vision, and the support of a conscious force.

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

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE in collaboration with UNITY PAVILION and AV ARTS
invites you to visit and participate in

«LIMINAL SPACE»

The ART FOR LAND 2021 exhibition & fundraiser for Auroville’s land
with its new WEBSITE & ONLINE GALLERY www.artforlandonline.com
and the new ART FOR LAND gift counter at the Visitor’s Centre

ART FOR LAND 2021 continues on with its 4th great week of 7 don’t-miss fundraising events!
(see next page for details)

Exhibition: daily at the Unity Pavilion 10 AM to 4 PM

Proceeds from art sales, events, and land donations, will be transferred to the Acres for Auroville
Land Campaign at the end of the exhibition cycle.

ART FOR LAND EXHIBITION 

events

AT UNITY PAVILION AUROVILLE

FEBRUARY 21ST TO 28TH 2021

<p>21</p> <p>ARTIST MEET & GREET BEN & CRYSTAL 4 TO 5 PM</p> <p>23</p> <p>LORETTA TALKS 7 TO 9 PM</p> <p>26</p> <p>NADAKA & FRIENDS MUSIC CONCERT 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>28</p> <p>CLOSING CEREMONY 4 TO 5 PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>INTERACTIVE ART INSTALLATION SOMNI 7PM TO 10PM</p> <p>24</p> <p>SOUND BATH 5.30PM TO 6.30PM</p> <p>27</p> <p>MANTRA WORKSHOP MAHESH VINAYAKARAM 9 AM TO 12 PM</p>
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UNITY PAVILION | INTERNATIONAL ZONE | AUROVILLE 605101 | PH 262 3576 |
UNITYPAVILION@AUROVILLE.ORG.IN

*** 20th Feb: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
Art meditation led by Gopika along with live music by Nadaka and Keshava

Engage in a creative process that can lead the way into unraveling the beauty, mystery and the transformative power of the Arts and embark on a meditative art journey in discovering your creative self.



Art for Land exhibition

Securing Auroville's Land and Future

20th Feb, 4-5 pm, Unity Pavilion



A presentation by Sigrid Lindemann
Sharing and Q & A

50% of the Master Plan still needs to be consolidated!

Unity Pavilion, International zone, Auroville
phone: 0413 2623576



21st February: 7 - 10 PM
SOMNI - an interactive walkway of light, sound and movement

A special immersive audiovisual installation in the Unity Pavilion gardens offered as a gift for the Birthday Week! Light, sound and movement coalesce into one magical experience. This pathway is alive, reactive, and responsive to YOU. Meander through the gardens at your own pace, or explore as a collective.

*** 21st February, 4 to 5 PM - Meet & Greet the Artists: Ben and Crystal**
An interaction with 2 Auroville artists: woodworker Ben who shares his love story with wood, and artist Crystal as she speaks about her passion for mandalas and how art became a meditation for her.

*** 23rd February, 7 pm to 9 pm - Mother according to Sri Aurobindo**
Loretta presents another offering of her deeply illuminating & moving talks.

*** 24th Feb: 5:30 pm to 6.30 pm - Sound Bath w/ Svaram**
Join us in an experiential space of deep relaxation through a basic tuning process and an exposure to the soothing waves and vibrations of pure acoustic instruments. (A Unity Pavilion event)

*** 26rd Feb: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm - Nadaka and Friends**
Come to the Unity Pavilion for what is always a truly unforgettable concert and a soul-stirring event!

All proceeds from art purchase and donations at the events go to the Acres for Auroville land campaign for Auroville's still-missing lands.

 Art for Land Exhibition



TRIBUTE TO LOVE
an evening of music & poetry

All proceeds go towards securing the lands for Auroville

Friday, 19th Feb 2021, 5pm to 7pm IST
zoom meeting id: 872 3715 2898
Donate: <https://donations.auroville.org>
Project : Auroville Unity Fund -Art For Land

Unity Pavilion, International zone, Auroville
phone - 0413 2623576
email: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in



JOIN US – THIS BEAUTY & CREATIVITY IS ALL FOR THE LAND!



Covid Bulletin

We hope everyone is doing well, and staying safe and healthy.

As communicated by the Working Committee, the Covid-19 Task Force is now dissolved and their responsibilities have been handed over to the concerned groups participating in this effort. **The management and coordination for testing along with follow-up Covid Care and the operation of the quarantine facility for Aurovilians and Newcomers will be managed by the Santé Coordination team.**

Key Tasks to be carried out under Santé Coordination Group are:

1. Arranging testing on doctor's advice. At this point, travel costs will be taken care of by the group from the available fund. Further changes will be communicated to the community.
2. If tested positive, then contact tracing and medical investigations.
3. Managing Covid care/quarantine facility at Sharanam for people requiring quarantine, especially those who are not able to do the home isolation.
4. Providing information on vaccinations in coordination with the Block Medical Officer, as and when it's available for the public.

We would like to remind the residents once again that if you have symptoms of Covid or have been in contact with a Covid positive person, please get a phone consultation by calling Santé at 0413 2622803 and kindly avoid a direct visit to the facility.

As earlier, the communication regarding the government guidelines, SOP's, travel advisory information and other updates are taken over by the Working Committee.

We thank the entire Covid task force team for their service in this tough time and for supporting us in this transition process. Please write to santecoordination@auroville.org.in for Covid related health queries. We will keep the community updated on any health protocol changes.

- Santé Coordination Group

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

From the Working Committee: TOS Registration

We request all residents of Auroville including Foreigners, Indians and OCI holders to register with the Residents Service whenever a resident of Auroville goes out of Auroville for more than 8 weeks (two months). Also register when you are back in Auroville, again with the Residents Service, located in MultiMedia (next to Town Hall), Administration Area, email - resservice@auroville.org.in

This information is very much important to register to have a complete database to know the current residents present in Auroville and it is also required for various other reasons. Please extend cooperation!

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Private Land Purchase

It has come to our attention once again that Auroville residents are, from time to time, supporting and even facilitating both the purchase of lands by private land owners and developers, as well as the development of private lands (fencing, architectural and construction services, brokering, etc.) within the Master Plan area. This is seriously undermining the ongoing efforts to keep land speculation at bay while Auroville continues the pain-staking work of land purchase and consolidation.

We request all residents who are approached by private land owners and developers to refuse any support that is asked for purchase or development within the Master Plan area and to inform the Land Board as soon as information is received that a plot of land is for sale. Aurovilians are also requested to discourage buyers within the Master Plan area.

Thank you for your understanding and solidarity.

- The Working Committee

From the Residents Assembly Service



Emergency RAD results: Lowering Of The Selection Threshold To 30%

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

Here are the results of the Emergency RAD (voting) to approve the lowering of the percentage required for the selection of individuals from 50% to 30% as proposed by the Working Committee.

A total of 587 registered residents participated in the online and in-person voting. The number of participants exceeded the 10 per cent quorum required to validate the decision (239 votes)*

* Based on data received from the Auroville Foundation, the total adult population of our community eligible to participate in RADs (age - above 18, listed in the Register of Residents) is 2385. As of the beginning of February 2021.

LOWERING OF THE SELECTION THRESHOLD TO 30%

317 (54%) Aurovilians agreed to lower the selection threshold to 30%. 21 (4%) Residents decided to give their voices to support the majority. Thus, 338 (58% of all who participated) Residents accepted the proposal of the Working Committee to reduce the selection threshold in order to fill the vacancies in the Auroville Council, FAMC and Working Committee. 249 Aurovilians (42%) did not agree to lower the selection threshold. This means that the required number of members for the Auroville Council (5 vacancies), FAMC (6 vacancies) and Working Committee (4 vacancies) is reached.

The announcement of new members to the respective working groups based on this RAD results are shown below. Outcome of the Selection Process <http://bit.ly/3u1QUWI>

Welcome NEW MEMBERS OF THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL, FAMC & WORKING COMMITTEE

The Selection Process for the Auroville Council, Entry Board, FAMC and Working Committee took place on 21st and 22nd of January in Bharat Nivas Auditorium, Bhumi Hall and Unity Pavilion, and the re-selection for the Working Committee (for the selectors from the Unity Pavilion only) - 25th and 26th of January in Unity Pavilion. The Working Committee in writing, one day before the beginning of the Selection Process event (on the 20 of January 2021), authorised the RAS to call an emergency Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD) (<https://bit.ly/3qt7j4c>) to approve the lowering of the trust threshold percentage from 50% to 30% in case the required number of members for the working groups would not be obtained (PWG 2020 <http://bit.ly/37i5YWD>). Since the selection process (<http://bit.ly/3u1QUWI>) has not resulted in selecting the required number of people for the Auroville Council (5 vacancies remained open), FAMC (5 vacancies open) and Working Committee (4 vacancies open) because of lack of 50% quorum, the Residents' Assembly Service launched the emergency RAD as per the Working Committee request (1st - 14th of February 2021), and the Residents Assembly made a decision to reduce the selection threshold (<http://bit.ly/3pole9w>), so the required number of persons for the above mentioned working groups is reached.

* - Please note, ALL these nominees have reached the 30% quorum (the lowering of the selection threshold has been approved by the Residents Assembly <http://bit.ly/3pole9w> on February 14, 2021).

Auroville Council:

New members (5): Balaji S. (Kottakarai Farm), Meenal (Humility), Riju (Courage), Sai Suresh (Harmony), Shiva (Matrimandir)



Balaji S. (Kottakarai Farm)



Meenal (Humility)



Riju (Courage)



Sai Suresh (Harmony)



Shiva (Matrimandir Nursery)

Nursery), joining previously approved members Claudine B. (Inspiration), Ganesh K. (Protection), Shivaya (Newlands), Suryan (Isai Ambalam).

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC): New members (6*): Angelo (Courage), Jonas (3 Sharnaga), Lisa T. (Discipline), Palani M. (Auromodele), Ranjithkumar (Mangalam),

Stephan (Sharnaga), joining previously selected members Amy (Sunnyata), Kalya (Shakti), Marc (Madhuca) to make 9 members.

Please note, Elvira (Pitchandikulam), one of the newly selected members for the FAMC, informed the RAS and community that she has decided to decline her nomination for the FAMC <http://bit.ly/37ltv8Z> (14 Feb, 2021). Therefore, we introduce here 6 new members (instead of 5 as it was announced before) who reached the 30% threshold. [See photos on Auronet]

Working Committee: New members (4): Anu (Sunship), Arun (Celebration), Hemant (Aurodam), Srimoyi (Samasti) join previously selected members Chali (Madhuca), Parthasarthy (Maitreye), and Sauro (Grace) to make 7 members. [see photos on Auronet]

It is in the spirit of avoiding hurt feelings among the nominees, the details on order of trust received by each nominee are not shared with the wider community through this email announcement of the selection process outcome. But for those who would like to know the complete data, please visit the RAS desk in Town Hall, 1st floor every Thursday between 10am to 12noon.

Kindly note, that in the past the RAS used to announce the selection process details to the participants, nominees and working group members ONLY (who were present in the room) immediately after the selection procedure.

FYI after counting the selection cards the RAS has not shared any specifics either on the ranking of the nominees, or on their chances to pass the 30% threshold limit, to anyone including any of the Working Groups.

~ The Residents' Assembly Service

Auroville Council Report for Oct/Nov/Dec 2020 & January 2021

Auroville's Growth - On request of the Entry Service, the Council started an initiative to evaluate the ground reality of population vs sustainability in Auroville. Besides the Entry Service and Council, the Housing Board, FAMC & BCC are participating in this effort. Issues such as housing, maintenance, skills required to create a sustainable economy are some of the questions that are being pursued by finding ways to create updated statistics on all topics. Another concern is the availability of jobs for Aurovilians and Newcomers following the Covid pandemic. At a later stage the Council intends to call a GM to present the issues to the Auroville community and brainstorm together on ways forward.

Data Collection - An updated count of current citizens in Auroville, along with an updated email contact, is very important for all RAD processes that either the Council, Wcom or Residents Assembly initiate. To have precise numbers is important in order to have a valid quorum. The Residents Service and Foundation Office maintain the details of residents with the utmost care for confidentiality to secure the privacy rights of the residents and do not share it with anyone without full clearance of purpose. To arrive at this updated list (with the names of the citizens, corresponding community and email ID) that is much needed for the community process, the Council initiated a joint effort from members of Council, Auronet and RAS. The list of residents is constantly changing as new members are added as Aurovilians and deceased as well as people that left Auroville are removed. Changes of residences, email and phone numbers add to the complexity. The team is now steadily working on it.

Selection Process 2021 - In early October 2020, the Selection Process Review Task Force presented the final proposals A, B, and C. The Working Committee submitted a proposal D additionally which was an amended version of the approved Selection Proposal used to choose the Interim members in March 2020. Proposal C was dropped off the list for RAD since it required a change in the composition of the FAMC group, thus also requiring a change in their existing mandate. This decision was made jointly by WCom,

and FAMC in the presence of RAS members, to allow the authors of proposal C to review the changes needed in the mandate for this proposal to be valid.

RAD & amended PWG 2020 - The Council facilitated the necessary process to publish the Selection Proposals via the RAS for the residents to choose one among the 3 proposals. In the RAD of December proposal D had the highest support in the community. As the Proposal D was chosen, the Council facilitated the amendment of the PWG document accordingly with Section 3 of the document being replaced by the new version of the Selection Process. The Council, along with Wcom and RAS, initiated a fresh approach to conducting the Selection Process on weekdays along with a request to the managers and executives to grant 2 days leave at work to the participants, so that the Selection Process included more community members in the making of the working groups.

Task force to review FAMC mandate - A joint decision was made by the concerned working groups in October to have the FAMC mandate 2016 reviewed by a Task Force. This task was necessary because the proposal C for Selection Process required a change in the composition of the FAMC group, thus also requiring a change in their existing mandate. The Task Force was to be comprised of the authors of the proposal C for Selection Process, 2 FAMC members and 3 residents.

The Council made a call to the community inviting Aurovilians to come forward as representatives of the community at large to be a part of the Task Force and out of the 6 people that had stepped forward 3 were appointed. The FAMC has not collaborated yet and have instead published their reviewed mandate directly without following the process. The Task Force is continuing their task to review and are due to submit their reviewed version by April this year.

Design Evaluation Panel for the Matrimandir premises - For many years, successive teams of Matrimandir executives often faced the need for a body which could evaluate offered designs, in a variety of fields and give an authoritative view. This need is felt in areas such as general safety, gardens excellence, mechanical features on Matrimandir and within the compound, just to name a few. New design questions arise frequently and call for evaluation. Since this evaluation is not the role of the Matrimandir executives and requires peculiar expertise in given fields of works, a panel of experts was needed to be formed. The Council in collaboration with Matrimandir executives initiated the formation of this panel with a call for qualified people to come forward to be a part of "Design Evaluation Panel" (DEP). The Council made a call to the community inviting Aurovilians from the fields of architecture/design/landscape/engineering/construction/Integral Yoga. The Council will publish the names for a collective selection of 1 person from each field to form the DEP.

Auronet Guidelines - The Council integrated the feedback that was received in October, after posting the first version of the guidelines in September. Besides a lot of positive and encouraging mails we received a substantial amount of valuable inputs that helped us to increase precision in the wording. While everyone unanimously agreed that slanderous and malicious posts using names of individuals should not be allowed on the Auronet, several had questions about the moderators and the moderation support group. Some people questioned the need for guidelines, fearing that they could be misused and turn to censorship. The guidelines however were to form a collectively held platform to freely express with respect for each other and rooted in Auroville's guidelines and values.

For one year the Auronet administrators, Annemarie and Manoj, will act as moderators. After that the Council together with the moderator support group will look for 2 suitable individuals that are willing to do this work. The revised version of the Auronet guidelines with incorporated feedback is ready to be presented to the community for an RAD after the general Selection Process is completed.

Housing Mandate & Housing Policy - FAMC forwarded the Housing mandate to the Council to publish it to the community for feedback, and the Council reviewed it, collected feedback and approached the FAMC to include the feedback. However the FAMC published the Housing Mandate without the suggested amendments that came through feedback from the community

members. A joint request from Council and Entry, to be included in this revised mandate, was also ignored.

Similarly, the Housing policy was also published by FAMC directly to the community without it being first reviewed by the Council to be published via RAS for feedback. The Council will be initiating the process of incorporating feedback in the Housing mandate with the newly appointed FAMC team. In the meantime, the older mandate and policy will stand valid.

Due diligence for dismissing an Aurovilian from the workplace -

The Council frequently faces situations where an Aurovilian is dismissed from his/her work place without a proper process. For this reason the Council, in collaboration with FAMC, has been working on a document that provides an outline on steps to be followed when a working relationship is deteriorating. The document is finalized and is now with FAMC for a final perusal to then be presented to the community for feedback.

Youth Center, guidelines - The Youth Center residents together with other youths had been requested to approach individuals they trust, to form a support group that could step in when there is an issue/problem at the YC that the youth is not able to resolve. This support group of young adults is now formed, and Guidelines for the YC were formulated.

Council and Wcom members also met with the youth in regard to noise/ parties and also came to agreements on how to hold a collective space, such as the Youth Center, successfully. The youth are willing to communicate with neighbors to inform them prior to organising any event that may be noisy, and agreed that open community places such as YC are to be kept free of alcohol and drug consumption at all times.

Social Services Hub - An attempt to create a coordination Hub for challenging issues is being made by the Council & WCom in collaboration with Koodam, Restorative Auroville, Matram, Internal Complaint committee (ICC), Child Protection Service, Santé, Auroville Health Services & Auroville Security. A concept note was made with the intention to formulate a proposal to manifest this hub. The process is underway to find the most agreeable way forward along with all concerned groups.

Conflicts and Conflict Resolution Policy - The Council had initiated a review of the section 3 of the Conflict Resolution Policy (CRP) based on the need to update the CRP in regard to domestic violence, sexual harassment and child protection that have been developed since the CRP had been approved by the community. This review group with members from AV Council, WCom, Koodam and AV Security (AVSST), also assessed the methodology to improve and to provide more clarity for those supporting these cases in terms of process and consequences. The reviewed section will be presented to the community in the near future.

Many of the conflict issues arriving at the Council are emergencies that required the immediate presence of the Auroville Security Services Team (AVSST), wherein the AVSST calls a member of the Council to be present as well when needed. Oftentimes when conflicts are presented to the Council there is a need from the residents to be immediately heard and their matter be addressed so that the matter does not escalate. Koodam requires time to analyse cases that could use the tools they use to resolve conflicts and therefore the council seeks ways that would encourage people to wait until Koodam may decide how to proceed. Council members find themselves challenged and criticised for not prioritising the residents if immediate care is not taken to address their issue, while Koodam requires time to involve and their tools are effective when they are handling the case from the very beginning.

Koodam has been very helpful with their facilitator's pool to facilitate joint meetings for the Council with other groups and individuals. Appeals and arbitration cases are actively and largely handled with the guidance of Koodam members. Koodam also trains interested individuals to become arbiters.

Mental and emotional wellbeing and counselling - The Council encourages residents to approach Matram when they feel overwhelmed emotionally and mentally. The professionally qualified members of Matram have been very cooperative working with the Council by accommodating cases that needed immediate care and expert advice with promptness and with good results. The Council, in collaboration with Matram team, is also in the process of addressing the problems of families that are

suffering from addictions, or who are under severe stress due to large sums of debts incurred. An awareness program on debt management is planned but has not yet taken place.

Appeals/Arbitrations -

- A new appeal has been submitted by Kavitha and Michael against the FAMC decision on Roma's Kitchen.
- Mouttou's appeal in regard to Nandini is pending.
- Gnanavel and Venkat's appeal against BCC/FAMC's decision to merge HRT with BCC has been completed. The Appeal Body found that the initial decision of FAMC of the 24th of September 2020 to close and merge HRT with BCC, is valid.
- Facilitated meetings between members of Morning Star project and TDC are being organized by Koodam facilitators. For February a few facilitated meetings are planned for appeals against decisions of L'avenir/ TDC.
- **Sanjana:** arbitration in process, most of the needed financial data has been collected.

Reckless Driving - In October the Council received many complaints about careless driving, dangerous driving, noisy bikes, and racing. As often before, fingers were pointed at the youth. A survey conducted by residents of Kalpana on the traffic on the stretch of road between the roundabout and Humanscape brought to light that it is not only some AV youths that drive at high speed but also adults, and also the local population on their way to and from work.

The Council is aware that there are real issues with traffic safety within Auroville. A meeting was held with youth and parents to share the concerns and invite all into taking more responsibility for safe roads for everyone, and also respect the needs of the people that live next to the road and are impacted with disturbed sleep, with loud bikes racing in the late evening/ night. At the meetings with youth and individuals on road safety, suggestions were made:

- for better marking dangerous curves and blind junctions, as well as proposing reasonable speed limits, were sent to TDC on which the Council got the reply that there are no funds to do the improvements.
- The School Board was contacted to look into traffic education and to make a renewed effort to address minors driving bikes with gears.
- The Council also received proposals for long term improvement.
- Raju, Vehicle Service, presented a project for a Driving School.
- Two young adults presented their project called Driving Academy - a Fun/ Speed track, where under supervision and proper guidance/ instruction, and with protective gears, skilled and safe driving can be learned and experienced.

African Pavilion - The new management team appointed to take care of the African Pavilion did a lot of clean-up work on the African Pavilion site and also repaired the roof of the round building. Apart from the regular activities, a vegetable/crop garden was created. They began with an African restaurant in order to become financially sustainable.

The new team requested more time to prove their efficiency and dedication and expressed that with the present dynamics in the team, where the ground work was not complete and established, they did not feel ready to include some individuals of the previous management team owing to the differences in values and vision for Auroville. However, they were willing to maintain an amicable relationship with the previous team. The Council encouraged that credit be given for the extensive work put in by the previous management team who had built most of the facilities with their hands and objected to the exclusion and dismissive attitude towards them. The started construction of the caretaker unit was discontinued. The African Pavilion support group has tried to collaborate with them and assure that building materials are well kept for future use. Similarly, they have offered to help with the reintegration phase of some of the previous management team. But the collaboration came to a standstill due to the unacceptable behavior of one of the African pavilion team members. The Council also objected to publications made in some media, with pictures of them with non-registered volunteers and non Aurovilian Africans declared as members of African Pavilion.

Recently, in consequence of a recent incident that involved outside authorities, the Council and WCom decided to pause all activities of the African Pavilion and revoke the management responsibility from the present management team.

Discipline Farm/Community - In November, members from Council and FAMC formed a task force to look afresh at the unresolved situation with Discipline Farm and arrive at a process to appoint a new manager for the Discipline Farm. A facilitated meeting was organised with Discipline residents, Aurovilians involved in farming at Discipline Farm, Farm Group, and also members from the recently started Farm Group Coordination Team. In this meeting it was agreed that a thorough assessment of the farm was needed. A subgroup was formed consisting of 2 farmers from the farm group, 1 Discipline farmer, 1 Discipline community resident farmer, 1 FAMC and 1 Council representative. The process is led by a facilitator. The assessment work is ongoing.

Auromodele, poultry farming in a residential area - The Council was requested to intervene in a situation in Petite Ferme where residents had started to use neighboring land to make a chicken and poultry farm. A shed was built without NOC and quite a large area was fenced off with mesh. Neighbors were impacted by the noise and the bad smell. Auromodele had asked the concerned residents to stop the farm. The issue is slowly getting resolved.

Closure of Old Cases:

Based on statements received from a current BCC member and an ex BCC member, the Council concluded that termination of 2 members of News and Notes in 2019 was made by the BCC as a result of the assessment made by FAMC on the merit of the printing section and de-linking the printing section from the budget of News and Notes. Therefore any post on AuroNet alleging Sabine's involvement in this decision is incorrect.

The long-standing case of persistent conflicts in New Creation between the management team of Child Development Project (CDP) and a family that has been occupying one of the assets of the project, is still pending. The family refuses to vacate the premises on account of a letter given by the now deceased founder of the CDP Andre. This letter giving permission to live there was given to support the individual in the Newcomer process to submit a proof of accommodation to the Entry Service in 2010. It was meant for the period of volunteering at the school, but the person continues to live there, now along with a partner who is a newcomer. Although the individual refuses to leave the asset, there have been no more disturbances. The regularization of the assets by CDP by registering their activity under the Foundation is underway and eventually will sort matter in terms of stewardship of the asset.

Notes of Forest Group meeting at Aurodam 5th February



Present: Achilles (Baraka), Agnes (Darkali), Ambre (Nilatangham), Christoph (Bliss/Anusuya), David (Aurodam)-Chairperson, D. Segar, Enea (Miracle), Edzard (Discipline), Eric (Baraka), Fabian (Pitchandikulam), Gijs (Udumbu), Giri (Fertile East) Island (Espace), Jean (Two Banyans), Kumar(Adventure), Manolo (Bliss), Natasha (Evergreen)-Notes, Noe (Kamataru), P.Elumali (Bliss), Ramesh (Arati 3A)-Guest: Rita (Centre Field), R.Kannyappan (Pitchandikulam), Sandeep (Fertile), Thanajayan (Shivam Forest), T.Saga (Kottakarai), Vengatesh (Abri Forest), Vinny (Hermitage), Yuval (Eternity)

1. The upcoming GM has been confirmed for the 12th of March from 4 to 6pm at the Unity Pavilion. Preparations involving presentations, structure, facilitation and follow up were discussed
2. Fabian: Update from green group.
3. Yuval: Update from land board
4. T. Saga: Informed the Forest Group of the claim on land set by the neighbors in Azhagabhoomi. The Land Board will be doing a survey.

The Next Vision and Realities meeting will be in the Botanical Gardens on the 19th of February at 3 PM.

The Next Forest Group meeting will be in Baraka on the 5th of March at 3pm. This is an open meeting, everyone is welcome.



**Auroville
Town
Development
Council**

L'avenir d'Auroville

ATDC Updates

1. Auroville TDC is ATDC now! L'avenir d'Auroville is the tagline of ATDC.
2. We're thankful to BCC for their support and allocation of few additional maintenance for Technical Teams and support staff. Clearly, we need more support to successfully carry out planning, application processing and project implementation. We'll request BCC to increase the budget accordingly.
3. We're working towards manifesting Mother's Dream township and we need each Aurovillian's unwavering support. We profusely thank the Aurovilians who've supported us financially or already committed to support us. We request the residents to donate generously to ATDC FS a/c 251917 for the smooth functioning of ATDC
4. Few members have decided to step down from ATDC and we take this opportunity to thank them for their outstanding work. We wish Helen, Hari, Manisha, Ing-Marie for their continuous progress. We're always happy to have them back, whenever they're ready again.
5. We're desperately on a lookout for Aurovillians/Newcomers for the role of Applications Coordinator, Communications resources, and Administrative Assistant.
6. We're happy to announce Sivakumar to be our Coordinator. He'll coordinate between Community, Interface Team and Technical Teams.
7. Given the recent contention with Bliss and YC, we request the community members to not plant the trees in an ad hoc manner. Please understand that the Galaxy Plan is 75% green in some form or another. We're happy and thankful if you want to contribute positively to the greening initiative. We only request you learn the community approved planned features and work with us closely to understand the holistic perspective, take the approval of the technical team and then go ahead with the much needed greening work. This way, we can document and monitor the process and progress. And, our present will not be in clash with the future.
8. We also thank the community for enthusiastically participating in the Housing survey. This has provided great insights into what's really required and to plan accordingly with the Housing Service. The results shall be published soon.
9. We made a presentation of "Manifesting Mother's Dream" - A Strategic approach to implement Auroville's Galaxy plan at the All services meeting on 8th Feb.

Savi Requesting Feedback



We would like to initiate a discussion with the community regarding the practice of many units/services that welcome qualified people as apprentice or temporary employees, give them a stipend/salary and then wish them to register as Volunteers in Auroville.

We are aware (i.e. the policy is) that Volunteers are not to receive a stipend; the only contribution that they are allowed to receive is in Kind (food, accommodation, Transport, Volunteer Contribution covered...) but no cash. We have been doing our best to regulate this, and we advise people not to register as volunteers if they receive monetary contributions from an Auroville Unit/ Service/ Project/ Activity. We believe they fall under another "Status"- Apprentice or Temporary Employees.

As you might well imagine, Savi can not possibly do that alone as not always people would tell us the truth, and we are not here to police people or to ask them to show us their bank accounts transactions.

We would like to make a few observations:

- We are talking about Indian Citizens; many are not from the bio-region (so not "regular" Employees having their homes in the neighboring villages) but they come from further places. They wish to contribute, learn, live and be part of Auroville.
- Many of them are here on a shorter-term 6 months to 24 months. For them is a way to explore Auroville and at the same time financially sustain themselves.

- Very often they are valuable Human Resources for the Units they are engaged with and that is why even the Units ask them to live in Auroville and be registered as Volunteers (as they are not Guests). However, we feel that it is not fair to have people receiving monetary compensation being registered as Volunteer as this would also be violating our guidelines
- At this moment, we as Auroville, do not have any other option to regulate this and so many people find themselves with no other option than either Registering as Volunteers (giving incorrect information about their status) or not being registered at all (and often staying in an Auroville accommodation)..in this way they feel excluded from the Auroville environment that they would actually like to experience more deeply.
- We need to work together and come to a solution to offer to this type of population and offer them a common identity that would bring greater transparency in our system. We suggest Apprentice or Temporary helpers or freelancers (open for suggestions..)
- This identity can have an "expiry/or renewal date". The person can hold an Aurocard and any contribution required might be covered by the Unit as it is done for the Volunteer Contribution. Any additional benefits could be a discussion of the wider community.

We find this step is necessary in order to avoid unclear identity. Clearly the identity of Volunteer and Guest are not enough for temporary residents/employees in Auroville. We would like to further discuss this topic and come to the implementation of a new identity/status in Auroville that will better reflect the ground reality. In light of this, we would also like to involve the community at large in the discussion and perhaps receive initial feedback from the major Units/Services that are engaging in Volunteerism and welcoming people from "outside".

Please share your feedbacks and suggestions: study@auroville.org.in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement: February 21, 2021

This coming Sunday, February 21, to mark the Mother's 143rd Birthday, **Her Chair will be placed in the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan** for silent concentration. Instead of the usual Savitri Study Circle session we shall listen to the Mother reading from *Savitri* the whole of Canto 1, 'The Symbol Dawn' from Book One, The Book of Beginnings. We will start playing this audio recording at 10.30 AM and the reading will last about one hour. Let us immerse ourselves in the resonance of Her Voice and Presence on this special day. Everyone is welcome.

Homes for transfer



Four Auroville homes are currently available for transfer of stewardship:

- Adventure Community - Family occupancy
- Creativity Community - Single, couple
- Courage community - couple
- Sacred Grove community - couple

In addition, 3 homes are available under the "House against recognized work" scenario:

- Dana community for a single or couple.
- Sunship community (SUSH2) - SINGLE
- Sunship community (SUSA3) - COUPLE, SINGLE

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

All you need to do is:

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

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the site visit. For any questions, please feel free to come and see K. Venkatesh at Housing Service Office

- Thank you, The Housing Service



Taxi-sharing - To Chennai airport, 2nd March, leaving Auroville 5:30 AM. - pravsing@gmail.com.

TAXI SHARING: AUROVILLE to COIMBATORE, on 25th/26th of Feb. Date still to be finalized. Please contact G at sattvig@gmail.com or by WhatsApp at 8407997970. Thanks :)



Stand 4 Upcycling

The Auroville Upcyclers are happy to welcome you again to their exhibition space at the Visitor Center:

Re-opening on Saturday 20 February at 10h30am

(In February: we will open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10h30-5h30)

LOST & FOUND

LOST - Rayban sunglasses - in a black case, red lenses. Reward offered. Peter +91 780 709 4073

FOUND - Rare book - Tamil edition of The Mother's Significance of Flowers, on the Crown Rd near Kalpana. Book is w/ AuroTraductions, MMC, 1st floor, 0413 262 2713.

THANK YOU

I thank Bharat Nivas very much for the Tie-Dye workshop held last Saturday. I was the only adult who attended and I really enjoyed it. It was supported very well by organizers including volunteers and workers of Bharat Nivas. And of course, to work together with kids is so inspiring. I wonder why we do not have more these types of workshop where are mix of generations? Love, Ivana

APPEALS

Second hand laptop - We are a recently formed team for the Auroville Child Protection (AVCP) Project. We work in collaboration with AV working groups and are part funded by SAILER, part by external donors. We desperately need a laptop for one of our team members, for documentation work & Internet connection. If anyone could spare one, it will be put to good use, in the service of Auroville's children. avcp@auroville.org.in

Second hand scooty in good condition is needed for our Last School watchman. If anyone has one that they no longer need, please contact lastschool@auroville.org.in or call 262 2195 (between 8.30am-3.30pm). Thank you!

Europe House & Hungarian Caravan are reviving their compound at International Zone

For upcoming events we still need to update our equipment, especially in the kitchen, to greet you again soon with refreshments. As funds are scarce we wonder if you have anything you're not using - pots, pans, thermos, plates, cups etc. Even shelves or anything to beautify the space. We can pick it up! And next time you visit European House you can see your things in full bloom, used again. Any little financial support is appreciated, so we can add to our equipment, plant another tree, etc...EH Acc # 251207.

Look out for event announcements on AuroNet and N&N.

~Joel de Graaf plus helping hand

european-pavilion@auroville.org.in/8072725598



Roof Studio is getting settled at Vikas and I am very grateful for it. I hope you enjoy my work in AV library. I need a help to change my mesh windows for one side of the apartment. I do free drawings for people and exhibit the work to bring attention to children as it is my life. Please help me by any donation to FS 256190. The estimate for the work is Rs 40,000 and the account is specially set up for the repair of the apartment, handled by Housing Service. I already got some support (Rs. 7000), but I will really appreciate even 1 rupee. - submitted by Ivana

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 071 - 20/02/2021

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, 2 weeks, and for Aurovilians & Returning Aurovilians, one month. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

- Charles ZANON (French)
- Gayathiri SUDHAKAR (Indian)
- Valarmathy DAMU (Indian) - missed her additional works at Matrimandir Gardens & AV Puncture Service in the previous announcement on 16/01/2021 (ES # 067)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

- Amy LUCKSTED (British) staying in Isai Ambalam staff quarters and working at Housing Service
- Fanny AVIER (French) staying in Dehasakti Sports Ground (Dana) and working at Last School
- John DANDREA (USA) staying in Citadines and working at Matrimandir
- Rivu LAHA (Indian) staying in Felicity and working at Auroville Art Service & Aurofilm
- Saifuddin KHARAWALA (Indian) staying in Citadines and working at Matram
- Tushita GANDHI (Indian) staying in Horizon and working at Studio Naqshbandi



Amy



Fanny



John



Rivu



Saifuddin



Tushita

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

- Nadia DOWLAT ABADI FARAHANI (Italian)
- Raju SHANMUGAM (Indian)

SPOUSE / PARTNER / CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER OF AN AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Sandhiya BALANAND (Indian)

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been completed and returned. Be aware that 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 Residents (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation (AVF) Office.
- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovillian is official only once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Service. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Service according to the availability of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, and not at any personal request of an individual.
- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

MATRIMANDIR

Let the Matrimandir be the living symbol of Auroville's aspiration for the Divine."

- The Mother 21.02.1971

Meditation for the Mother's Birthday and 50th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone for Matrimandir

21.2.2021, 6 am at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Please take note that this year only Aurovilians, Newcomers and Aurocard Holders will be allowed to attend the meditation.

Entrance will be from the Matrimandir Office Gate from 5 am. All are requested to be seated by 5.45 am.

Strict COVID protocols must be followed.

Aurovilians and Newcomers are requested to please bring along their Auroville ID cards as it is no longer possible for those on duty to know or recognize all Aurovilians & Newcomers. This is simply a request to help the reception at the gate work in a quiet and peaceful manner. Your understanding and cooperation will be much appreciated.

Aurovilians with visiting family members or friends staying with them and holding no Aurocard are requested to come with their guest/s to collect their individual passes from the Matrimandir Access Office between 11 am and 12 noon any day between the 17th and 20th of February 2021.

Cellphones, cameras, bags will need to be deposited at the Access Office, as usual, before entering the Park of Unity. Please do not bring your pets to the Matrimandir. All are invited to create and maintain an atmosphere of silence and concentration.

21.2.21 - Evening 5.30 pm at the Unity Pond

A flute Offering by Chandra to the Mother

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm.

Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocards.

Bonne Fete and see you there.

Please note that the Inner Chamber will remain open for Aurovilians and Newcomers from 7.45 to 8.45 am and from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. Strict SOP to be followed as usual.

28.2.2021, Sunday, 5 to 6:30 AM

Collective Meditation for Auroville's Birthday with Dawnfire

Please take note that this year only Aurovilians, Newcomers and Aurocard Holders will be allowed to attend the meditation.

The bonfire on the 28th will be live streamed so all our friends can watch it from their homes. The link will be posted on: www.auroville.org

Entrance will be from the Matrimandir Office Gate from 4.15 am. All are requested to be seated by 5 AM.

Strict COVID protocols will need to be followed.

28.2.21 Evening, 5.30 pm at the Amphitheatre

A musical offering by Svaram Team

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm.

Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocards.

BONNE FETE and see you there!

Please note that on BOTH the 21st & the 28th, the Inner Chamber will remain open for Aurovilians and Newcomers from 7.45 to 8.45 am and from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. Strict SOP to be followed as usual.



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@aurville.org.in to be considered for the pass



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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prosperity Service area

With gratitude and joy we would like to inform the community that thanks to a generous donation we will be able to extend the Prosperity Building with an additional floor. Nandini and Free store will be shifted to the first floor while the PTDC space will be extended at the ground floor. We wish to invite all of you to join us for the inaugural ceremony of new extension and to bring together our collective aspiration and intention for this new phase.

At Her service, **Prosperity Services team**

"HANGOUT" at Center Guesthouse

Our next gathering will once again be at Center Guest House, on As usual you and your friends and family can come by any time and stay as long as you want, it's totally informal. Whether you want to play games, or just chat with friends or meet new people of all ages please do come on by and join in ... it's fun!

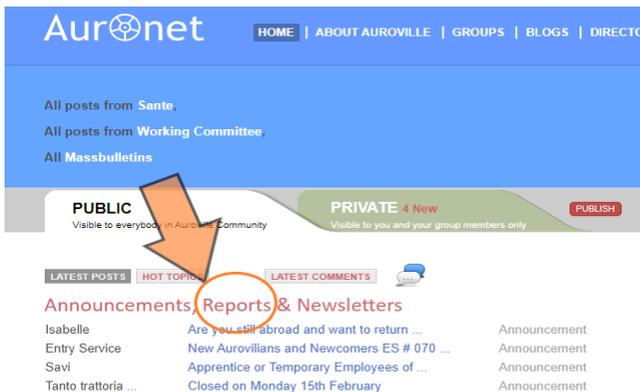
We will have some juices, coffee, tea and cookies and you are invited to bring some cake, sweets or snacks to share with all. The usual board games will be available. If you have a preferred game set at your home bring it along and look for partners to play with. Seniors and all ages are welcome.

- Don and Shivaya - Third Age group



From AVSST:

As an attempt to bring awareness of the incidents reported to AVSST, monthly information will be shared with you on Auronet. To find it, go into the "Reports" section of Auronet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:



Thank you, The Auroville Safety & Security Team

IDS - INTERNAL DELIVERY FOR ONLINE PURCHASED GOODS

We are in the process of getting this activity properly registered. For the time being the **Auroville email ID is paused and is replaced with a gmail account, namely: internatdelivery@gmail.com**

For those that recently came back from abroad and all that so far have not noticed yet, the Internal Delivery Service has been created to receive your online purchased goods and bring them to your home (on request) in order to reduce the number of delivery drivers from outside, with the larger aim to contribute towards reducing motorised traffic in Auroville. (IDS uses an electric vehicle for deliveries.)

The Service is located in the Service area on the premises of UTS. In the morning Krishna and Satish are present, in the afternoon Aditya is receiving and handling the parcels.

If you decide to make use of the Service you need to fill in your online order accordingly:

1. **Your name/community** in the order,
2. In the **Delivery Address: Internal Delivery Service (UTS office - Service Area), Auroville, 605101, Tamil Nadu, Mobile Number: 8531969746**
3. Please Email or phone/SMS to Internal Delivery Service with **Details of the Order:**

Order number/ID , Name - Community - Phone Number.

Indicate if it is for pickup at UTS or delivery at home. If delivery is wanted, please mention the community (with directions/specifications for how to reach your house/flat/door). internaldelivery@gmail.com, or phone/ SMS, 8531969746, 0413 2623587

Timings for pick-up : 9.30 - 5pm. Kindly phone in case you cannot make it within these timings. Delivery: afternoon 2.30 - 4pm (on request). HAPPY to SERVE, Aditya, Satish and Krishna

AUROVILLE SUPPER CLUB

next dinner will be

Wednesday 24 February 7 pm at Mitra Guest House

Menu:

Pasta Melanzane ala Giovanni
(tomato and aubergine sauce) with salad and a sweet treat
made by Sita & Sanna

(Limited seats 50) by reservation (prepaid)

Booking: Mobile 07094532505; WhatsApp +4591118176

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Mr. Ganesh can be contacted directly for issuing, rescheduling etc. for all kinds of ticketing, by phone/WhatsApp: +91 9894598686 or travelshop@aurville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com. Before making a flight booking please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements.

We have some powerful Intel NUK, micro CPU 's w/ keyboard, mouse & monitor for sale. Please contact joster@aurville.org.in

AUROVILLE RUN

We will have this year **on Sunday the 28th of February**, Auroville's birthday, a, 20km, 10km race & a 5 km walk for all Aurovilians, volunteers, friends of Auroville etc. We're keeping it simple: no prior registration or bibs, just come to Certitude on the 28th at **3.30 PM for the 20 km, 4 PM for the 10 km and 4.30 for the 5 km walk**. We have drawn a 10 km circuit, mostly in the green belt, which means it will be shaded and those doing 20 km can repeat it twice. We will have volunteers on cycles to make sure that you don't get lost, 4 stations for water and glucose and a doctor on hand. After 6.30, those who are not finished, will be picked up on electric scooters. There will be no timings, but prizes for the first three of each race as well as for the youngest, oldest etc. Volunteers can send a mail to: frederick@aurville.org.in, with copy to fgautier@aurville.org.in, So friends let us run for fun to celebrate our 52nd anniversary!
- submitted by Frederick

Marathon Team Back on 1st of November 2021

Dear Runners and well-wishers,
The Auroville Marathon team will work from 1st of November 2021 only. Your mail enquiries will be visible to the team only during this period.

HEALTH

Integral Health

Wednesday 24th Feb 4.30 pm

We offer a presentation on „Harmony“ and „Samata“ - homeopathically prepared remedies, carrying energy of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, followed by a presentation on “Healing resonances” for Trauma, chronic and epidemic diseases, prepared by internationally reputed homeopaths.
<https://www.sourcemedicine.zone>

Integral Health, Prayatna, central building 1st floor with spiral staircase, 04132623669; <https://auroville.org/contents/148>
All are welcome.

The homeopathic remedy "Okoubaka C 30" is available in the remedy box in the waiting area. It is widely appreciated for more than 15 years to alleviate effects of pesticide spraying.

Your Integral Health team - Sigrid, Malar, Peter and Aditi



Recommendations for Spring with Ayurveda and healthy plants

The sun comes back to the northern hemisphere and days are warmer but nights are still chilly. The change of season makes the body vulnerable. Spring is part of a 3-season period (late winter, spring, summer) that takes away slowly the strength and energy, leaving us exhausted by the end of the summer.

In winter, Kapha (water and earth elements) accumulated in the body to protect us from the cold. With the warmer days, Kapha starts moving, cheerful with good energy, waking up from a restful winter. A healthy Kapha shows in the body with lots of strength and stamina, a strong immune system and a steady and stable mind with a sense of duty, Kapha has goodwill, is warm hearted, generous and receptive, accommodating.

If Kapha is imbalanced, it shows lethargy, fatigue, loss of appetite, colds, cough with mucus, slight fever, tonsillitis, sore throat, lung congestion, allergies, hayfever, dull headaches, sinusitis, cravings for sweet, heaviness/overweight... And in the mind, Kapha feels sad, confused, dull, lazy, feeling of not being loved/cared/heard, greedy... If these occur, it is time to expel Kapha and help the liver to detox:

With the food:

- Most beneficial: Fasting a day a week
- Eat warm, cooked, easy to digest
- Good tastes: bitter, astringent and spicy
- **Proteins:** Black beans, chickpeas, lentils, mung dal, dals, dried peas, dried beans, pinto beans, red beans (rajma), soya beans (green gram), tempeh, cooked tofu, horse gram, white meat, eggs, small fishes, pumpkin seeds, goat milk
- **Vegetables:** Bitter vegetables: bittergourd, fenugreek (mehti), green leafy vegetables (cabbage, green salads, lettuce, rucola, spinach)
Artichokes, ashgourd, avocado (moderately), beetroots, bottlegourd, brocoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chow-chow, drumstick (moringa: leaves of drumstick tree), eggplant, green beans, leeks, peas, peppers, pumpkin, radish, cooked tomato, zucchini
- Good sweet = Cereals: amaranth, barley, buckwheat, red rice, millets, dry oats;
- **Fruits:** pomegranate, apple, dry apricots, chiku, papaya, grape, pear, raisins, strawberries...
- **Spices:** all the spices are good, red chilli with moderation
- Ghee or sesame/olive/sunflower oils
- **Beverages:** herbal teas (camomile, cinnamon, fennel, ginger, peppermint, tulsi, karpooravali, yerba mate, roibos), warm water, with honey, cranberry juice, barley grain coffee, grape juice, pomegranate juice, soya milk warm and spiced, black tea, masala tea (without milk), green tea
- **Ayurvedic plants and preparations:** Neem, Tulsi, Amla, Triphala, Panchakola (ayurvedic digestion booster), Trikatu (ginger, black pepper, pippali), Sitopaladi churna (for cold, coughs), Talispatradi Vayam (for chest congestions, coughs with mucus), Mix powders of ginger, turmeric, black pepper, all above can be mixed with honey
- **Walk 100 steps after lunch**

Daily routine:

- **Great principle:** keep the stamina strong
- Early morning, clean the nasal cavity and sinuses with Anu Tailam (2-3 oil drops in each nostril)
- Wash with warm water (shower or bath)
- Keep the body warm: neck and feet especially

- Physical exercise: 30 minutes per day
- Yoga (sun salutation, warrior I, warrior II, reverse warrior, forward bends, chest openers, and backward bends as well as poses that stretch, compress, stimulate, and cleanse the solar plexus like cobra, bow, side plank, spinal rolls, leg lifts, and twists)
- Pranayama (Kapalabhati, Bhastrika)
- Fumigation: eucalyptus, neem, sage

Wishing you a cheerfull Vasanta
- Berengere (Be) @ Santé Clinic

Kahuna massage (full body oil Hawaiian massage) with John in **Auromode**. **Monday to Saturday from 3-5 pm.** To book, call 0413-2622224



Kahuna (meaning secret knowledge) is an ancient therapeutic massage coming from Hawaiian master healers. The massage is oil based deep tissue rhythmic and vigorous. The massage relies primarily on for arm, elbow, hands and fingers. With elements of Polynesian stretching. Focusing both on muscle, body, mind and spirit, it eliminates energy blockages stimulating the bodies inherent ability to heal itself. Leaves the client relaxed, refreshed and invigorated.

About John: Originally from South Africa, I have been living in Auroville for the last 11 years. I continued my training with different teachers learning lomi lomi, watsu, Thai yoga massage, and fascia release. It was with kahuna massage that I found my form. As a meditator and contact dance instructor I really connected with its spiritual and healing ethos as well as its dynamic flow, creative dance and deep tissue style.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Experienced Photographer for Outreach Media

The candidate should be an **Aurovillian** or a **Newcomer** and needs to be fluent in English. The job requires taking photos of community events such as meetings, exhibitions, etc., cataloguing photos from the data bank, editing knowledge of digital media is a plus. A half maintenance is available if needed.

Please contact Abha and Fabienne at outreachmedia@auroville.org.in.

SAIIR is looking for a secretary for its office. Secretarial experience preferred, including shorthand, however anyone who has computer skills, good written and spoken English, is willing to learn and can learn quickly is welcome to apply. Please write to saiir@auroville.org.in to express interest, and include a CV. Looking forward to receiving many interesting applications.

- Ashoke, Chali, Divya, Sanjeev

Receptionist-cum-course coordinator for **Auroville Language Lab**. Must be fluent in English, Tamil, & French and have good communication skills & familiarity with computers. Full time. Please send an email in English, Tamil, and French to admin@aurovillelanguagelab.org.

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovillians 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.

System Administrator You will - in cooperation with our partners - install hardware and software at several stations. You know the Linux ecosystem (workstations and server hardware, software ecosystem, networking, security) as well as the ERPNext ecosystem. You are willing to learn a new software, host and implement it, and eager to work in a team. Full time.

Software Developer - You will be responsible for technical data preparation, transfer and integration, you will formalize requirements, develop and test, maintain and support software customizations. You know the Linux ecosystem, master technology stack, programming languages Linux scripting, Python, SQL, as well as web technologies (JavaScript, HTML, CSS). You master ERPNext Distribution Features & Administration. You have a developer background with business processes understanding, you are eager to learn and share knowledge, and willing to work in a team. Full time.

Distribution Consultant - You will analyze existing distribution processes, streamline processes and build best practices, standardize data coding as well as provide users with training and support. You have experience in point of sales, inventory management and purchase processes, You master ERPNext Distribution Features & Administration. You have a developer background with business processes understanding, you are eager to learn and share knowledge, and willing to work in a team. Full time.

And other positions (please inquire about details):

- Volunteers for Auro Orchard
- Experienced Social Media Curator (on project basis)
- Research assistance and management of online presence
- Electromechanical Engineer
- Digital Communication & Community Manager

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

LOOKING FOR

Bass guitar - to borrow for awhile. I'll look after it well!. Or I could possibly contribute, if the instrument is right. I'm keen to play again. Thanks. Lesley: lesleybra@yahoo.com or 9488373747.

3 kva PCU solar inverter in good condition for reasonable price. Boobalan, Siddhartha Forest, boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in or 978-708-4506,

An English speaking lady to help my wife with house work on Sat & Sun, 8 AM - 5 PM. Language preference: Hindi/English. Pawan @ 91197 62631

- **Tsunami dolls** not in use

- any info on the boat from Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka

- a co traveler to cycle from Auroville to srilanka/ delhi/ bombay without carrying any phone and money, 1st march onwards or so. stigmatad@gmail.com for any of the above.

Double (full, not queen) sized bedframe/mattress, in good condition. svahaUS@gmail.com, 04132623898, WA 8903449398.

Someone to bring a small parcel weighing only a few grams (computer part) from the U.S. It's currently in Sacramento CA. If you know of a possibility, please contact Marlenka 948 636 3525.

A UNI-CYCLE, a SLACK LINE and a simple and good CAMERA, all this interesting mixture for study purposes for the kids. If you have any of the above and would consider passing it on to us: Ulrike Urvasi 9442069249 (sms only) or ulrike@auroville.org.in

Housesitting - My name is Victor and I'm an Aurovilian. I work as a graphic designer and a tattoo artist at the Goliath Studio in Sukhavati. I am currently looking for long-term housesitting (ASAP). I am very tidy & handy, know how to maintain a place and keep it clean. I would gladly take care of your plants and/or pets, and since I work a lot from home I would be present most of the time. I am in France at the moment but will come back to Auroville as soon as I find a place to stay. +91 7397596385 (WA), or victor.guerrier@orange.fr

Acoustic classical guitar - to borrow for a little while. If you have a nylon string guitar you'd be willing to loan for a month or so: +1 (510) 292-3431 (WA) or camillecandidateon@gmail.com

AVAILABLE

SPACE AVAILABLE: A well protected 47 sqm building, opposite Aurelec, north side. This space is ideal for office, workshop or showroom, w/ 24 hr generator back-up, security, parking, provision for air-conditioners, high speed fiber internet access (BSNL and Aurinoco) and canteen facilities. Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, by phone to 2622293/2622294 or adps@auroville.org.in.

Children cycle - white, purchased in Aurovelo, for age 7 to 12. Contact 8072449091

REVOLT Electric bike, available for at least a month against a contribution. Quiet, sleek and relatively new, excellent condition. Sensitive bike which needs a careful driver. sattvig@gmail.com, or WhatsApp at 8407997970. Serious inquiries only. Thanks G:)

Teak single bed (1mx 2m, height 37 cm) & **Teak desk** (Length: 1,25m, depth: 77 cm, height: 76 cm, total, height until drawers 58 cm) Contact: Lisa at 2622275 between 9 to 5 pm.

Mixing Table Behringer Eurorack MX2004a & Multi-effect Lexicon MX 400. Contact : olivier.barot@gmail.com

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

If you still have a garden that needs water, be sure to water it morning or evenings, ensuring that less water is lost through evaporation. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in / www.aurovillewater.in.

You're invited: Citizens' Assembly film showings

The Citizens' Assembly and Auroville Water Group invite you to watch some Aurovilian water players reflect on our water situation! The series will be screened every Thursday at 4:30pm till March 18. See you there!

Speakers who will be featured are: Allan, Alok, Bhagwandas, Dariya, Dave, Gilles B, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Jean-François, John, Juergen, Kireet, Krishna, Luca & Bobby, Lucas, Margarita, Meenakshi, Mita R, Nagappan, Priya, Ramalingam, Renu, Ribhu, Satprem, Sreevatsa, Suhasini, Tency, Toby, Tom and Tomas.

Thurs, Feb 25h, 4:30 PM at MMC: 2 films

Water Quality (39 mins): This video features the perspectives of three different water quality experts to the current water situation in Auroville. Please join us in exploring the dreams, challenges and opportunities these experts face in this unique context. Presenting different perspectives here are: Alok, Lucas and Margarita. [Link to Tamil version.](#)

Spiritual Properties & Healing (33 mins): Water is not just something external. It is part of who we are. This video features the perspectives on a range of spiritual and healing possibilities with water of 3 different 'water workers' in Auroville. Please join us in exploring the dreams, challenges and opportunities they face in this unique context. Presenting different perspectives here are: Bhagwandas, Dariya and Jean-Francois. [Link to Tamil version.](#)

-Water Group: (Eric Chacra, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Tency) www.aurovillewater.in / www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

The 5 LITRE CHALLENGE

To kick off the 4 month preparation and contribute to the current water festival in Pondi, (One School One Kulam), we would like to instigate the 5 litre challenge: **an agreement to live for a week from 21st. to 28th.Feb on only 5 litres of water a day.** That would include drinking, cooking, washing body and clothes and critical toilet flushing. We have created a Signal group to share remarks, tricks and insights, if any. Again reply to 7598671944.



This is a call for an AV Short Film project on Human Unity, and it is open to everyone: Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and so on. If you want to **share a vision, an inner experience or a meaningful dream related to Auroville**, please write it in English and send it through email to dynamis@auroville.org.in, just mentioning your age and your nationality or ethnicity. We guarantee complete anonymity and your experience will be read in a language different from your original one. - Alessandra Silver & Giacomo



The AV Radio team is working hard to improve the website - a new dress for your favourite radio! Enjoy and stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the streaming channel (playing 24/7). [Here you can see on-air schedules.](#)

[Lunaria - ep.5 "Feminine Archetypes: Inner Creative Woman and Ovulatory Phase" \(Women health\)](#)

[Aarohan - ep.18 "Godhuli" \(Music\)](#)

[Audible Weed Walk - ep.29 "Chance encounters - walk to plate"](#)

[Soul Tracks S02 Ep. 2 'Unexpected Blues' \(Music\)](#)

[The Tamil Literary Forum - ep.21 "ஆரோவில் சாசனம் மற்றும் உண்மையான ஆரோவில்வாசியாக இருக்க..." \(Tamil culture\)](#)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.85 "Love is more" \(Wellness\)](#)

[Neo Urban Chronik - ep.32 "Why this chronik should not exist by Anuska" \(Humour\)](#)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi - 348 \(Integral yoga\)](#)

[Marlenka's Weekly Offering - ep.21 \(Integral yoga\)](#)

[What do you know - ep.6 "The Silent Global Evolution - w/ Muna" \(Yoga and Philosophy\)](#)

[Savitri, B. VIII, C. III \(Integral yoga\)](#)

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

For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in



Thanks to the Matrimandir

Thanks to the MM s workers

Thanks to the MM s Camp Companions

Thanks for the privilege of building it

For the opportunity of being together

For the smile and for the dirty hands

And for the possibility of being.

~ Anandi-a

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I look at you
You look down
Fingers dance on the screen
You send a message to someone

I get your message
Sorry, busy now
Can't talk to you
Can't be with you

By Anandi Zhang with Amy B.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



Invites you for a film projection and an

Indian Classical Vocal Recital

"The Mother as an Artist"
Saturday, 20th February 4.30 to 5.30 pm, Bhumika Hall

Presented by Rakhal, followed by Q & A session



Tea Break followed by a **Hindustani Recital at 6.30 PM** by Reeshabh Purohit, visiting guest artist from Pune

AURODHAN PONDICHERY
Presents
BHARATHANATYAM
performance of Selvan E. SURIYA
Disciple of Kalamamoni Shri D. SARAVANAN
(Sri Saravanan Aralu Natyalaya, Puducherry)

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Puduvai S. Bharath

Vocal
S.P. Sree Rekha

Rhythm Pad
S. Evan Shankar

Violin
P. Suresh Kumar

Date : 20th February 2021
Time : 7 to 8 pm
Venue: Aurodhan Art Gallery
Puducherry

For Enquiries: LALIT VERMA
33, Franco's Martin Street, Kuruchikkuppam, Pondicherry 605012 Ph: 0413 2222795/2222449 www.aurodhan.com
Email : manager@aurodhan.com

For more information please write to bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in.

KIRTAN - dedicated to Divine Mother
Monday 22. Feb, 5 PM - 6.30. Butterfly Barn, Svedame
WELCOME TO this circle of singing from our hearts. Together we invoke & celebrate divinity in all life.

WOMEN TEMPLE

Wednesday 24. Feb, 6 - 8pm Svedame, Butterfly Barn
WE gather in the circle of conscious women to pray, dance, self-inquire, in spirit of supporting & celebrating one another, for the benefits of all. Please register. 9786658967.

SOLITUDE FARM PRESENTS

CandyBox

AUROVILLE'S OWN PSYCHEDELIC INDIE BAND...
CONTRIBUTION REQUESTED

WITH LOCALICIOUS VEGAN DINNER!

6:30 PM ONWARDS
WEDNESDAY 24TH FEB 2021
SOLITUDE FARM, AUROVILLE

KINDLY FOLLOW COVID19 GUIDELINES AND BRING YOUR MASKS

Divine Flowers



"O Lord, let this pure flower of love blossom in me, so that it may make fragrant all who approach me and its perfume sanctify them".

The Mother

A Flower Exhibition

Venue- Savitri Bhavan (Square Hall)

Date- 21st to 28th February (Wednesday Closed)

Time- 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Opening - 10:00 A.M., Sunday, 21st, (with 5 mins Meditation)

Email: divineflowers@auroville.org.in

Divine Flowers

A flower exhibition



"Love of flowers is a valuable help for finding and uniting with the psychic."

The Mother

Venue: Savitri Bhavan

Related Programmes - Feb 2021

TALKS

Dr. Alok Pandey : Monday, 22nd - 5.00 P.M.

Topic - 'The Yoga of Nature'

Loretta : Saturday, 27th - 5.00 P.M.

Topic - 'The Mother's Guidance with Flowers'

(Related to her talk "The Mother according to Sri Aurobindo" at Unity Pavillion on 23rd Feb at 7.00 pm)

SPECIAL FILMS - 4.00 PM

- Tuesday, Feb 23rd - Richard Pearson's talk on The Mother & Flowers - 77 mins.
- Wednesday, Feb 24th - The Teachings of Flowers - The Life and Work of the Mother of Sri Aurobindo Ashram - 121 mins. (made by Loretta)
- Friday, Feb 26th - Narada's talk on "Flowers and Their Messages" - 54 mins.

email: divineflowers@auroville.org.in



FILMS ABOUT FLOWERS

Tuesday, 23.02.2021, 4pm
THE MOTHER AND FLOWERS -

Richard Pearson at Savitri Bhavan in 2010

Sri Aurobindo wrote that "There are three ways of blessing of the Mother: by sight, by touch and through flowers. And it is through flowers that Her blessings are most effective."

Duration: 77min.

Wednesday, 24.02.2021, 4pm - **THE TEACHINGS OF FLOWERS - The Life and Work of the Mother of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram**
The Mother used flowers and their true essence for teaching Integral Yoga and for the manifestation of new consciousness. Directed by Loretta Shartsis. Duration: 121min.

Friday, 26.02.2021, 4pm - **FLOWERS AND THEIR MESSAGES**
In 1969, the Mother gave Narad the task to do the preparation for building the Matrimandir Gardens. He talks about creating the Matrimandir Nursery and collecting seeds and plants from all over the world and growing them in Auroville under demanding conditions. This talk containing plenty of interesting details was given at Savitri Bhavan in 2020. Duration: 54min.

Welcome to an exhibition

Celebrating the
Centenary of the Mother's return to
Pondicherry

Darshan Message Cards

24th April - from 1950 - 2020



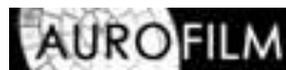
Inauguration on 21st of February 2021 at 6pm
February 22nd to March 31st

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri - Afternoon: 3pm - 6pm
Sat - Morning: 9am - 12pm
Closed on Wed and Sun

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Edayanchavadi, Auroville

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



FRIDAY 26th FEB, 8 PM MMC

"THELMA AND LOUISE"

Directed by : Ridley SCOTT, USA, 1991

With: Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis, Harvey Keitel, Michael Madsen, Christopher McDonald, Stephen Tobolowsky, Brad Pitt

Synopsis: Meek housewife Thelma joins her friend Louise, an independent waitress, on a short fishing trip. However, their trip becomes a flight from the law when Louise shoots and kills a man who tries to rape Thelma at a bar. Louise decides to flee to Mexico, and Thelma joins her. Both embark on a road trip which ends up in unforeseen circumstances... The film became a critical and commercial success, receiving six Academy Award nominations and winning for Best Original Screenplay. It is now considered a classic and became a landmark of feminist film. The United States Library of Congress selected the film for preservation in the National Film Registry, finding it "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".

English version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h10' -

Covid please follow the current SOP.

Reminder: FRI 19th FEBRUARY, "Beauty and the Beast"



AV Art Service - basket of the week

- 1. BHARAT NIVAS, THE PAVILION OF INDIA**
Panache - 4, an exhibition of contemporary paintings by Anwar Khan, from 5th-28th February, 9am-5pm, Sundays open, at Kala Kendra
- 2. PAVILION OF TIBETAN CULTURE & THE GERMAN PAVILION INVITE YOU** - "Temple Tree" - Magical Bark Prints by Birgitta Volz from 8 Feb to 2 March at the exhibition gallery of the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. To register for a guided tour, call 9442300574.
- 3. CENTRE D'ART PRESENTS:** Fire And Ice, an exhibition by Ray Meeker, open until Saturday the 27th of Feb.
- 4. SHARED BY MAUNA:** 'Reading and Annotating: Auroville, Tamil Nadu, India', by Kid A on <https://vimeo.com/510530298>
- 5. AUROFILM AND AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE PRESENT:**
A cine master class on Deviki Rani - A Tribute to the First Star of Indian Cinema. This will be a slide show and lecture by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev. Saturday 20th Feb, 5-7.30pm, at Aurofilm in Kalabhoomi.
- 6. SHARED BY TOM:** Listen to a selection from the British Library's collections of unique sound recordings <https://sounds.bl.uk>

7. THEATRE AND THE CORONA VIRUS: A 9-episode video lecture by Dr. Rustom Bharucha, sponsored by the International Research Center / Interweaving Performance Cultures in Berlin. This is an open access video project and it is requested that the videos not be copied or transferred to other media platforms. <https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/en/v/interweaving-performance-cultures/online-projects/index.html>

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

News from Auroville Language Lab



New Classes:

French Class - Chris, a native French speaker, will be taking courses in French. He has a passion for teaching. He is an expert Economics teacher as well. His current students of French speak very highly of him. He is willing to start a new group in March; those interested can contact us.

Tamil Beginner class - Saravanan is starting a new Tamil Beginners' group in March. We have a few spaces available.

Advanced English - Step Up Your English with Vatsla

- Official letter Writing
- Correct Use of Grammar
- Correct Use of Punctuation
- Vocabulary
- Reliving the Classics - Fiction, Poetry and Drama
 - For students: The Art of Group Discussion, Facing Interviews, and Improving Handwriting.

Hindi for Beginners - Rupam will offer Hindi courses in the morning, three days a week. □ We will talk in Hindi, recite poems, explore the Navarasa (the 9 human emotions), play Antakshari, sing and relish the beauty of the Hindi Language.

Advanced Hindi with Vatsla - Hindi - I Miss You

- Group Discussions
- Contemporary and Classical Poetry and Fiction
- Antakshari

A chance for native & advanced Hindi speakers to enjoy Hindi literature and discuss in Hindi.

Language of Philosophy with Miko

We will study the great conceptual framework of philosophy: logic, metaphysics, epistemology, ontology, materialism, ethics, aesthetics, etcetera. 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. Introduction to Astronomy - We will study the basic movements of the planets and the history of our understanding of these movements. At least an intermediate level of English is required.

Please commit yourself for 3 months for all language classes and register in advance. For other regular classes, please see our class schedule on our website: <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/courses.php>. New students are requested to register at <http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/> to join any language classes at the Lab.

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

FRENCH CLASS for KIDS aged 8 to 13 yrs w/ Gangalakshmi

is resuming on the Saturdays, 3 to 4PM

at HOUSE OF MOTHERS AGENDA IN SAVITRI BHAVAN,
With lots of Love, Ganalakshmi



The Path of the Soul
20th February
9:30 AM - 3PM
Sharnaga GH Yoga Hall

WhatsApp 9626565134 or contact@auroville-jiva.com
You can join classes via Zoom as well! it works super good!

CHAKRA BALANCING

Thursday 25th Feb, 3.30pm. Open to ALL. Gift economy



Spirituality
Awareness
Communication
Love, Healing
Wisdom, Power
Sexuality, Creativity
Basic Trust

Ashwini is offering an introductory session on chakra balancing and its effective role in the present pandemic. Blocked energies lead to illness. Chakra Balancing is a form of energy healing that focuses on channeling energy into the seven chakras and keeping

this energy flowing freely. To register Whatsapp- 99992 55066. Ashwini Bhawe - The Holy Fire © Karuna Reiki Master Certified by The Int'l Center for Reiki Training (IRCRT) U.S.A, Pranic Healer.



Quiet Healing Center

www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in

+91 413 2622329 / +91 9488084966 (mobile)

Holistic Rebalancing - Massage Training with Ananda
Monday 22 - Sunday 28 February 2021 (9.30 am - 5.00 pm)

Holistic Rebalancing is a powerful balancing tool for body-mind-energy based on healing techniques developed in 1980's. It's a synthesis work combined with deep tissue massage, joint release, energy work, breath work, body awareness and meditation.

In this 7-days course you will learn powerful techniques of joint release to melt & relax, deep tissue massage to release pain/holdings/memory, and energy work to heal from inside; the physical and energetic body anatomy; breath work and tools for body awareness; reading and various approaches of different body types; 5 types of touch related to the 5 elements: water, fire, air, earth, space; special focus on neck, shoulder & back; meditations to be healthy and energetic as a hollow bamboo for the natural healing process; effective ways to give deep healing sessions effortlessly; to hold space with changing body-mind-emotions-energy. . *No previous experience required!*

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WOGA (Yoga in Water)
w/ Petra
Fri & Sat, 26 & 27 Feb.
9 AM - 5 PM

Woga is the union of two words, water and yoga, and based on yoga poses and stretches modified for practice in warm water. Thanks to decrease in gravity, water allows greater ease of movement, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, and removes negative tensions, thereby preventing stress, insomnia and anxiety.

Focus of Woga 1&2 is Hatha Yoga in water (asanas in standing position, on the wall, in floating position), pranayama and meditation. Sessions are structured like their yoga equivalents on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The difference is that you are in a warm water pool! No previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim)!

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Pregnant Women Classes with Friederike & Appie
23 February, 9.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Swim with Appie & Friederike
25 February, 9.30 - 11 am

Painting and Pottery Classes
Saturdays, 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas
for adults and children

**Improvisation Theater Workshop resumes
Fridays, 4.30 - 6pm, at SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas**

Come to play together, with fun and joy. Open for 15 above. Just drop in, no registration and no contribution. See you Friday!

THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch method WORKSHOP
11 Exercises of Health w/ Hans
February 22 - 27, 6:30-7:50 AM at Dehashakti
No registration needed. Open to all.

Hindi and Sanskrit classes

My mother, Dr Sudha Prakash, (who has high proficiency in English, Hindi, and Sanskrit) would like to offer Hindi and/or Sanskrit classes for intermediate and advanced level learners in Auroville. Having relocated from Delhi, she misses having conversations in Hindi. Those who are interested may write to me (abhaprakash@auroville.org.in)

These classes will be offered free of charge at her residence.

Aurinoco Webinars presents:
3 Evening Session Pranayama w/ JV
Friday - Sunday, 26th-28th February, 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
- 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.*

In the spirit of Auroville, this webinar is free and open to all. No registration is required. On the days of the webinar, please avoid eating after 2PM and avoid drinking anything after 5:45 PM
How to join the webinar?

You can join the webinar on your computer/ lap top/ Android or Apple smart phone using Google Meet. If you use a computer/ laptop, you need Chrome browser. If you want to join on smart phone, please download and use Google Meet App. To join the Webinar, click on <https://meet.google.com/hut-enpc-bwg>

About JV Avadhanulu

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 wellbeing; thanks to Yoga. I lived in Auroville from 2007 to 2016. I have been facilitating workshops and retreats since 2008.

Aurinoco Webinars is an initiative to leverage the internet and fiber optic network of Auroville to create a new window for making Auroville belong to the whole of Humanity through borderless participation.



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This is to support the Divine Flowers Exhibition in 2022.



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French Marigold - Yellow



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Pitunia



Sun Flower Teddy Bear



Zinnia multi colours

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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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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 22 February to 28 February 2021

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center are fully operational. We offer the full 121 seats now. Mask is a must (and not scarves etc.) Standard Covid19 protocols will be followed. Also, now the screenings are now open to ALL.

Indian diaspora - Monday 22 February, 8:00 pm:

- **THE LAST COLOR**

India, 2019, Writer-Dir Vikas Kanna w/ Neena Gupta, Aqsa Siddiqui, Neha Garg, and others, Drama, 90mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: R

This acclaimed debut film by the director, who is a famous Michelin-star chef, is a film adaptation of his own novel by the same name. It is not a foodie film. The story unfolds in the city of Varanasi, India where Chhoti, a 9yrs old tightrope walker dreams of saving Rs.300 rupees to be able to attend school. She faces a daily struggle for survival along with her best friend Chintu. Chhoti befriends Noor, a widow. Because Noor is a widow and Chhoti is from lower caste - they do not get to participate in the Holi, festival of color. Above all it is a story of victory of the human spirit. *A must watch!*

Potpourri - Tuesday 23 February, 8:00 pm:

- **AMERICAN ANIMALS**

UK-USA, 2018, Dir. Bart Layton w/ Spencer Reinhard, Warren Lipka, Eric Borsuk, and others, Biography-Crime, 116 mins, English-Dutch w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on true story, in this film - Spencer, Warren, Eric and Chas are friends who live an ordinary existence in Kentucky. After a visit to Transylvania University, Lipka comes up with the idea to steal the rarest and most valuable books from the school's library. Thus, one of the most audacious art heists in U.S. history starts to unfold. The film includes interviews with the foursome who attempted the bizarre heist.

Interesting - Wednesday 24 February, 8:00 pm:

- **MUKTIR KOTHA (Words of freedom)**

Bangladesh, 1999, Dir. Catherine & Tareque Masud, Documentary, 80mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Bangladesh's freedom struggle to uphold their cultural identity and language lasted from 21 February 1952 to December 1971. In its honor, UN observes Mother Language Day on 21 February. Based on footage of the struggle by Lear Levin - in 1995 Tareque Masud had made a documentary film Muktir Gaan (Song-of-Freedom). Following this, a few teenagers visited villages that had suffered most - due to the genocide unleashed by the Pakistani army and their supporters, called Razakars during the movement, - to screen the film, record the real stories from the survivors - to understand and finally to bring closure. This film documents that journey. *This screening is made possible by John Hood - an author and an eminent film critique from Australia.*

French - Thursday 25 February, 8:00 pm:

- **NOS BATAILLES (Our struggles)**

France-Belgium, 2018, Dir. Guillaume Senez w/ Romain Duris, Laure Calamy, Laeticia Dosh and others, Drama, 98 mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Olivier is fighting with his comrades at work against injustices, but one night his wife Laura leaves him and the kids. He must now meet another struggle and face up to his new responsibilities. Can he find a new balance?

International - Saturday, 27 February, 8:00 pm:

- **MARRIAGE STORY**

UK-USA, 2019, Writer-Dir Noah Baumbach w/ Adam Driver, Scarlett Johansson, Julia Greer, and others, Comedy-Romance, 137mins, English-Spanish w/English subtitles, Rated: R

It is a critically acclaimed, much awarded tale of a stage director, Charlie Barber and his actor wife Nicole Ryder Barber struggle through a grueling, coast-to-coast divorce that pushes them to their personal and creative extremes.

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Children's Matinee - Sunday, 28 February, 4:30 pm:

- **YA TO MAJO (Earwig and the Witch)**

Japan, Dir. Gorô Miyazaki w/ JB Blanc, Thomas Bromhead, Alex Cartañá and others, Animation, 88mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

It follows an orphan girl, Earwig, who is adopted by a witch and comes home to a spooky house filled with mystery and magic.

JOSEPH LOSEY FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 28 February, 8:00 pm:

- **MR. KLEIN**

USA, 1976, Dir. Joseph Losey w/ Alian Delon, Jeanne Moreau, Francine Berge' others, Drama-Crime, 123 mins, English w/English Subtitles, Rated: PG.

Paris, 1942. Robert Klein cannot find any fault with the state of affairs in German-occupied France. He has a nice flat, a mistress, and business is booming. Jews facing discriminatory laws are desperate to sell valuable works of art - and it is easy for him to get them at bargain prices. His cozy life is disrupted when he realizes that there is another Robert Klein in Paris - a Jew with a rather mysterious behavior. Very soon, this homonymy attracts the close - and menacing - attention of the police on the established art trader.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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