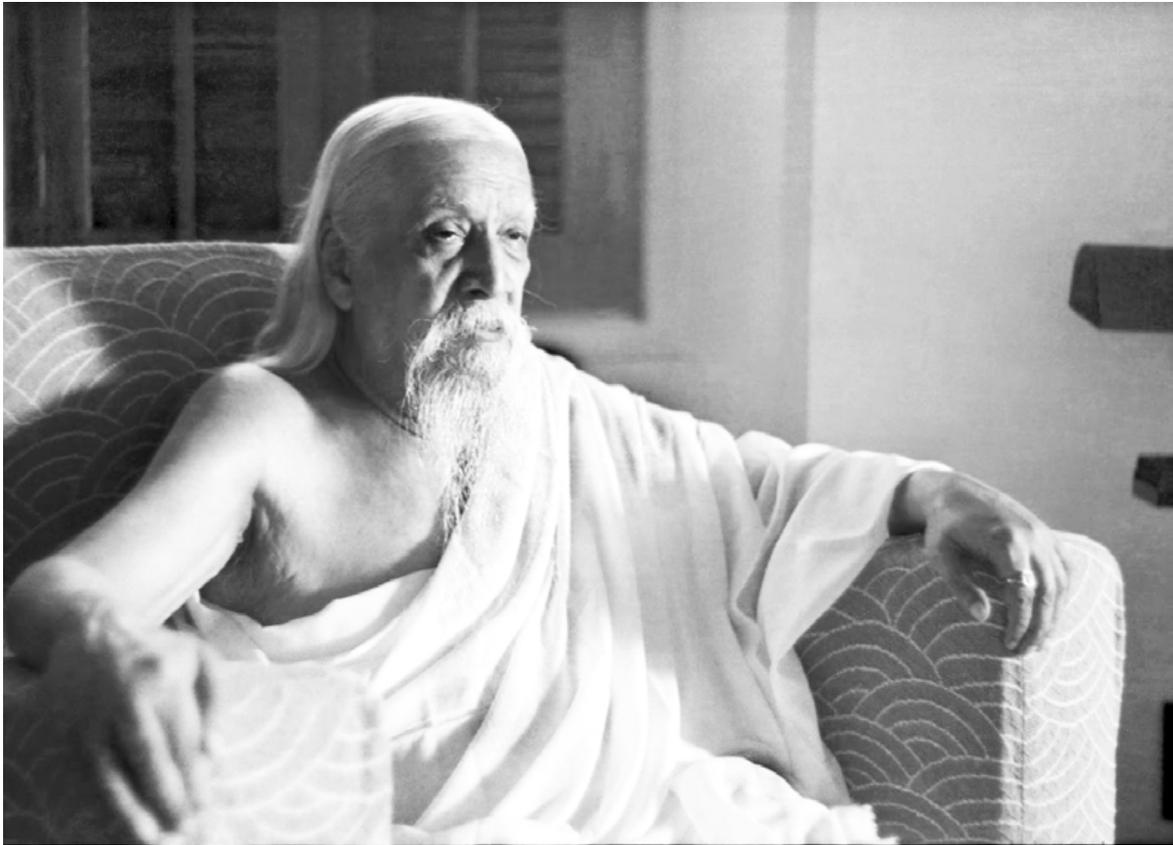


News Notes

#883 A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville 14th August 2021



SRI AUROBINDO'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY IN AUROVILLE

Programme for 15th August 2021

5 to 7am/Amphitheatre

Dawn fire & All Auroville Invocation with Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra / Livestreamed

8 to 9.30am/Bharat Nivas Campus

- India's 75th Independence Day Celebration. Flag Hoisting by Dr Jayanti Ravi /8.30 am
- Honoring our neighborhood Elders
- Inauguration of Exhibition on Sri Aurobindo's symbol / Kalakendra /9.00am
- Breakfast
- Sri Aurobindo's 5 Dreams Exhibition / SAWCHU / from 8 to 10am

10.00 to 10.30am/Savitri Bhavan

- Savitri Reading with Flower Exhibition dedicated to special significances of Sri Aurobindo and the Supra-mental Consciousness.

5.30 pm / Amphitheatre

- Russian Bells Sound Meditation

7.30 pm / Webinar

- Sri Aurobindo's Independence Day Message, known as the Five Dreams, with distinguished panelists Dr Karan Singh, Dr Shashi Tharoor, Sir Mark Tully, Ameeta Mehra and Dr Aster Patel.



House of Mother's Agenda

22 November 1967

Mother: (*Mother takes flowers*) I'll put them in water...
Flowers are the beauty of life.

And there is a progress.

Satprem: Oh?

Mother: At the end of the physical demonstration (*Every year on December 2, all the children of the School and all the disciples taking part in sports carry out a general demonstration of physical culture.*) [on December 2], all the children will pray in chorus, and the prayer has been written by me. I will read it to you.

But I hadn't thought about it: they asked me for it, and I wrote it.

They must have read the *Bulletin*, and then they asked me for a prayer – a prayer that would really be the body's. I answered:

THE PRAYER OF THE CELLS IN THE BODY

Now that by the effect of the Grace we are slowly emerging out of inconscience and waking up to a conscious life, an ardent prayer rises in us for more light, more consciousness:

*"O Supreme Lord of the Universe,
we implore Thee, give us
the strength and the beauty,
the harmonious perfection
needed to be Thy divine instruments upon earth."*

It's almost a proclamation. There. So we'll put it into French.

They will say it after their demonstration; it seems they are going to show the whole evolution of physical culture, and then, at the end, they will say, "We have not reached the end, we are at the beginning of something, and here is our prayer." I was very glad.

Satprem: You said there is a progress?

Mother: A progress! It's a tremendous progress! The thought had never occurred to them, never; taken as a whole, they had never thought of the transformation: their thought was to become the best athletes in the world and all the usual nonsense.

The body, you see, they've asked for a prayer of the **BODY**. They have finally understood that the body must

begin to transform itself into something else. Previously, they were all full of the whole history of physical culture in every country, in which country it's most developed, the use of the body as it is, and... and so on. Anyway, it was the Olympic ideal. Now, they have leaped beyond: that is the past, now they want the transformation.

You understand, people were asking to be divine in their mind and vital – that is, the whole ancient history of spirituality, the same old theme for centuries – but now, it's the **BODY**. It's the body that asks to participate. It's certainly a progress.

Satprem: Yes, but one can see how in the mind the aspiration sustains itself, how it lives by itself. In the heart too, one can see how the aspiration lives. But in the body? How can one awaken that aspiration in the body?

Mother: But good God! it's fully awakened! It's been for months in me! So it means they've felt it, they are feeling it. How it's done? – It's being done.

Satprem: But how can one in oneself...

Mother: No, no, no. If it has been done in one body, it can be done in all bodies.

Satprem: Yes, but I ask how... Yes, how?

Mother: Well, that's what I have been trying to explain for months.

It's, first of all, awakening the consciousness in the cells....

Satprem: Well, yes!

Mother: Yes, but once it's done it's done: the consciousness keeps awakening more and more, the cells live consciously, aspire consciously. I have been trying to explain it, good Lord, for months! For months I have been trying to explain it. And so, that's just what pleased me: it's that they have at least understood the possibility of it.

The same consciousness which was the vital's and the mind's monopoly has become corporeal: the consciousness acts in the body's cells.

The body's cells grow into something conscious, entirely conscious.

A consciousness which is independent, absolutely independent of the vital consciousness or the mental consciousness: it's a corporeal consciousness.

(to be continued next week)

Volume 8. 1967: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

The Ponder Corner

To live within, in constant aspiration towards the Divine – that renders us capable of regarding life with a smile and remaining in peace whatever the external circumstances.

Live within, do not be shaken by external circumstances.

The Mother 26 July 1971

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Townhall Speaks

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE LAND CAMPAIGN

15th August – Sri Aurobindo's birth
& India's Independence



2021 Launch of Acres for Auroville – Year 8



For Sri Aurobindo, unity in diversity is our humanity's natural destiny. This universal vision is the animating concept and force behind the creation of Auroville. Today, Sri Aurobindo's inspiring words ring deeply true, and even more essential than before:

"A living sense of human oneness and practice of human oneness... must always remain the highest injunction of the Spirit within us to human life upon earth."

"Only by admitting and realising our unity with others can we entirely fulfil our true self-being."

"A living oneness full of healthy freedom and diversity is the ideal we should keep in view and strive to get realised..."

In her first message as Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Dr. Jayanti Ravi, described Auroville as a *"unique experiment ... perhaps the only one of its kind anywhere on the planet."* And referring to our collective goal *"towards the highest aspiration, which is what the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo underscores"* – she called upon us to *"to re-dedicate ourselves, to really make the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo, and the vision, the dream of Mother, manifest itself as beautifully, as quickly and as firmly as possible here in Auroville – to really serve as a beacon for the entire world and mankind."*

As we launch A4A's Year 8, we re-dedicate ourselves to manifesting this Vision.

Join us in building Auroville's physical body, the material base for the City of Dawn!

Please specify your donations for "ACRES FOR AUROVILLE" via check, bank transfers or online. Donating & Tax Deductibility information <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>. News, videos, and land information: <https://land.auroville.org>. Contact lfau@auroville.org.in

Quotes: Collected Works of Sri Aurobindo, Volume 25 ("The Human Cycle" & "The Ideal of Human Unity"): pages 568, 48, and 520

Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT SCENARIO ON ALL AUROVILLE LANDS

Dear Residents and Stewards,

Mr. Boobalan, our record keeper, with colleague(s) have been requested by the team to update on the current scenario, like borewell, wastewater treatment, building footprints etc., on all Auroville lands. This information will be used to incorporate in the Detailed Development Plans that are under process.



We request you to kindly cooperate with him.

Thank you, ATDC Team

EXTENDING THE LOCKDOWN UNTIL 23RD AUGUST 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 **23rd August 2021 at 6.00am** without any further relaxations. All activities that were already allowed will continue unchanged.

Few new restrictions have been put in place for places of worship and markets.

The TN Government has announced also the reopening of schools from 9th to 12th grade from 1st September. 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)*

UPDATE ON THE RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community, we have an update on the Residents Assembly Service membership.

Verena Hargesheimer who was a resource person for the RAS has been confirmed to be part of the team and is now a member.

The Residents Assembly Service team members at present are Manoj Kumar, Sathish, Tatiana and Verena.

With appreciation and gratitude for the RAS' good work.

*For the Auroville Council
Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh K. Meenal,
Sai Suresh, Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva*

REMINDER – INTERIM RAD PROPOSAL

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.

See the link: <https://auroville.org.in/article/85727>

[Or Appendix 1 of this issue of N&N.](#)

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

*At Her service,
The Auroville Council
and the Working Committee*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 094**Dated: 14-08-2021**

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:

Cesare FASSI (Italian) staying at in Swayam and working at Auroservice

Shivangi GADIA (Indian) staying in WeDK (Prarthana) and working at Inscapes

Vatsla SHARMA (Indian) staying in Citadine and working at Bharat Nivas, Auroville Language Lab & Matrimandir

Vivekan BRUNSCHWIG (French) staying in French Pavilion and working at Auro Orchard



Cesare



Shivangi



Vatsla



Vivekan

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

Gopika DAHANUKAR (Indian)

Luke MARSH (British)

Raquel JOVER (Spanish)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

Saravana DEIVASIGAMANY (Indian) staying in Aurobrindavan and working at Palmyra

**AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

Anbazhagan VEERAPPAN (Indian)

Arul NARAYANASAMY (Indian)

Kshitij BHATT (Indian)

Mohamed Ismail JALEEL (Indian)

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SRI AUROBINDO'S BIRTHDAY
AT THE MATRIMANDIR AMPHITHEATRE
 15th August 2021, Sunday



*O Sun-Word, thou shalt raise the earth-soul to Light
 And bring down God into the lives of men;
 Earth shall be my work-chamber and my house,
 My garden of life to plant a seed divine.*

Savitri p.699

Meditation with dawn-fire from 4.45 to 6.30 am

At 5.45 am: Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra will be chanted by a chorus welcoming all present to join in. Please see News and Notes for text and link to melody.

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

Entrance will be from the Matrimandir Office Gate from 4 am.

Cellphones, cameras, bags will need to be deposited at the Access Office, as usual, before entering the Park of Unity.

All are requested to be seated by 4.45 am.

Strict COVID protocols will need to be followed through out the event.

Aurovilians and Newcomers are requested to please bring along their Auroville ID cards as it is no longer possible for those on duty to know or recognise all Aurovilians and Newcomers. Please do not take this personally but as a request to help the reception at the gate work in a quiet and peaceful manner. Your understanding and cooperation will be much appreciated.

Aurovilians with visiting family member/s or friend/s staying with them and holding no Aurocard are requested to come with their guest/s to collect their individual passes from the Matrimandir Access Office between 3 and 4 pm on 13th and 14th August.

Please do not bring your pets to the Matrimandir.

All are invited to create and maintain an atmosphere of silence and concentration.

Inner Chamber

Please note that the Inner Chamber will remain open for Aurovilians and Newcomers from 7.30 to 8.30 am and from 4.30 to 6 pm. Strict SOP to be followed as usual.

Evening 5.30 pm Russian Singing Bells at the Amphitheatre

"His was a spirit that stooped from larger spheres
Into our province of ephemeral sight,
A colonist from immortality.
A pointing beam on earth's uncertain roads,
His birth held up a symbol and a sign."

Savitri, Book 1, Canto III

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm.

Guests are requested to bring along their Auocards.

Bonne Fete and see you there.

CHANTING OF GAYATRI MANTRA ON AUGUST 15TH



As announced earlier, we are preparing for a collective invocation with Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra at the time of sunrise on 15th August at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre.

Our last practice is on Friday at 6pm (at the Amphitheatre).

The mantra will be chanted, in Sunil da's tune, for 12-15 minutes. After a couple of rounds of listening, all who would like are invited to join the invocation.

[Link to the melody by Sunil-da](#)

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ॐ यन्नः सत्येन दीपयेत् ॥

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om tat saviturvaram rūpam jyotiḥ parasya dhimahi |
yannah satyena dipayet |

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

-Sri Aurobindo

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Phone: 0413 2622 894

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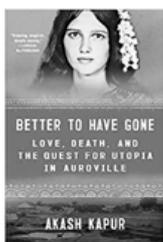
Opening times:

Mornings: Mon – Sat: 9am – 12.30pm

Afternoons: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 2pm – 4.30pm

Tues: 4pm – 6.30pm

BETTER TO HAVE GONE NOW AVAILABLE



Auroville Papers Bookshop (Visitors Centre) has received a few copies of Akash Kapur's new book, titled "BETTER TO HAVE GONE", at Rs. 699.

*Thanking you in advance,
For Auroville Papers
Christine*

"In Auroville we could have an international publishing house, publishing books in all languages."

Auroville Press,
Aspiration

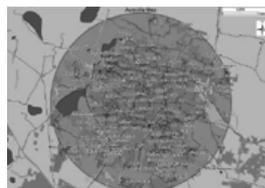
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STUDY GROUP ON LAND

Q & A on Auroville's land:



Why is it crucial for our future to consolidate the land puzzle? What else is happening with the land holdings in the bioregion? How much water is there for the future? What can we do? What can YOU do?

All Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome, Sigrid, engaged in fundraising for land since 8 years, offers her insights and concerns. Wednesdays 5-6.30pm at Le Morgan, Townhall

The Auroville land website: LFAU Lands for Auroville Unified land.auroville.org

Thank you, Sigrid

SOLAR KITCHEN IS READY TO SERVE LUNCH FROM 15TH OF AUGUST



Dear Community, we at Solar Kitchen are ready to serve lunch from the 15th of August. We humbly invite the community to come enjoy our heartfelt meal to celebrate new beginnings and togetherness.

Kindly send your bookings in advance before 10 AM on 14th August, 2021 via solkitchen@auroville.org.in or call 0413 2622664 (between 9 AM – 2 PM)

In addition to the opening day, we would like to serve 'Trail meal' from the 16 – 26th August for members who want to book the lunch scheme from September onward. Kindly book with us to avail this 'Trial Meal'.

Please remember we are still amidst a pandemic, kindly wear masks while entering & waiting in the queue in the campus.

Gratitude, SK team

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

Ride it – Bus it!



Following last week's announcement, we are pleased to confirm the route and timings of the Accessible Auroville Public Bus, which will resume on August 15th with an inaugural trip to the Ashram.

Trip 1: 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Trip 2: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Trip 3: 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

As of August 16th, there will be 4 trips to Pondy from Monday to Saturday. Trip Schedule is attached below.

Bus fare single round trip:

100 Rs for Aurovilians and Newcomers

150 Rs for Guests and Volunteers.

Aurovilians and Newcomers: If you plan on going to Pondy regularly, you can subscribe to our monthly scheme against a recurring contribution of 550 Rs/month from your FS account. Monthly and daily passes will be available at Town Hall (Financial Service) as of 13th August.

We thank you in advance for using this opportunity to move around by public transport.

NOTE: the Detailed Bus schedule you can see in August Regular Events

Accessible Auroville Public Bus Team

Contact: 9443074825

Email: avbus@auroville.org.in

NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE OPENING HOURS



Dear Friends, we are reducing our opening timings in the evenings from 9 pm to 7 pm (for the time being), last order taken 6.30.

But you are very welcome to stay longer once payments are settled!

You can also book a later dinner if you are a group of more than eight. We are open as usual all seven days of the week from 9 am.

Welcome!

The Naturellement Garden Cafe team

NOWANA RESTAURANT IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS



We, the Nowana Restaurant, will be closing on every Monday starting from the coming Monday (9th Aug).

We are however open for dine in, delivery and takeaway from Tuesday to Sunday, from 12pm to 9pm.

We apologise for any inconveniences this new change may cause.

Open everyday except Monday from 12pm to 9pm

Official WhatsApp, 11am to 9pm:

+91 94870 06490

Land Line +0413 296 5490

Menu Board <https://forms.gle/vFkZDADJsz2jHSc68>

Thank you for your support.

Nowana Korean Restaurant Team

“HANGOUT” AT CENTER GUESTHOUSE



So we finally got started again last week... but with a bit of a disappointing turnout. Hopefully we'll be far more numerous this time!

Anyway, our next Hangout will once again be at Center Guest House, and this on **Saturday August 14th, from 2.30 – 5.30 pm.**

You and your friends and family can come by any time and stay as long as you want, it's totally informal. Whether you want to play games, or just chat with friends or meet new people of all ages please do come on by and join in.

We will have some juices, coffee, tea and cookies for which you will either need to please make a **modest donation**, or just **bring some snacks** to share with all.

The usual board games will be available and if you have a preferred game at your home do bring it along and look for partners to play with.

All ages are totally welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Don

ARYA ACCOUNTING

A registered activity under AVA _ KATTIDA KALAI Trust is ready to help you with book keeping, accounting, internal auditing of your Unit/ Activity/ project. To reach us please contact aryaaccounting@auroville.org.in

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Gate near Courage to be Closed



AUROVILLE SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM

AVSST's duty report for June 2021 is available on Auronet. To find it, go in the "Reports" section of Auronet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:



Thank you

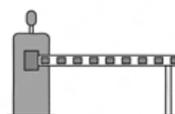
The Auroville Safety & Security Team

Thank you for your work:)

Anandamayi L.

Saturday 6pm to Monday 6am gate closed

access to the tar road via the gate near Courage and Reve



Dear community, We will be closing the access to the tar road via the gate near Courage and Reve, every week from Saturday 6pm to Monday 6am.

We do this due to the significant increase in daily visitors after the recent easing of lockdown regulations, many of which are guided by online map services. During the above mentioned timings we have also witnessed an increase of visitors coming to drink and roam inside of the city center, a situation we clearly cannot leave as is.

We are sorry for the inconvenience, but find this necessary for us to properly maintain this aspect of our service to the community.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Auroville Safety & Security Team (AVSST)

Emergency (24/7): +91 944 30 90 107

Vehicle Access: +91 94 88 75 24 35

Office: +91 413 2623 40

LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA



Most Airlines keep maintaining their international flights under the special agreement program. Before making a flight booking please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements while travelling and the entry procedures of the country of destination.

We advise not to make bookings a long time in advance because of the changing situations.

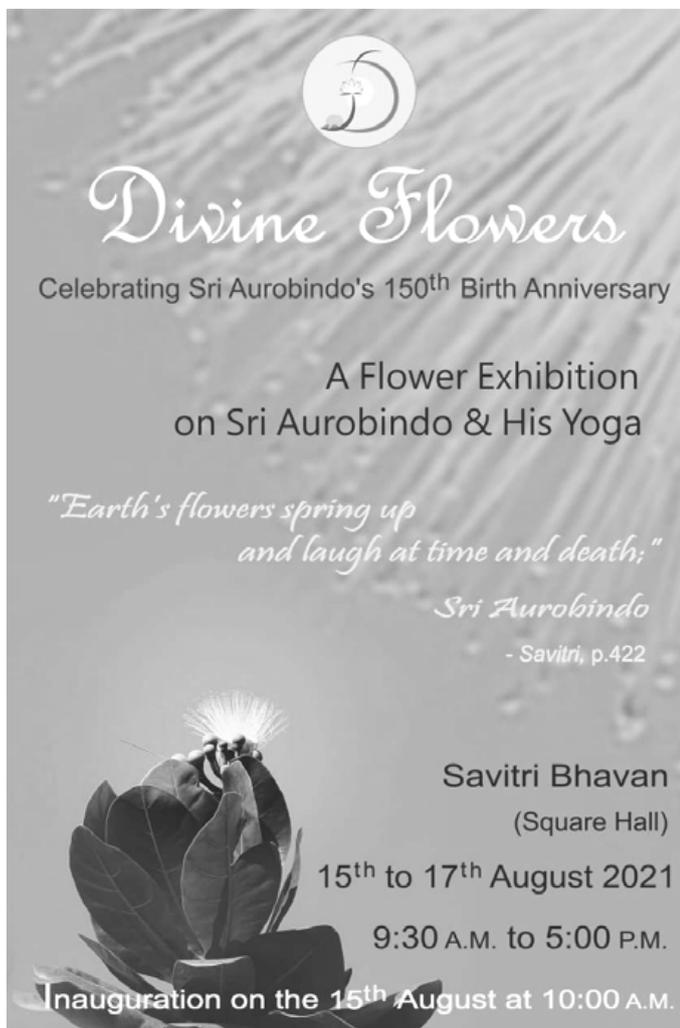
Please take note of the Government of India Covid circular:

Airports and in-flight Airlines have to insist that passengers wear masks properly and maintain social distance at all times. Up to the point if not being followed passengers could be de-boarded, should be handed over to security agencies and may be dealt with as per law.

You can contact Mr. Ganesh directly for issuing, re-scheduling etc. for all kind of ticketing

- by phone or / and by WhatsApp: +91 9894598686
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com

DIVINE FLOWERS – A FLOWER EXHIBITION




Divine Flowers
 Celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary
 A Flower Exhibition
 on Sri Aurobindo & His Yoga
*"Earth's flowers spring up
 and laugh at time and death;"*
Sri Aurobindo
 - Savitri, p.422
 Savitri Bhavan
 (Square Hall)
 15th to 17th August 2021
 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 Inauguration on the 15th August at 10:00 A.M.

INVITATION TO AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV
(Festival of the nectar of Freedom)



In a spirit of commemorating India's Independence, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" (Festival of the nectar of Freedom) is now being celebrated across the country.

As our collective offering to Mother India, may we all please assemble on Thursday 12 August, 2021 at 6.30 a.m. at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre for a collective rendition of the National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana) and National Song (Vande Mataram).

This is in the spirit of invocation of unity of the nation and the entire spiritual India, as dreamt by Sri Aurobindo.

I would like to invite each one of the residents of Auroville on this special occasion.

Jayanti Ravi

HANDMADE HOME EXHIBITION IN UPASANA



13 – 21 August 2021
 Time: 9am to 5 pm
 For queries WA+91 94429 82957

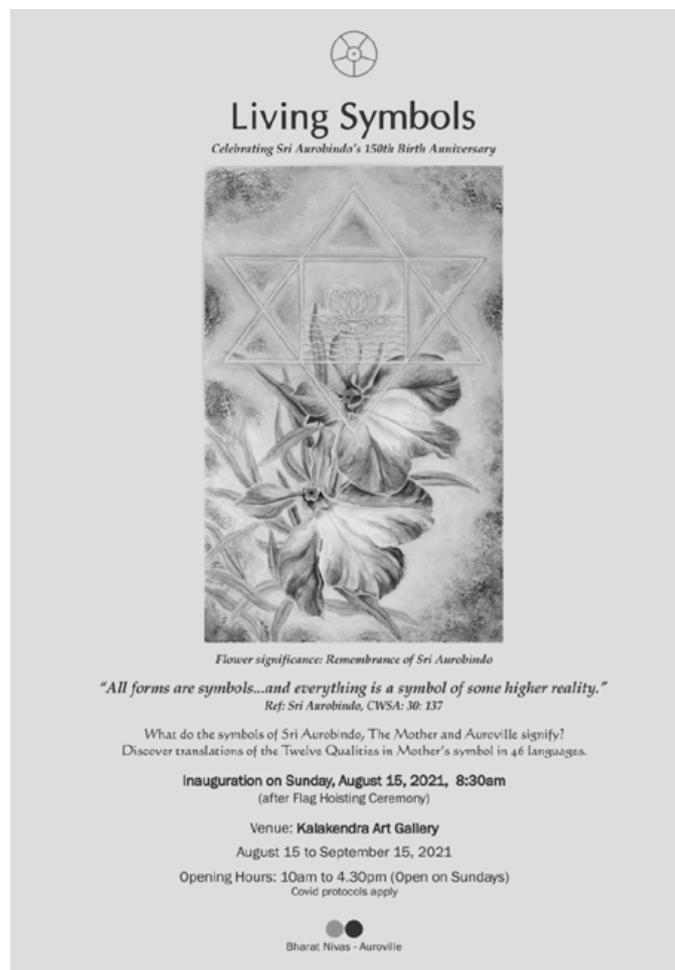


On the way from Auroville to Chennai Airport. Taxi departing from Auroville (approx., 18 00 hrs.) Thursday the 19th of August. Space for 3 passengers (AF flight from Paris: arrival Thurs 19th August at



LIVING SYMBOLS

Inaugural Ceremony of this Exhibition: "Living Symbols" will be opened by our respected Dr. Jayanti Ravi, the New Secretary of the Auroville Foundation at 8.30 am, on Sunday, 15 August 2021, after the Flag Hoisting Ceremony at the main entrance of Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas. All are welcome




Living Symbols
 Celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary

Flower significance: Remembrance of Sri Aurobindo
"All forms are symbols...and everything is a symbol of some higher reality."
Ref: Sri Aurobindo, CWSA: 30: 137
 What do the symbols of Sri Aurobindo, The Mother and Auroville signify?
 Discover translations of the Twelve Qualities in Mother's symbol in 46 languages.
 Inauguration on Sunday, August 15, 2021, 8:30am
 (after Flag Hoisting Ceremony)
 Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery
 August 15 to September 15, 2021
 Opening Hours: 10am to 4.30pm (Open on Sundays)
 Covid protocols apply
 Bharat Nivas - Auroville

The Living Symbols Team, Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India, Auroville, 605101.
 Ph. No.: 0413 – 2622488

TIBETAN DOCTOR TO VISIT



Dear All, this is to confirm you that Tibetan Doctor and the team based in Chennai Mentseekhang is visiting us on Friday 27th full day and Saturday 28th as a half day.

To get an appointment call 04132622401 or only whatsapp to 8489067332.

The consultation is happening at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone (Tibetan Pavilion).

Published by Kalsang, on behalf of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone

TAXI SHARING

23.45))
On the way back from Chennai to Auroville. Departure Friday 20th August early morning from Chennai Airport around 01 00 am. Space for 1 person

Let me know, Lisbeth
 lisbeth@auroville.org.in, or Ribhu 9488483671

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OBITUARY

Janet



On Sunday 8 August at 7.20am, our dear friend and sister, long-term Canadian Aurovillian Janet Fearn quietly and peacefully slipped away from her body after weeks of gently fading during which loving contact with family members and friends always remained.

The transition took place in her own Arati home with L'aura and Raji by her side. Janet had been encountering cancer for 2.5 years; she would

have been 80 in September.

In her own words:

"I discovered Auroville in 1968 following a year of traveling, and a few months in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. After spending a day in Auroville helping a friend build his house, I moved into a hut with 2 other people situated where the Matrimandir Gardens are now. A little later I asked the Mother if I could stay and when she said yes, I built my own hut where the MM Nursery is today. I lived there for 2 years, surviving, planting trees and learning about the villages."

In 1970 Janet went to Canada to raise funds for a well, returned in '72, and moved into the Centre Field house that had come free at the time, enlarging it throughout the years to accommodate her various activities. While naturally also working at Matrimandir, in 1973/74 she cycled every day to Alankuppam and Pettai to show village women how to crochet. Just before Sukrit was born in 1975, she built a workshop next to her house so the women would come there to work. Her Joy Handicraft workshop (named Joy after the name that Mother had given to her original house) eventually focused more on knitting and continued until 1992. It was then turned into a backpacker guesthouse which catered as 'College guesthouse' to students from Living Routes and other international student groups. Janet ran this guesthouse until 2008. Later daughter L'aura would live in the place.

Meanwhile *"I became interested in Auroville's organization in the 80's and was on the "executive council". This was before the Auroville Foundation Act was ratified in 1988, so there was no Working Committee. Later the Working Committee replaced the executive council, and many of us felt that something was needed to look after internal affairs that did not concern the Auroville Foundation directly, and the Auroville Council eventually came into being. I was very active in organizational work at that time, and many different things were tried."*

Since 2005 Janet was also a very active member of the Aikiyam School Support Group, enabling the school to considerably develop over the years and having great joy in seeing how school, teachers and children thrived in the happy environment. It was only when her health situation demanded it that she left the school.

Throughout the years Janet had become involved in arbitration and conflict transformation, and wrote in 2017: *"Over the years my understanding of how we need to be organized has changed as I have observed the gap between Working Groups and the rest of the community. This gap*

does not seem to be related to who is on the groups. A certain mindset seems to take over when one feels entrusted with a lot of responsibility, which does not encourage the growth of collective intelligence or respect the potential of the community at large. I think we need a systemic change to a kind of organization where the distribution of power is more equal... I believe that if Auroville wants to become more leading edge it must be organized with more shared power and have structures that encourage the growth of collective wisdom. I think Restorative Circles is one way of contributing to this change so it is where I intend to focus my energy for now."

Just these last years during her illness, Janet has been steadily working on her "Memories of Auroville 1968 – 1973", now posted online and hardcopy to be published soon. Her always upbeat and defiant approach toward obstacles in life, refined style and innate anchoredness in the Mother, combined with her close relationship with both L'aura and Sukrit, helped her come through these last years with stubborn courage and grace.

We salute a true pioneer on her way to the Grace. As one Aurovillian wrote: "Your quiet, confident, unflinching and focused contribution to the organisational structures and policies of Auroville will never be forgotten."

Our warmest condolences go out L'aura, Sukrit and Aurosylle, and granddaughter Ishana.

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For 'Janet in conversation w Francis 2008', click <https://vimeo.com/584511080>
<https://youtu.be/GLHFAa58Yt4>

LOOKING FOR

Newcomer Looking for a House

My name is Pablo, a newcomer, actually living in Grace. My one year as a newcomer concluded in March, now I am very near the limit and need a 1 year minimum housing to be able to take the last step and become aurovillian.

I am single, looking for a long term housing solution, I will appreciate your help.

Whatapp 91593 06038, email pablo_cuesta@hotmail.es

**Thank you so much for your help,
Pablo**

Cook looking for work

Lakshmi cooks amazing and healthy food, and is looking for more work. She cooks South Indian and continental food, and has 20 years of experience in the culinary field. If interested, please contact me on nivethannamalai@gmail.com or whatsapp +91-9500907970"

Looking for typing or transcription job

I am looking for any typing or transcription work in the afternoons. I can work from home. If you have or need please contact me Raji – 9751075223 (call or WhatsApp) or send mail rajasoundari@auroville.org.in

Thanks, Love Raji

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE

**1. Job Position: Project Engineer.**

We are looking for an accountable Project Engineer to be responsible for all engineering and technical disciplines that projects involve.

Qualification: Civil engineer.

Experience: 2-3 years of field experience and expert in project management skill.

Should be an expert in preparing, scheduling, coordinating and monitoring the assigned engineering projects.

Additional skills required:

1. Site inspection and evaluation
2. Ability to work with multiple discipline projects
3. Problem-solving skill
4. Estimating cost of the project
5. Good Communication skills
6. Excellent knowledge of design and visualizations software such as AutoCAD.
7. Perform overall quality control of the work (budget, schedule, plans, and personnel's performance) and report regularly on project status.
8. Active Listening

More preference will be given to female candidate. We prefer only immediate joiners.

Site Location: Auroville (near Pondicherry)

Interested applicants kindly send your resume to auroyali@auroville.org.in

Contact number: 8940000126.

2. Job Position: Site Engineer

We are looking for an accountable Site Engineer to be responsible for all engineering and technical disciplines that projects involve.

Experience: 1-2 years in construction site.

Qualification: Civil engineering

Skills required:

1. Managing parts of construction projects
2. Overseeing building work
3. Undertaking surveys
4. Setting out sites
5. Checking technical designs and drawings to ensure that they are followed correctly
6. Supervising contracted staff
7. Ensuring project packages meet agreed specifications, budgets and/or timescales.
8. Providing technical advice and solving problems on site
9. Preparing site reports and filling in other paperwork
10. Liaising with quantity surveyors about the ordering and the pricing of materials.
11. Good communication skill

Site engineers work out on a construction site in all weathers and must tend to work on project at a time. Depending on the location of the project, they might need to relocate.

Site Location: Auroville (near Pondicherry)

Interested applicants kindly send your resume to auroyali@auroville.org.in

Contact number: 8940000126.

Regards, Supriya S

AuroYali, Auroyali@auroville.org.in

Website: www.auroyali.com

Landline: 04132622411

Office room available:

Inside India is having one office room with Internet, UPS supply and phone line available.

Please contact: lisa@auroville.org.in



SAVITRI BHAVAN

The yoga of the earth

Will be screened twice on Sri Aurobindo's Birthday, Sunday, 15 August 2021: at 4pm and 4:45pm, at SAVITRI BHAVAN. Duration: 32min.

The sensitive and meditative film shows a new version of 'About Savitri', Book 1 Canto 1, The Symbol Dawn with paintings by Huta and where Mother gives unique insights into the past and the future of our earth.

Concept by Shraddhavan, Vladimir and Peter with audio restoration and programming by Holger and Harmonium music by Mother, a production of Savitri Bhavan, Auroville for Havayavahana Trust, Pondicherry in 2016.

Journey of love

Monday, 16 August 2021, 4pm at SAVITRI BHAVAN.
Duration: 77min.

In the third Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Memorial Lecture Dr. Alok Pandey reflects in detail upon Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's work, on their supreme sacrifice of bringing into the world the truth, which is one with love, and how this process is described in SAVITRI. Dr. Pandey explains that sacrifice is the best word suited to express love. The Divine plunges into the Darkness with the sole objective to transform the Matter, to awaken the light and love inherent in it, and to help the world to become more conscious and godlike.

Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's love and sacrifice brought down the Supramental Truth Consciousness for the new creation, and the qualities of this Consciousness are described in the following immortal lines of SAVITRI:

*A Bliss, a Light, a Power, a flame-white Love
Caught all into a sole immense embrace;
Existence found its truth on Oneness' breast...*

(p.323)

The Divine Mother poured that flame-white Love, a drop of clear light and pure bliss from her bottomless heart into the creation, and since then it has been engaged in the labour of love. One drop of this sublime essence is in us: it is the psychic endowed with love and compassion.

Dr. Alok Pandey goes deeper into the evolutionary aspect of love and sacrifice. In life and nature, we see progressive forms of sacrifice, a long evolution from matter to numerous lifeforms and to thinking human beings. Love itself is expanding and heightening and is going through evolutionary processes of its own. All evolution is a sacrifice of what has been for the sake of what is yet to be. We, human beings, with our mighty intellect are also facing this law of sacrifice. If we really want to ascend to the intuitive stage, we must be willing to sacrifice the rational mind when the way of evolution gets blocked. If we do not, the contradictions of life will compel us to widen our consciousness and to look afresh at things.

The video talk can also be seen at the Savitri Bhavan website <http://savitribhavan.org/777-2/>

HELLO," KALABHUMI GATHERING 7 AUGUST 2021



A meeting shuffle, not clearly explained why, ended up in Kalabhumi. The previous Saturday, a Crown Walk had provoked such an intense week of meetings, work on the ground, and speculation that something had to happen. In a quickly weeded amphitheatre fitted full of 50th anniversary red plastic chairs, Auroville assembled.

If you weren't there, no problem because then there would have been too many people, Chandra charmed everyone on our arrival with her flute recital. Dariya had decorated the stage. Our classic facilitators began slowly and gently. I saw people looking up. A flock of seabirds flew over into the wisps of clouds. I sat next to Alain Bernard who has probably gone to more meetings than anyone in our history. I looked around. Seemed all our diversity was there. Someone told me: "they didn't come."

Who are the "they"? They are all inside of me. I can't vote. I can't sign petitions. Isn't there another way? People spoke profoundly, painfully, nervously and it was all good. Glenn kept saying: "I don't want to be negative, but..." But he only said positive things. Affordable housing came up, education and much more. Seems everything is connected as in the Corona story.

My surprise came when two people mentioned how Auroville must be a child-centered society. I don't think these people knew that our great mentor Kireet Joshi told us this over and over again during the early years.

Just as this was mentioned, a child ran across the stage as if on cue. Later she took the mike and addressed us thus: "hello". We all clapped. We know Mother wanted Auroville to be a "supramental cradle". We all have read her simple directions on how to be a true Aurovilian.

We know we have to be "willing servitors" to live in Auroville. We know, and we were reminded on Saturday. We were happy to hear that the Secretary wants to "play" with the Genius Brothers. Johnny also reminded us that the current tension we are feeling happens every year as it's a pre-monsoon syndrome.

Some nice guy had a big sack of lemons and gave you whatever you wanted as you left. How to thank all the residents of the assembly who made it happen? There are the "back stories" of everything that happens in Auroville. I heard about the perfect circle for a crown road. I guess people don't know that the bits and pieces of the crown are already misaligned.

Is the Matrimandir perfect? We put one ramp section in place upside down, and we lost the central measuring pipe for the structure above the floor level. We knew Piero would have had a heart attack if he knew, so we couldn't tell him.

With a French shrug, we had to guess where it might have been. Maybe everybody has forgotten about the Dreamcatchers who spent two years in the early mornings to dream the "Crown Way". It seems the L'avenir d'Auroville of that time rejected it while the Community welcomed it.

Before the Kalabhumi Gathering, I met Frederic (SB) in PTDC. He told me Mother had discussed growing tomatoes in an Ashram garden with the manager. He said: "We will try, Mother." She said, "No you will not try, you will succeed." Hello

Submitted by B

LET US START WITH A BETTER AUROVILLE WASTE SITUATION



Dear Community, do you know what your waste place looks like?

Do you think that there is amelioration needed?

Are there only the barrels overflowing with waste or even scattered on the floor?

Do you stand for; "Auroville is the City that the world needs?" Then you can help us to become a paradigm to the whole community. Are you one of the persons who is trying to save the planet?

Then let us start with a better Auroville Waste Situation – now. Please give yourself a glance on your own waste situation if you are shocked as we often are – then please contact us.

We promote your goodwill on this important topic. We inform you about a better setup of your labeled barrels and for a better management of that place.

If it is not possible to take care of it by yourself for your personal waste and you have to hand over this responsibility to your housekeeper. We support you in offering an information session for them, for you and all members of your community.

A free poster of easier segregation was offered to most of the community if you don't have it now please ask for it.

With your reaction on offering a correct segregation and cleanliness you can give an easier working situation to the members of our Auroville Eco Service Team.

Looking forward to hear from you soon

Warmly,

the Eco Service Fairies Team

Agnes, Isabelle, Jayanthi & Rena

ecoservicefairies@auroville.org.in

Available on Thursday and Saturday mornings

ECO SERVICE COLLECTION REQUEST

Vanakam Auroville communities.

We at the Eco service would like to request the communities that are using eco service to try and drop their waste, at Eco Service Collection Site, if the barrels provided are full and our waste collection team does not make it according to your request.

Our team has become a bit small to keep up with the increasing pick up points and the amount of waste we are creating.

During the time when we had no driver some of you came and dropped the waste which permitted the flow of waste to keep moving and getting segregated.

Please try and organize this for small communities.

We are working on expanding our team and equipment but it is an uphill task.

We hope that everyone understands that the Eco-Service cannot hold this responsibility alone; support and co-operation is needed from all concerned.

Thanking you,

Eco-Service Team

Kottakkarai Auroville

Tamil Nadu pin 605101

Ph: 9443535172 or 9443090114

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, your favourite radio is always working for you.

Stay tuned!

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

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

Last published podcasts:

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[Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.31](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Tamil Epics – ep.5 “மணி மேகலை”](#) (Tamil Culture)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 362](#) (Integral Yoga)

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

“By our stumbling the world is perfected”

Sri Aurobindo

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

CARPENTRY WORKSHOP BASICS

19th-21st August 2021



Carpentry workshop is developed by Auroville Consulting by partnering with Walter at Pitchandikulam.

During the 3-day event, from 9 am to 4.30 pm, the participants will get introduced to the basic methods and techniques such as woodcarving and woodturning. You will also be introduced to interesting concepts like tensegrity and joinery.

We welcome Aurovilians, Newcomers, and registered guests to participate, minimum contribution required. Please write to us at: register@agpworkshops.com

With best regards, Priya

M: +91 413 2622 571E: info@agpworkshops.com, www.agpworkshops.com Kalpana, Crown Road, Auroville, Tamil Nadu, 605101

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

KARMA YOGA, THE YOGA OF DIVINE WORKS

Come, join us, for a 14 weeks deep study and practice of “The Yoga of Divine Works” from Sri Aurobindo’s Synthesis of Yoga.

From the comfort of your homes, login and bask in the light and the conscious-force of Sri Aurobindo with a community of practitioners spread worldwide.

Facilitated by Divyanshi from Purnam Centre for Integrality, Auroville in collaboration with her Synthesis of Yoga sangha, we are happy to offer this to anyone aspiring to read Sri Aurobindo, and delve deeper in the yoga of divine works from 14 Aug – 24 Nov, 2021, Saturdays 7:30 – 8:30 AM. Apply now: <https://bit.ly/3ic4vXG>

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Apply by 11th Aug, 2021
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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.

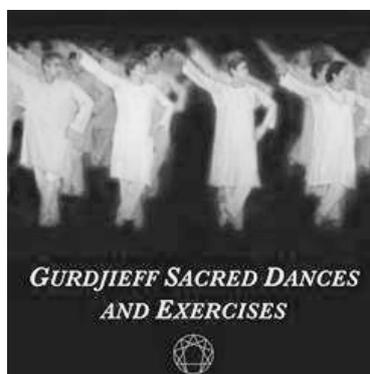
www.auroville-jiva.com, contact@auroville-jiva.com,

Whatsapp 9626006961

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

Gurdjeffs Sacred Dances

13- 15 Aug with Nirupam Gyan



Experience the Sacred Dances of Gurdjeff – a tool to being present, in the moment, aware – and not asleep.

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

contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 09626006961

The Path of the Soul

14 August



1-day Experiential workshop – Exploring the “Layers of the heart” process, as described by The Mother.

After a short introduction, we journey with a guided meditation to experience our Inner Self. The content of this workshop is aligned with the Integral Yoga and The Mother’s work with subtle bodies.

Facilitator: Sigrid Lindemann, international faculty in integral regression therapy, Sensation method homeopathy, lives in Auroville for 20 years,

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

Time: 14 August, 10am – 2pm

With Sigrid contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 9626006961

We do offer summer camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> parallel with wellness and healing session for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird watching, etc!

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Your Journey in Healing and Transformation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES

**Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations:
Tuesday 3pm**

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 3pm. 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**

APPENDIX 1

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.



P. R. SRINIVASAMURTY
UNDER SECRETARY



No. AF/M/63/

15 July 2021

OFFICE ORDER NO. 199

Subject: Re-Constitution of the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)

1. Whereas the Governing Board, vide Standing Order No. 6/2011 dated 1st May 2011, had constituted the Auroville Town Development Council (hereinafter referred to as "ATDC") for the purposes mentioned therein;
2. Whereas the Residents' Assembly through the Working Committee recommended the names of the Residents of Auroville vide their letter 14th July, 2021 to the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, Governing Board for the purpose of constituting Auroville Town Development Council; which was last revised on 29th November, 2017.
3. Now, therefore, the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, after careful consideration, reconstitutes Auroville Town Development Council with the following residents recommended by the Working Committee, as its members:

S. No.	Names
1	Shri. Anbu Velayudam
2	Shri. Toby Neumann
3	Shri. Saravanan Mahalingam
4	Shri. Sreevastsa Rameshbabu Govindass
5	Shri. Lakshay Dharan

4. The Working Committee also recommended to nominate **Ms. Elaine Catherine Phillips**, Auromodele, Auroville, as a nominee of the Working Committee to the ATDC.
5. On behalf of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation also nominates **Shri. Debabrata Sahoo**, Kalpana, Auroville, in the Auroville Town Development Council.
6. **Ms. Vidya Angurajan**, Udavi School, Auroville, is also nominated as an apprentice for one year who will be reviewed after six months.
7. The term of office of the Auroville Town Development Council shall be 2 years from the date of issue i.e. 15th July, 2021.

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To be continued...

8. Without prejudice to the above decisions, the Governing Board, in consultation with the Working Committee, may co-opt new members from time to time and, as agreed to by the Working Committee, may also replace such members who, for various reasons, are not able to contribute adequately to the process of planning and development, by other nominees recommended by the Working Committee.

This Office Order issues with the approval of Secretary, Auroville Foundation and shall come into force with immediate effect.


(P. R. Srinivasamurty)
Under Secretary
Auroville Foundation

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