

News Notes

#882 A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville 7 August 2021

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,
Matthew ends his 2nd season of Soul Tracks but another Aarohan season is starting this week. Stay tuned!

[Here you can listen](#) to the stream channel (playing 24/7).

[Here you can see](#) on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts:

[Audible Weed Walk – ep.52 “What sets the wild plants apart?”](#) (Food education)

[Savitri, B. X, C. II, Part 5](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Neo Urban Chronik – S2-Ep.4 “A mind puzzle declaration”](#) (Humour)

[Tamil Epics – ep .4 “மணிமகேலன்”](#) (Tamil Culture)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.107 “Cash – in your Passion”](#) (Soul Wellness)

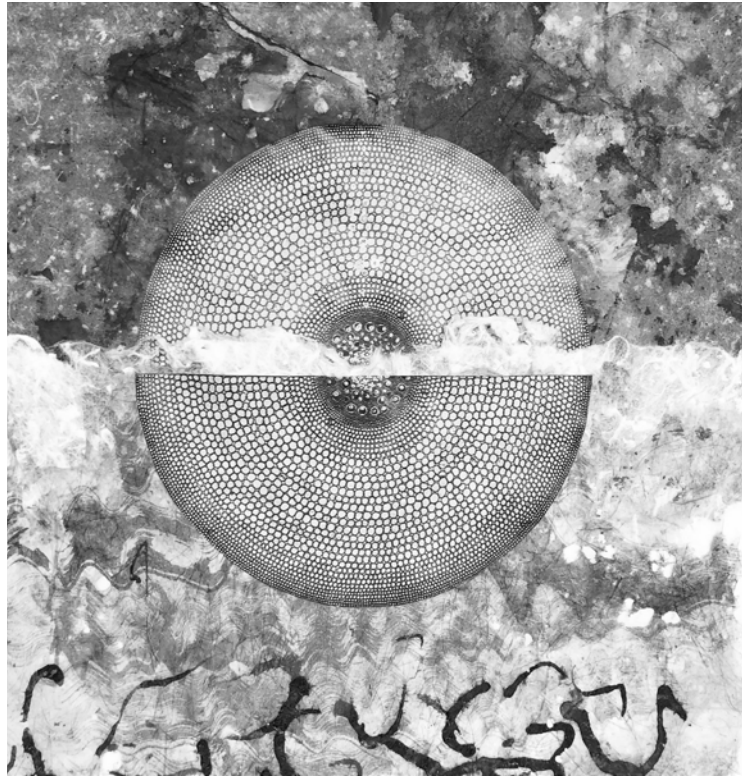
[Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.30](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakashmi – 361](#) (Integral Yoga)

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Peace and Love



Painting by Nathalie Nuber

The Ponder Corner

Question: I have become very sensitive and get upset for the slightest reason.

Answer: These are vital perturbations which show themselves in the course of the Sadhana and have to be eliminated. They must not be regarded as natural movements justified by the wrong actions of others and bound to continue so long as there is an external cause. The real cause is internal and it can be got rid of by yogic discipline, vigilance, self-detachment and a quiet but strict rejection.

The Mother
(CWM-14, p. 356)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity to volunteers working for Auroville units to visit the Inner Chamber

From Matrimandir Access Group to all unit executives

On the 15th August, to celebrate the Darshan, it is planned to give the opportunity to volunteers working for Auroville units to visit the Inner Chamber whether they have been there before or not.

If you have volunteers working in your unit who would like to join this group please write on their behalf to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in

In order to make the booking for them we need you to give us the following details for each volunteer:

Given name, Family Name, Date of Birth, their City and Country of origin, their personal e-mail address, and if possible their adhara/ passport number.

Thank you, Vinay





House of Mother's Agenda

25 October 1967
(continued from last week)

(The rest of the time is spent in meditation. Towards the end, Satprem feels a little guilty that he hasn't made Mother speak:)

Satprem: I rarely ask you questions because I don't make my mind work very much.

Mother: But you know, I see more and more how horrible the mind's action in life is. Of course, *in the long run*, at the end of the curve, the mind will bring a precision and accuracy that didn't exist without it, but men come to regard that precision and accuracy as the truth, and that has spoilt everything. When it becomes nothing more than an **INSTRUMENT** of manifestation, it will be very useful. But for the moment it's still... I am beginning to see in small details how its action is to add something to the manifestation, but in its daily labor it's horrible.

And people more and more flood me with questions – a flood, at the rate of twenty-five, thirty, forty letters a day, out of which perhaps not even two are worthwhile; even those are from beginners trying to find the way, so you can give them a little *push*, like that. Otherwise I take great care to keep their mind quiet.

Anyway, we can see this boy's notebook [the notebook of a young disciple who regularly puts questions to Mother]. What does he ask?

"Sweet Mother, why are we, in the Ashram itself, inclined to create small groups and societies, such as 'World Union,' 'New Age,' etc.? What is their purpose?"

Mother: Purpose! (Laughing) Do they have a purpose?... I'll simply answer him, "Because men are fond of forming groups." Quite simply, nothing else to say. (Mother writes, then stops; after a silence)

I am going to shock him a bit, no?

Satprem: Yes. (Mother completes her writing and holds out the notebook)

"Because men still imagine that in order to do anything useful, they must gather together in groups. It is the caricature of organization."

Mother: It will do, won't it?

World Union!... They really did imagine they were going to make humanity progress!... But when I tell people that the creation of a city like Auroville has more weight in the earth's history than all the groups of the world, they don't believe me. They don't believe me, to them it's totally unimportant, a fancy.

Once I asked Sri Aurobindo (because we had talked about Auroville a great deal, there were lots of difficulties), I asked him (because it was an idea I had – not an "idea" but a need that expressed itself some thirty years ago – more than thirty, almost forty years ago), so I asked him, and he answered me this (which I told you, I think): *"It is the best chance men have to avoid a general conflict."* (See Agenda VII of September 21, 1966.) There.

So, since he told me that, I have been working very seriously. Of course, it wasn't "said," it was **LIVED**.

Only, I see quite clearly that they don't believe in it, there is no one who feels. So does it...? And the concrete mate-

rialization of the spirit of Auroville hasn't taken place yet, it doesn't exist, there isn't in the earth atmosphere a formation of the "spirit of Auroville," which is a spirit... (Mother remains absorbed for a long time)...

At bottom it is "The art of building unity out of complexity." Without uniformity, you understand: unity through harmony in complexity, with each thing in its place....

It's very difficult.

When R. [Auroville's architect] was here last time, he told me, "When are we going to create Auroville's atmosphere? Everyone is quarreling!" (Mother laughs) I said, "Yes, that's the difficulty...." And it's going on. But anyway, there is a Pressure from above, like that, a Pressure. We shall see.

It's still a symbol.

Each little group thinks it is a symbol – that too is a symbol.

And as the formation descends in order to manifest, all oppositions arise, contradictions arise, complications arise, and within you clearly see that they don't understand. So I spend my time telling them, "Don't try to organize, don't try, you are going to fossilize the whole thing before it's begun."

For my part, I wanted it to grow like that, spontaneously, with the full play of the unexpected. But then, you are confronted with all the rules and regulations: we are in a country [India] – we should do it on a desert island! But that no longer exists on earth, there isn't any island left that doesn't belong to a nation – we are caught, bogged down.

Anyway, we'll muddle along as best we can.

It's an attempt, that's all.

But what Sri Aurobindo meant was that the movement, the general movement was towards a catastrophe, and this was to divert the current of force.

But I have wondered whether the Tower of Babel, insofar as the story is true, wasn't a similar attempt? An attempt to harmonize men?... It's presented to us the other way around, but I have wondered if it wasn't that.

We'll see.

Now there is integrally, even for the most material consciousness, the body consciousness, this: to leave the entire responsibility to the Lord – what He wants will be, and that's all. When He wants us to do something, we do it, but after all... We do it simply because He tells us to do it. And what will happen will happen.

Then, if you want to know, you put yourself in the attitude of the Witness and look on. And that's very amusing! As soon as you are in the attitude of the Witness, it becomes very interesting – very interesting – and you smile.

That's how it is.

The body too has learned to be like that with the smallest things. Then it's good.

Voilà.

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Townhall Speaks

LOCKDOWN PRESS RELEASE

DATED 30.07.2021

Dear Community, this is to inform you that the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has issued a press release extending the lockdown until 9th August 2021 at 6.00 am without any further relaxations. All activities that were already allowed will continue unchanged. The translation of the text of the press release is available at this link.

Please remember to continue to apply all due precautions of wearing masks and maintaining distance when interacting with others and in public spaces/facilities, and regularly washing hands or using sanitizer.

*With best wishes to all, The Working Committee
(Anu, Arun, Chali, Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)*

INVITATION TO A GENERAL MEETING

The Crown Road Walk: Impressions, Discussion, Next steps

Dear Residents, this letter is to invite and encourage you to attend this important General Meeting to discuss last Saturday's Crown Road Walk.

WHEN: Time and

WHERE: Location to be announced

FACILITATORS: Jesse & Elvira

Towards Harmonious Outcomes

All Aurovilians are strongly encouraged to attend this community event and actively (either vocally or as a silent presence) participate in this important opportunity for discussion and sharing towards harmonious outcomes.

Welcome/Introduction;

- Update on recent events – The Crown Walk;
- Presentation of "A statement by Aurovilians on 'The City'";
- Presentation of planned road pathway;
- Questions & Comments
- Presentation of alternatives to Existing Crown Road Proposal;

Questions & Comments

- Suggestions for ways forward;
- Moment of Silence;

Close

A statement by Aurovilians on the "city"

Please click here <https://forms.gle/Vz7iREYJMffnxNRQ7> to read the document: A statement by Aurovilians on the "city". This statement is a collectively-framed proposed response to the Crown Road Walk.

(You can read the text of this statement in this issue of N&N on page 12)

At the bottom of the text you may if you wish, indicate your support for the statement.

Your Input & Feedback Welcomed

Please don't hesitate to contact the facilitators at jesse@auroville.org.in or elvira@auroville.org.in with any suggestions you have for additions to the agenda or feedback of any kind.

In line with the guidelines issued by the Central/State Governments, the current Protocols & Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Meetings, wearing masks is mandatory for all attendees, as well as observing social distancing at all times and using sanitizers.

~ Sincerely,

RAS on behalf of concerned residents of Auroville

NEW WAY OF ARRIVING AT RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY DECISIONS TO BE DEVELOPED

Dear Community, for the past months, the Council, Wcom and RAS have studied the issues that led to the RAS suspending all Residents Assembly Decision-making processes.

It became clear that ideally an entirely new way of arriving at Residents Assembly decisions would be developed. But as this would take time and because such a change would need ratification, the present RAD process needed refining without losing its general form.

Here we propose for your feedback an interim RAD process, which will allow us to hold RAD processes until a better alternative is available.

Please read the [Residents' Assembly Decision-Making \(Rad\) Provisional Amended Policy in the Appendix 2](#)

WC/ATDC: SURVEY FOR THE CROWN STARTS MONDAY, 2 AUGUST

We're beginning our work on the completion of Circle of the Crown on the Auroville owned lands, as per the community approved and government ratified Master Plan. The Crown comprises of various structures and greens depending on the zone and varies greatly, and shall be decided at later stages. For now, we're focusing on the Crown right of way. It constitutes the road in the middle, service/utility corridor on both sides, including the pedestrian and cycling paths. We've discussed various point of views and developments on the Crown and have decided to decrease the width mentioned in the Master Plan from 30m to 16.7m as a right of way, within which 6.7 will be paved cobblestone.

We've arrived at this stage after days of deliberations with various working groups and community members in which the Secretary's office of Auroville Foundation was also involved.

The survey for Crown Right of Way for 16.7 meters will begin this Monday. Before the survey can take place, cleaning and clearing of the area needs to take place.

The topographic surveyors, together with Road Service, will commence their work from Monday 2nd of August, starting at Savitri Bhavan and continuing in a clockwise direction. The surveying and marking will take a few weeks, communities will be informed in advance.

In parallel, we are inviting the residents of each affected community to meet with us to share their proposals about how to move forward with the work in and around those areas in a mutually respectful way.

*The Auroville Town Development Council
& Working Committee*

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS JULY 2021

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	92,278,843
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	23,710,541
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	115,989,384
Total Payments	18,605,456
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	97,383,928

Monthly loss/gain

5,105,085

Please see the [full report in the Appendix 1](#) of this issue

Please send your feedback to avcouncil@auroville.org.in by Saturday 21st August.

At Her service.

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

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HOUSING BOARD REPORT MAY & JUNE 2021

Visits with the Housing Board:

Angelo for FAMC – 12/05/21, 26/05/21, 09/06/21.

Ole for Housing Service 09/06/21.

Ana, New Creation: The roof repair for Ana's house in New Creation was agreed at the cost of 40,000 rs.

Ganesh, Protection: Ganesh made a request for his loan to be slightly re-structured so that he could access some of the loan amount before all his funds were depleted. This is because he is unable to access all of his funds immediately and did not want the building work to stop. This was agreed by the Housing Board.

Angelo, Hope House: Angelo made a request for a reduction in the transfer amount for the house in Hope that was formerly stewarded by Matthias. The request was made because of the large amount of termite damage that was only discovered after house renovations began. The request was denied because it was felt that once the transfer amount is agreed then it should not change without the house going through the full transfer process again.

Maitreye I Newcomer House: Housing Board agreed to transfer one of the Newcomer assets in Maitreye I as per the FAMC decision, however the Board were in agreement that the house should go through the open community transfer process.

Pavitra, Felicity: The request from Pavitra to house sit the asset in Felicity formerly stewarded by Tony & Illona, was again reconsidered by the Housing Board, however there was no change in the decision. The house is too large to be given to a single person, also the contribution amount is high due to the high number of repairs that is seen with the house.

Stewardship agreements: It was agreed that, in the situation where there are a number of non-Aurovillian family members living in an Auroville asset with an Aurovillian, that there should be a note on the stewardship agreement clearly drawing their attention to the fact that if the Aurovillian no longer lives in the asset then the other members have no right to stay.

Anandi request to move: Anandi made a request to move from Mahalakshmi Home to the New Community (the asset formerly stewarded by Ellen) in Certitude. The Housing Board agreed in principle that this could go ahead with a short term agreement, as long as it was made clear that the future use of the New Community is not decided yet and it will be looked at by the next Housing Board.

Saranya, Auromira: Saranya, who stays in Auromira with her husband, asked for her Newcomer end housing agreement from Housing Service. However there was never any NOC for the house in which she stays and it was agreed that there was no grounds to make an exception in this case.

Illango, Promesse: Illango in Promesse made a request to have a temporary waiver of his housing contribution for a short term period while his wife is not working. The waiver scale that was previously agreed was applied and it was agreed to reduce his contribution from 3,000 rs per month to 1,000 rs per month, for the period of 6 months.

Janet, Arati: Janet has asked that her house in Arati be exchanged with her daughter's house when she leaves her body. This was agreed as it is in line with the current Housing Policy however the Board reminded her that future Housing Boards would also be bound by any future housing policy.

Loans & Grants

Mariappan, Mango Garden: 2 lakh Loan recommended to the Loan Group

The Housing Board/ Anbu (L'avenir), Prabhu (Community), Rama Narayana (Entry Board), Savithri (Housing), Venkatesh (Housing), Vivek (Community),
housingboard@auroville.org.in

HB Members are present during this period:

Anbu (L'avenir d'Auroville on ATDC related topics only), Prabhu (Community at large) Rama Narayana (Entry Board), Savithri (Housing Service), Venkatesh (Housing Service), Vivek (Community at large).

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 19/05/21 & 23/06/21 due to the lack of a quorum.

POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE ADVISORY GROUP

Aurovilians with:

- Knowledge of and resonance with what a service is, as well as the philosophy and principles of Auroville & Prosperity;
- Good listening skills: handles conflict and complaints well, willingness to solve problems, spirit of collaboration;
- Sense of care & compassion;
- Understanding, resonance with and acceptance of the PTPS Advisory Group document (dt 2020.12.16).

Here is a short excerpt:

The Group will be comprised of Aurovilians with demonstrated:

- Commitment to creating a respectful working environment that includes embodying a spirit of harmony, trust, collaboration, and teamwork.
- Commitment to embody and manifest acumen in finance and management.
- Commitment to embody and manifest the ideals of Auroville.
- Commitment to embody and manifest the values of the Auroville Service Trust.

Application, Review and Selection Process by the Auroville Service Trust, in collaboration with the FAMC (below "we"):

Step 1: We will request the community members to volunteer themselves or to propose other Aurovilians with the above skills and capacities for the new PTPS Advisory Group (ref Advisory Group paper). This will take place over a one week period.

Step 2: Then we will contact the Aurovilians proposed to confirm if they are willing to serve.

Step 3: After confirmation, we will publish the names of the Aurovilians who are willing to serve.

Step 4: This will be followed by a 2-week period in which community members can give feedback on the Aurovilians proposed. Feedback will be addressed to the Service Trust and will be shared with the FAMC. This feedback can be in the form of support or objection. We will share the feedback with the Aurovillian concerned.

Step 5: We will review all the information; the appointment of the Advisory Group members will be finalized by the Service Trust, jointly with the FAMC.

Please send your proposal or candidacy for the new Advisory Group and please be sure to include the skills and capacities of the Aurovillian(s).

Auroville Service Trust,
in collaboration with the FAMC

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FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 093

Dated: 07-08-2021

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovillian in writing to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

Lucas Louis Vincent POLLET (French) staying in Aurobrindavan (Palmyra) and working at Waste Without Border



NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

Alexander PEREVERZEV (Russian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

Anupama JAGADEESH (USA) staying in Vikas and working at Yuvabe

Chitra PALAKODETI (Indian) staying in Promesse and working at Deepanam School & Savitri Bhavan

Sony CHIM aka Surya (Cambodian) staying in Kalpana and working at Savitri Hostel

Zinab Beygom TAHERI aka Marjan (Iranian) staying in Angiras Garden and working at Aha Kindergarten



Anupama

Chitra

Sony

Zinab

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Angelo FRATTI (French)

Audrey BARBALAT (French)

Ruben BERLANGA RANDALL (Mexican)

Sathiya KUMAR (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

Adhavan MURUGAN (Indian) staying in Courage and working at Windarra farm (Minvayu)

Surya LOKUTA (Spanish) staying in Harmony and studying at Last School



Adhavan

Surya

Minpyo

RETURNING AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

Minpyo JEON aka Namu (Korean) staying in Creativity and working at Nowana

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

Chiara MERIANI MERLO (Italian)

Nijam BUDIN (Italian)

NOTE:

The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been returned and should not exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.

A Newcomer becomes an Aurovillian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.

The date of becoming Aurovillian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.

A confirmed Aurovillian 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.

A meeting with the Secretary of the AVF will be arranged by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary and not at any personal request.

Yours, The Entry Service

**SECOND CALL FOR PARTICIPATION
IN PTPS ADVISORY GROUP**

Dear family, We have made this invitation to you on 22 July already and received two (2) expressions of interest. We hope with this second announcement we'll hear from more of you. The Advisory Group will be composed of 5 to 7 Aurovilians.

Before that, our last update about Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS) was on 28 June 2021 (<https://auroville.org.in/article/85377>). Previously, on 25 December 2020, we had shared with you the paper '2020.12.16 AVST PTPS Management (Advisory) Group' (<https://auroville.org.in/article/82839>). This paper has been reviewed and approved by the FAMC in May. Recently, in collaboration with the FAMC, we developed a selection process for the new Advisory Group (please read below). As of the issuance of this N&N #882 (ie 5 August), we are launching a 2nd one week application period for those who are interested to serve.

If you are interested to serve in this Advisory Group please read the paper '2020.12.16 AVST PTPS Management (Advisory) Group' to be clear about the scope of work and responsibilities of this team.

Then you may share with us your personal expression of interest, or propose another Aurovillian, by writing to servicetrust@auroville.org.in.

Regards,

Anne, Ponnusamy, Joseba, and Amy/AVST

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW HOUSING BOARD/
FEEDBACK REQUEST FOR ONE REPLACEMENT**

Dear Community, the 2-week feedback period has passed and as no feedback has been received, the following new members of the Housing Board are confirmed:

From Housing Service: Aravind (New Creation), Sundar K. (Aspiration)

From FAMC: Angelo (Hope)

From ATDC: Anbu (Windarra)

From the Community-at-large: Angela (Alchemy), Bharathi (Ami), Rima (Dana), Venkat (Surrender)

During the feedback period, Elaine (Auromodele) who was originally chosen as a member from the Community-at-large expressed a change in personal priorities and decided to withdraw her name from consideration.

Therefore the FAMC has selected instead as Housing Board member from the Community-at-large: Iyyappan (Felicity). The selection of Iyyappan is now submitted to the community for a 2-week feedback period.

In the meantime the new Housing Board of 8 confirmed members is now constituted as of today, 4 August 2021.

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

Community News

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Financial Service New Timings

From Monday 2 August onward, Financial Service will be open from 9.00 am – 12.30 pm and 3 pm to 4.30 pm.

FS team

Santé Services in August 2021

Working Hours

Monday – Saturday 8:45 – 12:30pm & 2:00 – 4:30pm

Closed Tuesday afternoon for team meetings

Tests and Sample collection

Monday – Friday before 12:00 pm.

No sample collection on Saturday.

For emergencies, contact

AUROVILLE AMBULANCE 24/7

Phone: +(91) 94422 24680

GOVERNMENT AMBULANCE (24/7)

Phone: 108

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment

Doctor consults with Brian, Prabha & Chandrashekhar DAILY	Nursing Care – Ezhil, Thilagam & Archana DAILY No appointment necessary
Acupuncture with Andres MONDAY – FRIDAY	Homeopathy with Michael MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/ FRIDAY
Midwifery & Family counselling with Monique TUESDAY	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
Physiotherapy with Galina MONDAY – FRIDAY	Physiotherapy with Osnat MONDAY/THURSDAY/ FRIDAY
Physiotherapy with Rebeca TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY	Ayurveda with Berengere Temporarily Out of Station
Psychosomatotherapy with Svenja Temporarily out of station	Hypnotherapy & NLP with Dan Temporarily Out of Station

Accessible Auroville Public Bus



Ride it, Bus it! We are happy to announce that the Accessible Auroville Public bus will resume on August 15th, 2021 with an inaugural trip to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. Please reach out to the Accessible Auroville Public Bus team regarding any further information or Booking requests.

A regular bus service between Auroville and Pondicherry would commence from August 16th. Stay tuned for more details on schedules, bus stops and fares.

Accessible Auroville Public Bus Team

Phone number – 9443074825

E-mail – avbus@auroville.org.in

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary



On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary, Bharat Nivas welcomes all to the Opening of the Exhibition entitled "Living Symbols" with a focus on Sri Aurobindo's symbol, Auroville symbol, and Mother's symbol with 12 petals in 46 languages.

Inauguration: August 15, 2021 (Sunday), after India's Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony at 8:30am and other related events

Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery, Bharat Nivas

Duration: August 15 to September 15, 2021

Opening Hours: 10 am to 4.30 pm, (Open on Sundays).

Details on workshops will be announced later.

"Living Symbols exhibition" Organising Team

E-mail: bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in

Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas

Pavilion of India,

Auroville – 605101.

Ph. No.: 0413 – 2622488

Film Crew in the Matrimandir Gardens



The Matrimandir Access Group wishes to inform the community that on Sunday afternoons there will be a camera crew in the Matrimandir Gardens during the time the gardens are open.

This camera crew will be live-streaming from the gardens for our Auroville International family who are missing being able to come to Auroville and to visit the Gardens in person.

Please act accordingly and if you don't want to be on camera please avoid them. Each week they will be in a different garden.

For the moment the project is in the trial stage.

You will be informed again when the project is up and running.

Regards,
Vinay

Lunch Scheme



Dear friends, we are happy to announce that we opened a small restaurant under the small scale unit. We deliver Lunch/dinner at your home or your workplace.

The lunch scheme is covering: Rice, Dal, Salad (Veg.), Veg. curry, Chapati.

The lunch scheme also covers: those Aurovilians who would like to get Vegetable Salad include sprouts and even lightly steamed veggies like broccoli, cooked corn, cauliflower, chickpeas.

The lunch scheme is covering: simple lentil-rice dish, Veg. salad.

Salad that is sure to make you fresh, light and healthy.

The dinner is: Chapati, Veg. Curry. Dosa with Mint Chutney, coconut chutney. Aloo Parata with Coconut chutney. Idli with coconut chutney, peanut chutney.

You can book via whatsapp 8098782233 at least a day before

Thanking you,
Arunkumar and Valli

Practice for August 15th at Bharat Nivas



We will be chanting some prayers in Sanskrit, and singing Vande Mataram and Jana Gana Mana during the flag hoisting ceremony at Bharat Nivas on 15th August, 2021.

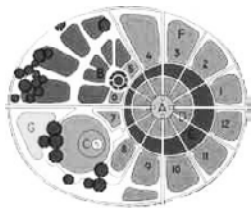
All are welcome for practice sessions this week.

Dates: August 5th and 8th (Fri and Sun)

Time: 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Venue: Bharat Nivas, next to the Auditorium entrance.

Matrimandir Gardens Design



Namaste and greetings from Matrimandir! Trust this finds you well. Kind request to publish this update in reaching out to the Auroville community.

In continuation of the [Matrimandir Garden Design Process](#), here's

sharing a brief update of events so far :

- October 2019 – International call for designers.
- May & June 2020 – First review of concepts by TP (technical panel) & Ep (Expert panel)
- September to December 2020 – Final review of detailed designs by TP & EP and selecting top three (30%) rated designs
- 2 January 2021 – Gardens Design Community Interaction & Selection Event (Unity Pavilion)
- 4 to 13 January 2021 – select lead design from top three designers through two feedback forms – a Detailed Feedback Form (choose for each garden design & elements for integration) and a Short Feedback Form (intuitively choose the lead design and give one overall feedback).
- January and February 2021 – Community review and collate feedback of final designs & announcement
- March & April 2021 – lead designer (with other designers & facilitators) to consider all feedback for integration into the lead design before design implementation.

All this information has been published in New & Notes and duly shared over email with the community, as well as [updated on the website](#). Please refer to the report of the [Expert & Technical Panels' Review](#) and feedback for details of the community gardens design choice and integration process (shared earlier in February 2021).

Following this final feedback of the integrated design process there will a community presentation :

Live Stream – Final Design Integration Presentation to the Community

Date: 6 August 2021 (Friday)

Time: 4:30pm to 05:30pm

Venue: Unity Pavillion

Please view the final [integrated design](#) to be presented to the community in the upcoming live streaming with the designers. The designs will be on display at Unity Pavilion from 3 to 9 August 2021. For those who may not be able to attend the live presentation at Unity Pavilion next week, here's the [link for online participation](#) for the live stream (6 August 2020 Friday – 4:30pm to 05:30pm).

Greatly look forward to your active participation in furthering the integrated design process.

Please let us know for any further clarification.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards, Eesha

C/o Matrimandir Garden Design Process Team

Pour Tous Water free service from August 2021 onwards.

We are glad to announce that from August 2021 onwards Pour Tous Water (PTW) is a free service following the spirit of the Resident Assembly decision taken in January 2014. BCC/FAMC and the Pour Tous Water team came to an agreement that the BCC budget will cover all the PTW expenses.

- A monthly recurring budget of around Rs 67,000 is allocated.
- 2.5 maintenances are allocated and used from Nagapan, Shanmugam, and Grace.
- The other running costs of around Rs 70,000 per year will also be covered by BCC.

Pour Tous Water will give free emergency services from now onwards as per the list below:

Free service offered by PTW from 1st August 2021

1. Plumbing – Emergency
2. Water tank cleaning related to plumbing repair
3. Borewell and pump (repair and maintenance)
4. Generator supply emergency for pump repair work
5. Stand by Pump supply during emergency period
6. Water supply emergency
7. Sludge removal (on hold till ATDC clearance)

The only charge is for the cost of material purchased by EPS as bulk procurement without extra charges by PTW. Transfers should be done only to the City Service PTW collection account: 240302, Payments in cash are not accepted.

Contact PTW at Abri:

Landline 262 2899, Office Mobile : 9843 644 308 or Shanmugam 9442992371 or Nagapan 9751605467, e-mail: ptw@auroville.org.in

Enjoy the free service!

The Pour Tous Water team (Grace, Nagapan and Shanmugam) in collaboration with BCC

Your BCC members (Aurosugan, Cristina, Danny, Enrica, Fabien, Hans, Inge, Mahi, Mathan, Rathinam, Suryamayi TOS)

TerraSoul Farm Saturday Farm Tour



TerraSoul Farm Community start again **Saturday Farm tour** with optional lunch booking.

Ph: 9443434182 or

terrasoul@auroville.org.in.

Contribution required.

Also we celebrate the reopening **Terrasoul farm market** Friday's from 9 to 12.30 pm. from the farm to the consumer right on the spot.

Thanking you, Juan in Terrasoul Sustainable Livelihood Institute

One Oven for All – Un four Pour Tous



We are happy to welcome you to the opening of a Community Initiative by Ganesh Bakery We offer the Wood Fire Oven every Sunday 7 am till 1:00 pm. You are welcome to come with your Bread, Pizza, Gratin, Cake and enjoy a cup of Tea

Welcome to the Opening on 15th August t 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. A contribution of Rs 20 for the wood is appreciated.

Amudha for Ganesh Bakery

NSW 882 - 07 August 2021

Film The Rainbow Bridge

Savitri
B H A V A N

Sri Aurobindo's SAVITRI as a Mantra for Transformation at Savitri Bhavan on Monday, 9 August 2021.

And at the Savitri Bhavan website there is the link to see the film at home.

The image of the rainbow bridge comes from Sri Aurobindo's poem "A God's Labour." Written in 1935, it describes in clear and succinct way the nature and purpose of his work, the met challenges on the way, and the dangers, discoveries and the ultimate success of the great mission he had undertaken in collaboration with the Mother. Basing herself on SAVITRI and MOTHER'S AGENDA, Sonja Dyne examines where and how these challenges, dangers and discoveries take place.

She also argues that the poem SAVITRI is a living bridge created in the consciousness of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and endowed with the power to effect a profound change in the way we see ourselves and experience life. A spiritual light manifesting itself as poetry is the true source of SAVITRI's power to raise our consciousness to a higher level and bring it nearer to the plane of Intuitive Mind. The word having a transformative power is known as mantra. Sri Aurobindo mentions that through the medium of mantras the inspirations of the Universal Soul can enter the individual soul in the easiest way. And this constitutes the special function and power of Sri Aurobindo's great mantric poem SAVITRI.

At Savitri Bhavan on Monday, 9 August 2021. And at the Savitri Bhavan website there is the link to see the film at home. The video talk can also be seen at the Savitri Bhavan website.

<http://savitribhavan.org/>

Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra

In preparation for 15th August

With a palpable intensity of energy in the atmosphere approaching August 15th, we invite everyone in the community to gather for the collective invocation with Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre.

Looking forward to uniting our aspirations.

ॐ तत्सवितुर्वरं रूपां ज्योतिः परस्य धीमहि ।
यन्नः सत्येन दीपयेत् ।।

*Om tat savitur varam rūpam jyotiḥ parasya dhīmahi,
Yannaḥ satyena dipayet.*

Let us meditate on the most auspicious form of Savitri, on the Light of the Supreme which shall illumine us with the Truth.

We invite everyone to join – as often as you can – to form the large body of beautiful voices carrying the mantra. More male voices are needed for optimal balance, and experienced singers are welcome to join the practice for harmonising voices.

We would also love to have more children and youth of Auroville to join us, so we request parents and teachers to inform and encourage them.

Dates: August 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13

Time: 6 pm to 7 pm

Venue: Matrimandir Amphitheatre.

For more details please see the Auronet post: <https://auroville.org.in/article/85538>

Practice audio based on the melody by Sunil-da can be downloaded from here: <https://tinyurl.com/sagayatri>

Deep gratitude for this collective invocation.

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville and
Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary
Celebration team

Collective Study of भगवद् गीता | Bhagavad Gita



Many of us in Auroville have been doing a collective chanting and study of Srīmad Bhagavad Gita in the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's Integral Yoga. As part of this collective यज्ञ, we are happy to announce a series of online sessions on the Gita with Dr Sampadananda Mishra.

We intend to do a deeper study of the Gita from August 2021 to 2022 with a collective chanting of full bhagavad gita on/around 15th August 2022.

More details of the online session on Saturday, 7th August, 2021 are mentioned in the poster below and all are welcome

Welcome for an online session on:

श्रीमद् भगवद्गीता SHRIMAD BHAGAVAD GITA

We will start with Chapter 1 - The Yoga of Arjuna's Dejection (अर्जुनविषादयोगः) and intend to organise monthly sessions to cover all 18 chapters.



Dr Sampadananda Mishra is a scholar of Sanskrit and Indian culture with over 25 years of dedicated service. He is devotee of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Presently he is working as a Professor at Rashtram School of Public Leadership and Rishihood University, Sonipat.



SATURDAY - 7TH AUGUST, 2021

11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 929 9405 2722

PASSCODE: YOGA

For questions or registration, please write to:

devabhasha@auroville.org.in

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team

Water Mella in Auroville



CREEVA

Dear Artist, in the month of September there will be a Water Mella in Auroville. The group that is putting it on has done an enormous amount of research about the needs, use, research and bio region affecting us.

Since CREEVA is sure that there are artists concerned about our use of water we propose a show in the vestibule of Town Hall the month of September of pictures by you on water and about water, whatever comes to you.

We will urge the people who take away their choice of picture to put it up in their work space, living space or community to remind people of the use of water. The works can be for sale, give away or just for show. They must be ready to hang by the last week in August. if they need framing that too.

Those of you who would like to participate please respond to this email as soon as you can with your name, phone number and email. And anyone who would like to help in this endeavor you are most welcome.

We appreciate very much those who have offered their work.

Most sincerely, Audrey and Sathya for CREEVA
Centre for Research, Education and Experience
in the Visual Arts, audrey@auroville.org.in
Audrey website <https://audreywt.auroville.org>

4th Auroville Seed festival

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI)
Auroville
Celebrating

Auroville Seed festival
Let us celebrate our Native seeds diversity

07.08.2021
08:30am - 05:00pm

Supported by
Nammalvar Multiversity

SLI cordially invites you to meet Pioneers of Organic Farming Movement,
Traditional Seed Savers and Experts...

Inauguration of
Vegetable Seed Park & SLI Seed Sharing Initiative

- Traditional Seed Display
- Native Seed Exchange and Sales
- Stalls for Organic Products, Books, Desi Cotton varieties and more...

Venue:
Sustainable Livelihood Institute
Near Co-Operative Society, Nayakkar House, Kottakarai, Auroville, Vanur (Tk), Villupuram District.

www.tnavsli.in | [sustainable livelihood institute](https://www.facebook.com/sustainablelivelihoodinstitute) | 97878 54557 / 96558 30100

Sustainable Livelihood Institute, Auroville organizes its 4th Auroville Seed festival at its own Campus in Kottakarai on 7th August 2021 (Saturday) between 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. More than 20 stalls with Native seeds, Organic products, books, organic cotton varieties will be displayed. On this occasion, SLI will launch its Seed Park and Seed Sharing Initiative to document and promote our traditional vegetable seed varieties.

We, SLI, cordially invite you to join us to celebrate the seed diversity of our Mother Nature. For more details, please contact: cesa@tnavsli.in, 09787854557

Warm regards,
Jeeva,
on behalf of SLI's team

Aurinoco Webinars

3 Evening Session Pranayama with JV

6:15PM – 7:15 PM

13th Aug (Friday), 14th Aug (Sat) & 15th Aug (Sunday)

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

This workshop introduces you to an integrated Yoga practice consisting of

- Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility
- Eight simple but powerful Pranayama practices
- Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge you inner batteries

It can be practiced by people of any age. Pranayama improves lung capacity and lung efficiency. The benefits include reduction in stress, improved vitality and wellbeing with inner peace. It is one of the best options to manage wellbeing during the pandemic and the emerging new normal. Sustained practice reduces the breathing rate – the key to retarding the aging process and promoting longevity.

Intended outcome

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

In the spirit of Auroville, this is the 84th Pranayama free and open to all event. No registration is required. Please do share with others who could be interested. On the days of the webinar, please avoid eating after 2PM and avoid drinking anything after 5:30 PM. If you can sit on the ground, it would be nice to have a (Yoga) mat and cushion. Otherwise, you can sit on a chair for pranayama and lie down on a bed or sofa for deep relaxation.

Please join in time, to make it enjoyable for all. Join Zoom Meeting with link <https://zoom.us/j/9986977258?pwd=ZElvZDVjUGJRdDNFRzI1Ky95TVhWdz09>

Meeting ID: 998 697 7258 Passcode: wellth

About JV I was diagnosed with four incurable diseases in 1987 and the medical opinion was that I would not live beyond the age of 50. I am now 75, and enjoy excellent health and wellbeing; thanks to Yoga. I lived in Auroville from 2007 to 2016. I have been facilitating workshops and retreats in Auroville since 2008. For details, please see www.wellth.org.in

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.

LOOKING FOR

Place to house sit



I am Shanks, a musician living in Auroville for 6 years, presently a volunteer with AV Arts Service and on the waiting list to start the Newcomers Program. I am looking for a place to house sit.

Please contact me on chungates@gmail.com

Sankarshan Kini

Long term housing

Hello, my name is Pablo, spanish, 60 year old. I've been in Auroville for almost 3 years. I'm now at the end of my newcomer period and, in order to become an Aurovilian, I need to find long term housing. I'm presently living in a newcomer house in Grace which I have to vacate.

I am working with Aloka on translations for ATB and I recently joined the Aspiration team which organises the YUCCA program for potential newcomers and other programs on Auroville. I was working until very recently with Nowana Korean restaurant and previously with Wellpaper.

I am a single quiet person and I can look after dogs or other animals. I would appreciate any help to find a long term housing solution. My whatsapp is 91593 06038 and email pablo_cuesta@hotmail.es. Thank you in advance.

Looking for language tandem partner



iHola! Servus !

I'm looking for a language tandem partner either in Spanish or German to help improve my speaking skills. I would be more than happy to help with French if interested.

My contact: bhuvan@auroville.org.in

Bhuvan,
Aspiration community

Looking for UPS



I'm coming back to Auroville on 11 of August and moving to a new home. I'm looking for a Ups-inverter-backup battery system. If you have one that is in good shape, let me know please. Then I need cupboards, a wooden table and chairs.

Thank you for the help, Jan, Horizon community
yogajanbudin@gmail.com

TAXI SHARING



A Taxi Share from Auroville to Bangalore Airport and Return (Kempegowda Airport/Air France etc. flights to Europe) leaving Auroville around noon on Tuesday the 17 August empty taxi with place for 2 or 3 passengers .

Return trip. Wednesday 18 th August Bangalore Airport to Auroville departure around 00 30 just after midnight estimated arrival in AV 8 or 9 am place for max 2 passengers

Please let us know to get the details

lisbeth@auroville.org.in

AVAILABLE

Bajaj Avenger 220



Dear friends, I have a Bajaj Avenger 220, which I want to sale. If anybody interested please call me on 9047007054. I have attached the details below. Thank you

Queen size Kurl On



Queen size Kurl on "Relax" foam mattress in good condition available. Size is 198 X 152 X 10 cms. It is High density PU foam with a quilt layer.

Contact nausheen@auroville.org.in

or Whatsapp 9487833736

Thank you, cheers, Nausheen

Voices and Notes

LANDS FOR AUROVILLE UNIFIED (LFAU)



15th August 2021 – Sri Aurobindo's 149th Birthday!

Sri Aurobindo: "Faith is a spiritual certitude of the spiritual, the divine, the soul's ideal, something that clings to that even when it is not fulfilled in life, even when the immediate facts or the

persistent circumstances seem to deny it. This is a common experience in the life of the human being; if it were not so, man would be the plaything of a changing mind or a sport of circumstance." (CWSA V.29, p.89).

These insightful words of Sri Aurobindo reveal the secret of human strivings after perfection. Despite all circumstance to the contrary, something within knows that life is moving towards Light and Felicity. This view is equally true for the survival and growth of Auroville over its 5 decades.

Recently, while reviewing an Auroville-connected book, the reviewer wrote that Auroville seems to have prospered and saved not by faith but "by pluralism, tolerance,...."

While the view of the reviewer is understandable from a certain perspective, it represents only a part of the truth. To a large extent, the foundation of Auroville rests on strong faith in the teachers – namely Sri Aurobindo and the Mother – and in adherence to the breadth of their teachings and their inspiring vision.

"It is for the growth of ... faith and confidence that I am working since so many years." wrote the Mother in reply to a letter from a disciple (MWTM, V.17, p.270)

The stories abound of people whose lives changed for good after a silent meeting with the Mother for a few minutes. The roots of many of Auroville pioneers and friends of Auroville are in those life-changing meetings. Building a



new and visionary city in hard circumstances requires faith. The growth of faith and confidence happens when you see the progress resulting from collective effort, when you get strong signs of love, of grace, of help on the path, and of a living power behind the words of the teachers, and of the teachers themselves.

As we enter the threshold of Sri Aurobindo's 150 anniversary and the 8th year of "Acres for Auroville", let us re-visit the roots of our faith and re-commit ourselves to the path we have chosen – the creation of a unique, visionary, and splendid universal town.

With trust in Auroville's bright future,

Aryadeep, Mandakini

Please specify your donations for "ACRES FOR AUROVILLE" for all Master Plan priority plots (or to "GREENACRES" for Green Belt plots only) via check/bank transfers to the **Auroville Unity Fund** (via Indian banks) or to the **Auroville Foundation** (via Foreign banks) with a note in all cases to Auroville Unity Fund, Auroville, TN 605 101, India avunityfund@auroville.org.in – or online via <https://donations.auroville.org/> using the Land Purchase button for "ACRES FOR AUROVILLE"(or for "GREENACRES") – or via your country's AVI center www.auroville-international.org

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www.land.auroville.org

Contact: lfauf@auroville.org.in, phone +910413 2622657.

**BHARAT NIVAS NEWSLETTER
JUNE-JULY 2021**

"Indian civilisation has been the form and expression of a culture as great as any of the historic civilisations of mankind, great in religion, great in philosophy, great in science, great in thought of many kinds, great in literature, art and poetry, great in the organisation of society and politics, great in craft and trade and commerce." (Sri Aurobindo, CWSA, 20: 79)

The Bharat Nivas campus has been officially closed since the latest lockdown started in mid-April, due to the second wave of the Coronavirus epidemic situation.

Here is some news for the months of June-July 2021.



On 14th July, one week after assuming her position at the Auroville foundation office, the new secretary, Dr. Jayanti Ravi, met the entire team of Bharat Nivas. While welcoming her, the team informed her of the history of Bharat Nivas, a project which was launched by The Mother herself in the year 1971. The team introduced the facilities available on the campus and discussed the role of Bharat Nivas in Auroville and in the world at large.

Dr Ravi visited the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium and the team explained its unique features which are of great significance and has been a venue for hosting events and performances in Auroville. Bharat Nivas team looks forward to this new impetus towards realizing The Mother's vision for Bharat Nivas with dedicated efforts and spirit.

**Program, Cultural Events
And General Administration**

- We are hoping to resume regular activities from the month of August, of course respecting all the standard operating protocols.
- On 21st June, World Yoga Day was celebrated in the open space of Progress Hall, Harmony Hall, and SAWCHU. The Sanskrit group offered a Vedic havan while chanting the Gayatri Mantra of Sri Aurobindo, at the open-air Amphitheater outside Kalakendra. Throughout this event, the Covid lockdown guidelines and distancing were respected.
- The 150th Admin team meets regularly in the study room in Bhumika Building which they will continue utilizing up to December 2022.



- The team is working on preparing the exhibition/brochures for the 50th anniversary of Bharat Nivas from research materials in the archives.
- Bharat Nivas team has started a regular exploration of The Synthesis of Yoga every Tuesday evening. These readings are facilitated by Deepti.
- "Panchbhuta"- A concert and musical journey with stories was offered by Balakrishnan Raghavan, a research scholar, at Bhumika. Due to covid restrictions, it was not announced, Aurovilians appreciated the lecture /demonstration.



The team has completed the electrical and internet infrastructure up-gradation work for the three-round buildings (Harmony Hall, Progress hall, and Shilpa Kendra). Now, these facilities are better equipped to host community working group meetings as well as a variety of events and programs which can now also be livestreamed.

Installation of the new drinking water station opposite the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium is nearing completion. This is setup to meet the needs for drinking water for the visitors to the campus. Water station should be functional by 15th August.

Repair work of the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium roof and the old public toilets has been a priority for the technical team during the month of July. The Auditorium roof repair work is proceeding with the technical expertise and weather proofing materials to prevent further leakage in monsoon.

Kalakendra basement rain water discharge pipe repairs and upgradation with new HDPE material is under progress. The work is undertaken by the Auroville water service.

The Bharat Nivas team members meet weekly to discuss together and coordinate all the campus related works.

The team is in deep discussion about the spirit and manner in which to organize the events and programs to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bharat Nivas this year as also the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. These events are planned till August 2022.

Guest Houses on the campus are running with low capacity and are unable to contribute some of the revenue to sustain the campus needs. As a result the campus has experienced some amount of financial stress.

First Floor extension of Atithi Griha Guest House is completed with the financial aid from government of India. BN Team is grateful to the management of Atithi Griha as the revenue generated from it has started supporting a few of the running expenditure of the campus.

Utilisation paperwork for the capital and general grant by the government is submitted to FAMC.

Bharat Nivas Team

A STATEMENT BY AUROVILIANS ON THE “CITY” AUGUST 1ST, 2021

“Auroville: At last a place where nothing will have the right to impose itself as the exclusive truth.”

Mother, February 1968

In recent times, Aurovilians have been under heavy pressure to accept without discussion, a rigid interpretation of the “Galaxy” concept as “Mother’s plan” for the future city, beginning with the making of a perfectly circular “Crown Road”. We firmly object to these pressures which, in our view, put Auroville’s future in jeopardy.

There are some clear misconceptions at work, which we would like to respond to:

1. The Galaxy

- It is true that the Mother gave her Blessings to the “Galaxy” concept for the city presented to her by a team of architects, but there is nothing to indicate that She ever considered this particular concept as sacrosanct or carved in stone for all time to come. She referred to it as “one of the projects” (Mother’s Agenda, 20 April 1968).
- The Charter was not written “for the Galaxy” concept, as was recently asserted. The Charter (which does not even contain the word “city”) has nothing to do with any architectural plan and belongs to a much higher plane of consciousness.
- In countless conversations with Aurovilians or with disciples, Mother hardly ever mentioned the Galaxy concept. But She did constantly stress the need for unity, harmony, and a change of consciousness that will replace the rigid rule of the mind. Again and again, She warned against dogmatic views, especially those asserted in her name; and it is clear that six decades later, we have not learned those lessons.
- Throughout the years, the Galaxy concept has come to inspire the residents, and the town plan gradually evolves according to it. It is mainly the rigid, indeed dogmatic execution as proposed today, that has prompted this writing.

2. The “Crown Road”

- On Saturday, July 31, a Walk was organized to study issues facing the road. People trampled roughshod over fences and undergrowth through Auroville communities to clear the paths. This ‘clearing by force’ was unnecessary.
- We consider it incorrect to insist on perfect circularity for the Crown Road, as though Auroville’s future depended on an abstract line. The Crown is one element of the master plan (gazetted a few years ago but with the clear and written understanding that it was not to be taken as final) and must not be finalized, especially through coercive means, until the master plan itself is worked out by all stakeholders.
- Nowhere in the aforementioned document is it stated that the Crown is a perfectly circular road.
- The Crown Road and the Master Plan have never been approved by Mother, as some people have erroneously stated in recent meetings.

3. What “City”?

- We all agree that Auroville must grow into a city. But there are many conceptions for a city, especially in today’s world which is so radically different from what it was fifty years ago. Mother’s vision was always an evolving one, as any cursory reading of her numerous notes and messages on Auroville over the years will show.

- Since 1968, Auroville has undeniably developed. Generations of Aurovilians have done outstanding work to secure the land, improve the environment, manage water resources, pioneer alternative energies, work with the villages — a development praised in India and beyond. Rigidly implementing the “crown” as currently proposed would, in effect, negate this very real progress, since it would involve razing buildings, destroying trees and passing over sensitive areas (i.e. groundwater recharge area) without considerate planning. It would not create a “smart city”, but a ravaged environment. And it is not keeping pace with today’s standard of urban planning.
- Between climate change, rising sea levels, heat waves, wildfires, massive floods, rising social disparity and instability, the world is beginning to realize that its cities are unsustainable. Forward-looking urban thinkers are now proposing new concepts of sustainable urbanism. Why should we in Auroville lag behind, instead of pioneering new ways towards urban sustainability?
- Moving towards a city will require fresh deep thought and not the blind application of an old plan. Several Aurovilians have already worked in this direction, trying to harmonize some of the initial ideas with present and future conditions; also non-Aurovilians such as Shri Balkrishna Doshi who has beautifully articulated the need for fluidity and adaptability. If such minds could come together with no dogmatic preconceptions, something new would certainly emerge.
- In the meantime, we firmly reject any group’s attempt to forcibly impose its own limited vision on the entire community. This violates the very spirit of Auroville and will only end up creating deep divisions.
- It is crucial that we find the way to work together and we commit to doing so, so that we can collectively build a city and a society worthy of the Auroville Charter.

Submitted by a number of Aurovilians

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

WELLPAPER – FREE UPCYCLING WORKSHOPS



Wellpaper is inviting Aurovilians for a free Upcycling workshops.

Location – Wellpaper compound, Mangalam, Kottakrai

Registration – e-mail to wellpaper@auroville.org.in; whatsapp 9442035583 (Danny)

Upcycling techniques – Weaving, Coiling, Accessories

Cost – Free. Any contribution will be accepted with love

Special – Discounted rates in the shop

Date – Saturday 7th of August Time – 2PM till 4PM

Kind Regards

Danny

Women Empowerment Local Livelihood

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Danny

FAMILY CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP WITH MOGHAN

SATURDAY 14th of AUGUST 9 am to 6 pm

CREATIVITY Hall of Light

Please contact :

moghan@auroville.org.in, 9751110486

FIND YOUR TRUE CALLING SWADHARMA IS BACK!

Gift from Auroville soil



Swadharma
The Soul of Action

8 cohorts on Auroville soil → 1st cohort online: Swadharma 9.0

Swadharma is a 5 Week Online Intense Adventure of Self-Discovery for the Youth of the World to Find their True Calling

We thank 15+ Aurovilians who mentored the students and helped us bring Auroville experience online. We welcome you to

JOIN US

for the final presentations of the students to motivate, bless and encourage them.

Date: Saturday, 7th August

Time: 9:30am - 12:30 pm

We are elated to share with you about Swadharma course: born out of Auroville soil, first-of-its-kind course offered by the Auroville to the world, is back. Due to Covid-19, we could not hold a course the last one year. But this July-August, we held the 9th cohort of Swadharma – Online! :)

While most of us have witnessed 8 successful cohorts of Swadharma birthing and flourishing in Auroville, this year we came back with an online version and saw the emergence of the first online cohort of Swadharma. It was really heartwarming to see the energy, intensity and depth that the participants could touch by the continuous time, warmth and experience-sharing extended by several Aurovilians with a wide smile as the seekers were on their path of finding their Soul in Action

With abundant heartfelt gratitude in our hearts, we wish to invite you to the final presentations as the participants come to the formal conclusion of this journey that is a beginning for the participants :)

Date: 7th August 2021

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

To confirm, register here: <https://bit.ly/2TOvDCA>

Looking forward to your presence

Warmth, Divyanshi, Manoj, Surya, Palak, Leela, Lalit
Swadharma Team, Purnam Center for Integrality

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Contact Michael: tel 91 505 67003

mail@the-sound-of-bamboo.com

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Learn “Chen Style Taijiquan Practical Method” from disciples of the lineage holder Master Chen Zhonghua. Authentic Chinese Martial Art. Details, Dates & Videos at <https://www.the-taiji-family.com>

Contact Michael & Sarah: tel 91 505 67003

micha@taiji-shiatsu.de

QIGONG



Qigong is the “Yoga of China”, holistic systems to practice and refine the body, our life-energy, the mind and to nourish our soul. Suitable for all ages. Bodywork and Meditation. More Details and Dates at <https://www.the-taiji-family.com>

Contact Michael: tel 91 505 67003

micha@taiji-shiatsu.de

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Tuesday 17 August – Saturday 21 August

1.00 – 6.00 pm

Sunday 22 August

10 am – 5 pm

(including lunch)

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). Watsu, during which your face always stays on the surface, introduces the qualities and body mechanics required to work with someone in water in order to create a profound state of both physical and mental relaxation. During the OBA part you are also brought under water (with a nose clip), which offers a unique experience.

In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) of being and moving another body in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Watsu & OBA offer an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, for building trust, for being nurtured and held, for expanding inner and outer boundaries, for releasing emotions and traumas – ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each person and each session.

Participants in this course often appreciate the group space, which fosters deep, meaningful, and nurturing connections.

No previous experience required (also no need to be able to swim)!

MUSIC COURSES



1. Musical Aural training/Solfeggio, aims to develop a sense of pitch and rhythm, through individual and group exercises, and thus allow one to translate sounds into and from Musical notation.

2. Harmony, Music Theory & Counterpoint, aims at giving us the tools to understand how different types of music are built, and also help us to create our own musical compositions.

3. Music Composition is where we look at and discuss different topics relevant to composers, and we also look at different compositions, as well as our own pieces, and we create different exercises to help us become more fluent in writing/composing our own music.

These are courses loosely based on international Music Conservatory Programmes as well as musical higher studies, but flexible to our own informal setting, and adapted to suit our different levels.

Open to all. Regular attendance is encouraged.

Limited places. Basic to advanced levels.

For further information, and if interested, please contact Pushkar at pushkar@auroville.org.in

JIVA – YOUR JOURNEY

IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



"Jiva" is a growing collaborative of highly experienced therapists living in Auroville. Therapy, Workshops, Retreats and Courses and Classes. We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion and soul, for conscious evolution

Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiChuan, Energy work, Fasting. Natural Horsemanship, Horse assisted Therapy, Vedic Astrology, Medical Clowning, Yoga Nidra, Gentle Birth & Pregnancy, Integral Regressiontherapy, trauma therapy, advanced classical homeopathy.

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Whatsapp 9626006961

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1025676841155617>

The Way of the Sufi

Retreat with Nirupam Gyan, 4 – 8 Aug 2021



Find yourself whirling...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cvgl9ZptVY&feature=youtu.be>

Sufi Zikr & Whirling, Sacred Gurdjeff dances, active meditations, breath, dance... woven together magically..

Your heart will open wide, your mind still... you see the world flying by...

Sufi Whirling is an ancient transformative practice

The Sufi Way Retreat is a life changing event ,

Nirupam Gyan sufi is sharing Sufi & Gurdjeff & more internationally for over a decade, 3 previous workshops here have met with an overwhelming response.

Photos of the retreat:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1025676841155617>

All info and registration Sigrid, WA 9626006961 contact@auroville-jiva.com

Natural Horsemanship



Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in "Natural Horsemanship" – you choose when!

Natural Horsemanship focuses on body language of horse and human, which is universal, by effectively using intention and centered presence to communicate clearly, with purpose, and without violence.

This is the key to building a vocabulary with the horse, your partner. Experience yourself beyond words! 7 horses and ponies of all sizes and temperaments are curious to know you!

Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication – and its just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse!

Mirrabelle lives with horses since she is 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfils her life`s dream to bring children, adults and horses together in a healing way, in Auroville, Sharnaga Guesthouse.

Mirrabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care – hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care!

Contact Whatsapp 9626565134

contact@auroville-jiva.com

Classes via Zoom work super good! TRY!

Gurdjeffs Sacred Dances

13- 15 Aug with Nirupam Gyan

GURDJIEFF SACRED DANCES

13th-15th August
@Pavillion Of
Tibetan Culture
International Zone
Auroville (india)

Facilitator.. Nirupam

Organized By Holistic Sigrid,
Subunit of Holistic A Unit
Under Abc Trust Under The
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Gurdjeff movements help to balance our 3 centers: the physical, the emotional and the intellectual. Through the unusual combination of movements, the asymmetry, the will to break habits, they help us to acquire a new quality of presence. It's a meditation through the movements. While being in the movement, we may experience the stillness inside, and be simultaneously aware of our inner and outer space.

Facilitator Nirupam Gyan, Venue Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, Organised by JIVA

contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 09626006961

BHARAT NIVAS
REGULAR CLASSES FOR AUGUST 2021

SAWCHU

Mon	Capoeira Classes	5:00 to 6:00pm	Kiran capoeira@auroville.org.in
Tue	Bharatanatyam Classes,	5:00 to 6:00pm	Caveri sureshcaveri@gmail.com
	Hip Hop / Contemporary Dance	6:00 to 7:00pm	Vijay sarasu@auroville.org.in
Wed	Tango Practica	7:30 to 9:00pm	Jorge & Marie Pierre tango@auroville.org.in
Thu	Capoeira Classes	5:00 to 6:30pm	Kiran capoeira@auroville.org.in
Fri	Improvisation theater sessions	4:30 to 6:00pm	Jeff & Veronique jeff@auroville.org.in
Sat	Odissi dance classes	3:00 to 6:00pm	Kanchana udavikanchana1@gmail.com
	Hip Hop / Contemporary dance	6:30 to 7:30pm	Vijay sarasu@auroville.org.in
Sun	Classic Dance	10:00 to 11:00am	Deepa r_deepa14@yahoo.co.in
	Odissi dance classes	3:00 to 6:00 pm	Kanchana udavikanchana1@gmail.com
	Hip Hop / Contemporary Dance	6:00 to 7:00 pm	Vijay sarasu@auroville.org.in
	Bal Folk(new) (september)	7:30 to 9:00 pm	Luison moeglelison@gmail.com

Kalakendra

Mon to Sat	The Mother and Dawn of Auroville Permanent Exhibition	9:00 to 4:30pm	Kalakendara bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in
Fri	Savitri Reading Session	4.00 to 5.30pm	B'and Team bharatnivas-vani@auroville.org.in
Tue, Thu, Fri	Painting workshop	2:00 to 4:00 pm	Kalakendara bharatnivas-vani@auroville.org.in
15 Aug to 15 Sep '21	Exhibition on Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's Living Symbols	9:00 to 4:30pm	Kalakendara bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in

Shilpa Kendra

Mon	Vedic Chanting session	3:30 to 5:00pm	Deven devan@auroville.org.in
Sat	Ashtanga Yoga	4:00 to 5:00pm	Muthukumari muthukumari@auroville.org.in

Progress Hall

Mon	Tamil class	4.00 to 5:00 pm	Shankar shankar@auroville.org.in
Wed	Tamil class	4.00 to 5:00pm	Shankar shankar@auroville.org.in
Thu	Bhagavad Geeta Chanting	5:00 to 6:00pm	Sanskritam devan@auroville.org.in
Sat	Theater rehearsal	5:00 to 5:30pm	Aryamani
Sun	Ashtanga Yoga	4:00 to 5:00pm	Muthukumari muthukumari@auroville.org.in

Harmony Hall

Mon	Hatha yoga sessions	7:00 to 8:30am	Khushmita khushmita@auroville.org.in
	Dance awareness	3:00 to 4:45pm	Grace info@kola-myoga.com
	Dance Offering	5:00 to 7:00pm	Dariya & Friends dariya@auroville.org.in
Tue	Kathak Dance	4:00 to 5:30pm	Yogini yoginigan-dhi@gmail.com
Wed	Dance Awareness	3:00 to 4:45pm	Grace info@kola-myoga.com
	Odissi Dance	5:00 to 6:30 pm	Devasmita devasmita@auroville.org.in
Thu	Kotree yoga	5:00 to 6:30 pm	Grace info@kola-myoga.com
Fri	Hatha yoga session	7:00 to 8:30am	Khushmita khushmita@auroville.org.in
	Dance awareness	3:00 to 4:45 pm	Grace info@kola-myoga.com
Sat	Bharatanatyam classes	10:00 to 12:00 pm	Caveri sureshcaveri@gmail.com
	Kathak Dance	4:00 to 5:30 pm	Yogini yoginigan-dhi@gmail.com
Sat	Theater rehearsal	5:00 to 7:00 pm	Aryamani
Sun	Bharatanatyam classes	4:00 to 6:00 pm	Caveri sureshcaveri@gmail.com

Music room

Tue	Hindustani Singing Classes	2:00 to 6:00pm	Nandita bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
Wed	Hindustani Singing Classes	2:00 to 6:00pm	Nandita bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
Thu	Hindustani Singing Classes	2:00 to 6:00pm	Nandita bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
Fri	Carnatic vocal classes	4:30 to 6:00pm	Sangaraparana bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
Sat	Carnatic vocal classes	4:30 to 6:00pm	Sangaraparana bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

India Space

Mon to Sat	The City Earth Needs – Exhibition	9:00 to 4:30pm	Anu anu@auroville.org.in
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Bhumika

Tue	Sri Aurobindo's The Synthesis of yoga reading session	4:30 to 5:30pm	Deepti bharatnivas-vani@auroville.org.in
Fri	Savitri Reading Session	4:00 to 5:00pm	B' & Vani bharatnivas-vani@auroville.org.in

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Town Hall: 0413-262-213**

APPENDIX 1**CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS
JULY. 2021**

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	92,278,843
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	23,710,541
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	115,989,384
Total Payments	18,605,456
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	97,383,928
Monthly loss/gain	5,105,085

Internal Contributions

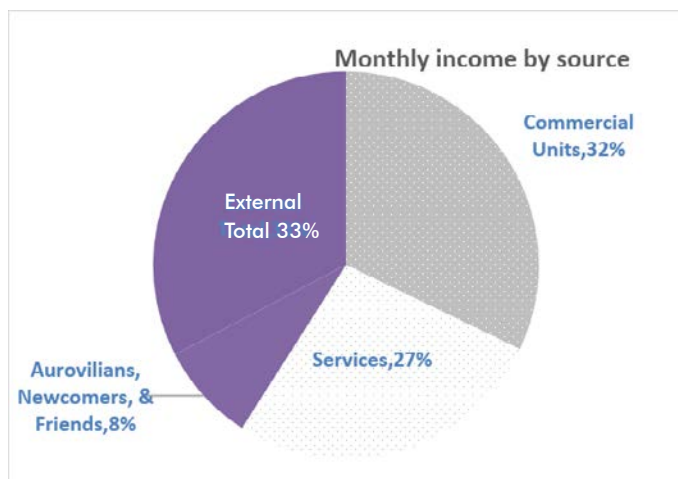
Source	Total
Commercial Units	7,623,747
Services	6,379,426
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	1,961,650
Internal Total	15,964,823

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	3,000,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	4,745,718
External Total	7,745,718

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments
Education	3,763,603
Social Support	2,741,306
Children & Youth	2,042,808
Organization	2,015,653
Health	1,224,793
Village Education	1,015,562
Forests	1,014,070
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	858,508
Security	810,963
Prosperity Services	604,511
Farms	519,045
Culture & Sports	512,525
Outreach	375,019
Land	326,564
Contingency	292,660
Matrimandir	178,198
City Planning	151,712
Housing	106,931
Utilities	33,194
Projects	17,832
Total	18,605,456



“Total in 33%” are contributions that are counted toward calculating the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

“Total Contributions” includes specified contributions that are not counted as part of the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Maroma	2,803,006	2,819,006
Aureka	637,760	639,760
Sunlit Future	613,880	613,880
AV Consulting	326,025	326,525
Conscious Living	306,940	311,940
Tanto	305,865	315,865
Pitchandikulam Forest Consul	213,880	213,880
Svaram	174,290	174,290
School for sust. Managemant	162,078	162,078
Cadd Studio	156,940	171,540
The Colors Of Nature	107,940	107,940
Yuvabe	87,978	87,978
AV Bakery	85,240	85,240
Cynergy	67,350	67,350
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Auromics	54,700	63,700
C3Stream Land Designs	53,007	53,007
Miniature	45,820	45,820
H.E.R.S.	45,410	45,410
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
Painting Service	33,470	33,470
Shradanjali	31,940	31,940
La Ferme Cheese	29,095	29,095
ASSA-Studio One	27,832	27,832
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Kallialay Surf School	24,290	24,290

MG Ecoduties	23,470	23,470
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Capability	20,410	20,410
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
AV Online Store	17,350	17,350
Earth Institute	17,350	17,350
AVA-Wasteless	17,350	17,350
Aurodent	17,350	17,350
Gastronomica	17,350	17,350
Nowana	17,350	17,350
Flame	16,940	17,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
AVA-Cocoon	16,735	16,735
Varuna(To Com:Rs.23.6 lak)	16,522	66,522
Magica	16,410	16,410
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	16,242	16,242
Right Path Café (VC Café)	15,615	16,115
ASSA-Ilion	15,615	15,615
DUSTUDIO	13,880	13,880
Naturellement	13,880	13,880
Progress Landscape	13,880	14,380
Sound Wizard	13,880	17,380
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Tree House Community	13,880	13,880
ADPS (Aurelec)	13,701	13,701
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Eco Pro	12,410	12,410
Auroville Papers	12,145	16,345
Holistic	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Sumark	10,410	10,410
Imago	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
Worktree	10,410	10,410
Café 73	10,410	10,410
AVA-Bear and Trout Studio	9,005	9,005
AAS-Mona	8,675	8,675
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
Arthena	6,940	6,940
Artisan Revolution	6,940	6,940
Aurosoya	6,940	7,140
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940

Comfort Design	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Boutique Visitors Center	6,940	6,940
La Terrace	6,940	6,940
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	6,940	6,940
Mandala Pottery	6,940	9,440
Mantra	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	7,190
Papui And Somethingelse	6,940	6,940
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
Tapasya Design Studio	6,940	6,940
Filaure	6,940	6,940
Mereville Trust	6,940	6,940
Natura	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshimi Construction	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Aire	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
The Neem Tree	6,940	6,940
Perceptive Eye	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
AVA-Centre D'art	6,940	6,940
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
AVA-Procultura	6,940	6,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Unitary	6,940	6,940
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470
Pottery Sipapu	5,205	5,205
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
Abacus Accounting	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
AAS-Yatharth	3,470	3,470
AV Language Lab	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470

Catami/Dreamers Coffee	3,470	3,470
Discovery	3,470	3,470
Earth & Us	3,470	3,470
Ecoteco Pools	3,470	3,470
Freeland	3,470	3,470
Gecko!	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	3,470	3,470
Light Fish	3,470	3,470
Linea Dental	3,470	3,470
Mukti Accounting	3,470	3,470
New Creation Corner Frites	3,470	3,470
New School Crafts	3,470	3,470
Pitchandikulam	3,470	3,470
Prakrit	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Sunshine Music	3,470	3,470
To be Two (Auromode)	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-AF Deko	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Blossoms	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Produ	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Softwa	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AVA-Inscapes	3,470	3,470
LEAD-Integral Learning Cente	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
OK Upcycling Studio	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
Studio Eri	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
Bamboo Center Aurovile	3,470	3,470
Taboo	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470

AVA-Centre de Soins Naturell	3,470	3,470
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
AVARTS-Aavartan Studio	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-BHU Nausheen	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	3,470	3,470
LEAD-IPK Activities	3,470	3,470
Quantum Mech Training	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Valentina Beatriz	3,470	3,470
MO BETTA	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Active Nature Project	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
Eco Fare	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Nirami	3,470	3,470
AVA-Octo Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-LuMa	3,470	3,470
Mancala	3,470	3,470
MAT JIP	3,470	3,470
Hands For Earth	3,470	3,470
AVARTS/CRYSTAL ART & CRA	3,470	3,470
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip. Team	3,000	3,000
LEAD-Joy Activities	2,899	2,899
Unity Transport Service	2,000	2,000
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
ASSA/Hibiscus Heros	870	870
LEAD-Being	839	839
AVA-Candala	758	758
Kola Mandala	500	500
Inside India	-	350
Boutique D` Av Pondy	-	500
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Eco Femme	(173,975)	(173,975)
Total	7,480,647	7,623,747
Percent of Total	98%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	146,664	146,664
Center GH	60,853	64,653
New Creation GH	36,820	36,820
Arka GH	33,090	33,090
Serendipity Collection	21,760	21,760
Isai Ambalam GH	17,962	17,962
EUU – Kumar Samasti GH	15,000	15,000
SAIIR-Mitra GH	11,314	11,314
Abundance GH	10,264	10,264
Aspiration GH	7,861	7,861
Gaia's Garden GH	6,940	6,940
Needam GH	6,940	6,940
Tanto Far GH (Rs.45,560)	6,940	6,940
Verite GH	6,940	6,940
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
EUU – Sonja & Umberto GH	6,870	6,870
Samasti GH	6,140	6,140
EUU – Lotus GH	5,000	5,000
SAIIR-Youth Camp GH	4,610	4,610
EUU-Suganya GH	4,280	4,280
Afsanah GH	3,470	4,270
EUU – Creativity GH	3,470	3,470
FRM-Buddha Garden Coll.	3,470	3,470
EUU – Victor and Galina GH	3,397	3,397
EUU – Kofpu GH	3,200	3,200
EUU – Transformation GH	3,100	3,100
EUU-Sita Nivas GH	3,000	3,000
EUU-Ramachandran GH	3,000	3,000
Reve GH	2,400	2,400
EUU-Harsha GH	2,200	2,200
EUU-Nandhanam GH	2,000	2,000
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
EUU – Casa Luna GH	808	808
Discovery GH	800	800
Subtotal	459,238	463,838
Net Additional Guest Contrib	215,563	215,563
Total	674,801	679,401

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	4,279,240	4,500,707
CS-Visitor Center Parking	227,066	227,066
Botanical Garden	64,195	64,195
CSR	38,170	38,170
CS-Working Committee	27,760	27,760
Quiet Healing Centre	20,820	21,820
Birth Center	13,880	13,880
Visitor Center	12,145	12,145
SAIIR – Foreign	6,940	6,940
Auroville Video Production	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Korean Pavillion	6,940	6,940
Thamarai	5,205	5,205
ACUR	3,470	3,470
Electrical Services	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
AV Arts Service	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
SAIIR-Supportive Learning	3,470	3,470

FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
ABC	1,735	1,735
FRM-Ayarpaadi	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	723,146
Total	4,754,411	5,700,025

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
School Participation	350,025	350,025
Aurovilian	1,416,840	1,416,840
Newcomer	16,000	16,000
Friends of AV	178,785	178,785
Total	1,961,650	1,961,650

External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Govern. of India for SAIIR	3,000,000	3,000,000
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	-	-
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	4,745,718	4,745,718
External Total	7,745,718	7,745,718

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APPENDIX 2

RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION-MAKING (RAD) PROVISIONAL AMENDED POLICY

Proposal

The below decision-making methodology will be in place only until a new process, which would more closely reflect Auroville's core principles and aspirations, is elaborated and collectively approved.

Intro

Decision-making in the Residents' Assembly of Auroville is based on the principle of universal suffrage. This means that each person has the right and privilege to participate in decision-making, but that there is no compulsion to exercise this right.

Whether or not a person participates in decision-making is a private matter. People should be respected for their participation as well as for their decision not to participate.

There may be many reasons why a person does not want to participate: for example, the topic does not interest him or her; one has pressing business elsewhere; or one is simply satisfied to leave the decision to others.

Who can participate in decision-making?

Only confirmed Aurovilians can participate in decision-making.

Those who have been announced as confirmed Aurovilians 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. It does not include under 18-year-olds, newcomers and any other Auroville statuses.

Decision-making by consensus versus decision-making through voting

Auroville prefers to make decisions through consensus instead of through voting. This is based on our spiritual aspiration, and on our endeavour to find a solution that can satisfy all. However, this attempt has also sometimes blocked situations from getting resolved.

The problems of everyday life often have many possible solutions, some equally good, and backed by equally valid arguments.

But if consensus cannot be found, a solution through voting is the only way out.

Method Of Decision-Making By The Residents' Assembly

1. Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) is arranged by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS)

a) either at the request of the Working Committee, Auroville Council, Auroville Town Development Council, Entry Board, Funds & Assets Management Committee; or

b) at the request of at least 60 residents.

No simultaneous Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) on the same subject/proposal will be entertained by the RAS. In other words, no overlapping Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) should be requested by any of the above entities on the same topic. If there are alternative proposals for one topic/issue, the RAS must be informed before or during the first RAM and the different options/possibilities will be given equal space to present; choices will be integrated in the final call for a decision.

2. Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) organizes the first meeting to introduce the topic followed by at least two, and possibly more, Residents' Assembly Meeting(s) (RAM) to present and discuss a proposal to be put out for a decision, which would include different perspectives and choices/options.

a) The RAS will work closely with one of the above entities (or their representatives), who requested to initiate a decision-making process on their proposal(s), to design the structure of a decision-making campaign, including the text for announcements, engaging facilitators and relevant experts as needed;

b) RAMs can be held virtually and/or in person, depending on circumstances;

c) The RAS will circulate an invitation (along with the proposal, agenda with a possible outcome and all relevant materials) to the community to participate in an upcoming RAM via the RAS mailing system 1 week prior to the date of the meeting. The same announcement will be published in News and Notes and Auronet;

d) At the end of every first RAM (in a series) the RAS will take pulse from the RAM attendees (participants) to get a sense of what RAM attendees (participants) feel/think about the proposal(s) and about next steps to take before the follow-up RAM;

e) The RAS will then publish a report after the RAM along with the proposal(s) and invite the larger community to share feedback on its outcome. The RAS will collect and compile the feedback received and hand it over to those who initiated the RAD and made proposal(s). It is the responsibility of those who initiated the RAD to integrate feedback and present the revised proposal at the follow-up RAM including an explanation of what feedback was integrated, what not and why;

f) At the end of every follow-up RAM(s) the RAS/Facilitator will check with the room either by a show of hands or other mechanisms if there is a common agreement to accept suggested voting options and to bring a refined proposal out to the community for a final decision;

g) The RAS will hold as many RAMs as necessary until an RAD proposal is refined, and a decision to be arrived at in the RAD is conclusive.

Please note that the RAS overall assistance is required to call and organize Residents' Assembly Meetings (RAMs), which are an integral part of any decision-making process. At the same time, any working group or group of residents can call for and organize regular General Meetings (GMs) to offer Aurovilians an opportunity to share information, express their views and give these views a full, respectful and fair hearing. Depending on the availability of RAS, the team can be asked to provide its expertise, technical and logistical support for GMs, although these GMs are not part of an RAD process.

3) The RAS will disseminate an RAD announcement (along with the proposal, voting options and all

relevant materials), containing a personalised voting link, through the RAS mailing system 2 weeks prior to

the voting deadline. The same announcement will be published in News and Notes and Auronet.

Only in emergencies, as assessed by the Working Committee, will the Residents' Assembly Service call for an Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision-making within a shorter period without the matter having been discussed in one or more earlier meetings.

4) During the 2-week RAD process residents can opt for either:

- An online voting, using a personalised voting link sent by the RAS; or
- A voting in person: paper ballots will be available in Town Hall (to be handed over to RAS members).

Residents can also register their decisions on paper on the last day of the RAD at one of the public venues announced by the RAS;

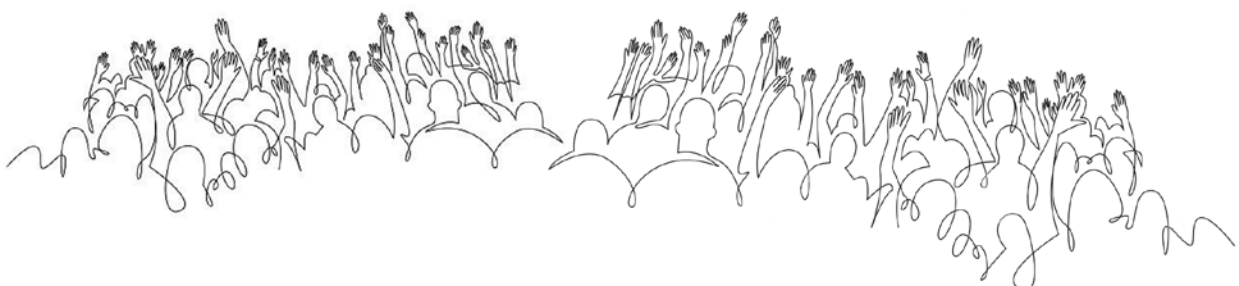
5) Once the voting is over, the RAS will collect, process and compile all data received (online and in-person), validate the votes (verify the eligibility of all those who participated in the RAD event, etc);

6) The RAS will announce the RAD outcome to the RA (via RAS mass email, N&N and Auronet) regardless of whether a proposal was accepted or not within 48 hours from the time of RAD voting completion.

A proposal will be considered as accepted by the Residents' Assembly if:

- The total number of the valid votes cast – online and in-person – is at least 10% of the number of confirmed Aurovilians as registered in the Residents Service database (master-list) at the time of the RAD; and
- A minimum of 50% of the valid votes cast is in favor of the proposal; or
- The most votes cast in favor of one of the voting options in instances where there are more than two voting options.

7) The Residents' Assembly Service is responsible for conveying decisions of the Residents' Assembly to the Working Committee for the record.



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