

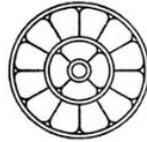
# News and Notes

# 861     *A weekly bulletin for residents of Anurville*     13<sup>th</sup> March 2021



At the Divine Flowers Exhibition held at Savitri Bhavan during Birthday Week  
Photo: Manohar

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



(continued from last week)

19 April 1970

**The Mother:** And, you know, the faces, expressions, gestures, movements, words - as precise, as precise as they are here. It seems to be a response... because I asked (it was yesterday, I think, sometime yesterday; in fact when I sit like that, as I was with you the other day, the two worlds are fused [*Mother holds the fingers of her right hand between those of her left hand*], you can't feel the difference), I asked Sri Aurobindo whether things are as precise and exact; so he told me yes, he answered yes, but said I had to experience it. And I had that experience last night, quite unexpectedly. It was around three in the morning (between two and three).

So then, I saw this morning one person from the family in question, who could have been one of those seriously ill - she didn't mention anything, didn't say anything.... So maybe it began in sleep for her and the action [of Mother] was enough to cure her without her realizing it. It's possible.

You understand, it's the kind of consciousness that says, "My body is suffering," but it wasn't my body, it was someone else's body. It said, "I am suffering, but I know it's not me, it's the suffering of one member of this family" (I didn't try to find out which), "and that's why - it's because I must do what I would do in my own case." And I did it, it lasted for two hours.

It's the first time. It's like that every night, but fleeting, it comes for one detail, for a moment; the rest of the time I am in perfect Peace. It's the first time I've had an action of this sort. And I was so ill (!) that I wondered (while it lasted), I wondered if I wouldn't be left with something physically. That's why, when I felt I had to get up, I thought it was also deliberate; I got up and I realized - nothing!

But it gives indications (more and more often, day after day, experience after experience), indications of the extent to which the intervention of this Will (which we call divine Will) through the psychic (or even direct, it depends on the case), to what extent it's... all-powerful. And it exclusively depends on... This Will is always active for perfect Harmony - yes, perfect Harmony as we can conceive it. There also, in this conception, there is the knowledge that that too will progress, that once that harmony is manifested, then the work will begin for another perfection, which for the moment eludes us. That, too, knows.

More and more, there's a sort of... not exactly fusion [between the subtle physical and the material physical], but... how should I put it?... For everything to hold together, this way of being of the material consciousness continues (the material, physical consciousness), but in it a permeation takes place (it really is a permeation), which doesn't drive away the other, but... at length, it will probably transform it. It doesn't drive it [the material consciousness] away, but it's there and it dominates - at times it doesn't dominate, it's the other one that does; and so, depending on the case... it changes external circumstances (its hard to explain).

**Satprem:** *It changes external circumstances?* **The Mother:** External. **Satprem:** *Ohh!...*

**The Mother:** External. That permeation certainly intends (but this is probably a long way off) to effect a substitution, you understand? This subtle physical is working... (*Mother gestures as if wearing away a dividing wall*) to take the place of the other one, but not through elimination - through transformation. But I can see (as I perceive the two at the same time, I can see very clearly) that it's a tremendous work.

And it takes away some of the fixity: our physical is not only fixed, it's crumbly, and the subtle physical takes away that crumbly character: wherever it would break, now it bends, you understand? Wherever it would crumble, it's fluid, it becomes... (*Mother makes a fluid gesture*). It's very strange. It's hard to explain.

I asked myself that question, I wondered, "But how? How is it going to...?" (*Mother probably means, How is the transition going to be made?*) So, with these experiences, I see. But, of course, it's a colossal work....

The body [Mother's] has certainly been chosen as a field of experiment for some reason, which must be a reason of plasticity of the substance (I don't know). There may be a reason, but in any case it's a fact that it has been chosen to make the experiment. Because the experiment is under way: it starts with the more subtle, and you can see that it goes... (*Mother makes a gesture of progressive descent into Matter*). For months and months it has started with the more subtle, and then, **VERY** slowly and progressively, it has descended into a more material field. Last night, it was really remarkable.... One would have been unable to say, "This is the subtle physical, and that is the material physical." It was... (*Mother holds the fingers of her right hand tightly in those of her left hand*), it was surprisingly one within the other. You don't get the impression of **TWO** things, yet it's very different - it seems to be a modality rather than a difference (I don't know how to express it), a modality that comes exclusively from the consciousness. It's a phenomenon of consciousness.

(to be continued next week)

— Volume 11. 1970: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

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Give yourself generously and with a perfect disinterestedness  
and from the deeper point of view  
nothing bad will ever happen to you

~ The Mother

Questions and Answers 1957-58



## From the News & Notes - Reducing Printing Costs

This is our semi-annual appeal to the community to help us reduce printing costs. Our current request is two-pronged:

First, if you can, please go digital and forego your hard copy. We know it's nice to get it on paper, but it is also very expensive - printing and delivery costs are nearly our entire expense load aside from Aurovilian maintenance. Also, the digital version comes 2-3 days earlier, is in color, and allows you to zoom in if there's "fine print" that the printing parameters obscure. Please seriously consider if the hard copy is a true need for you, rather than an attachment. If the latter, let go! And then - if you DO really need it and are able to make a regular contribution, please do. Rs. 100/mo. (even Rs. 50) to acct 252652 will help a lot.

Second: If you don't use the printed Regular Activities document, please send an email to [admin-newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:admin-newsandnotes@auroville.org.in) and tell us you don't need it. This is an additional 9 pages that we would love NOT to print, except for those recipients that it truly benefits. That doc is also updated weekly and distributed online, as well as uploaded on Auronet, so the info is still widely available. It's wasted resources that we are trying to reduce, not communication and good service.

- Thanks and Love, Swaha US for the News & Notes

## WORKING GROUP REPORTS

### March 12<sup>th</sup> GM and options for community follow-up

It is planned to conclude upcoming General Meeting with an interactive session from 5.20 - 6 PM during which community members can raise questions and discuss. As we understand that this limited time might not be sufficient to have all questions answered and all voices heard, we organise a few additional options for the community to follow-up:

- Right after the GM (6 - 8 PM) there will be a soup dinner served at Unity Pavilion to allow for additional informal interaction
- It is planned to use the GM+ platform of the RAS for sharing material of the GM and related media online and allow for further discussion. Unfortunately the RAS has informed us that the website for the GM+ is currently down due to technical issues and it is not clear when the website will be back up and running. In the meantime, we will use Auronet for this purpose as much as possible.
- A follow-up event will be organised for Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2 - 6 PM at the Youth Centre. Stalls for each presentation made during the GM will allow for further information sharing and discussion. Expect additional surprise events on the side! Of course everybody is invited to take a walk in the area and see the ground realities first hand. Later the weekly YC Pizza Night will take place starting a bit earlier than usual.

Sincerely, Forest Group & Youth Centre



Auroville Township Planning and Development Research Organization

We would like to update you regarding our current position about laying of HT Cable and the Crown area around Bliss. As you may be aware, a General Meeting has been called by the Forest Group and Youth Center seeking an alternate route for laying the HT cable. L'avenir d'Auroville would like to clarify that the real issue on the table for town implementation is not about a cable, but about the Crown. Infrastructure services are planned to be laid on both sides of the Crown way. The HT cable just happens to be the first of such service lines.

L'avenir d'Auroville will implement the Crown as per the Auroville Master Plan and Galaxy Vision. In this respect, L'avenir d'Auroville will conduct a topographic survey for the area and will mark wherever necessary the Crownway at the earliest. The HT cable (and other underground services) will be installed in the designated Crown service corridors as defined by the Master Plan.

The L'avenir d'Auroville team has explored alternate sites for appropriate youth activities. The L'avenir d'Auroville team is also ready to work with interested Aurovilians on the design of the green areas that are planned on both sides of this particular Crown segment.

Kind regards, Anbu, Lakshay, Saravanan, Sreevatsa & Toby for L'avenir d'Auroville

### Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary: An Update

Last August, the previous Working Committee put out a word inviting people to be part of a core group to celebrate Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary and some names were collected. The second announcement, in December 2020, specified that Auroville would not be seeking grants from GOI but try to raise funds internally for programs.

This February, the Auroville Foundation received a request to send names from Auroville to be part of an endeavor at the national level, under the Ministry of Culture. The names of 5 Aurovilians have been forwarded by the Auroville Foundation Office to be part of a Core Group: Anu, Christine, Juergen, Hemant and Meenakshi. This core group will now work with a larger group of Aurovilians to see what kind of program we want to propose and develop further, both as part of the celebration of the country and internally in Auroville. No budget has been asked and we will wait and see how things develop.

Sri Aurobindo's 150th corresponds with India's 75th year of independence and the 50th year for Bharat Nivas which brings a special emphasis for Auroville in 2022. Some very good ideas are already on board and these will be shared once the Core Team meets with the larger interested group that is to be formed next to take things forward. We welcome your feedback.

- The Working Committee  
(Anu, Arun, Chali, Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)

### City Services Contributions and Payments - Feb. 2021

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet.

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,27,02,943
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	3,08,62,422
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	9,35,65,365
Total Payments	1,62,08,424
<b>CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)</b>	<b>7,73,56,941</b>
<b>Monthly loss/gain</b>	<b>1,46,53,998</b>

### Internal Contributions

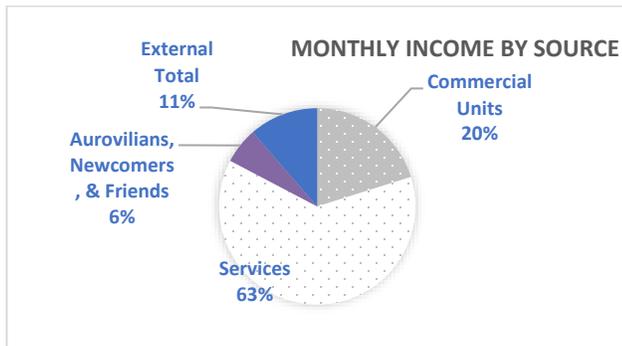
Source	Total
Commercial Units	62,16,238
Services	1,93,05,981
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	18,30,275
<b>Internal Total</b>	<b>2,73,52,494</b>

### External Contributions

Government of India for SAILER	15,00,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	6,87,825
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	13,22,103
<b>External Total</b>	<b>35,09,928</b>

### City Services Payments

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	3,249,736	29,632,584
Social Support	1,995,108	16,277,888
Children & Youth	1,754,503	15,976,705
Organization	1,685,772	13,607,506
Health	1,154,331	10,454,058
Forests	998,245	9,881,471
Village Education	981,970	10,265,152
Outreach	711,006	4,084,647
Security	677,555	5,595,457
Prosperity Services	604,804	4,715,487
Culture & Sports	538,911	4,840,015
Farms	475,881	4,836,566
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	469,353	1,875,170
Land	276,855	2,662,850
Matrimandir	197,023	1,921,364
City Planning	144,615	1,251,154
Contingency	140,490	5,620,330
Housing	104,584	919,971
Utilities	31,040	307,015
Projects	16,642	165,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,208,424</b>	<b>144,890,844</b>



### Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	10,10,410	10,10,410
Tanto	5,09,339	5,19,339
Maroma	4,06,940	4,22,940
Mereville Trust	3,11,151	3,11,151
Conscious Living	3,06,940	3,13,940
Eco Femme	2,20,820	2,20,820
Sound Wizard	2,10,410	2,13,910
Svaram	1,74,290	1,74,290
The Colors of Nature	1,57,940	1,57,940
Artisan Revolution	1,56,940	1,56,940
MG Ecoduties	1,36,096	1,36,096
C3Stream Land Designs	1,30,791	1,30,791
La Ferme Cheese	1,25,466	1,25,466
Cynergy	1,17,350	1,17,350
AV Bakery	96,525	96,525
Aureka	87,760	89,760
Cadd Studio	86,940	1,01,540

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Miniature	70,820	72,820
Right Path Café (VC Café)	69,011	69,511
Varuna (To Com:Rs. 14,7 Lakh)	63,635	1,13,635
Sagarmatha	61,447	61,447
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
AVA-Inscapes	53,481	53,481
Hers	45,410	45,410
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	38,470	38,470
AV Consulting	36,435	36,935
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
Shradanjali	31,940	31,940
Auromics	31,230	39,230
Auroyali Production	29,126	29,126
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
AV Online Store	24,290	24,290
Bamboo Center Auroville	22,036	22,036
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
New School Crafts	18,220	18,220
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Pitchandikulam Forest Consult	17,350	17,350
Tree Care	17,350	17,350
Maha Travels	16,998	16,998
Flame	16,940	17,940
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	16,940	16,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
Buildaur	13,880	13,880
Gastronomica	13,880	13,880
Holistic	13,880	13,880
M&M Cheese	13,880	13,880
Naturellement	13,880	13,880
Worktree	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Magica	12,410	12,410
ASSA-Ilion	12,145	12,145
ADPS (Aurelec)	10,891	10,891
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Auroville Papers	10,410	14,610
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Progress Landscape	10,410	10,910
Sumark	10,410	10,410
Tree House Community	10,410	10,410
AAS-Mona	8,675	8,675
Abacus Accounting	8,470	9,470
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
To be Two (Auromode)	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Aire	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshimi Construction	6,940	6,940
Aurosoya	6,940	7,140
AV Language Lab	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
AVA-Spirit of Leadership	6,940	6,940
Boutique Visitors Center	6,940	6,940
Café 73	6,940	6,940
Comfort Design	6,940	6,940
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Earth Institute	6,940	6,940
Eco Pro	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Imago	6,940	6,940
La Terrace	6,940	56,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
Mantra	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	6,940	6,940
Mitra Auroville	6,940	6,940
Natura	6,940	6,940
OK Upcycling Studio	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	7,190
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
School for sust. Managemant	6,940	6,940
Tapasya Design Studio	6,940	6,940
The Neem Tree	6,940	6,940
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470
LEAD-Integral Learning Center	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
AFA-Taste of Korea	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Nirami	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Swastika	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AV ARTS-BHU Nausheen	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Nomad Art	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Valentina Beatriz	3,470	3,470
AVA-ATB with AMIR	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Blossoms	3,470	3,470
Brainfever Media Product.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
AVA-Octo Studio	3,470	3,470
AVARTS-Ritam Bhu Project	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470
Discovery	3,470	3,470
Earth & Us	3,470	3,470
Eco Fare	3,470	3,470
Ecoteco Pools	3,470	3,470
Filaure	3,470	3,470
Freeland	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
Gecko!	3,470	3,470
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	3,470	3,470
LEAD-IPK Activities	3,470	3,470
Light Fish	3,470	3,470
Linea Dental	3,470	3,470
Mandala Pottery	3,470	5,970
Metamorphosis	3,470	3,470
Mukti Accounting	3,470	3,470
New Creation Corner Frites	3,470	3,470
PAPUI AND SOMETHINGELSE	3,470	3,470
Path Architects & Planners	3,470	3,470
Perceptive Eye	3,470	3,470
Pitchandikulam	3,470	3,470
Pottery Sipapu	3,470	3,470
Prakrit	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Sunshine Music	3,470	3,470
Taboo	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Akriti Construction	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip. Team	3,000	3,000
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
AFA-Vegan Essence	1,735	1,735
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Bhojanam	1,735	1,735
AVA-Oceans	1,000	1,000
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D`Av Pondy	-	500
Inside India	-	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,08,638</b>	<b>62,16,238</b>
<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Working Committee	26,025	26,025
Bharat Nivas	13,880	13,880
Birth Center	13,880	13,880
Visitor Center	8,675	8,675
ABC	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Electrical Services	6,940	6,940
Korean Pavillion	6,940	6,940
New Era Secondary School	6,940	6,940
SAIIR - Foreign	6,940	6,940
Thamarai	5,205	5,205
AV Arts Service	4,120	4,120
Anntara	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
Ayarpaadi	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Sewa	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Supportive Learning Satellite	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Roads Service Collection	-	2,84,126
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,76,96,369</b>	<b>1,80,00,495</b>

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Exploration GH (Total 76)	2,63,209	2,63,209
Center GH	1,04,792	1,08,592
Samarpan GH	1,00,337	1,00,337
Isai Ambalam GH	90,035	90,035
Auromode GH	78,058	78,058
Gaia's Garden GH	60,110	60,110
Afsanah GH	55,061	55,861
Arka GH	50,536	50,536
New Creation GH	42,380	42,380
Sharnga GH	34,886	34,886
Swagatham GH	28,953	28,953
Joy Community GH	28,096	28,096
Aspiration GH	25,578	25,578
Tibetan Bodkhang	23,744	23,744
Atithi Griha GH	18,487	18,487
Needam GH	14,520	14,520
Samasti GH	12,102	12,102
Tanto GH (Show: Rs. 1.74Lakh)	10,410	10,410
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
Mitra GH	9,680	9,680
Discovery GH	8,100	8,100
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Youth Camp Fraternity GH	4,910	4,910
Reve GH	4,810	4,810
EUU - Creativity GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Douceur GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Sonja & Umberto GH	3,470	3,470
Buddha Garden Coll.	3,000	3,000
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
International House	448	448
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,01,737</b>	<b>11,06,337</b>
<b>Net Additional Guest Contr.</b>	<b>1,99,149</b>	<b>1,99,149</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,00,886</b>	<b>13,05,486</b>

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Pour Tous Aspiration	1,22,59,139	1,22,59,139
Financial Services	45,87,510	46,06,510
Visitor Center Parking	5,68,000	5,68,000
Botanical Garden	67,665	67,665
Quiet Healing Centre	31,230	32,230
CSR	31,230	31,230

#### Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
School Participation	160,095	160,095
Aurovilian	1,461,955	1,461,955
Newcomer	32,000	32,000
Friends of AV	176,225	176,225
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,830,275</b>	<b>1,830,275</b>

#### External Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Govern.of India for SAIIR	15,00,000	15,00,000
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	6,87,825	6,87,825
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	13,22,103	13,22,103
<b>External Total</b>	<b>35,09,928</b>	<b>35,09,928</b>

**From Auroville Board of Services:  
All Services meeting will be scheduled in April/May**

This is to inform you that Kavitha had to stop her work for ABS due to other pressing commitments. **We are happy to introduce a new Aurovilian, Aditi Patel**, who has agreed to take up the services field research as of March 1st. Our next All Services meeting will be scheduled in April/May, as the coordinators are involved in a series of workshops this month.

- Sincerely, ABS Coordination Group



## Forest Group meeting notes of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Location: Baraka

Attendance: Fabian, Giri, Kumar, Andrey, Marco, Be, Eric, Cristo, Enea, Edzard, Iyanar, Balu, Stefan, Shivaraj, Noe, Alex, Natasha, Mani, Vengatech, Rita, Christoph, lumanai, Manolo, Boobalan, Saga, Begav, Kanniyappan, Vinny, Vikram-CS, Island, David, Jean-Luc, Ambre, Philippe, Laurence Niosha, Michelle, Agnès, Ana

- Michelle (Luminosity) is looking for house transfer to a Forest area. In addition, she wants to help with maps and data for land protection (encroachments, priorities).
- Cristo made an announcement that Jesus (Colors of Nature) is looking for 60 tons of firewood at Rs. 6000 per ton. The exceptional price offered is an attempt to support the work of foresters.
- Cristo also called again for help with the forest work in Revelation. All foresters are welcome to contact him when they have a bit of free time to come give a hand. He also informed that volunteers are needed who want to work at least 5 or 6 hours a day in exchange for free basic accommodations.
- Christoph updated the group with the organization of the upcoming General Meeting organized by the Forest Group and Youth Center about the high tension cable layout.
- Island and Andrey explained the need for the construction of a hut for volunteers in Infinity, that Marco would build and initially use (no objection).
- Financial questions re: the guest houses located in the Green Belt was discussed, following the announcement of the GFCG and BCC that these guest houses would need to be transferred to the FG.
- Giri asked if there are any objections from the FG to him moving his house from one location to another in the Fertile East Forest, in order to help with the protection of the forest (no objection).
- Philippe introduced an initiative (Green City Care) for the City area, in order to promote the caretaking of the green spaces by residents.
- Sandeep announced the "Water Mella" series of meetings in Fertile about water issues and management in the bio-region, with Pondican.

Next meeting: Friday 2nd April, 3PM in Infinity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Auroville Consulting Open House Saturday, March 20th, 10 AM to 1 PM Kalpana



Auroville Consulting completed 10 years in 2020. We are organizing an open house to celebrate this milestone with all our well-wishers. The open house will have answers to all your questions: what we do, the verticals under Auroville Consulting, our mission and vision and why are we doing what we do.

Be a part of our journey! Come discuss with us how we could progress on the path of sustainability. Share your ideas and knowledge with us so we can work on a future where we all can live in harmony with the earth and the universe. We look forward to having you with us on this special occasion.

## LOST & FOUND

**LOST/taken by mistake?** - Someone has mistakenly taken my grey Activa scooter PY 01 BT 9541 from **Neem Tree restaurant** at around 10 PM on Friday, 5th March. There is another Activa (PY 01 BT 5339) parked there which possibly belongs to the person who took my scooter. Please contact Utsav (9923107112/8356910043) w/ any helpful info.

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**LOST** - a zip lock bag of cloth heart pins. [stigmatad@gmail.com](mailto:stigmatad@gmail.com).

**FOUND** - This red Royal Enfield has been parked at Upasana for a few months. If you know anything about who owns it, please contact us. 0413 2622939



## APPEALS

### HELP ANIMALS: DOG & CAT STERILISATION PROJECT

We are looking for people who care about a healthy and well-maintained dog & cat population in and around Auroville, and who can and have time to help with all types of work. We have some money through a project to sterilize stray dogs and dogs/ cats of Auroville employees. The team we were working with earlier somehow faded and now we are looking for young energetic people to help with this important task. For Aurovilians that will work with regularity and dedication we can offer some type of financial support in kind. (lunch, PTDC etc).

**A first meeting with all interested will take place on Saturday 20th March afternoon 2.30 -4 at the Town Hall meeting room, first floor.** For information please either write to [helpanimals@auroville.org.in](mailto:helpanimals@auroville.org.in), or call/text 984 0031935.

~ Enrica and Shivaya

## WELCOME

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 073, 13-03-2021

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers & Friends of Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovillian or Friend of Auroville status confirmation, for Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville two weeks and for Aurovilians and Returning Aurovilians one month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to [entryservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in).

#### AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Mrinalini SEKAR** (Indian staying in Maitreye 2and working at Udavi School and TLC
- **Ramesh SUBBURAYAN** (Indian) staying in Sangamam Community and working at Spirulina Farm



Mrinalini

#### AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- **Richa HUSHING** (Indian)

#### YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

- **Aruna ARUMUGAM** (Indian) staying in Arya and working at Avision
- **Auromaheshan SHIVA** (Indian) staying in Matrimandir Nursery and studying in Future School
- **Jianghao XU** (Chinese) staying in Swayam and studying in Future School



Ramesh



Aruna



Auromaheshan



Jianghao

#### LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- **Ranjini BOOBALAN** (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. An Aurovillian's name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.
- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovillians who are registered in the RoR.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Facing Mental Challenges on the Spiritual Path: Death with the participation of Dr. Alok Pandey  
Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 3 PM at Savitri Bhavan**

*"We have to face the future's offer of death as well as its offer of life, and it need not alarm us, for it is by constant death to our old names and forms that we shall live most vitally in greater and newer forms and names."* - Sri Aurobindo

During this gathering, we will first listen to a brief talk from Dr Alok Pandey, followed by Q & A (recorded). Then space for spontaneous personal sharing may take place (non-recorded). Organised by: 'Let's talk about Death' Group & Santé - Auroville Institute for Integral Health, [quietusauroville@gmail.com](mailto:quietusauroville@gmail.com).



**The Citizens' Assembly goes public**

The last session of the pilot Citizens' Assembly, which initially was tasked to come up with a water vision for Auroville and subsequently also suggested ways in which it could be implemented, happened on 23rd January. Since then, the CA organizing team and some of the participants had a meeting with the water players to present the assembly's outputs and to get their feedback.

The response was positive. However, there was concern about how the ideas suggested by the group would be taken forward to help Auroville realise the vision. A team is now forming to take up this task. In the meantime, the CA organizing team would like to present a comprehensive overview of the Citizens' Assembly pilot project - including an explanation of the concept, why we chose to experiment with it in Auroville, the process that was followed, the final outputs, as well as participants' feedback - to the larger community.

This will happen on **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4 pm in the Unity Pavilion**. All are welcome to hear about this fascinating project and its potential to reinvigorate and improve our collective deliberation and decision-making process.

Further presentations on different aspects of the project will follow.

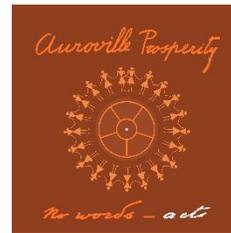
- On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** there will be a screening of a documentary film about the making of this Citizens' Assembly at 4.30 pm in Cinema Paradiso. This will be followed by a question and answer session and discussion with the filmmakers and members of the CA organizing team.
- On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, on the occasion of World Water Day, there will be an exploration of the Assembly's water vision and ideas for implementation with Auroville's water players and other key stakeholders, culminating in a celebratory public

gathering and presentation of the water outcomes between 4 pm and 6 pm in the Unity Pavilion.

- On **26<sup>th</sup> March** the 'Making of the Citizens' Assembly' film will be shown again as part of women's empowerment month,
- And on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**, as part of the organization day of "Calling Mother's Auroville" event, the focus will be upon presenting the Citizens' Assembly process, and exploring its potential not only for increasing the range of residents' participation but also the quality of our collective deliberations and decision-making.

Timings and venues for these later events will be announced soon. In addition, the April issue of Auroville Today will contain an overview article on the CA pilot, written by a member of the organizational team.

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



**Calling for The Mother's Auroville Program  
Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th March, Unity Pavilion**

As already announced last week, Auroville Prosperity, along with the Citizens Assembly, the Farm Group, Wasteless, The Aura Network, the Bio-region Kaluveli Initiative, Santé, Spiral

Dynamics and others, will come together the last week of March to join their efforts.

If you wish to see changes happening in Auroville and if you are interested to join the Auroville Prosperity action, you can register for the whole week or any particular day by writing to [avprosperityteam@gmail.com](mailto:avprosperityteam@gmail.com). Lunch will be prepared on the 21, 27 and 28th and if you wish to eat at the Unity Pavilion these days, please register for the lunch too. Here's the schedule:

**Sunday 21st - 10 am to 4 pm**

**Introduction to the week - Auroville Prosperity**

Facilitated by Auroville Prosperity (in English, Tamil and French)

**Monday 22 - 2 pm to 6 pm - Water**

facilitated by Auroville Citizens Assembly

**Tuesday 23 - 10 am to 4 pm - Farming**

facilitated by the Farm Group

**Wednesday 24 - 10 am to 4 pm - Bioregion**

facilitated by the Kaluveli Initiative and others

**Thursday 25 - 10 am to 4 pm - Economy**

facilitated by the Aura Network & Auroville Prosperity teams

**Friday 26 - 10 am to 4 pm - Potpourri**

facilitated by Wasteless, Upcycling, Spiral Dynamics, Santé and others.

**Saturday 27 - 10 am to 6 pm -**

**Organisation - Auroville Self Governance**

Introduction: Sri Kireet Joshi's talk on Self Governance

Facilitated by Auroville Prosperity & Auroville Citizens Assembly

**Sunday 28 - 10 am to 4 pm - Summary and Conclusions**

The way forward - how to translate our ideas into meaningful actions

**5.30 pm - Ceremony at Matrimandir Amphitheatre**

More information will be published next week.



Auroville Campus Initiative

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING

**Zoom Discount**

Just a reminder that if you'd like to share in a Zoom Pro Educational license for

Auroville (50% discount) please fill out this form by 31st March: <https://forms.gle/bordMKDiryKU1ap8>.

- Divyanshi, for ACI



**AV Supper Club**  
**Saturday 13th March**  
**@ Mitra Guesthouse from 6.30 pm**

Henri & team are cooking up a French meal - "Basquaise with chicken or egg" Basquaise is traditional French dish made with onion tomatoes & capsicums. We serve it with rice & salad and a dessert by Sita & Sanna. Booking recommended.

Mobile 0709 453 2505 or What's App 459 111 8176

**Latest News from Inside India**

Lufthansa has announce an extra 1 piece of Baggage in Economy class ,making the free baggage allowance 2 pieces, to hubs and select destinations in Europe. It is applicable on both OW & RT flights. Origin: DEL, BOM , BLR. Destination : DUB, PAR, AMS, FRA, ZRH, MUC & GB. Sale & Travel Restrictions: now til 30th June 2021

Air India is launching NONSTOP "DREAMLINER flights" from CHENNAI -PARIS - CHENNAI sector effective 31 MAR 2021. at attractive promo fares.

United Airlines will have direct flight Bangalore - San Francisco end of May.

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

**MATRIMANDIR**



**AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**  
**Meditation at sunset with Savitri -**  
**read by Mother to Sunil's music**  
**Every THURSDAY (weather permitting)**  
**6.00 to 6.30 pm**

Enjoy the beautiful open space, the immense sunset and heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Access is still limited to Aurovilians, Newcomers and Pass Holders. Please carry your pass with you -Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm. After the meditation is over, the gardens will close.

**Reminder to all:** We request everyone not to bring/use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**



Auroville radio is looking for software engineer & social media manager with basic graphic design skills. Budget available. [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

**Surya Performance Lab** - is looking for a manager for our Aurovilian professional Dance Theatre company. We need a skilled & experienced person for management & communication. Fluency in English is required; Tamil or Hindi is a plus. Maintenance provided according to your skills & experience. Full or half time. Aurovilian/ Newcomer preferred. Please send your resume with a motivational letter to [suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in](mailto:suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in); WA: Philippe: 890 3841904/Thierry: 890386 9078

**HR Initiative** is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in. **And we have a new website - please check it out:** [hriauroville.org](http://hriauroville.org).

Currently available positions (please inquire about details):

- Volunteers for Auro Orchard
- Experienced Social Media Curator (on project basis)
- System Administrator (ERPNext)
- Software Developer (ERPNext)
- Distribution Consultant (ERPNext)
- Electromechanical Engineer
- Digital Communications & Community Manager
- Management, Promotion and Fundraising

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](mailto:hr_hub@auroville.org.in)

**AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL - Jan 18<sup>th</sup> -23rd 2022**

If you would like to help with the organization of the 7th edition of this biennial film festival, please email us with the subject 'organisational help'. We need help with many aspects from technical to hosting and admin, from writing to excel, and of course people who like to organise.

[aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in)

**LOOKING FOR**

**Cycle** - Does anyone have a 16 inch bike (or similar, for a 5 yr old) that we could borrow for a few weeks? Thanks! Yajna 948 600 8509.

**Low wooden table** - I'm looking for a low wooden table ideal for sitting at on the floor. Please contact Shanks on [chungates@gmail.com](mailto:chungates@gmail.com) if you'd like to sell or give away one.

**Gardener** - Saracon campus. Plant, water, & prune trees/plants, weeding out dead grasses, maintaining, sweeping, keeping the campus clean. some basic landscaping and designs for the beautification of the campus. Experience in Auroville appreciated. Mon - Sat; 8:30 to 12:30 & 1:30 to 5:00. Lunch provided. Contact Rajesh, [rajesh@auroville.org.in](mailto:rajesh@auroville.org.in), 9786016134, 9443138946.

**Work** - Gawtami, who has been working at our place for 15 mo., needs more work. She's available every AM except Thurs + a few afternoons. She is young, discreet, efficient, reliable, has a scooter (very little English). She hails from Alankupam, can't work in remote forest places, & prefers no keet houses. Call us for initial contact, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Please no emails. - Yvelise and Emanuele, 0413 262 3407.

**Work** - House worker, Sandhya from Edaynchavady is looking for work. Tues/Thurs/Sat. Please contact Lakshmi 8489764602



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I have a cotton silk tree growing in my garden. It needs a lot of space, preferably in the forest. I would prefer to give it a new home instead of removing it. Its very healthy and happy. Anyone? Lakshmi 8489764602; [lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)

**Motorbike** - Bajaj Platina, 2010, 45,000 kms, motor strong, runs good, recently fully serviced. 948 636 3525.

**Bass Guitar** - Ashton ACB100EQ Electro Acoustic. Includes canvas cover case w/hand embroidered Lord Jagannath patch; 2 sets of acoustic bass guitar strings; 9Volt battery & charger; D'addario cable. A beautiful instrument looking for someone with a passion for music. Daniel, WA 70940 24777 or [danielrabin@yahoo.com](mailto:danielrabin@yahoo.com).

**Housekeeper** - Pari, 37, is looking for half time work in the Aspiration/Auromodele area. Very responsible, good English, takes good care of house, garden, pets Cooks well and very friendly w/ children. Contact Rita, **894 087 8665**.

**Office Spaces at Auromode** - The last two office spaces (24 & 34 sqm) in a brand new building with very quiet, green atmosphere available from 1st March 2021 with following facilities: Generator Power back-up, Aqua Dyn drinking water, Car & Bike parking, 24 hours Security service.

**CO-WORKING SPACES:** -We are planning to open Co-working office spaces for 20 people with additional facilities (A/C, Wi-Fi, common printer, common kitchenette and common toilet) We would like to have your feedback about this project. It would be ready by end of May-2021 and include the facilities mentioned above. Pandian, AUROMODE TRUST, Auroshilpam. 04132622224; [pandian@auroville.org.in](mailto:pandian@auroville.org.in); [auromode@auroville.org.in](mailto:auromode@auroville.org.in)

**GREEN MATTERS**



Spread mulch around your garden plants. This will help retain moisture and save water, time, and money. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. [watergroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:watergroup@auroville.org.in) / [www.aurovillewater.in](http://www.aurovillewater.in)



**YOUNG NATURALISTS**

We 're back with another young naturalist. This time we meet Oliver, a 4th grader in Deepanam and a keen observer of his environment. He can be seen in this picture taking a well- deserved rest at a Community Garden.

**Some Obvious Solutions**  
**by Oliver Mo**

I feel that what humanity has to do is obvious; we just don't understand how grave this situation really is. Forests that are

hundreds of thousands of years old are being cut down just to make the paper I am writing on. For what? Profit. Many big companies are so greedy, lazy and selfish that they are blocking alternative better methods that save water, power, money, and land, whilst advertising themselves as environmentally friendly. For example, land that would be spared from just changing what we use to make our 'normal paper' could be used to re-establish once great bio-diverse forests.

Another topic: the stuff that fuels our lives, food. In today's world much of our food is brought on planes from countries across the globe grown from G.M.O (Genetically Modified Organism) crops. The best climate solution for this issue is local farming. In the 2020 Covid lockdown gardens were started all over Auroville. People started working together, giving a real sense of community, which I feel we can still improve on in Auroville today. Also, just knowing where your food comes from, in addition to helping the earth, feels good. Our minds have been corrupted thinking we need apples, pears, oranges, etcetera, anytime, anywhere.

I feel that as humanity as a whole we need to set a standard, and create the new normal. We are becoming uneducated; growing apart from nature, thinking we aren't nature. Teachers have one of the most important jobs in the world. They have to teach the next generation about everything from dolphins to dictionaries. Stuff that matters. We still have people who don't understand the importance of plumbers, electricians and farmers. Fortunately, some governments are trying to change things so we will not end up living in a world of only managers, traders, artists, and so on.

The last thing I want to cover is energy and transport. One problem with electric cars that you can charge from your house is that most of the electricity in your house is not clean energy. And if your house does run on solar or wind it normally does not generate enough power for a car. But with the evolution of technology, solar panels will probably eventually be able to produce more power, car batteries will be able to store more power, and it would all be cheaper than now. But this will all take a while and in that time I worry that fossil fuel industries may try to stop this process.

**THE START OF SUMMER**

*This summer promises to be hot according to the India Meteorological Institute (IMD)...*

With the sun moving through the Northern Hemisphere since the Winter Solstice, the days are getting longer, and after a good monsoon, with a blessing of 16 cm of rain on Mother 's birthday, our water catchment areas have been replenished. The kolam in Aurodam still has 3 meters of water(!) and invites for a cool swim. Summer is upon us again, with all its joys and tribulations; pesticide spraying, power cuts, road works and more.

What are the predictions for the coming months? The IMD has issued a national forecast called 'Seasonal Outlook for

temperatures for March to May 2021'. The season ahead is expected to be warmer than usual over most regions of India except some southern states (including Tamil Nadu). Most regions along the North, Northwest, East and Northeast India will experience above normal maximum temperatures during March, April and May. India is prone to heat waves, which are declared when the maximum temperature rises over 4 degrees from normal. It is not possible to predict the exact number of heatwave events, expanse or intensity in a Seasonal Outlook, which covers three months. "Some of these regions fall under the Core Heatwave Zone. So, these states should expect normal or even more heatwave events this year. The heatwave predictions and their intensity can best be forecast as the season progresses" stated a IMD official.

**Pesticide Spraying** - Many of us are very sensitive with streaming eyes, sore throats and a general feeling of malaise. This is not Covid, but can be the fall- out of the cashew pesticide spraying. It is very disheartening that no matter how much energy Auroville has put into preventing such practices since years (including offering natural alternatives) the cashew pesticide spraying frenzy continues unabated. There is a [Cashew Alert group on WhatsApp](#) where Aurovilians living near sprayed village cashew fields can report and warn of oncoming tractors ready to get into action, with date /time and location and if possible chemicals used. Some people and small children are so sensitive they have to temporarily move to a cleaner area...

So it's not time yet to put away your covid masks. But a wetted scarf also helps! And finally we recommend the homeopathic remedy Oukabaka available for free in Prathna Homeopathic Pharmacy.

*Lisbeth & Gijs for the AVGreenCenter .The Green Column appears bi-weekly in the News & Notes and (sometimes) on Auronet. We report on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you!*  
[avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)

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**Water Talks: March 2021**

Let's talk about water! Each Monday in the month of March, a member of the Auroville community will dive into the topic of water in an engaging presentation or site visit. This year's theme is "Systems that Work", and focuses on systems that help us catch, conserve, or recycle water. Please see the schedule below and join us! All talks/walks are free of cost, but if you would like to support the ongoing work of the Water Group, our FS# is 252000. Thank you! Water Group ([www.aurovillewater.in](http://www.aurovillewater.in))

**March 15:** In lieu of our March 15 Water Talk, we encourage you to attend the March 16 presentation made by the good folks of the Citizens' Assembly. You can find further details in their write up in this News.

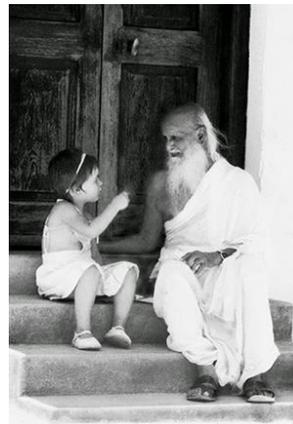
- **March 22: Special event for World Water Day!**  
More details soon.
- **March 29, Buddha Garden, 5:00pm - "Whole Water in Buddha Garden"**

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



AV Radio is on vacation this week! But you can still listen to the stream channel [Here](#) (playing 24/7).  
[www.aurovillerradio.org;](http://www.aurovillerradio.org;) [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

**SILENT TEACHING**



The exhibition "Sadhaks of Integral Yoga", on display at the Town Hall since January, will be over on March 22. I took those photographs in 1983-4, at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, to imprint in my memory the faces of those who have been my silent inspirers and guides by example. To them I return, whenever I feel it is all over and we need a new cycle, with the same people taking birth once more with the Avatar: whenever dharma is lost and humanity is to be rescued from adharma.

I look at those faces then I know that the Path is not utopia, those are the people; they lived, and realised. Watching them I learnt - not through books or lectures, no, through the silent example of their daily offering - what the Integral Yoga is: every day repeating at the same time the same actions, with the same people; talking only when indispensable for the work to be done; in utmost concentration, serving the Divine at the best of one's capacities, wishing no other reward but communion through service.

Meditation, speeches, classes, art and all other external things - any of these are optional, ex tempore: karmayoga comes first. Work in an atmosphere of concentrated silence is concluded by training of the body involving all ashramites, in batches, up to the most seniors. It was them, the elderly, whom I saw every time when entering the Playground bi-weekly collective meditation; quite a sight.

Integral Yoga is the divinisation of all parts and planes of being in life, in work, in society; fully concentrated on the Divine 24/24, even during sleep - not remote flights on the moon; not meditations and techniques leaving the outer being as gross as before. Integral Yoga is the sacral repetition of routine, even most trivial action by inward concentration upon the supreme goal; for in truth there is nothing, being or action, that is not divine if only we merge with the essence, sheer divinity. Crossing a street, going to the market, on the battlefield as in one's bed, cleaning one's teeth as washing dishes or doing scholarly research, every single second is to be lived concentrated within. Microcosm and macrocosm, within and without, above and below are words. In truth there is but THAT, one without a second, the One and All, in sleep as in the dream or the waking state.

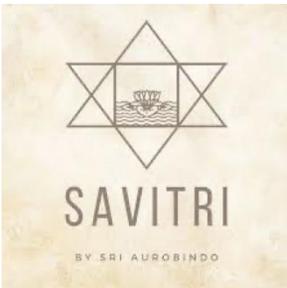
This was the theme of the collages of dry flowers and grasses I did, on Ashram's marbling boards. It took me an average of three days, eight hours a day, to complete one: the Many, the Two, the One. Same theme of the poems I wrote in the hollow of the Samadhi tree, where I spent hours every day (attempts to dislodge me from there having failed). I had breakfast and lunch at Tout ce qu'il faut, a restaurant for non-vegetarian pilgrims that Purna, Mother's granddaughter, had opened with her blessings. On my way there - every single step in utter concentration - twice a day I collected flowers and grasses for my collages; enthralled by every pebble, every spot on the sidewalk and walls, the play of light and shadow... all was but That, divinity in every form, from densest matter to wandering clouds in the sky... even the sewages under the scorching sun, even the pigs those years still roaming around the frail huts had a remote beauty... This is what the place radiated, without the need of the physical presence of the Guru, without the need of any teaching, any reading, so palpable was God within each and all and everything...

Day in and day out, since ever and forever I was, I am, we are. The One and the Two and the Many. THAT we are. As a hymn of devotion and gratitude to Their sadhaks, they, who taught me by silence, in silence, like Dakshinamurti, the essence and bliss of Integral Yoga, in mystical communion: microcosm and macrocosm are One. - Paulette

### An update on the skies

We recently had a few retreats with Elitom El Amin in Joy Community on the breatharian journey. This is the process of consuming very less food, or none at all, combined with a fair amount of exercise and meditation to learn to live on *prana*. Several of us participated in these life changing sessions, and it is interesting that these retreats were held when Rahu is transiting Taurus - a transit that has created chaos in our relation with, and beliefs surrounding food. I have attempted to connect this process with Yogic Philosophy and with Vedic Astrology. If you're interested, here is a write up: <https://www.allthingsvedic.in/post/pranic-living>. - submitted by Vikram Devatha

### SPECIAL EVENT/CITY SERVICES FUNDRAISER



**SAVITRI: A LEGEND AND A SYMBOL**  
An Introductory Exploration of Sri Aurobindo's Mantric Epic  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 9:00pm India Time,  
3:00 – 4:30pm GMT  
10:00 – 11:30am Eastern Time (US)

Please join us for an online talk and discussion with Shraddhavan on Sri Aurobindo's epic poem.

"The importance of Savitri is immense. Its subject is universal. Its revelation is prophetic. The time spent in its atmosphere is not wasted." - The Mother

This event is a benefit for Auroville's City Services/Unity Fund, which provides for the community's basic needs, like education, shared infrastructure, and maintenances. Register for the event by making a donation of any amount by clicking the link below. You will then receive an email with the link to join the zoom event. Your generous support is greatly appreciated! <https://aviusa.org/shraddhavan/>

You can make a donation in your own currency by credit card, Google Pay, PayPal, or bank transfer to receive the link to attend the event and to receive a downloadable link to a recording of it if you are not able to attend the live event.

### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



Many artists in Auroville and the bioregion have regular jobs, service jobs and school that doesn't give them time to do their own art work. Lockdown has given some of them precious time for this. <https://artservice.auroville.org>

## Out of Lockdown

In this show GREEVA shares with you artist's work that was only done in lockdown.

March 9th to 28th 2021  
Savitri Bhavan, 9 am - 5 pm

**Hibiscus Art Festival "Wake up"**  
ART & CRAFT \* SOUND & MOVEMENT \* MARKET & WORKSHOPS \* FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

MAIN SPACE 11AM-5PM  
FACE PAINTING (10PM-12PM)  
TARO & ORACLE CARDS WITH VALENTINA  
ZEN TANGLING WITH CHRISTEL  
PAPER MACHE & BASKET WEAVING & JEWELRY ASSEMBLY BY WELL PAPER  
BUTTERFLY BARN SPACE 10PM-12PM  
YOGA WITH ANILTON  
INDIAN YOGA WITH ANILTON  
10PM NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE SOUND BATH BY SITIARA  
10PM SPARKED INSPIRATIONAL ADULT GAME WITH DANITY  
5 PM CONTACT IMPROVISATION AND FREE DANCE WITH TABIR  
STUDIO SPACE 3PM-5PM  
MANDALAS WITH ROSALEIA

MUSIC & DANCE  
3PM YOAV (INDIAN CLASSICAL SITAR)  
4PM "POETRY IN MOTION" BY PAL  
5PM COLLECTIVE FOLK SONGS BY SHALINI  
6PM SRUTI LAYA SAMBARIAN BY MAHESH VINAYAKRAM  
7PM EMERGENCE (ACOUSTIC INDIE POP)  
8PM WOMBAYA (REGGAE)  
8-10PM IMPULSIVE SONG & DANCE BY ANITA & HUONG  
9PM THE TRIO (POP CLASSIC ROCK & ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENTS)

ART EXHIBITION BY HIBISCUS ART VILLAGE STUDIO PARTICIPANTS: CHRISTEL, EBRENYA, GURUKATA, MAHESHWARI RATNAM, NYMPHEA CREATION, DREY, ROSALEIA  
BY @CURIOUS.CURSER, AKA BARKAT SINGH

13 MARCH 2021  
SATURDAY  
10AM-10:30PM  
HIBISCUS ART VILLAGE  
@SVE DAME

AV. NC, VOLUNTEERS - DONATION BASED ENTRY. GUESTS - ENTRY FEE FOR THE MUSIC PERFORMANCE

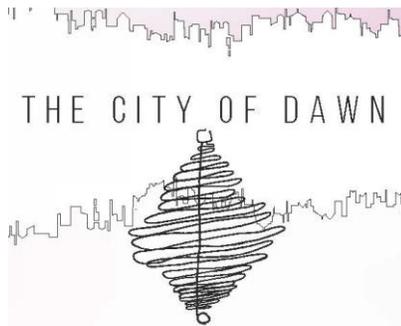
**AMORPHOUS**  
A Dance X Film Project  
Devised by  
Ronita Mookerji & Priyanshi Vasani

Collaborating with Performing Arts Lab Auroville - Laboratory of Evolution - Center for Human Unity - SAIER.

### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7 PM, CRIPA

'Amorphous' is exploring if, beyond gender, one can reach a state of both form and formlessness and experience more freedom (free from identity and its consequent relations). With a dual approach of intrinsic (dancer) and extrinsic (camera) elemental representations, 'Amorphous' is a visual journey exploring the physicality of a female dancer when not put into the state and statute of any gender. It is seeking what is beyond gender through the paradoxical existence of form and formlessness which brings up an intermediate and transient 'lesser form' state. In an 'amorphous' state, what freedom can one experience?

Ronita Mookerji won the 'best performer award' in PECDA 2016 for 'WHO?' which eventually received funding for the 'Bench project 2017' and toured throughout the UK. She worked in Germany with 'Theatre Bremen' 2014 - 2016 as 'guest performer' from the Goethe Institute (India & Germany) for 'Belleville' choreographed by Samir Akika. Ronita is an international Artist-in-Residence, experienced and recognized in Australia, Japan, South Korea.



We are happy to share with you the program of the second edition of the Auroville Art Camp, which will take place at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. This year, we welcome 20 participants from all over India and Auroville from Saturday, March 20th to Saturday, March 27th, 2021.

On the 20th, the art camp will open with a talk by Deepti, at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Detailed program below, open to all  
On the 27th, the Art Camp will end with an exhibition at Centre d'Art (Citadines) where you will be able to discover the participants' artwork created during the week. The theme of this year's edition is: "The City of Dawn".

For those who wish to see the artists at work, we have planned 3 "Open Studio" sessions in the afternoons during the week.

This year again schools of Auroville are invited to bring their students on specific days and timings.

**OPENING @ Pavilion of Tibetan Culture**

Sat. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM Opening of the Art Camp

9:15 - 10:30 Talk by Deepti

*"The pathways of the morning star - an exploration. Art as a search for the mystic fire".*

**COLLECTIVE ART- PUBLIC SPACE @ Visitors Centre**

Sun. March 21<sup>st</sup> 14:00 to 17:00

Collective Mural by the artists of the art camp on the path from Visitors Centre towards the Matrimandir View ing Point.

**OPEN STUDIO @ Pavilion of Tibetan Culture**

Tue. March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> and Thu. 25<sup>th</sup>

15:00 to 17:00: Artists at work

**CLOSING @ Centre d'Art, Citadines**

Sat. March 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM: Opening of the exhibition

"THE CITY OF DAWN"

Choir with Auroville Harmonies, conducted by Antoine

**Centre d'Art - group exhibition**

"TRANSPARENCY"

through 24th March

Monday to Saturday, 2.30 - 5.30 PM. Sunday closed.

Please park at the Town Hall parking.



**CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

**THE PHYSICAL BRAIN - 5 DAY INTENSIVE**

w/ RONITA MOOKERJI

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9 AM to 1.30 PM, CRIPA

Collaborating with Performing Arts Lab Auroville - Laboratory of Evolution - Center for Human Unity - SAIER.

Performing Arts Lab PAL is organizing contemporary dance and movement training for Aurovilians, NC & Volunteers led by Ronita Mookerji <https://ronitamookerji.com/index.php/reformances/>

Aim: To bring awareness, understanding and deeper connection with the physical body through Contemporary Dance and to activate the mental capacity along, playing with structure and creativity. Please see last week's N&N for details. Contact: Irena on +44 7562 977143 (WA) or [performingartslab@gmail.com](mailto:performingartslab@gmail.com). Reservation required.

**Family Constellation Workshop**  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - 6 PM, Hall of Light, Creativity  
[moghan@auroville.org.in](mailto:moghan@auroville.org.in)/9751110486

**"A Body Prayer in a Tai-Chi form"**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 5 PM, Mahalakshmi Park

Based on Mother's Mudras, we will practice on every new and full Moon at Mahalakshmi Park (near Neem Tree), close to the stones.



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**Foot Reflexology Training w/ Ananda**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9 AM - 4.30 PM

Holistic Foot Reflexology is deeply relaxing, healing & balancing tool for body-mind-energy. With meditative presence, loving energy & by activating and relaxing nerve endpoints, lymphatic nodes and energy points in hands and feet, we support harmonizing internal organs, blood circulation, nervous, hormonal, lymphatic systems and boost immunity. You will explore and deepen your knowledge about anatomy of the physical and energy bodies in relation to yogic science, warmup, self-healing techniques and use of supportive tools, reflexology techniques & sequence for organs, nerves, hormones, specific sequence for lymphatic flush drainage & energy balancing, reading various body types and variations in approaches to apply, meditations to be open channel of sensitivity, presence and loving energy, and effective ways to give deep healing sessions effortlessly. *No previous experience required!*

**Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) 1 with Dariya and Daniel**

Thursday 18 - Tuesday 23 March 2021, 9 AM - 6 PM

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) combines elements of soft stretching movements, aquatic deep tissue massage, and joint release, as well as energy and breath work in a unique way above and below water. Especially designed movements allow your whole spine to swing and energy to flow again. This form of aquatic therapy invites you to experience the healing energies of water in a new way. Chronic physical pain as well as emotional tensions can be released. Special positions may remind you of how you felt to be held as a child.

During this 6-day course (with mainly under-water work) you'll learn various techniques of this wonderful healing modality in a playful and friendly way. At the end of this course you'll be able to offer friends and acquaintances a complete OBA session.

*Prerequisites: OBA Basic or equivalent course.*

**Holistic Rebalancing - Massage Training w/ Ananda**

Monday 22 - Sunday 28 March, 9.30 AM - 5 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; five 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; and to hold space with changing body-mind-emotions-energy. *No previous experience required!*



**Guided Chakra Healing Meditation**  
**Friday, 19th March, 9.30 AM - 12.30 PM**  
**(Intensive) - with TANIA**

A guided journey throughout the body and its chakras. We will learn and practice tools which promote purification, healing, balancing of the chakras and an increased awareness of the body. We will also explore the importance of proper grounding and self-love, to bring more balance and an enhanced feeling of well-being.

**Freedom from Fear -**  
**Saturday, 20th March, 2 - 4.30 PM**  
**with Dr. Sehdev**

Fear, and anxiety, passivity, ambivalence, depression- are pervasive emotions / personality traits, which often have far-reaching impacts on every aspect of our lives. Drawing from Buddhist philosophy, existential psychotherapy and Integral Yoga, we will explore both the theoretical underpinnings of the phenomenon of fear and the practical ways of addressing it on a day-to-day basis.

**Somatics - An Introduction For Every Body!**  
**Tuesday, 23th March, 9.30 AM - 12.30 PM**  
**with Maggie**

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.



Collaborating with Performing Arts Lab Auroville - Laboratory of Evolution - Center for Human Unity - SAIER.

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> March, 9 AM - 1.30 PM, CRIPA**

**Reservation required.** Contact: Irena on +44 7562 977143 on WhatsApp or [performingartslab@gmail.com](mailto:performingartslab@gmail.com) on mail

*About Prashant More:* - More is a contemporary performing artist based in Bangalore. He has been engaged in artistic work as a performer, teacher and a maker. He studied and trained in India and Europe. In 2012, he graduated

*About workshop:* This workshop brings insight on technical moves and methods experienced and developed from Prashant's researched movement practice. It is about transforming movement by enhancing one's relationship with the floor and the space while recreating and building up deep dance vocabulary. The exercises, mostly influenced by yoga and martial arts, go to spatial awareness, body work and floor work, with sequences also inspired from Flying Low, Contemporary techniques and Acrobats. Although very physical, the workshop follow a clear structure of never breaking the flow but systematically guiding one from the beginning to the end.



**Harmony? Bach, Mozart, Beethoven**  
**Psychoacoustic Perception Online Course**  
**Wednesdays & Saturdays (8 sessions)**  
**7th April - 1st May, 6.30 - 8.30PM**

Holger Jetter is offering an online course through the Bombay Institute for Critical Analysis and Research on Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Holger will lay the foundations of psychoacoustic perception - the science of sensation that sound produces - before considering musical culture - the links between aesthetics, place, and time. This course will help students listen rigorously to the expansive potential of music beyond entertainment, and, participants will be prepared to listen to select compositions of Bach (the divine and mathematical), Mozart (the angelic realm), and Beethoven (the transformation of the human). A special group discount is being offered to Aurovilians. If interested, email AV Art Service with the subject 'Harmony? participation'. [info@bicar-india.org](mailto:info@bicar-india.org), [aurovillearts@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovillearts@auroville.org.in)

**FILMS**



**THE YOGA OF THE EARTH**  
**Monday, 15th March, 4 PM**

**B H A V A N** The profoundly sensitive and meditative film is a new version of 'About Savitri' from Book 1, Canto 1, The Symbol Dawn of the poem Savitri where the Mother shares her unique insights into the past and the future of our planet. A production of Savitri Bhavan, Auroville for Havyavahana Trust, Pondicherry in 2016, it was conceptualized by Shradhdhavan, Vladimir and Peter, with audio restoration and programming by Holger, paintings by Huta and harmonium music by the Mother. Duration: 32 min.

**You're invited: Citizens' Assembly film showings**  
**Thurs, March 18th, 4:30 PM, MMC**

**Film: "Making of the Citizens' Assembly" (40 mins)**  
**+ Q&A with the filmmakers (Auroras Eye/Outreach Media)**  
**and members of the Citizens' Assembly team**

*Summary:* Recently a group of randomly selected Aurovilians came together to develop a water vision for Auroville. This was an experiment to explore the potential for the Citizens' Assembly model to support and improve our decision-making processes in Auroville. This film follows the journey of the experiment - from concept through COVID challenges to completion - with perspectives from the organising team and participants. The film is part of a series of events to explore the outcomes of this experiment.

**More info:** <https://events.auroville.org.in/events/17280>

**Next Show at the Sri Auditorium Auditorium, Bharat Nivas**  
**Thursday, 18th March, 7:30 PM**



(2018), SCI-FI/ACTION/ADVENTURE; DUR:2h15m; RATED: PG 13  
 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH; SUBTITLE: ENGLISH; DIR: RON HOWARD  
 CAST: ELDEN EHRENREICH/WOODY HARRELSON, EMILIA CLARKE

*STORYLINE:* Before he crossed paths with The Rebellion, Han Solo was a former Imperial militant who became a space pirate cruising around the Outer Rim alongside his fellow outlaw: the mighty Wookiee, Chewbacca. This is the story of how he came to be known as the galaxy's most notorious smuggler, and how the man became a legend. ***May the Force be with you!***  
*The following movie will be Rogue One of the Star Wars Series.*





# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 15th March to 21st March 2021

Cinema Paradiso & Multimedia Center are fully operational in full capacity, and open to all now. Mask is a must (and not scarves etc.) plus Standard Covid19 protocols will be followed. Please come and enjoy the films. To organize a seminar/program please contact us via email for booking conditions.

## Indian - Monday 15 March, 8:00 pm:

### • AXONE

India, 2019, Writer-Director. Nicholas Kharkongor w/Sayani Gupta, Lin Laishram, Jimpa Bhutia, and others, Comedy-Drama, 104mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG) Axone, pronounced as Akhuni - is a popular fermented soyabean condiment in Naga and other north-east Indian cooking. In the film - a group of girlfriends in Delhi all belonging to north-eastern states gather up to cook a flavorful traditional pork stew for one of them, soon-to-be-bride. Terrorized by their landlady and with their boyfriends utterly useless as help, the group's already disorganized plans go further awry. As they cook the neighbors complain about its (unfamiliar and) powerful smell. With the cultural difference, their 'immigrant' status in the unfriendly city, is food and love enough to save the day?

## Italian - Tuesday 16 March, 8:00 pm:

### • VOLEVO NASCONDERMI (Hidden Away)

Italy, 2020, Dir. Giorgio Diritti w/ Elio Germano, Oliver Ewy, Leonardo Carozzo, and others, Biography-Drama, 120 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR Antonio is expelled from Switzerland to Italy against his will. For years he lives in poverty in the Po floodplains, but he never gives up his passion for drawing. The story of Antonio Ligabue, a revolutionary loner in modern art.

## Interesting - Wednesday 17 March, 8:00 pm:

### • ASK DR RUTH

USA, 2019, Dir. Ryan White w/ Susan Brown, Jonathan Capehart, Ari Einleger, and others, Documentary-Biography, 100mins, English, Rated: NR (PG) This film portrait chronicling the incredible life of Dr. Ruth Westheimer, a Holocaust survivor who became America's most famous sex therapist. As her 93rd birthday approaches, Dr. Ruth revisits her painful past and her career at the forefront of the sexual revolution.

## French - Thursday 18 March, 8:00 pm:

### • J'ACCUSE (An officer and a spy)

France-Italy, 2019, Dir. Roman Polanski w/ Jean Dujardin, Louis Carrel, Emmanuelle Seigner and others, History-Drama, 132 mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated PG In 1894, young and promising French Captain Alfred Dreyfus is wrongfully convicted for spying for Germany, and is sentenced to life imprisonment at Devil's Island. Among the witnesses to his humiliation is Georges Picquart, who is promoted to run the military counter-intelligence unit that tracked him down. But when Picquart discovers that secrets are still being handed over to the Germans, he gets pulled into a dangerous labyrinth of deceit and corruption threatening both his honor and his life. *Winner of 3 "Cesars" (equivalent to "Oscar") this is a MUST see!*

## International - Saturday, 20 March, 8:00 pm:

### • RADIUM GIRLS

USA, 2018-2020, Dir. Lydia Dean Pilcher & Ginny Mohler w/ Joey King, Abby Quinn, Cara Seymour, and others, Drama-History, 102mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G) This film shines a light on a rarely discussed chapter of labor history. Based on the true story of a group of young female factory workers who began developing mysterious, devastating illnesses. In the early 20th century, women worked at the U.S. Radium Factory. Radium then touted as the molten sun, were used by these women to for painting glow in the dark watches, with serious consequences. This is a story of grit and courage by the women who fought for their rights.

## Children's Matinee - Sunday, 21 March, 4:30 pm:

### • ROALD & BEATRIX: THE TAIL OF THE CURIOUS MOUSE

UK, Dir: David Kerr, w/ Dawn French, Bill Bailey, Rob Brydon and others, Comedy, 89mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG Follows the story of when a 6-year-old Roald Dahl meets his idol, Beatrix Potter.

## LUIS BUNUEL FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club Sunday 21 March, 8:00 pm:

### • BELLE DE JOUR

France, 1967, Dir. Luis Bunuel w/Catherine Deneuve, Jean Dorel, Michel Piccoli, and others, Drama, 100 mins, French w/English Subtitles, Rated: R. Severine is a beautiful young woman married to a doctor. She loves her husband dearly but cannot bring herself to be physically intimate with him. She indulges instead in vivid, kinky, erotic fantasies to entertain her sexual desires. Eventually she becomes a prostitute, working in a brothel in the afternoons while remaining chaste in her marriage.

**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.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in). **We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.**

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group