

News and Notes

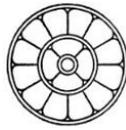
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Flower Tower

Edén Uriel Torne

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



Between Two Immensities

When a studious child goes to school, he strives to understand this vast world – it is full of Unknown – but there is *something to be understood*, and that urge in him to grasp it. It is the fact of Man, his extraordinary fact among all the species. All that takes place after these first seven years of a life is known, sadly known, and buried – ingrained. For the schoolboy of the current body, this extraordinary body of a new universe, for this new-born child of no species or of an unknown species, it is the same thing: day after day he gazes at his “phenomenon”, trying hard to understand, but it is the whole terrestrial Phenomenon that is there, gazing, with an understanding divested of the old Mind – that tool is made obsolete by the newness, if one may say so: it records, observes notes results or effects, but as if from outside, while the Phenomenon unfolds alone like an ocean or a storm. You do not stand above it, master on board, on the deck, you are INSIDE “something”, and, more importantly, you are no longer a little shell of “me” sailing the seas. It is an inexplicable totality sailing forth, but without knowing too well how it sails. Yes, it is like “millions of years” sailing forth – *“I am millions of years old, and I am waiting”*, said Mother – and the object of their long wait is now before them. Then all is full of a sublime “understanding” which can make no sense of it all, but which lives this extraordinary ocean, this terrible ocean – the Greeks had the same word to designate the Marvelous and the Terrible. And it is so true! For once, you are in the True – and only the *body*, this baby of a body, is capable of experiencing, of living this new sort of living Divine. Only in the body is the Divine understood – or recognized.

Then the old recording Mind tries to look and to grasp, as if this “old thing” that had so long been in the night of ages wanted to see the why and the wherefore of all its sorrows, and perhaps tell it, because there are so many sorrows in all these nocturnal little humans that one would like them to be no more – and one realizes that, after all, all those sorrows were a waiting love, a waiting Fire which banged itself here and there, searched for itself through all the wrong paths and all the right ones (and the right paths are no better than the wrong ones – they imprison you more tightly). You understand the Paradox of Darkness absolutely. You understand that it was to reach this Divine in a body, in this very Prison. If we had touched it too early, we would have escaped from this black chrysalis, like the butterfly, to leave the earth’s blackness forever behind, and those slow senseless species to their senseless Fate. This “old thing” had to touch its own Divinity in this old body of the earth: the Goal of the millions of years. There had to be a Divine *Earth* – heaven has always been celestial.

Once again, the body’s eyes gaze at their Phenomenon, with their love for all those sorrows which it understands infinitely.

Thus there was this old being, who had banged himself here and there, had burned a lot, who looked on his mountain of piled-up polyps with such a terrible and desperate Call, as if at the end of his fire and his life’s wick, and then this Density of Substance began rising from beneath irresistibly, as if from the depths of the earth, from an immense black lair beneath his feet. Slowly, slowly, painfully, this heavy Fire, as it were, rose through the body, hammered it, until it came through the other end and emerged into that other dense immensity, denser and denser as it rose, irresistibly too, as if sucked up by “something” that might be its Source of fire, its own likeness, its own Sun – for days after days. Then this interminable, inexhaustible flow of dense Substance turned around (without your knowing why – although, yes, you know why, but only later), came back down into this sort of bodily “pipe”, and started hammering the other end, beneath the feet, that lair it had come out of. So in a cross section (but a cross section on the scale of the earth), this pipe might be viewed as going through a sort of refractory milieu between two Immensities.

This in-between is ourselves, it is the Earth.

It is what we call “Matter”.

The soil of our millions of years.

And it has all the hardness of our millions of years of piled-up habits, like the polyps on top of each other – it is all that we know immemorially. Yet there is another Memory in that, which pushed and pulled and pushed, like a thirst never quenched, never released from its desert – an inexorable Desire of... of joy and love and fullness at last, of vastness in this inexorable carapace.

(to be continued next week)

– Satprem, *The Tragedy of the Earth* - from Sophocles to Sri Aurobindo, *The Victory Over Matter*



At every moment, in all that you think, all that you feel and all that you do, you try as perfectly as possible, as completely as possible, to put yourself in harmony with the highest ideal or, if you are conscious of it, with the truth of your being - then you have reached true sincerity.



– The Mother

CWM, Vol. 4, Questions and Answers, p.17

A. Jothi



With heavy heart, we inform the community that A. Jothi, Aurovilan, passed away at JIPMER hospital on the 28th of May at 4.45 PM. Jothi joined Auroville in 2005 after marrying Ganesh. A happy spirit, she worked at Farm Fresh for 5 years, then at PTDC for 5 years and the past one and a half years at Sunship. Since 2018 she had been suffering from an auto-immune disease. Two weeks ago, she contracted Covid-19 and was admitted to JIPMER. Her body was cremated on the 29th afternoon in Karuvadikuppam.

Our condolences go out to her husband Ganesh, her daughter Sagarika, and her son Avinesh.

Thank you for being with us. –OM–

Covid Updates

Covid Bulletin 29th May - The Tamil Nadu government has extended the full lockdown for another week, **until 6 AM on 7th June**, as per a government press release. Please note that with the aim of meeting the needs of the public, the sale of mobile vegetables/fruits will continue to take place in all the districts through the relevant departments. In addition, groceries are allowed to be sold in residential areas by vehicles or push-carts by grocery stores in the respective areas, to residential areas and to deliver items requested by the customer online and by phone from 7AM - 6 PM.

PTDC has organized a basket service for PTDC members and has communicated the process through emails to its mailing list. Farm Group/FoodLink also offers a basket service, so please contact them for more information. In addition, MGEcoduties is offering delivery of its products - they will post a separate announcement on AuroNet and in the News and Notes. Also, many eateries are offering food for takeaway and delivery. We have been informed by HERS that they are ready to organize home delivery. Requests can be sent via Whatsapp to either 75985 53406 or 94860 09555 or via email to hers@auroville.org.in. Please indicate in your requests your name, financial service account number, community and your contact phone number so that HERS can coordinate with you for the delivery.

Auroville case update as of 26.5.21

In response to requests we have received, we would like to share an update about Covid positive cases in Auroville.

Since March 2021 there have been a total of 86 positive cases. Out of those, 63 have recovered, 21 are currently active and there have been 2 deaths due to Covid-related complications. Out of the 21 currently active cases, 6 are asymptomatic and 15 have symptoms to some degree, requiring medical monitoring and treatment as decided between a doctor and the patient.

We will try to post a weekly update about cases but we will not be posting new bulletins for every new case so please check the quarantine list (updated daily) regularly. Link to the quarantine sheet - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l1KpSMkGg30fBH3-Fdzgcu-pSjbmGQPQ/view?usp=sharing>

Per WHO website & cross checked with mygov.in & CDC website). **The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:** fever, dry cough, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion, conjunctivitis (also known as red eye), sore throat, headache, muscle or joint pain, different types of skin rash, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, chills or dizziness. **Additional symptoms may include:** irritability, confusion, brain fog, anxiety, depression, sleep disorders. **Symptoms of severe COVID-19 include:** shortness of breath, loss of appetite, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, high temperature (above 38 °C).

If you are experiencing these symptoms [*Ed. Note: of course, MANY of these symptoms can be completely non-Covid-related*], please isolate yourself and call Sante or the Health Center during normal working hours for a tele-consultation with a doctor, and follow his/her advice for testing and/or treatment.

If a Covid test is advised and prescribed by a doctor, the Sante Coordination team should be contacted (santecoordination@auroville.org.in) to organize the test through a private lab that will collect the sample in Auroville. Aurovilians and Newcomers can have their tests reimbursed by BCC if needed and on request, up to an amount of INR 1600, if they are being tested due to symptoms or as primary contacts of someone who tested positive, as advised by the coordination team. Testing for travel is not reimbursed.

Please continue to respect all precautions to reduce the spread of the virus in and around Auroville: wear masks in all public places and when in proximity to others, maintain a physical distance of at least 2 m, and wash or sanitize hands frequently. Thank you for your patience and support in these challenging times!

-The Working Committee & Sante Coordination Team

Update on Vaccinations

In response to the many emails we have received sharing experiences of trying to get vaccinated and asking for clarifications, we would like to share the following:

- It seems it is no longer possible for Tamil Nadu residents below the age of 45 to be vaccinated in Pondicherry centers. Even if you have registered and received an appointment online, if you don't have proof of residency in Pondicherry and you are below the age of 45, when you go to the vaccination site you will most likely be turned away.
- The closest vaccination points in Tamil Nadu are in Vanur and in Kilianur for 45+ only. Those between 18 and 45 will have to wait until the TN government changes the current age threshold. For our elderly and those who need special care, please contact santecoordination@auroville.org.in for help with logistics such as transport and registration.
- Please note that we have just been informed by the BMO that there is currently a shortage of vaccine in Tamil Nadu that may last until at least the 7th of June.
- In both Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, the waiting time for the 2nd vaccination is around 3 months.
- The local health authorities are organizing camps in the neighboring villages on a regular basis and we are in discussion with them to plan camps in locations that are easily accessible and with enough advance notice that the community can be informed.
- Please be aware that, if you are intending to travel, it is advised that you check that the vaccine you receive here is approved by the country to which you will be traveling.

As we have said before, we realise that there are different points of view about whether or not to get the vaccines and we respect the right to have those different views. Therefore, this is a personal choice that each individual makes, hopefully after having informed themselves of pros and cons, and making a conscious decision one way or another.

- Sante Coordination Team and the Working Committee

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Announcing the New Secretary of the Auroville Foundation

We are pleased to confirm the news about the appointment of a new Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. The official notification was finally received by the Auroville Foundation yesterday evening.

IAS officer Dr. Jayanti Ravi, currently serving as Principal Secretary in the Gujarat Health & Family & Welfare Department, has been appointed as Secretary of the Auroville Foundation for a period of 3 years from the date of assumption of the post. Dr. Ravi is a native of Chennai and holds a PhD in e-governance from Harvard University and an M.Sc in Nuclear Physics among other qualifications. She has visited Auroville in a personal capacity on several occasions and had worked with Kireet Joshi, who also mentored her in researching the works and philosophies of Sri Aurobindo.

The Foundation Office will inform us when she is expected to take up her post.

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

Updated Temporary Emergency Maintenance Guidelines - June 2021

A year ago, in May 2020, the BCC & FAMC created "Temporary Emergency Maintenances" for those Aurovilians working in activities, units or services who were no longer able to receive a maintenance from their unit or service due to the Covid-19 emergency, and were in need. In the present situation, we see the need to increase the availability of this temporary support.

As of June 2021, **Temporary Emergency Maintenances will continue to be available** to those Aurovilians already working in Auroville activities, units or services who have insufficient funds to provide them with a maintenance, and will now also be available to any Aurovillian who chooses to volunteer at an existing activity, unit or service that has insufficient funds to support them with a maintenance, and who is in financial difficulty. While we are happy to be able to consider extending this possible

support, we can only do so for those who are truly in need at this time given the on-going economic challenges.

Here are the updated, June 2021 Guidelines for Temporary Emergency Maintenances:

1. Any Aurovilian working or volunteering in an Auroville unit, activity or service and in need of financial support is eligible for a Temporary Emergency Maintenance.2
2. Temporary Emergency Maintenance amounts & allocations (cash, kind, etc.) will be the same as the existing City Services FT & HT maintenance, given according to the hours of service of the individual (36 hrs.wk for full time, 18 hrs/wk for half time, as per existing City Services Maintenance guide-lines). A Care Package (quarter maintenance equivalent) can be given for quarter time commitments.
3. Temporary Emergency Maintenances are allocated for up to 3 months at a time.
4. Aurovilians receiving a TEM who are not already engaged long-term in an Auroville unit, activity or service are requested to register with the HR Hub (hr_hub@auroville.org.in) for longer-term work opportunities.

Application Process:

- Individuals send their request directly to BCC care (bcc.care@auroville.org.in), sharing the place, type, and hours of service. The HR Hub can be contacted for support in finding places of service: hr_hub@auroville.org.in/<https://www.hriauroville.org>
- Managers/executives of the activity, unit or service contact BCC care to confirm the place, type, and hours of service of the Aurovilian and that they are unable to support them directly. (In case the applicant is the manager of the activity, the executives are asked to endorse the application, and in case they are the executive of a unit, the Trustees are asked to do so).
- The BCC will review all requests case-by-case and inform the individuals and their place of work of the amount and time period of Temporary Emergency Maintenance allocated.

Review:

- All TEMs will be reviewed after 3 months.
- If individuals receiving a TEM end their commitment beforehand, or change their place of work, they and the manager/executive of the place of work are requested to inform BCC

We remind all that **Bridging Maintenances remain available** for those eligible. See below the current guidelines:

Bridging Maintenance: A bridging maintenance provides a support to Aurovilians who are temporarily out of work. The conditions are:

- (a) An Aurovilian requesting a bridging maintenance should have already worked for a minimum of three years in Auroville.
- (b) A bridging maintenance may be allocated for up to 3 months at a time.
- (c) Normally, a bridging maintenance may not be granted more than one time in a year.
- (d) The monthly bridging maintenance may not exceed the last maintenance provided to the Aurovilian.
- (e) If the Aurovilian was working in a unit and leaves voluntarily, he/she is not eligible for a bridging maintenance, except in exceptional cases.
- (f) In case of the demise of an Aurovilian who was financially supporting a partner or kin, a bridging maintenance will be provided for a maximum of 3 months.

Let us continue to support each other in participating in The Mother's Dream. With care,
-Your BCC (Danny, Enrica, Hans, Inge, Mahi, Rathinam, Suryamay)

From the FAMC re: Solar Kitchen

We have received a letter from several Aurovilians who have been serving at Solar Kitchen for many, many years. We are aware that the letter had been posted on the AuroNet as well.

We want to let you know that we are having the concerns expressed by the team looked into. We will follow up with you as soon as it is practically possible. Thank you for your patience.

- FAMC (Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan)



From the RAS: - Land Board Selection Committee

The outcome of the selection process for the four community members and one outgoing Land Board member for the Land Board Selection Committee is as follows:

The community-at-large members who will join the four already chosen representatives from the Auroville Council, Working Committee, FAMC and ATDC are:

1. Angad (Kottakarai)
2. Tejaswini (Prarthna)
3. Tine (Aurogreen)
4. Tomas (Annapurna)

Banu, Mango Garden is the one outgoing Land Board member chosen to join the LBSC:

The four Working Group members (previously) chosen are:

1. Saravanan (ATDC)
2. Shiva (Auroville Council)
3. Ranjith Kumar (FAMC)
4. Srimoyi (Working Committee)

These 9 will select the new Land Board following the process delineated here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ymgbWzCMt7XX0hNRnxhr6zsPEXPfprs/view>.

Land Board Selection Process 2021

As you may be aware, the term of service for 4 members of the Land Board came to an end in May 2021. Additionally, 2 individuals left the Land Board before their term was over. Two of the outgoing members have offered to serve for another term and will nominate themselves as candidates. In total there is a need to select 5 new members, along with 2 standby members.

The Residents' Assembly Service will circulate a call for nominations/self-nominations on Saturday, June 5th, and then, after 3 weeks, will invite feedback from the community on nominees.

See above for the details of this year's Land Board Selection Committee. The LBSC will do their best to identify people in the community with the required skills to serve in the Land Board, especially in areas of negotiation, communication & administration; by invitation and conducting interviews with them. The 5 newly selected members' names (and standby members) will be published for feedback from the community, and the feedback will be reviewed by the Auroville Council, the FAMC, the Working Committee and finally by the the Land Board Selection Committee (LBSC).

The final outcome will be announced to the community by the Auroville Council and the Working Committee after due process for the received feedback, along with a complete report on how the process unfolded.

- Warm regards, The Auroville Council

Working Committee Report - March 2nd to May 16th 2021

The last few months have been a time of adjustment as the members of the newly formed Working Committee get to know each other and settle into the work and its related intensities and complexities, while at the same time discovering how and where to apply each of their strengths and function as a team in spite of the diverse personalities in the group. Some of the topics that have been addressed since our last report:

1. Functioning of the Working Committee

- Once the new group started functioning, meetings were held with members of Entry Board, Internal Complaints Committee, Auroville Child Protection, Name Protection Group, PR (VIP reception), Residents' Assembly Service.
- In addition, regular meetings are held with Land Board, FAMC, Auroville Council, Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Security Service, ATDC in which various joint topics are discussed. Two topics that have been initiated by the Council and that the Working Committee have been invited to participate in are the Land Board Selection Process and a review of the RA decision making process.
- Our regular internal meeting times continue to be Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 to 1, although currently these meetings are being held online only.

2. Auroville Foundation

- The appointment of the Chairman and members of the next Governing Board is still awaited.
- The appointment of new members of the International Advisory Council is still awaited.
- The appointment of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation is still awaited.
- The response of the Working Committee to the meeting minutes of the 56th meeting of the Governing Board (held online on November 7th, 2020) was sent to the Acting Secretary on 7th April 2021.

3. Covid situation

- Members of the Working Committee are interacting regularly with the Sante Coordination Team, which includes members of the now dissolved Covid Task Force, and with Sante Core Group and Ambulance Team to coordinate together Auroville's response to the recent increase in cases and in the number of residents who are unwell due to the virus.
- We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to all of the above for stepping up selflessly and for the sake of our community's health and wellbeing.
- Efforts are being made to make Sharanam (Bharat Nivas campus) a central facility to receive residents who have tested positive and have moderate to more severe symptoms and may require oxygen and round the clock medical monitoring. We are awaiting approval from the Bharat Nivas trustees with terms that are acceptable to all.
- Please be alert to the regular Covid bulletins that are being posted to share updates regarding government restrictions and other important information.

4. NESS

- Last year some complaints were received by the Working Committee from teachers and students of NESS regarding the firing of a teacher by the Principal and other issues. The trustees were asked by us to look into the complaints.
- It was decided to form a Task Force to do a review of all the complaints and the functioning of the school. The members of this Task Force were Devi Namasavayam, Nikethna and A. Satish.
- After a thorough review process was carried out a report was generated by the Task Force and shared with the trustees and the Working Committee.
- In the meantime, 2 trustees have resigned and there is an urgent need to appoint new ones as there are only 2 remaining.
- The Working Committee has decided to appoint 4 new trustees now who have been suggested by the existing trustees and are willing to serve, and another 1 to 2 will be selected from those who have offered themselves for this role. Selection criteria have been formulated by the Task Force and a small subgroup of 2 WCom members, 1 TF member and 1 community at large member is being formed for this.

5. African Pavilion appeal process

- The managers of the African Pavilion have filed an appeal against the decision of the Auroville Council to remove them as managers.
- According to the Auroville Appeal Policy (ratified by the Residents Assembly January, 30th 2017), appeals are handled by the Auroville Council. However, since in this case the appeal is against the Council, the WCom coordinates the process.
- Three Aurovilians from the list of arbiters have agreed to form the appeal body that will take up this case.

6. **GOI grant:** We have not received any information regarding allocation or disbursement for the 2021-2022 financial year.

7. Reminders re Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)

- All work places of Auroville have to comply with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 (POSH Act). In accordance with this Act, on the 24th of October, 2015, the Working Committee appointed the Auroville ICC. Current members are Anbu, Angela, Bunty, Elisa, Lakshmi V, Peter K, Thera and Dr. Vidyaramkumar.
- Further, since 2016 there has been an Auroville Policy on Prevention of Sexual Harassment which follows the POSH

Act and extends the application of it to any gender and to more places within Auroville.

- The ICC therefore considers any and all issues of sexual harassment that involve a resident of Auroville, a newcomer, a friend of Auroville, a volunteer in Auroville, a student of Auroville, a guest of Auroville as well as a person employed by or working for an Auroville trust, an Auroville unit, an Auroville service, any other Auroville legal entity, or individual residing in Auroville.
- Executives of an Auroville Unit should reach out to the Auroville ICC if they receive a complaint of sexual harassment at their workplace or under their supervision and communicate to the concerned individuals about the ICC's existence and process, including how to register a complaint, unless the executives of the unit/work place have formed their own internal ICC and informed the Working Committee about the members of their constituted ICC.
- The POSH Act and the Auroville policy can be found at this [link](#). Posters in English and Tamil have been created by the ICC that give details of the rights of employees in this matter. If you are the manager of a work place in Auroville and do not have these posters displayed in a prominent place, please contact the ICC (icc@auroville.org.in).

8. Aurovilians Confirmed date

- Encouraged to do so by feedback from concerned residents and the Entry Board/Service, we have revisited our previous interpretation and conclusion regarding when someone is considered to be 'Aurovilian'.
- We agree that the final decision of who is accepted as 'Aurovilian' should stay with the Residents' Assembly.
- Therefore, we have written to: the Residents' Assembly Service that those who have been announced as Confirmed Aurovilian by the Entry Board are eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes along with those who have been entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Secretary's Office; the Matrimandir that Confirmed Aurovilians can have access there in the same way as all other residents; the Residents' Service that Confirmed Aurovilians be entered into the Master List with the date of confirmation by the Entry Board as the Aurovilian date.

9. Proposal for improving relationships with neighboring villages

- A Working Committee member (Partha) is collaborating with another Aurovilian (Sanjeev A) to try to work on improving Auroville's relationships with its neighbors.
- There is a proposal to find practical ways of having good and fraternal relations with the villages that surround Auroville.
- Auroville has done a lot of welfare work for the villages in terms of giving employment, education, skill development, health care and implemented many government schemes related to women welfare. However, more attention is needed in building healthy and collaborative relationships with the village leaders and elders in order to reduce the instances of misunderstandings that can flare into conflict. The idea is to create an atmosphere where Auroville and the villages that surround it work in a complementary relationship.
- If you are interested by this program and are also in a position to contribute to the success of it because of personality, contacts in the villages, etc, please contact Partha or Sanjeev directly.

10. Labor Issues

- A resource pool of individuals who can address labor disputes is being created jointly with the FAMC.
- We advise anyone considering hiring a new employee, whether as a household worker, gardener or in a unit/service, to ask for past employment history and to get feedback about performance at work from past employers.

11. VIP reception team

- Although the number of VIP visitors has not been high this year due to the pandemic, it has been decided to add some diversity to the current team so Shanthi Gastmans will join Bunty and Eric A (in collaboration with Matrimandir Access Team as well as Sanjay and Shiva from Matrimandir) in this work.

- There will be a six-month orientation and trial period after which the situation will be reviewed.
12. **Sri Aurobindo's 150th Year:** As previously announced, a core team has been appointed and has started functioning. They will keep the community updated as things develop.
13. **Clarification regarding violence:** In our last report we informed the community about the arrest of an Aurovilian for violence against another Aurovilian. We expressed our disappointment in the action of going to the police when internal processes were ongoing and steps being taken to try and address the safety of all involved. We acknowledge that this criticism may have felt unfair and one-sided since similar criticism was not explicitly expressed towards the individual who perpetrated the violence. We do encourage everyone to sincerely and completely exhaust all internal possibilities for conflict resolution before going to external authorities. At the same time, we would like to state clearly that we do not condone violence of any kind in Auroville and we are disappointed by the number of instances of misunderstandings and miscommunications that become conflicts that too often involve either verbal or physical violence.
14. **New DIG, Mr. M. Pandian**
- Mr. M. Pandian was appointed as the new Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police for Villupuram, Cuddalore and Kalakurichi districts in February 2021.
 - A courtesy call was made to him by a delegation consisting of a member of the Working Committee, Security Service and the Land Board with Mr. Balamurugan, liaison officer, in April.
15. Follow up of various topics & issues continues with local, district & state level authorities.

Update from the Entry Board

We would like to give an update on the situation of the Entry Service regarding new applications.

After the first lockdown in March 2020, the Entry Service has been following up with the process of applicants & newcomers who had already started their process, and potential applicants who approached the Entry Service before the lockdown. Since June 2020, 111 Newcomers have been confirmed as Aurovilians and 49 new applicants were processed to start their Newcomer process. Altogether there are presently 116 Newcomers in the process. The Entry Service has been engaged in following up with all the above, including some challenging cases, as well as reviewing the situation of those who left Auroville due to the pandemic or who had to discontinue their process for diverse reasons. This is to say that the Entry Service is fully engaged in discharging their duties and responsibilities during the entire lockdown period either virtually or physically or both.

We have also been dealing with individuals applying for other statuses like Children of Auroville, Friends of Auroville, Returning Aurovilians, Spouses/Partners of Aurovilians and other people who were staying and working in Auroville. The Entry Service has been continuously receiving people on appointments.

Since February 2021, the Entry Service has been reviewing the situation of the people who approached the Entry Service after June 2020. There still is a long pending list (about 150 people). We have been facing many issues with Newcomers who can't find a place of work corresponding to their aspirations or skills, Newcomers who are not able to sustain themselves financially and/or can't find an adequate long-term housing solution. There are also concerns about the diversity of the population able to come to Auroville in the present situation.

The Entry Board had a series of meetings with other concerned groups: the Working Committee, Auroville Council, the Housing Service/Board, FAMC, BCC, TDC, and we are looking together at how to move forward on these roadblocks. We thank you for your patience, trust and support.

-Warmly, The Entry Board

Housing Board Report March & April 2021

7 HB Members are present during this period: Anbu (L'avenir), Prabhu (Community), Rama Narayana (Entry Board), Savithri (Housing), Venkatesh (Housing), Vivek (Community), Xavier (Community). The quorum is fixed at 5 members.

Meetings: In person every Wednesday at the Town Hall Meeting Room /or virtual via Google Meet. There were no meetings on 31/03/21 & 14/04/21 due to the lack of a quorum.

Visits with the Housing Board:

- Mousumi 03/03/21
- B. Kavery Subramanian Accountant 03/03/21
- Alexey for Repairs section 03/03/21, 10/03/21
- Sundar for Housing Service 10/03/21
- Markus, Petit Ferme, 17/03/21
- Angelo for FAMC 10/03/21, 24/03/21 & 28/04/21

New Housing Mandate: Due to the length of time it has taken for the new Housing Mandate to be approved, the members Vivek, Xavier & Prabhu stated that they intended to resign their membership if there was no progress in the approval process. An email was sent to FAMC & AVC and a message placed on Auronet stating that the Board would only be operating at a minimal level for this period.

Mousumi, Serenity: Mousumi met with the Board to notify them that she wanted to apply for a refund for her house in Serenity. She was advised that this may only be possible if she relinquishes her status as an Aurovilian, and that she should see with the FAMC & Working Committee to find out if it could be possible in her case.

Arati resident's query: Some residents of Arati wrote to query the allocation of what they understood to be a caretaker apartment. Checks made by Housing Service showed that the asset in question was not a caretaker apartment and had been transferred correctly.

Divya, Kalabumi: Divya requested that the Housing Service pay for a new Aurinoco internet line to her house, as the BSNL line had been broken a number of times due to repairs by the Road Service. She was advised that Housing does not pay for infrastructure such as this.

Jose Luis & Arlet's house, Petit Ferme: Checks showed that repairs would be necessary to the electrical system at the house in Petit Ferme prior to the completion of the transfer of the house to the new stewards.

Kriya, mesh replacement - Housing Board approved replacement of the plastic mesh at Kriya, some of which is wearing out.

Ex- Sundaramurthy's House, Auromodele: The house at Auromodele will be split into 2 separate living spaces, one for a family and one for a single or a couple. A new kitchen will be installed. After visits from FAMC, Housing Board and Housing Service it was decided that the house will be maintained by Housing Service and used for housesitting. The house will not be put for transfer for the time being.

Manikam, Acceptance: Urgent roof repair - the work was approved as it is an emergency and Mainkam was requested to make some contribution if possible.

FAMC Presence at HB meeting: Angelo & Kalya will attend the HB meetings for FAMC every 2 weeks.

Policy on Housing Grants: It was agreed that there should be a full policy for the allocation of housing & repair grants, rather than the current set of guidelines. The assistance of FAMC was sought in this regard.

Newcomer House repairs, Djaima: Repair work on the Newcomer house in Djaima was approved.

Internet Connection for Celebration: The Housing Service sought out a quote from Aurinoco for the installation of a fibre optic line at Celebration volunteer housing, at a cost of Rs. 38,730. The Board decided not to proceed with this at this time as it is not a priority.

Sangamam sub-group: The Housing Service will look at creating a new sub-group to advise/assist the Sangamam Community as many members of the old sub-group have left Housing Service/Board.

Xavier's Housing Board membership: Xavier completed his term with Housing Board, and after an extension due to the new Housing Mandate implementation, he resigned on 12th April. The Housing Board extended their thanks for his service and input during his time on the Board.

Celebration soak pit: It was agreed to go ahead with the repairs to the soak pit at Celebration at a cost of Rs. 9500.

Mukti New Fence: The addition of a concrete slab fence on one side of the Mukti complex has helped stop intrusion and encroachment on one side of the new complex, however now the other side needs to be fixed in the same way. It was agreed to go ahead, first seeking the assistance of the Land Board in this matter.

Subbu, Associate of Auroville: Subbu requested that he be allowed to apply for bridging housing, as he has been unable to secure a house sitting. He has the status of Associate of Auroville. The request was declined as there is a shortage of such houses for Aurovilians and Newcomers.

Sriman & Gopa Fraternal Contribution: Sriman and Gopa requested that their Fraternal Contribution be reduced from 9% to 5% as the high cost of the asset meant that the FC calculation was in turn very high. The request was refused as this contribution is paid by all Aurovilians upon taking their first stewardship.

Helga, Invocation: Helga requested that her friend Rosa use her apartment in Inspiration as a workshop instead of it being given for a house sitting, when she is not living there. This was refused as the asset is for residential purposes only.

Loan requests: - all approved and those over Rs. 50,000 were recommended to the Loan Group.

- Adele, Petit Ferme 1.47 Lakh
- Saroja, Protection 1 lakh
- Ganesh, Protection 5 lakh
- Arumugham, Kalabhumi 1,06,500 rs
- Vinai , Petit Ferme 15,000 rs

- The Housing Board), housingboard@auroville.org.in

Anbu (L'avenir), Prabhu (Community), Rama Narayana (Entry), Savithri (Housing), Venkatesh (Housing), Vivek (Community)



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Town
Development
Council**

L'avenir & Auroville

Elephants (in the room) - a survey

During our retreat in 2014-15, we recognized the key issues keeping the community's attention divided.

We listed them as 'elephants in the room' and were positive that the community would settle or address them at the earliest. Unfortunately, nothing much happened. We're still facing those "elephants" on a day to day basis, in different forms. We believe these could be the root cause of most of the conflicts and contentions we are facing now, especially in manifesting the town. It is urgent that these issues/needs be addressed collectively if we are to move positively and productively forward.

We have listed the 21 issues - mentioned in the 'Elephants in the room' - to refresh your memory, as well as to understand the community's perspective.

Auroville's physical objectives identified by The Mother

- 1) Establish and sustain a self-supporting City of 50,000 people.
- 2) Provide for everyone's material needs, not according to notions of right and Equality, but on the basis of the most elementary necessities.
- 3) Ensure that everyone contributes in work, kind and/or money.
- 4) Eliminate the exchange of money between Aurovilians.

and Qualification for living in Auroville as per the Charter:

"To live in Auroville, one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness."

This survey might take a few minutes. But we reckon it's totally worth it for Auroville's sake. Thank you.

Please [click here to fill the form in English](#)

Please [click here to fill the form in Tamil](#)

From the AVC: Invitation to resource people

As you may imagine the Council has a lot on its plate. Sometimes we don't have the time or necessary skills to fulfil all the presented tasks optimally. This is a call to the community for resource people that the Council could call upon when required. If you have skills or an ability that you believe could be useful and if you have the willingness to help please send us a profile or a resume. Sometimes just the willingness to apply oneself or the ability to be sincere is more apt than any previous experience or training. We look forward to discovering the diverse treasure trove of human resources we have here in our beloved Auroville. :)

-With Warmth, The Auroville Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Financial Service is now open every morning 9 - 12.30



We are very happy to announce that we have been blessed with a **baby girl**, *Nizhalini - நிழலினி* born at Nallam Clinic at noon on 26/05/2021.

We thank Paula, Krishna and the Morning Star team for their care, support and help.

With Happiness, Parents: Bala & Sandhiya;
Grandparents: Thillai & Kalai, Courage

To celebrate Werner Stoff's legacy, a retrospective exhibition will be organised in the expo space at Prayatna. The cost will be funded by the disposition of his inventory & personal items that his family cannot transport to Germany. There are especially many good quality German tools available. Ask us for the complete list pdf and [make an appointment](#) for viewing (SOP's of course) on werner.stoff@auroville.org.in



Taxi share - To Bangalore airport, 17th June, leaving Pondi around 2 PM. Uschi - uassel@web.de.

THANK YOU

Dear Auroville Council,
Re: Findhorn Foundation fires

Thank you so much for your message of loving support. On behalf of the Findhorn Foundation community, I am deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and solidarity, which is helping us to be with the grief and loss, even as we are in the process of taking action to turn towards a brighter, bolder, more resilient Findhorn Foundation.

The response to the loss of two of our iconic and well-loved buildings both locally and globally speaks to the aliveness of the essence and core spiritual impulse of this centre of love and light born in and on the land of Scotland. For me the Findhorn spiritual community seeks to bring heaven to earth, spirit into matter, and is an expression of limitless love and truth. The Foundation is one part of the whole with a specific role and function, as is every individual, group and organisation that makes up our whole local and global spiritual community.

So, my message to all of you who make up our beloved community: I see myself - as the lead steward of the Foundation - as a servant to the planetary purpose of our spiritual community working alongside all of us who live and work here and who are out in the world, to bring our planetary purpose into being.

Here in the Foundation we are in a process of making new beginnings, deepening our understanding and articulation of our purpose through personal and spiritual inquiry. This tragic event brings even sharper focus and attention to this process. I invite us all to join this inquiry and see ourselves as one whole with very many diverse parts that together can contribute and work together to bring our planetary purpose into being for the greater good of us all, our world and our planet.

From all of us here at the Findhorn Foundation community, deep gratitude for showing your support at this time.

With Love and Light,

Caroline Matters, Lead Steward, Findhorn Foundation

APPEALS

Looking for helpers for senior care

The Auroville Council together with Matram are doing their best to support seniors with dementia. This is a challenging task for all involved and also for the Auroville community. We are especially grateful to food outlets like PTDC, Solar Kitchen, La Terrace, Le Morgan, Townhall Canteen, HERS, PTPS and all individuals who have extended their support and care. Particularly when elders have no family members living in Auroville, the present lockdown situation brings along additional stress and organizational challenges.

To help manage food supply, errands, and being present when the need arises, we are looking for volunteers (Aurovilians, Newcomers or people who are simply volunteering in Auroville).

Experience with individuals with dementia is a plus, but not necessary. Please contact us if you have some time to spare. mattram@auroville.org.in

For Mattram, Saif (99304 54353 [Whatsapp] or 94892 34298);
For the Council, Shivaya 94896 01312, Enrica 98400 31935

Outreach work in the bioregion?

Hello! Are you doing outreach work for people in the bio region? I am collecting data for AVIUSA so they can better fundraise for Auroville's outreach work. If I have not already contacted your organization, please email me at isa.neogy@gmail.com.
- Thank you, Isa



Safety & Security Team Needs Cell Phones

The AVSST uses old fashioned cell phones (not smartphones) for its daily work. We are constantly repairing them and need to acquire new ones regularly. If you have such a phone lying around unused but in working condition and are willing to offer it, please contact us (0413 2623 400) and pass by our office (next to Gas Service) between 9AM and 12PM. Regards,
- The Auroville Safety & Security Team

WELCOME

Entry Service continues to be closed to the public.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES084 - 5 June 2021

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

- Geetha SELVAM (Indian)
- Giovani PARRILLO (Italian)
- Laure HUYS (Belgian)
- Rajnarayan ANDAGERE (Australian)

NOTE:

- A Newcomer becomes an Aurovilian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming Aurovilian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovilian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.
- A confirmed Aurovilian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF).
- A Resident of Auroville is eligible to become an executive of a Unit or Service of Auroville and to get an ID card issued by the Auroville Foundation.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PTDC - No lunch tiffins available from 31st May - 12th June

It is time for the kitchen team to take a break from their hard work, even if this comes at a very inconvenient moment. The work and responsibility of the kitchen is shouldered by a very small team of 3 Aurovilians and helped by Aurovilians who come to do special dishes on certain days. Thus the workload on the team is very heavy. It had therefore been planned long ago that the team would take a rest in June and that PTDC would use this time to upgrade and repair the kitchen space. One of the works planned was to get the oven repaired!

Well, in the present circumstances we might not get that oven repaired now but the team deserves its break so that it can continue supplying you delicious food with refreshed energies and spirits again. With sincere apologies for any inconvenience that this needed break may cause to those who use this service regularly.

Naturellement Garden Cafe dinners

We are starting this month to keep open for takeaways also in the evenings, between 6-9 pm. Last order at 8.30. Please try to bring your own containers. We will do our best to make home deliveries for the elderly and for those in quarantine. Most welcome!

Tiffin Alternatives

Eateries offering tiffins in the Lunch Scheme, # of new lunches possible and contact information.

Eatery	Possible new lunches	Contact information
Annam	100	8903049770 or annam@auroville.org.in
Aurelec Cafeteria	40	04132622416
Cafe Le Morgan	35	04132622832 or cafele morgan@auroville.org.in
GP Cafe (Athma Thirupiti)	40	9442126230 or avgaje@gmail.com
Neem Tree	50	94877 63394, 98860 00820 neemtree@auroville.org.in
Solitude Farm Cafe	20-25	04132622068, 9843319260
Sustenance Farm	60	04132623463, 9443385663 or avsusten@gmail.com
Visitors Center Cafeteria	45	cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in or 04132622248
La Terrace	20?	0413 262 2665 or laterrace@auroville.org.in

Please contact the eatery of your choice to start your lunch scheme there and then inform us at nutrition@auroville.org.in and copy to bcc.care@auroville.org.in so that we can make sure the Lunch Scheme money goes to the right place.

Sincerely, Tiffin support group

Hemant (WCom), Mahi (BCC), Rathinam (BCC), Srimoyi (WCom)



Citizens' Assembly Report

A pilot Citizens' Assembly was undertaken in Auroville in early 2021 to determine whether & how this tool could increase participation, skill-building and community-building in collective decision-making processes in Auroville. The initiative also aimed to explore the Assembly model's potential for increasing community awareness and education on the issues under consideration, and in producing outcomes that were considered valid for both the community at large & its Working Groups.

This pilot process, on the community-proposed topic of 'A Water Vision for Auroville', was held on alternate weekends during January-March 2021. The pilot showed success in engaging community members that had never, or only rarely, engaged in collective decision-making - and the majority said they would participate in a Citizens' Assembly again if they were selected. Participants found the process to be the most rewarding part of the assembly, and gave significant value to the building of their skills around bias and listening. An overwhelming majority of participants said they would trust a Citizens' Assembly process for dealing with other community issues in future.

The outcomes were not only a Water Vision for Auroville, but accompanying suggestions for its implementation (while educational videos on water in Auroville produced for the Assembly are now publicly available as an educational resource). In final feedback sessions, the community at large, water players and Working Groups were all positive about the model's potential as a collective decision-making tool for Auroville. They supported the pilot's outcomes, yet were concerned that these might not be implemented due to lack of sustained community effort. The organising team is now focusing on follow-up and implementation of the pilot's outcomes, and is also exploring topics for another pilot assembly which would have predefined implementation pathways. Learn more in our report published on Auronet.

- The Auroville Citizens' Assembly Exploration team
Aditi, Alan, Anshul, David, Helen, Kathy, Lesley, Martin, Praveen, Nikethana, Suryamayi

Hemplanet is offering doorstep delivery

Hemp seeds or flour 250g, hemp hearts 150g, hemp pasta (reg & gluten free) 350g, hemp pesto 100g & hemp seed oil 125ml. Also have hemp soap & shampoo 75g, hemp body butter 100g. info@hemplanet.in to order with your name, community, & phone #.

The AKSHAYA farm Kitchen (Sustenance Farm) is happy to welcome lunch booking from 1st June onwards

Currently our south Indian lunch meal menu:

- Red Rice / White Rice.
- Karakuzhambu/ sambar
- Two types of vegetables curry/ Kootu/poriyal w/pulses
- rasam, buttermilk & sweets

But with sufficient meal booking, we will be happy to present varied menu as mentioned below.

Rice section: Various types of pulav, e.g. channa, potato, green peas, curd, lemon, coconut, or tamarind rice, veg mix biryani.

Curry section : channa masala , potato masala, green peas & capsicum masala, brinjal tomato curry , fresh coconut curry

Dhal section: moong dhal curry, fried moong dhal, spinach , channa , massor dhal, ,whole moong dhal

Dry Vegetables section: fried pumpkin w/ coconut , green papaya w/ peanuts, cucumber mango coconut, lauki masala, snake gourd w/ whole moong dhal, raw banana , banana stem with cowpeas, bitter gourd with potato , beet root with peanut .

For booking: avsusten@gmail.com or call 9443385663

Aurocabs can help

Don't get panic for your upcoming travel to the airport or for any emergency travel during the lockdown. We are happy to help you to fulfil your necessary travel needs without any hassle during the lockdown. We can advise re: the best way to travel during this period and provide a safe journey. We can manage your Travel E-passes, as well as arrange the appointments for the RT-PCR tests at your doorstep. Contact: Raju, Aurocabs Taxi, 9443074825 /9843734825 or WhatsApp: +91 9443074825

HEALTH

Integral Health Prayatna, central building, 1st floor

Homeopathy is an alternative medicine, enhancing life force and immunity, with a 200 year history. Constitutional homeopathic prescription strengthens the individual in his or her self-healing, and supports a person in acute and chronic dis-eases in an effective way. Those who have benefited in the past years from a constitutional prescription are welcome to get in touch with us,

The Homoeopathic First Aid kits for home and travel, with 32 remedies and small leaflet in Tamil, English, French, German and now also in Spanish are available with us.

Okoubaka, PC Allergy , PC Diabetes, PC Shock are freely available in the remedy box, and 80 more "information remedies" are available on request. In a short Zoom session on **7 June, 6 PM**, we will give information to all interested.

Integralhealth@auroville.org.in. 0413 2623669 mornings 9- 12.30

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a new blogger!

As you might know, auroville.com houses not only [the Auroville Online Store](http://theAurovilleOnlineStore.com) but also our new(ish) blog, The Auroville Adventure (<https://adventure.auroville.com>). The Auroville Adventure was created to fill an online information gap about the reality of living in Auroville, our celebrations & challenges. We've posted ~2 blogs /wk since the launch last Nov, with most of our content based on interviews with Aurovilians.

We are looking for a new team member to help populate the blog! In time, we hope this person can take over the full creative process for the Adventure, meaning content creation, editing, and making sure the blog is accurate and in the spirit of Auroville. For now, the team will still function with our in-house editor, Henrike, working in the background to support on these aspects. Preferred capacities include:

- Ability to function in a team but able to be self-directed;
- Good English language skills;
- A good grasp of text, ability to write in an engaging way;
- An understanding of and love for Auroville, combined with a critical gaze;
- A sense of aesthetics and ethics as they apply to online content.

We can offer a half-time or full-time position, maintenance included. If you are interested, please reach out to Henrike at connect@auroville.com to discuss what fits you and us best.

LOOKING FOR

A place to stay - Carmen, Aurovilian is looking for a safe, peaceful, kind environment in Auroville. A room with the basic requirements is OK. Contribution possible. 85310 17772. Thanks!

Long term/permanent housing - pascalg758@gmail.com or WhatsApp +91 786 700 20 93. Thanks. Pascal (Aurovilian)

White Granite Slabs - We are looking for white granite slabs that are no more than 3 inches (preferably ~2 in.) thick for some construction in the Japanese Garden at Botanical Gardens. We need about 3 x 3 meters worth. If you have any available or know some construction site which may have leftovers (but good larger pieces, not very small broken ones) then we would be interested to see them (when it's possible!). We can pay for this, but are looking to pay less than granite shop price if possible, as funds are limited. Contact Noel at earthlyyoga@hotmail.com if you have anything to offer - granite or ideas... Thank you and best wishes.

Carpentry workspace - We want to build furniture (tables & shelves) using reclaimed wood & recycled plastic. We have the raw materials but no place to assemble them. The workshop may have workbenches, clamps & vises, basic tools, power tools, etc. We can contribute for maintenance, and more if required. Please reach out to Ricky: 96325 51408 or Rishi: 934 214 2480.

AVAILABLE

RE Thunderbird 350cc, 2016, comes with registration papers & updated insurance. Ricky: 96325-51408



We remind you radio studio is closed due to Covid restrictions, but we still produce some programs. Stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). [Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts:

[Soul Tracks - The Mayfly Sessions, ep.4 "Paul Weller Retrospective"](#) (Music)

[Suryamayi's PhD on Auroville - Ch.7 "Auroville's Communal Economy: Ideals, Realities and \(D?\)Evolution"](#) (Research)

[Edible Weed Walk - ep. 43 "The fascinating trail of pepper: Pippali/Thippali"](#) (Food education)

and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org. FMI: radio@auroville.org.in

Kottakarai - Then and Now



Bobby, Judith, and Lisbeth

**Saturday June 26th, 9 PM (India), 4:30 PM GMT
11:30 AM (EST-US), 8:30 AM (PST -US)**

Bobby, Judith and Lisbeth have lived in Auroville for nearly 50 years. They all arrived in the early 1970s, and they raised their families and built their lives together in the Kottakarai Community. Recently they decided to make a conscious effort to meet up and do something special together at least three times a year. They are inviting you to join them on their latest adventure,

as they go back and revisit their old haunts and see what has become of Kottakarai Community over the last 50 years.

They are calling this adventure “Kottakarai Then and Now” and it promises to show the depth, beauty, and challenges inherent to pursuing a dream. In this case, it’s the dream of Auroville: to create a society built on the principles of human unity and Divine co-creation.

This event is for anyone curious to know what 50 years of daily life in Auroville looks like. There will be a video presentation to start, and then an informal question and answer session with the three friends.



This event is a benefit for Auroville’s Central Fund, which provides for the community’s basic needs, like education, shared infrastructure, healthcare, and food. Register by making a donation of any amount - you will then receive an email with the link to join the zoom event.

REGISTER NOW

Questions or technical concerns? [Send us an email.](#)

Align with the Divine [a mantra from B]

O, correct the Spine
To align
With the Divine.
Will it...

O, eye and heart
Do blaze like
Our Sun Star,
Never falter

Of course don’t rush, or blush
Or judge, wait—
Woman or man
Demonic or Divine
One or many, all

Only seek, seek
Not to confine
Just refine, re-define
Until re-aligned

O, is everything fine
In the infinite Divine?

Yes, Smile your
Sunlit Divine.

~ B and Anandi Z

Chlorine Dioxide Reduced Intensity & Duration of Symptoms

Recently I had a headache, fever, body pain and low energy come on suddenly. I immediately started taking Chlorine Dioxide. I used the same www.andreaskalcker.com protocols which Andrea had described in her testimonial on Auronet (<https://bit.ly/3ylurQZ>); 1ml of CDS in 100 ml of water every 15 minutes 8 times followed by hourly doses. For three days I repeated this.

I slept a lot on the first day. The headache only lasted one day. Body pain continued for three days during which time I also took paracetamol. On the third day an infrequent cough was there. What I especially noticed was how fast my energy was back.

Since that time, I continue to take the small hourly doses because it has only shortened my symptoms and does no harm. I’ve heard of people with the same symptoms drag on much longer. CDS does not suppress symptoms but since it oxygenates the body extremely effectively the body heals itself.

In my case, I did not test for COVID because of the unreliability of the test. I can only speak about the familiar set of symptoms associated with COVID which I was experiencing. CDS is currently used in many parts of the world to effectively prevent and treat COVID. I feel it can be a very useful tool in Auroville. For more information call 9787917469 or email to Auroville’s Chlorine Dioxide Study Group at chlorinedioxide@protonmail.com.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

An Exploration of Sri Aurobindo's 'The Ideal of Human Unity'

An Online Course in 2 Modules w/ Devdip Ganguli
Starts 7th June. FMI: <https://auroville.org.in/article/85072>

Aurinoco Webinars presents:

3 Session Stress Management w/ JV

11th - 13th June (Fri - Sun), 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Modern life led to unprecedented levels of stress, anxiety and worry. The pandemic is adding to the already high stress levels and normal stress busters like travel and socialization are risky. Unmanaged stress impairs your productivity, health and wellbeing. Managing stress could significantly reduce the deleterious effects and enable you to be more effective in the moment, even in difficult situations and circumstances. This is a non-religious primer on stress management with emphasis on ‘how to’, with the fusion of scientific research and ancient wisdom of Yoga.

11th June (Friday) Science of stress and first-aid for stress
12th June (Sat) Relieving stress and prevention of stress
13th June (Sunday) Building resilience

In the spirit of Auroville, this event is open and free to all. Please join the webinar in time and keep your microphones muted till question time. It is best to attend all the three sessions to effectively manage stress.

How to join the webinar: It is a ZOOM conference. To join <https://zoom.us/j/93871629287?pwd=MXVKNzNEekFKRjZ0Tm9raZFPak9pQT09>. Meeting ID: 938 7162 9287. Passcode: wellth

If you are new to Zoom, please set up Zoom client / app and familiarize yourself with the controls.

JV Avadhanulu has been facilitating workshops and retreats in Auroville since 2008. Read more about him [here](#).

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.

Important information about News & Notes

Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm
FOR THE ISSUE to be published that SATURDAY
(though the digital version generally goes out on Thursday)

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy. **How to submit material:** Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.

Please do **NOT** send submissions and inquiries as a “Reply” to the digital subscription mail. There is NO guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way!

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm. Please do your best to submit copy that is ready for printing (i.e. Word shows you typos, extra spaces, punctuation errors, etc - don’t make us do all the work!).

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

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

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

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall: 0413-262-213