

News & Notes

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Mardu coming Homer

The Ponder Corner

The distinction between the divine and the undivine life is in fact identical with the root distinction between a life of Knowledge lived in self-awareness and in the power of the Light and a life of Ignorance, — at any rate it so presents itself in a world that is slowly and with difficulty evolving out of an original Inconscience.

The Life Divine
The Divine and the Undivine Sri Aurobindo

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House of Mother's Agenda

The Cellular Contagion

(continued from last week)

“While this conception of the role of the body in our destiny is suitable enough for a sadhana (yogic discipline) that sees earth only as a field of the ignorance and earth-life as a preparation for a saving withdrawal from life... it is insufficient for a sadhana which conceives of a divine life upon earth and liberation of earth-nature itself as part of a total purpose of the embodiment of the spirit here. If a total transformation of the being is our aim, a transformation of the body must be an indispensable part of it; without that no full divine life on earth is possible.”

That is what Sri Aurobindo wrote at the end of his exploration in the body, in 1950, after forty years of work.

It may seem quite mad or impossible, but if you say that to a cell, it smiles — and searches for the solution. As always. In another of his Aphorisms, Sri Aurobindo said:

“The most binding Law of Nature is only a fixed process which the Lord of Nature has framed and uses constantly; the Spirit made it and the Spirit can exceed it, but we must first open the doors of our prison-house and learn to live less in Nature than in the Spirit.”

That is what happened when, under the irrepressible inrush of that Energy, the cells of one earth specimen opened their doors and became aware of the Law-which can change all other laws. A cell is the most unsophisticated thing in the world. It is not "drugged" like the rest of our superstructures (although our entire false system tries to drug it in innumerable ways, and cruelly). Besides-and most importantly — it is perfectly cosmic in its simplicity (all beasts and plants know that) and instantly communicates

everywhere, with none of our illusory walls. And right now, it is sending everywhere its signals or its extraordinary vibration to all our little puppets of bodies that bustle about on the surface. With her humor too, Mother said, *“I’ll soon be spreading a dangerous contagion!”* It is the entire Earth which subterraneanly, invisibly for our day-blind eyes, is catching the contagion of the new Life — the same one that is "dangerously" disorganizing the shadows we are peopled with. When the moment comes, all the plants of a same species pass the word around and come into bloom together. If they are alone, they wither. And all the polar migratory birds fly off to their exact destination. We may be reaching the Moment of our destination after millennia of journeying, and the blooming of the great Law. It is the contagion of the New World and the New Earth that is catching us in spite of ourselves. Even the volcanoes underneath seem to be accelerating their spasms.

In 1918, when he was still undergoing that “ceaseless rush of tremendous force,” Sri Aurobindo looked at the post-(but always pre-) war era, and in his body saw or felt

“the) mangling of the desire-souls of men and of nations, crash of many kinds of thrones and high-built institutions and strong uptearing of the old earth of custom which man has formed as a layer over the restless molten forces of evolutionary Nature.”

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

Townhall Speaks

57TH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dear Residents, We are pleased to share with you the minutes of the 57th Governing Board meeting for your information.

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

Final Minutes of the 57th Governing Board Meeting held on 2nd November 2021.

Present: Shri. R. N. Ravi, Chairman, Auroville Foundation, Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan, Shri. Aravindan Neelakandan, Prof. Goutam Ghosal, Prof. R. S. Sarraju, Members, Governing Board and Dr Jayanti S. Ravi, Secretary, AF. Dr Nirima Oza, Smt. Darshana M. Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor and Smt. Neeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India attended online. Prof. N.G. Basappa could not attend. Dr Nirima Oza could not participate in the online meeting effectively due to connectivity issues.

Secretary, Auroville Foundation (AF) welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman and Governing Board members and gave a presentation, which includes a work plan outline for the period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 focusing on the growth of Auroville as per the vision of the Mother. Secretary informed the Board that she had prepared the presentation after studying and compiling decisions already taken in previous Governing Board meetings and her interactions with various Auroville working groups and residents.

Chairman and members of the Board appreciated the detailed and comprehensive analysis of the various issues, challenges and proposed ways forward for the integral development of Auroville. The Board took decisions and made observations as detailed below.

1. Governance

The Board noted the following in relation to the present status of governance and organisation in Auroville:

- 1.1. There is a proliferation of groups and discussion forums.
- 1.2. There seems to be decision paralysis or the inability to put decisions into practice.
- 1.3. The Residents Assembly is seen by many as a decision-making body for even operational issues that are under the responsibility of working groups.
- 1.4. The absence of work plans or governance and organisation that ensures implementation of work plans.
- 1.5. Culture of "stakeholders" seems to have replaced the culture of "voluntary contributors" / "willing servitors".
- 1.6. Working group member selection processes include conventional canvassing and voting.

The Board is of the view that the following action needs to be taken in relation to Auroville governance and organization:

- 1.1. Decision-taking in Auroville needs to be driven by the ideals given by the Mother.
- 1.2. There is a need for the preparation of work plans for each work area of Auroville by the respective working groups. These work plans must relate to the realization of the ideals of Auroville including township development, governance, economy, education and research.
- 1.3. Selection of human resources for working groups must be done with reference to the skill sets, experience, commitment and engagement needed for the implementation of the ideals of Auroville in general and work plans of working groups in particular.
- 1.4. There is a need to promote a culture of engagement, transparency, commitment, accountability and integrity.

1.5. The initiative to have contact persons / coordinators for residential communities to engage with residents for cultural, academic and other activities that strengthen the spirit of goodwill and harmony may be continued through periodical interactions with the contact persons / coordinators.

1.6. The Working Committee must assist the Governing Board with the implementation of decisions taken by the Board within a time frame.

2. Township Development

The Board noted the following in relation to the present status of Auroville Township development:

2.1. Presently Auroville has a population of about 3,500 persons scattered over a large land area (also outside the Auroville Master Plan area).

2.2. There is scattered, sporadic and ad-hoc development resulting in high-cost infrastructure and lack of a cohesive social fabric.

2.3. Master Plan right-of-ways (the Crown, radials, outer ring and international zone loop, etc.) have not been cleared, resulting in haphazard infrastructure development at high installation and maintenance costs.

2.4. There is a lack of focus on the development of the township amongst the various working groups and Auroville residents.

2.5. The low population dispersed over a vast land area, results in scattered habitation and land protection issues.

2.6. Housing and other facilities to be developed to welcome more people with commitment to the ideals of Auroville. The Board is of the view that the following action needs to be taken to accelerate the development of the Auroville Township:

- 2.1. On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary, a fresh impetus must be given to realise the Auroville Township in accordance with the Auroville Universal Township Master Plan within a time frame.
- 2.2. The Governing Board noted and endorsed the decisions already taken by the previous Governing Board on Auroville Township Development including planning and development as per the Auroville Master Plan and engagement with the Tamil Nadu Government to obtain statutory land use regulation (New Town Development Authority) for the Auroville Master Plan area to ensure land use as envisaged in the Auroville Master Plan.
- 2.3. The ATDC (Auroville Town Development Council) needs to have a work plan, with clearly defined deliverables, time lines, a human resources plan and annual budget.
- 2.4. ATDC membership selection / nomination to be done with a focus on competence, skills, work experience, and a commitment to plan and develop the Auroville Township in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan.
- 2.5. The ATDC needs to complete the work of preparation of Detailed Development Plans (DDPs) based on the Auroville Master Plan.
- 2.6. Build the township infrastructure backbone (water, electricity, communication, sewerage, etc.) along the fully cleared RoWs to enable planned urban development.
- 2.7. A tree plantation drive may be initiated with immediate effect only in the green belt and the green corridors / network inside the city area as provided for in the Auroville Master Plan.
- 2.8. All Master Plan deviations on the land earmarked for the Crown have to be cleared so that the circular Crown Road and related infrastructure can be built without further delay. A similar exercise shall be implemented for the twelve radials and the outer ring road, where land ownership permits.
- 2.9. The work on the completion of the Matrimandir gardens and the lake may be accelerated.
- 2.10. Housing development to accommodate (young) Aurovilians must be undertaken.

2.11. New education facilities may be built, while ensuring utmost utilization of the existing ones.

2.12. Development of the Industrial Zone is essential to make Auroville the self-supporting township as envisaged by the Mother.

2.13. The Board endorses Office Order 491 dated 15th July 2021 (read with corrigendum dated 25th October 2021) issued by the Under Secretary AF with the approval of Secretary AF for the nomination of members of the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC), including a nominee by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation (AF) on behalf of the Governing Board. Secretary AF is authorized to nominate the Governing Board's nominee on the ATDC as and when required for smooth and efficient functioning of the ATDC.

2.14. A budget outlay of Rs. 1,000 Crores is approved by the Board for Auroville Township development for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 on the basis of the budget prepared by the ATDC. Detailed budget estimates may be prepared by the ATDC and scrutinized by the Secretary, AF for submission to the Ministry of Education. Expenditure to be incurred with an effective and transparent monitoring and reporting system.

3. Land

The Board noted the following in relation to the present status of Auroville lands:

3.1. There are private developments (residential and commercial) both in the city area and in the greenbelt.

3.2. There is slow progress in city land consolidation.

3.3. Some lands of the Auroville Foundation have been encroached upon.

3.4. Some lands of the Auroville Foundation are not utilised, underutilised, or not utilised in accordance with land use as envisaged in the Auroville Master Plan.

The Board is of the view that the following action needs to be taken in relation to Auroville Foundation land:

3.1. The land acquisition proposal for the remaining private lands in the City Area according to the Auroville Master Plan is ratified by the Board.

3.2. The Board also endorses the proposal to engage with the Tamil Nadu Government for the establishment of a New Town Development Authority (NTDA) for the Auroville Master Plan area.

3.3. The Board advises that stewardships of Auroville lands are changed periodically.

3.4. Appointment of experts (on contract basis) for land consolidation.

3.5. Prepare a land and building assets database with details of present and potential utilisation.

3.6. Optimise the utilisation of all land and building assets.

4. Economy

The Board noted the following in relation to the present status of the economy of Auroville:

4.1. The Mother had envisaged Auroville as a self-supporting township. Auroville is not yet self-supporting and is unable to meet the basic needs of all residents of Auroville.

4.2. It is not clear how many adult Aurovilians are contributing through work towards the realisation of the aims and objectives of Auroville.

4.3. Auroville's cost of living seems to be high.

4.4. Auroville is still a monetary transactional society.

4.5. There is no pan-Auroville annual budget.

4.6. There is no medium and long-term economy plan.

4.7. Human resources are not evaluated for their contribution to Auroville after the completion of the newcomer period.

4.8. There is a large number of trusts and units with multiple GST registrations and accounting systems.

The Board is of the view that the following action needs to be taken in relation to the economy of Auroville:

4.1. Preparation of an annual Auroville budget that includes all resources and all needs.

4.2. Preparation of a medium and long-term economy plan including financial plans of the income-generating units of Auroville.

4.3. Make capital available for the growth of existing income-generating units and start-up capital for new income-generating units.

4.4. Establish an innovation and incubation centre for the youth to be actively engaged.

4.5. Strengthen and support the knowledge economy.

4.6. All Auroville lands, buildings and other assets must be utilized to generate collective resources for Auroville as whole.

4.7. Use some of the outlying lands of Auroville for income generation through joint ventures or ventures in which Auroville has a passive stake.

4.8. Elimination of internal money exchange.

4.9. Ensure that all basic needs of all residents are met and that all residents contribute to the realisation of Auroville.

4.10. Enhance Auroville food production to meet the needs of Auroville.

4.11. Simplify the governance and organisation structures (trusts, units, activities and committees).

4.12. Integrated common accounting systems to be implemented for more effective and transparent financial management.

4.13. Contributions by income-generating units to be reviewed (rationale of the 33% contribution; utilisation of surpluses).

4.14. Reduce construction costs with innovative construction practices and effective and transparent price discovery mechanisms.

4.15. The Mother envisaged Auroville as a self-supporting township. All Auroville residents are expected to contribute to achieving this goal and work for the collective welfare of Auroville.

5. Education and Research

The Board noted the following in relation to the present status of education and research in Auroville:

5.1. There is a mix of conventional education systems with the envisioned ideal of integral education with a dedicated team of teachers.

5.2. There seem to be under-utilised facilities.

The Board is of the view that the following action needs to be taken in relation to education and research in Auroville:

5.1. Establishment of various Centres of Excellence in Auroville.

5.2. Auroville to become a hub for integral education and research.

5.3. The Board noted that the establishment of the Sri Aurobindo International

Multiversity as an affiliating network for integral education, research, teaching, training and extension is a good and appropriate initiative to be launched during the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo.

5.4. The Centre for International Research on Human Unity (CIRHU) may be established as planned.

5.5. Auroville may engage with other institutions and organisations and conduct exchange programs, thereby sharing the experience and skills of Auroville with the world at large.

5.6. Youth hubs and innovation labs may be established in the township.

5.7. The students of Auroville schools may be given a broader exposure to the philosophy, teachings and vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

6. Entry Process

The Board is of the view that the following action needs to be taken in relation to the entry of new residents into Auroville:

6.1. The entry process of Auroville should be more welcoming and the Auroville population should grow to 50,000 as envisaged while ensuring that newcomers understand, and subscribe to, the ideals of Auroville. A population of 15,000 by 2025 may be achieved.

6.2. There could be active engagement with Auroville International Centres and Sri Aurobindo Centres to facilitate the joining of volunteers and interns while maintaining international diversity and commitment to the ideals of Auroville

6.3. The Board noted that the Mother had envisaged Auroville as an ideal town, and that when Auroville residents live by the ideals given by the Mother, Auroville will become a magnet that attracts people from all over the world, who also wish to contribute to the realization of the Auroville ideals.

7. Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary

7.1. The Board advised the Secretary AF, to pursue the proposals for events, programs and projects with Government of India and approved an initial budget for the programs, events and projects of Rs. 50 Crores.

7.2. The Board expresses a strong aspiration that the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo may be the beginning of a new phase of accelerated development of the Auroville Township as the City for the Future, the Ideal Town and a Laboratory of Evolution as envisaged by the Mother.

8. Meetings of the Governing Board

8.1. The Board decided to meet at least once in every quarter.

8.2. During these meetings the Board will review progress made with reference to work plans of the various Auroville working groups and the overall progress of Auroville's development.

9. Conclusive remarks

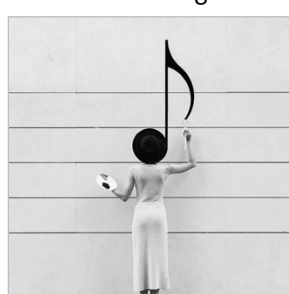
9.1. Chairman and the Board appreciated the presentations made by the Working Committee, FAMC, ATDC and SAIER.

9.2. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Board.

ON-LINE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dear Residents, we were informed and invited by the Secretary on 1st Dec 2021 about the first introductory on-line meeting of the International Advisory Council to be held from 7 PM to 8 PM on 2nd Dec 2021. Although it was an internal meeting of the IAC, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation and the Working Committee were invited in order to have formal introductions and establish some work framework. At the meeting we received the communication that the IAC members have chosen Ms. Dena Merriam as the Chairperson.

We got a chance to introduce each of us present from the Working Committee and extended an invitation to visit Auroville at an earliest possible dates. We conveyed on behalf of the Residents the wishes of engaging with the larger community. Our suggestion was to hold the next meeting of the Governing Board and IAC concurrently with members of the Residents Assembly given a possibility to interact.



Tentatively this meeting could be scheduled in the middle of February of 2022, subject to the international travel guidelines.

All members of IAC were very much connected to Auroville and draw inspiration from works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. We felt a sense of involvement

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

Dear Friends, The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has updated the guidelines for international arrival that are effective from 1st December and supersede the previous guidelines of 11th November. The key changes are the following:

All passengers travelling from countries at risk such as Europe including The United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong, Israel will have to undergo COVID-19 RT-PCR test on arrival and will have to wait the result before leaving the airport or take a connecting flight. If the test is negative, they will have to stay in home quarantine for 7 days and make one more test on the 8th day.

Random PCR-TEST will be made on over 5 percent of the passengers coming from other countries whereas the remaining are allowed to leave the airport. No quarantine is required but only a period of self-monitoring of one's own health for 14 days. Self-monitoring of health in the Auroville context means to inform immediately santecoordinacion@auroville.org.in if any symptoms develop.

For the road transport from the Airport to Auroville it is required to obtain an e-pass at this link <https://eregister.tnega.org/#/user/pass>.

Please [read the files at this link](#) for other details and the full text of the new guidelines.

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Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)*

and goodwill for growth which each of them expressed willingness to contribute in their own ways.

After a presentation and a general introduction by the Secretary, the discussion moved to what is the road ahead. Key points which were discussed was a need to have a strategic plan for growth. The Chairperson observed Auroville's slow growth in population and asked how our outreach was being done and how these issues were being addressed. They were invited to be part of the activities of Sri Aurobindo's 150th year to help with this outreach through the Auroville International Centres, Sri Aurobindo Centres, international institutions and governments to share Auroville as a place for unending education, the acquisition of land, work towards increasing the population, development of the city, building extensions and information sharing about Auroville in different parts of the world.

The IAC members expressed their interest in land matter acquisition even if it is not their direct concern.

We offered to connect IAC to AVI International and to different people in AVI Centres with individual IAC members and facilitate communication with the Residents Assembly. We look forward to engage with the very vibrant members of IAC to build a dynamic collaboration.

*With best regards,
The Working Committee (Anu, Arun, Chali (TOS),
Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)*

FAMC MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2021

The FAMC monthly report does not include regular liaison work with other working groups unless there is a final outcome, in which case the items may be reported in the reports of the respective working groups such as the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC), Working Committee, Housing Board, Land Board, Auroville Council or the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC).

Please bear in mind that this is a report of decisions or events of a certain month and in the meantime changes, progress, or/ and collaboration might have occurred in any given subject.

Please note: That the FAMC is furthering its effort to have more resource people or groups such the recently formed Finance and Asset Resource Group. The FAMC has requested Carel to serve in such a capacity and he agreed to a trial period.

At the end of July Mathan, an FAMC administrative secretary, informed his resignation to be able to give full time commitment as a newly appointed BCC member. FAMC wishes him all the best.

Units and Trusts

New Applications for approval

Subhari Supplies & Services, a new unit under Service Trust. Executives are Mr. Angelo Salerno & Mr. Iyyappan Jayamurthy. Scope of work is procurement of material and equipment: installation, providing support for equipment maintenance and repair, equipment rental, related material and equipment contracting and consultancy; hardware store for Auroville.

Re:Think Consulting, a new unit under ABC Trust. Executives are Ms. Idoya Tobar & Ms. Monica Tobar. Scope of work development of business and strategic consulting projects. Business analysis, intelligence, strategic plans, models, and development. Odoo implement (ERP). Organizational and operational efficiency. To provide clarity, progress, and efficiency to Auroville organisation in order to provide better service and better profitability in a way that contributes to the wealth of the community.

New Activities Approved

Go Nature, an activity under AFA (Auroville Food Activities). Manager is Mr. Rajaram Abhimannan. Scope of work is the processing and sale of items made from / based on coconut.

Akshaya Farm Kitchen, an activity under AVA (Auroville Food Activities). Managers are Mr. Ramalingam Ramachandran & Mrs. Shakila Ramalingam. Scope of work restaurant and kitchens, food processing and training.

Hibiscus Heroes, an activity under ASSA (Auroville Small Scale Activities). Managers are Hans Van Baaren & Sowmya Parameswaran. Scope of work is a design Studio (Clothing and Accessories brand).

Mitra Kitchen, an activity under AFA. Managers are Ms. Lijun Liu & Mrs. Usha Kaliappan. Scope of work, a not-for-profit oriented project initiated by Mitra Hostel with the aim to provide quality food to Auroville and potentially becoming a base to run cooking and baking apprenticeship programs for Auroville youth. For now, to provide breakfast and lunch.

Tube Thambi, an activity under AVArts. Manager is Aurotaranti Maiolini. Scope of work is to provide digital marketing, archiving and social media support to organise, strengthen and develop Auroville's presence on the web and education activities that are related to this.

SeZen Design, an activity under AVArts. Manager is Scott Anthony Bella. Scope of work is one-of-a-kind designs and crafting unique functional sculptural artwork.

Appointment, reappointment or resignation of activity managers, unit executives. Changes concerning Trust trustees are approved with the Working Committee:

1. **NESS Trust**. Appointment of trustees Mrs. Abha Prakash, Mr. Juergen Axer, Mr. Lavkamad Chandra & Mrs. Elaine Phillips, the resignation of trustees Mr. Anbu K, Mr. Ramesh Tulyani & Mr. Manas Chakrabarti and reappointment of trustee Mr. Martin Littlewood was approved.

2. **Vijayasri Consultancy**, a unit under ABC Trust, name change to Vtime was approved. The executives are Mr. Saravanaram Egambaram & Mrs. Vijaya Rajendran.

3. **Functional Forms**, a unit under ADPS Trust. Reappointment of executives Ms. Shama Dalvi & Ms. Monica Tobar Alvarez was approved.

Team Trust. Appointment of trustee Mr. Kumbha Young Grenier was approved. Current trustees are Mr. Marco Feira, Mr. Min Murtaza Ameen and Ms. Ambra Feira.

4. **Dynamis**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. Executive resignation of Mr. Giacomo Colombo was approved. Current executives are Mr. Pashi Kapur & Mr. Luigi Zanzi.

5. **Easy Procurement Solutions**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. The Executives resignation of Mr. Angelo Salerno & Mr. Iyyappan Jayamoorthy was approved. Current executive is Mr. Balu Kuppusamy.

6. **Auroville Village Action Trust**. Appointment of trustees Ms. Bridget Horkan, Mrs. Lawrence Selvi and Mr. Tixon Mohan was approved. Current trustees are Mr. Alain Bernard, Ms. Anandi Vaithialingam & Mrs. Yorit Rozin.

7. **Auroville Printers**, a unit under Artisana Trust. Change of "parent" Trust to Kattida Kalai Trust was approved. Current executives are Mr. James Raju & Mr. Alok Aurovillian.

8. **Pharmacy of Auroville Health Centre**, a unit under Artisana Trust. Change of "parent" Trust to Kattida Kalai Trust was approved. Current executives are Ms. Uma Tewari Sharma, Ms. Hilde Dhiedt and Ms. Lili Achram Ep. Desplanque.

9. **Stone Age Handicrafts**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. Change of "parent" Trust to Kattida Kalai Trust was approved. Current Executives are Mr. Hendrik Jan Van Poederooijen, Ms. Monique Francoise, and Ms. Marie Louarn.

Dream Craft, a unit under Auromics Trust. Reappointment of executives Mr. Kathiravan & Mr. Gunasegar was approved.

10. **Auromode Apartments**, a unit under Hospitality Trust. Reappointment of executives Mr. Andre Hababou and Mr. Louis Albert Cohen, and new executive appointment of Ms. Kumar Sowmya (Pavithra) was approved.

Auroville Safety & Security Team, under Auroville Service Trust. Executive resignation of Mr. Samuel Charpentier and new executive appointment of Mr. Jean-Francois Pion was approved.

Budget Coordination Committee

Research was started into structures for entities with clear mixed income-generating and service providing parts and their contributions to Auroville economically and otherwise. The partner for this research is Auroville Art Service and Botanical Gardens.

Housing Board / Service

Constituting the new Housing Board (HB). After Elaine withdrew as a community at large member, as she had joined the ATDC team, and Housing Board already had an ATDC member present, a replacement had to be chosen. The FAMC reviewed the applications and chose Iyyappan to replace Elaine. The FAMC received feedback which was investigated and found to be inaccurate or not relevant to Iyyappan's appointment to the HB. The feedback givers and the AV Council were answered to and Iyyappan announced as new Housing Board member to the community.

L'avenir d'Auroville (ATDC)

1) ATDC forwarded the Crematorium application for preliminary design approval. As far as the FAMC purview, we have no objection to the application. The financial security is confirmed. This was communicated to ATDC.

2) ATDC approached FAMC, BCC and Project Coordination Group (PCG) with a request to vacate at the earliest the office space used by them, as they were in urgent need of additional office space (the whole second floor in Town-hall), as the new Secretary has directed them to complete the DDPs within two months. The meeting room/library used by FAMC and BCC and the BCC office space was surrendered to ATDC as the BCC moved in for the time being with Housing Service on the ground floor. The FAMC is unable to surrender its office space without a suitable and workable alternative to move to.

After evaluating the spaces in the Town Hall, there was a proposal that AV Radio could be moved to the first floor of Archives, as there is already a "Communication Hub" proposal from AV Radio & Outreach Media for that space. The BCC/FAMC could occupy the current AV Radio space adjacent to Housing Service. This would be quite convenient. The FAMC agreed with the "Communication Hub" proposal in principle, and having verified that Auroville Radio had the plans and funding ready FAMC gave its approval and requested them to fast-track vacating the Auroville Radio space in Town Hall.

Miscellaneous

Roma's Kitchen

As the FAMC MoU was very clear about the liabilities to be borne by Nowana, FAMC does not find sufficient ground to demand further compensation from Nowana. Process to settle remaining liabilities such as supplier dues and closing bank accounts and creating a nil balance sheet for closing the Roma's Kitchen unit under ABC Trust are underway.

Solar Kitchen update

The FAMC made a call out for new executives for the Solar Kitchen. The new four-member executive team were selected through short listing the applications and interviews by FAMC, a Solar Kitchen subgroup (FAMC, BCC, WCom), and members from Prosperity and Foodlink as resource persons.

The new selected team are: Campus maintenance: Manimaran, Admin: Vanitha, Kitchen management: Shakthi, Procurement: Harshini. They were selected for a two-year term, with a six-month trial period to settle in.

The FAMC, BCC and WCom subgroups handling the Solar Kitchen dissolved after this process. A new FAMC-BCC subgroup was formed for three months with the scope of work to provide additional support and encouraged the new executive team to work together and share responsibilities.

Wood Saw Mill

Chandresh was asked to take the issue forward by forming a small group to review the feasibility of this idea and come up with a proposal. Suggested persons to be a part of the subgroup are those involved directly or indirectly with wood processing, production or sale. A proposal could then be made to the FAMC.

Small Guest House matters

Beginning of July an opening developed between the executives and core group of small guest house managers under Exploration (umbrella unit for small guest houses) to come to some working solution. FAMC felt that these negotiations should be allowed to continue without direct FAMC interference, but with updates. By August end the FAMC felt that the cooperation from the executives and trustees has not been adequate e.g., no progress in discussions and no updates even after repeated requests.

Meeting with new Auroville Foundation Secretary, Mrs. Jayanti Ravi on 17 July 2021 and other matters with the Auroville Foundation

The FAMC had its first interaction with the newly appointed Secretary of the Auroville Foundation Mrs. Jayanti Ravi. The first meeting included introductions and general overview of the FAMC, and a broad understanding of its interactions with its subgroups and other working groups. Then going over general objectives such as: to secure and manage finances and assets; support to the income generating sector also in terms of human resources; connected to human resources is the housing deficiency; the value of assets is not necessarily in a monetary sense e.g., of forests, farms; the support needed for a "Prosperity Service"; coherence and harmony with internal policies and procedures related to funds and assets such as housing repair funds criteria, maintenance policy and in-kind services. Work towards no exchange of money/cashless interaction. In addition, the Secretary emphasised the need for a vision-focused work plan, with short- and medium-term goals. She wanted to understand the dreams of FAMC members and the aspiration for outcomes.

Morning Star update and next steps

Morning Star was requested to proceed to fill in a new Entity Application form for starting a maternity education and consulting unit under Health and Healing Trust.

Vibrance housing

Vibrance project holders requested FAMC for an overdraft to finish the project without further delays that had already hampered the project and affected the overall cost of the project. In principle, the FAMC agreed with the proposal to allow them to get the overdraft. They were requested to share a proposal with the details of repayment. The Vibrance project holders, Sumark executives, presented a sound usage plan for the overdraft should it be granted. Once Financial Service had vetted this and minor improvements were made and as all parties agreed, it was approved. An overdraft MoU was drawn up between the Vibrance project team and the FAMC.

The project holders also requested to be allowed to increase the percentage of Friends of Auroville (FOA) occupying flats in this project. This the FAMC did not approve.

It is suggested to review what happened with this project for future reference, as there have been different problems and complications along the way.

Loan / overdraft requests

An Aurovilian requested a housing loan approval. As it was above the sum handled by the Loan Group the matter was passed to the FAMC to decide. After reviewing the loan repayment schedule and guarantor status the FAMC approved the loan request.

African Pavilion

Omar made a generous offer to pay off some of the pending liabilities to Patta and refurbish some metal materials which are needed to complete the unfinished building. It was his contribution to support and safeguard the material. The FAMC reviewed the matter and did not feel this interfered with the ongoing conflict resolution work concerning the management of African Pavilion. FAMC gave its approval.

FAMC "Leadership and Cooperation" Team Building Workshops

At the end of both July and August the FAMC dedicated two full Saturdays (09:00 – 17:00) for a team building workshop facilitated by Elvira and Julia. The emphasis was on cooperation and leadership. We explored aims, vision and mission, expectations, agendas, the work experiences, comfort zones, motivation, skills and talents, stakeholders, as well as team phases and what does the team need. There was also a discussion on the need for collaboration and delegation of some of the workload.

Matrimandir executive selection process

The FAMC reiterated its stand about its role and responsibility to be part of this selection process. Its reply to the Auroville Council and Working Committee was that Matrimandir is a unit/registered entity with executives and is not a working group and hence the FAMC has a very large role in this topic, much more than Auroville Council and Working Committee who has no mandate for this task. As the FAMC will be issuing the resolution appointing the executives and will have to approve the selection, it is in the best interest of all that the FAMC is involved as much as possible from the beginning. The FAMC is aware of Matrimandir’s special functioning and role, and the difference to an income generating entity, but it should be understood that in future we see this task largely falling to the FAMC.

For this selection process it is a joint effort of Auroville Council, Working Committee and FAMC.

Unity Fund

It is noted there is no current ‘mandate’ for the Unity Fund, as the previous combined BCC & Unity Fund mandate became obsolete after community approval of the current FAMC mandate. In this current FAMC mandate the Unity Fund is “under” it (like Housing & BCC) however there is no structure in place for conducive up to date information sharing. The unity Fund team made its first presentation to the FAMC.

ACUR

FAMC with members from ACUR management, Service Trust and Free Flow trust took up the task of creating an overall vision for ACUR management to work out parameters, guidelines that also include food services at Town Hall.

TalamPay

A subgroup of the FAMC met Shankar to gain an understanding of the functioning of TalamPay, its potential, and hurdles that still exist. The subgroup also reviewed testimonials of entities already using TalamPay, and the role and responsibility of Financial Service and in a wider sense the FAMC.

ACARAT

The Auroville Consolidated Asset Registries and Application Tracker (ACARAT), is an application designed to store and manage electronic records for land, building applications, income generating and other entities, for Land Board, ATDC and FAMC respectively. It was started in late 2017, completed in 2018. Then gradually improved till early 2020. Since 2020 it has been in ‘maintenance mode’. During this phase, only essential changes were performed at a steady pace. Some crucial requirements have emerged, exceeding the scope of the maintenance mode, such as Asyncto, a synchronization service designed to duplicate datasets across Auroville, so that services e.g., Resident Service, AV Library, AVES, Gas Bottle or Telephone Service, etc data can be linked. The second project is the Land data clean up pilot. FAMC is in process to study these two work proposals, its scope, goals, budget and timelines.

The FAMC reviewed the ACARAT administration and agreed to engage Daniel (sysop) as administrator for ACARAT access and password issues. Fine-tuning over the next months will be needed, such as the process and procedure for granting and revoking access to the database.

The Secretary was given access to ACARAT and the AV Foundation office was encouraged to use ACARAT.

Code of Conduct (CoC)

The Task Group that reviewed the ‘CoC’ met the FAMC with its suggestions. One of the main objectives of the Task Group was to arrive at a revised, concise “core” document, with all the separate guidelines/ regulations removed and kept as separate policies to be worked on separately, such as contribution, expense, loan and maintenance policies. This core document could then be presented to the Residents Assembly (RA) & Governing Board (GB) for ratification/ endorsement.

The FAMC needs time to review the revised document and get back to the Task Group. Further on the revision and updating or elaboration of the appendix documents will be needed. This would require first to compile existing policies / regulations for each appendix document. As of now the Task Group, FAMC, FARG and BCC members will give input for further work in this progress. Some points still require further thought, such as units directly under the AV Foundation and not under a Trust, community feedback on FAMC resolutions, and maybe the need for a renaming of the document.

PTPS

The Service Trustees and FAMC met for updates concerning the implementation process of the RAD decision of changes for PTPS. The outcome from these discussions were:

We agree to appointing four executives for a 6-month trial period: Naren, Joel, Kumar, Kumaran. FAMC requested more specific details about how the unit has transitioned into a service till date, and will require monthly finance statements and price lists including specific margins for each product during the six-month trial period.

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS

November, 2021

- A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	100,085,699
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	21,451,662
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	121,537,362
Total Payments	25,484,458
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	96,052,904
Monthly loss/gain	-4,032,796

Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	5,879,955
Services	9,408,191
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	1,863,517
Internal Total	17,151,662

External Contributions

Government of India for SAILER	4,300,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	4,300,000

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments
Contingency	5,149,143
Education	3,994,522
Social Support	3,173,506
Children & Youth	2,254,269
Organization	1,859,826
Village Education	1,169,019
Health	1,164,025
Forests	1,061,811

(to be continued in Appendix 1, on page 29)

AUROVILLE SCHOOL BOARD (AVSB) MANDATE

Revised October 2021

Composition

The Auroville School Board is a representative body of teachers of Auroville children. It consists of one or two representatives from each of the schools/kindergartens/crèche, one representative from SAIER and the AVSB secretary.

The Mandate of the Auroville School Board is to:

1. Develop strategies to nurture and promote the vision of Sri Aurobindo and Mother in relation to education of the children and youth of Auroville.

2. Plan for the educational needs of Auroville children. This includes:

- a. Coordinating the medium and long-term physical development of AV Schools in cooperation with L'Avenir d'Auroville.
- b. Determining budget allotments amongst AV Schools, including maintenances.
- c. Coordinating and facilitating the evaluation processes of AV schools. iv) Setting the annual AV school calendar in consultation with the schools.

3. Help set educational policies that are relevant to the AV Schools in consultation with the AV Schools.

4. Ensure that the Code of Conduct is upheld amongst all AV Schools.

5. Address issues that arise in relation to the children and youth of Auroville as they relate to school.

6. Reconcile differences among Auroville Schools when necessary, and recommend appropriate arbitration if these differences cannot be resolved within the AVSB.

7. Review proposals and coordinate submissions in the event of funding that is channelled through SAIER or any other AV body for AV Schools as a block.

8. Review the annual finances of AV schools and compile an annual financial report.

9. Be the body through which all AV schools channel requests that may have a community wide impact or require approval from other Auroville bodies (e.g., L'Avenir d'Auroville, FAMC, Auroville Council, etc.).

10. Be the body through which AV Schools liaise with SAIER.

11. Facilitate discussion of its work with parents and the community at large when appropriate.

Meetings

1. Regular AVSB meetings will be held once a month.

2. Special AVSB meetings may be called with the approval of one-quarter of the members of the AVSB.

Quorum and Decision-making

1. Decisions taken at AVSB meetings will be valid only if there is a quorum. A quorum will consist of more than one-half of the members of the AVSB.

2. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible.

Offices

The AVSB will have a secretary and a chairperson.

1. Chairperson

a. The chairperson must come from among the members of the AVSB, and will serve for a period of six months.

b. The chairperson will be selected at regular meetings every August and February.

c. The chairperson may be reappointed for up to one additional term after which they must take at least a six month break.

2. Secretary

a. The AVSB has fixed secretary.

b. The secretary coordinates functions related to the AVSB.

c. The secretary is the principal liaison person with the Maintenance fund for AVSB maintenances and will ensure that the monthly maintenance list submitted to the Maintenance fund is correct in all aspects relating to the schools.

d. The secretary will circulate the agenda of the meeting and the minutes from each meeting at least 2 weeks in advance of each regular meeting.

e. The secretary will coordinate follow-up action to implement the decisions of the AVSB.

f. The secretary will collect and co-ordinate the lists of equipment and materials needed by all of the schools.

g. The secretary will collect information in order to prepare grant proposals in relation to the schools on the ASB, if requested by the schools.

h. The secretary will co-ordinate information for a database related to the AVSB members.

i. The secretary will collect annual reports from all AV schools.

Present Membership

School Name	Institution
Pre crèche	Auroprem
Kindergarte	Amudha & Shamba
Nandanam	Jyothi & Laxmi
AHA	Arthi & Nandini
Deepanam	Mahavir
Transition School	Mahi & Anna
TLC	Maya & Mira
Future School	Elke & Puja Last
School	Aurevan & Jean Yves
Dehashakti Sports	Lijun & Satyavanan
Saiier	Sanjeev. R
Transport	Hari
Secretary & School admission	Dawn

*Submitted by Mandate and Policy review subgroup
For Auroville Council*

FROM HOUSING SERVICE

Apartment for House against recognized work

Two assets are currently available for House against recognized work:

- INSPIRATION, INS002, SINGLE
- SUNSHIP, SUSB3, SINGLE

Apartment for House Transfer

Three assets are currently available for transfer:

- ASPIRATION, ASP003, SINGLE
- PRAYATANA, PRY007, FAMILY
- KALPANA, KALS15A, SINGLE

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

All you need to do is:

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

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the site visit.

For any questions, please feel free to come and see Venkatesh at Housing Service Office

Thank you, The Housing Service, K. Venkatesh

OUTREACHMEDIA MANDATE/POLICY 2021

OutreachMedia is Auroville's media & press relations service

October 2021

With a group of members from multicultural backgrounds, several equipped with multi-lingual abilities, OutreachMedia has thus far been successfully facilitating the visits of print & electronic media personnel, and acting in general as a liaison body between Auroville and the outside world. It has also helped with the logistics of receiving visitors to Auroville such as photojournalists, writers, film makers, etc, providing them with the necessary help required for the purpose of their visit.

*OutreachMedia is collaborating in publications issued by Auroville, as well as in video productions on the township and themes related to it. A recent example is the documentary on Karan Singh's long relationship with Auroville, **An Arrow into the Future**, produced collaboratively in November 2020.*

Apart from continuing the above services and activities, OutreachMedia intends to extend its public relations activities in future so as to provide accurate, up-to-date factual information on Auroville and its many aspects.

It endeavours to ensure that the ideals of Auroville are respected by the visiting media, especially since the Mother has clearly said that there should be no promotional publicity relating to this unique experiment.

Presently the core team consists of Fabienne Marechal (Sukhavati) and Abha Prakash (Utility).

The following is the information given on the Auroville website (<https://auroville.org/contents/1629>) regarding the procedures and other details of OutreachMedia's functioning as approved by the Governing Board, International Advisory Council, and the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly.

To the Visiting Media

When you want to visit Auroville for filming, writing or photographic purposes, you will have to get in touch with Auroville's OutreachMedia, the Auroville service in charge of facilitating visits of journalists and film/video makers. Their particular aim is to ensure that all journalists and filmmakers get correct, up-to-date information or relevant/representative footage from the best sources so that generally their visit is a fruitful and constructive one.

This includes intermediating with authorities on obtaining permission to film (specially relevant to foreign film crews); collaborating on tentative scenarios and film schedules beforehand so that when a film crew or reporter arrives no loss of time occurs; setting up interviews with appropriate people; escorting crews around the township; and helping book accommodation and arrange transport, as well as possibly giving guidance in shaping the final product where 'finishing touches' may be required. A financial contribution may be asked for the above services.

Contact: outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

Archives Building, Town Hall Complex, Auroville 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

Electronic Media

Filming in Auroville

Filming in Auroville requires official authorization for both Indian and non-Indian filmmakers. The Government of India through its Ministry of External Affairs prescribes a specific procedure to obtain permission for documentary filming in India. OutreachMedia is instrumental in this process. Its 'letter of recommendation' is crucial to starting the process towards obtaining the official authorization.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FLYING THE DRONE IS NOT PERMITTED OVER AUROVILLE FOR ANY PURPOSES.

Letter of recommendation

The "Letter of recommendation" addressed to Auroville Foundation and issued by the OutreachMedia team, is the crucial document for your filming in Auroville. In order to issue this recommendation letter, OutreachMedia needs to be fully informed of your intentions so as to be able to recommend the application and to set the wheels in motion. This counts for both Indian and non-Indian applicants.

For this purpose, **send us a detailed synopsis of your film including duration, target audience, composition of the filming crew, equipment to be used, hosting channel, dates of shooting etc., along with as much information as possible on the intent and motivation of the applicant. Please know that the original synopsis given in the application needs to be adhered to as the permission given is only for what is submitted in the synopsis.**

The synopsis / theme and contents of the film are expected to be in harmony with, and respectful of, the ideals of Auroville.

The relevance of the purpose and hosting channel with respect to Auroville will be taken into consideration as well. Please note that mere submission of the application doesn't necessarily amount to authorization. OutreachMedia will exercise its discretion in approving the application.

Official requirements

Indian applicants

Indian applicants require permission to film from the Auroville Foundation. This permission is based Page 3 of 6 on the recommendation of Auroville OutreachMedia, as the latter body liaises between the applicant and the Auroville Foundation office.

Having gone through the preliminary investigations and dialogue with the applicant, OutreachMedia will eventually supply the following documents to the Auroville Foundation:

1. The applicant's request to film in Auroville, including data such as synopsis, target audience, composition of filming crew, equipment to be used, hosting channel etc.
2. The applicant's agreement to abide by OutreachMedia's 'Filming terms' (see below)
3. OutreachMedia's letter of recommendation, requesting the Auroville Foundation to further process the application.

Non-Indian applicants

Non-Indian applicants will have to obtain permission for filming in Auroville from the Indian Embassy/Consulate/High Commission in their country as well as from the Indian Ministry of External Affairs through the Auroville Foundation. This latter permission is based on the recommendation of Auroville OutreachMedia, as it will liaise between the applicant and the Auroville Foundation office.

Having gone through the preliminary investigations and dialogue with the applicant, OutreachMedia will in due course supply the following documents to the Auroville Foundation:

1. Applicant's request to film in Auroville, addressed to the Auroville Foundation through the OutreachMedia Service, including data such as synopsis, target audience, duration of film, composition of filming crew, equipment to be used, hosting channel etc.
2. Authorisation from the Embassy/Consulate/High Commission of India in the country of applicant, which has been obtained by the applicant and sent to OutreachMedia.
3. The Government of India's "Undertaking" document (<http://meaindia.nic.in/>), duly signed as specified by the Ministry of External Affairs, and sent to OutreachMedia: along with a copy of the relevant page in the passport of the applicant as proof of the signature in the Undertaking document.

4. The applicant's agreement to abide by OutreachMedia's 'Filming terms' (see below)

5. OutreachMedia's letter of recommendation, requesting the Auroville Foundation to further process the application.

The above procedure may take months, so it is good to start in time!

Procedure

As soon as the green light is given by the Auroville Foundation, OutreachMedia will assist the applicant and his/her crew with general logistics, such as co-selection of interviewees, scheduling of shooting, location selection etc. Much can be organized beforehand via email or phone so that things are prepared when the crew arrives. As per the provisions of the Government of India's "Undertaking" document (<http://meaindia.nic.in/>), a member of OutreachMedia will act as liaison and will escort the crew throughout the filming. **It is important to note that this procedure applies also to the filming of a pilot / trailer/ pre-study to the documentary.**

Auroville OutreachMedia Filming Terms

1. While most of the areas may be used for filming with due permission arranged by OutreachMedia, shooting is not permitted in certain areas including: inside of Matrimandir, schools, beach areas, meditations and meetings, and any other events or places indicated by OutreachMedia.

2. Filming in Auroville may be restricted to times and dates because Auroville events take precedence over film shoots.

3. No filming will be authorized for advertising, promoting tourism or promotional 'commercial' clips. 4. No filming will be authorized to use Auroville locations for use in feature films.

4. The filming permit does not allow unauthorized usage of Auroville archives and stock footage.

5. Auroville is not responsible for any loss or damage to the person/s and property belonging to the filming crew.

6. The name and symbol of Auroville are protected by the Government of India under the Emblems & Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act; unauthorized use of the same is subject to legal consequences.

7. The operational costs/contribution towards the services of OutreachMedia will be jointly determined, and paid before the actual filming starts.

8. OutreachMedia will cancel its recommendation in case of violation of Indian law and intimate the same to concerned authorities.

9. OutreachMedia is to be notified of the first date of broadcasting of the production; a DVD of the same is to be sent to OutreachMedia.

10. Due acknowledgement of OutreachMedia is to be given in the film's credits.

11. The undersigned and his/her filming crew are to be aware of the prevailing cultural sensitivities of Auroville's bio-region and are expected to conduct themselves appropriately towards local people, as well as towards Auroville's residents.

For further information, please write to outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

A NOTE ON THE CROWN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Residents of Auroville, Please find enclosed a brief note regarding the development of the Crown and the current situation with a brief background and context.

Considering that there is a lot of misinformation spread by different persons/ interest groups within Auroville, The Auroville Foundation has appointed Sindhuja Jagadeesh and Joel Van Lierde as the official spokespersons for Auroville as of yesterday the 6th of December 2021, to avoid further spread of misinformation. [See Appendix 2 on page 33](#)

Best regards, The Auroville Foundation

IN PREPARATION TO A DECISION-MAKING

To Stop All Development Work On The Crown Until Further Notice From The Residents' Assembly

Dear Community Members, We would like to inform you that the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) received and validated a petition from a large group of residents to convene a Residents' Assembly Decision-making process (RAD) to consider putting on hold all development work on the Crown until further notice from the Residents' Assembly.

As you may be aware, this petition has been started in response to the site clearing at Bliss Forest and Youth Center, drafted and signed in the meetings that took place on Saturday (SAWCHU) and Sunday (Kalabhumi).

According to the Provisional Amended Residents' Assembly Decision-making process, the next step is "to present and discuss a proposal to be put out for a decision, which would include different perspectives and choices/options" in a Residents' Assembly Meeting (RAM), which is going to be held by RAS on **Monday, December 20, 4.00 – 6.30pm, at Unity Pavilion**

Agenda

- Presentation of the proposal
- Perspectives of the concerned working groups (ATDC and WC)
- Open floor for sharing and questions

The meeting will be live streamed by Auroville Radio and the access links will be shared.

Note: In reference to many residents still reaching us showing their support to this RAD on top of the many considerable residents supporting in a written petition, RAS emailed the Working Committee who is considering whether to call for an emergency RAD given the situation.

We are waiting to hear from WC and will keep you all informed.

In Her Service, The Residents' Assembly Service

DEAR SERVICES LOCATED IN THE TOWN HALL

After two unusual and challenging years, the BCC is starting a new budgeting process for the coming financial year, 2022-2023. Please hold in mind that from the received contribution from individuals and service/units we are supporting more than 100 Auroville services.

We invite you to carefully fill the attached new budget request form and the narrative report so that we can have a clear overall understanding of your service.

If you wish to apply, please send it back to the BCC (bccreview@auroville.org.in) as soon as possible, latest by December 23rd, 2021. Please hold in mind, that there are 3 folders

- Income & Expenditures (I&E) to calculate your monthly recurring budget (Please hold in mind, that the OFFICE RENT (SNO.11) and INTERNET COSTS (SNO.19) are already covered separately. From 2022-23 onwards, also the TEA EXPENSES (SNO. 29) will be covered via a direct budget to ACUR)
- Human Resource details to see your needs on maintenance support
- Your needs for Non-recurring Capital expenses f.e. for new assets

The BCC team will review these and come back to you with any questions.

As an additional step into the process of allocation of funds, in January'22 the BCC will start a participatory budgeting process to get input from the community on our overall priorities for the City Services budget.

These inputs will be integrated into the allocation process.

We will publish more information about the participatory budgeting process in December.

*With dedication,
Your Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)*

BCC NARRATIVE REPORT: JULY '21 – SEP '21

Dear Community, the BCC would like to share with you a narrative report of issues addressed and decisions taken in July, August and September 2021 as a complement to our monthly report of income and expenses. We hope this can increase community-wide understanding of the economic issues affecting our community that fall within the BCC's scope of work.

Community-at-large matters

- **Moving towards centrally supported services:** BCC is happy to share that we have been working on providing full support for essential community services. Pour Tous Water and the Puncture Service's costs are now fully supported by City Services budgets, and their service is free for community members. We have committed to transitioning Solar Kitchen from a self-supporting to a centrally-supported service (see dedicated section below). In this way, we are facilitating step by step a movement towards a collective economy in which peoples' essential needs are taken care of, as per the Mother's vision.
- **Informational website on City Services budget:** A subgroup of the BCC (BCC member Suryamayi, and a BCC resource person, Avinash) are continuing to work on an informational website to communicate the overall income and disbursements of City Services in an accessible way, to increase community awareness of our communal funds.
- **Farm Group Coordination Team (FGCT):** The Farm Group Coordination Team, which had been the point of contact for BCC for budgetary matters related to farms, informed the BCC that they have dissolved their team. The BCC hopes that a new team will be set up soon and carry on with the collaboration that had been initiated with BCC to explore better ways to support Auroville farms to support the community.
- **New Children's Maintenance Guidelines:** Equal opportunities of support to all our children from 1st October 2021 onwards. See our Auronet post for details.

With this decision – to include all Auroville children below the age of 18 – we have widened the scope of eligibility for children maintenance. The parents were asked to reach out to BCC in case they would be in need of financial support from the Central Budget. It doubles the numbers of eligible children and would double the allocated monthly budget earmarked for children's maintenance. Thank you to the FAMC for giving the green light for it.

To support this broader scope we are implementing a reduction in individual Children Maintenance amounts. Please see the overview below.

Children from 0-18			
Description	Age: 0-5	Age: 6-13	Age: 14-18
	Starts with birth ends with 6th birthday	Starts with 6th birthday, ends with 14th birthday	Starts with 14th birthday, ends with 18th birthday
Cash	600	600	600
Kind	700	1700	2700
Heath Fund (HF)	250	250	250
In Kind Scheme (IKS)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Nandini	450	450	450
Total	2,000	3,000	4,000

Update on Temporary Emergency Maintenances

Temporary Emergency Maintenances are available to any Aurovilian who chooses to volunteer at a registered Auroville entity that has insufficient funds to support them with a Maintenance, and who is in financial need. During the second quarter of this financial year around 45 Temporary Emergency Maintenances were shared between 61 adults (Rs. 6 lakhs/month). An additional 26 children (Rs. 99,000/month) were also covered under TEM.

Support to Units

As committed earlier, BCC agreed to provide a one time matching grant of the funds raised for MERA grants so far (approximately around Rs. 42 lakhs) as a gesture of support to the community during these uncertain times. MERA will make a call for the second round to provide grant support to the entities which are facing financial difficulties.

Management of Services

- **Bharat Nivas (update):** The Bharat Nivas team reached out to BCC for financial support. The Auditorium budget was reinstated and a few Aurovilian contributions of BN team members waived.
- **News and Notes:** The newly appointed team Roy and Agnijata are serving as the new News and Notes and the distribution of paper-version has been resumed.
- **Pour Tous Water (on-going topic)** – There was no agreement regarding the proposed executives, so the registration of PTW as a service unit (under Service Trust) could not happen. The BCC approved a monthly budget of Rs. 68,600 to cover the running costs of Pour Tous Water. From August, Pour Tous Water service is free of charge and Aurovilians will contribute only for materials, see the Auronet announcement.
- **Solar Kitchen update:** The Solar Kitchen re-opened on August 15th with a new scope of work defined by the Solar Kitchen subgroup (made up of BCC, FAMC and WCom members):
 - a. SK will from now on be a community-budgeted service, rather than a self-supporting service
 - b. SK will use as much Auroville farm produce as possible
 - c. SK will function with as few non-Aurovilian employees as possible
 - d. SK will offer a dinner and eventually breakfast service.

On 15th of August, SK opened with 2 weeks of free trial lunches financed by the City Services budget administered by the BCC. Around 350 community members/day had their lunch at SK during this trial period. It was decided that in the following 3 months (Sep – Nov) the monthly expenses of the Solar Kitchen would be studied, to arrive at a basis on which BCC could allocate a monthly recurring budget. In the meantime, SK is financing its expenses through individual lunch contributions. In September, the expenses of SK were 16.3 Lakhs, of which 2.4 Lakhs was spent on the purchase of Auroville farm produce, and 2.3 Lakhs on outside farm produce. A support group with BCC (Inge and Fabien) and FAMC (Marc and Angelo) members has been formed to help the new SK executives in this initial phase. We would also like to share that several Aurovilians have been offering voluntary service at Solar Kitchen on a daily basis.

Meetings with other groups/services

- **Road Service:** A subgroup of the BCC (Danny, Rathinam, Mahi) have begun holding meetings with the Road Service to look into their budget and scope of work.
- **SAILER:** In July the BCC met with representatives of SAILER (Lijun, Sanjeev and Chali), who shared that many activities are applying to become sub-units of SAILER and receive GOI funds. They pointed out that GOI are meant for new projects or research, not for ongoing projects. In the current SAILER activities list there are mainly projects asking to cover their running costs. They are requesting BCC to take up these budgets as of next financial year. It would be to BCC to evaluate the different projects and decide which to support as services of Auroville.

Service Budgets

The BCC has not yet sent out any new budget request forms as the economic situation is uncertain. Services are welcome to approach BCC for any required changes on a case-by-case basis. In the period July – September '21: BCC approved the increase of several monthly budgets (around 22), but the new amounts don't exceed the '19-'20 recurring amounts.

- **Arpanaa:** The Arpanaa team (who organise performances of visiting artists to Auroville) explained that they cannot plan their activities without knowing if BCC will grant them a budget. A budget of Rs. 1,50,000 was approved (based on their previously awarded budgets) funds will be released on a performance basis as permitted by Covid protocols.
- **Art for Land:** The BCC approved a half Maintenance for the Art for Land project, to be reviewed at the end of the Financial Year.
- **Entry Service:** The Entry Service contacted BCC requesting an increase in Maintenances given that the Aspiration programme was restarting following lockdown. The BCC approved 1 additional Maintenance to the Entry Service budget (which covers the Entry Secretariat, Entry Board, and Aspiration Newcomer programme team). An additional Temporary Emergency Maintenance was also allocated.
- **SAILER transport:** A budget of Rs. 30,000/month was approved for bus trips to Dehashakti Sports Ground.
- **Forest Group:** requested to go back to their pre-Covid budget of Rs. 4,35,236 plus an increase for wages: total 4,80,000 per month.
 - BCC Care met with Glenn and Agnes of the Forest Group to understand their financial needs. They explained their internal processes and that BCC is not covering the full amount of the forest wages. This year they followed the BCC recommendation to increase the salaries by 6%, therefore the Forest budget needs to be increased. The old budget + 6% is approved for Forest total Rs.4,61,000.
- **Housing Service:** BCC began re-disbursing the budget for house repair requests (36 lakhs/year), with a first installment of 5 lakhs rupees, corresponding with amounts requested for pending house repairs.

Non-recurring budget requests

- **ACARAT:** BCC noted that the further development of ACARAT is an essential part of a good database and it would strengthen the overall governance of Auroville. Therefore, the requested budget of FAMC for improvements of the database (Rs. 50,000) has been approved.
- **Blue Light:** The requested budget (Rs. 34,232) to repair their e-scooter has been approved by the BCC.
- **CRIPA:** The BCC allocated a special budget of Rs. 2,90,000 on request to protect the premises of Cripa by installing a new fence.
- **Deepanam School:** An additional budget (Rs. 17,760)

was requested by Deepanam School to cover GST for summer repair, the BCC has approved.

- **Electrical Service:** The BCC approved an annual budget of Rs. 2,77,000 to cover the total cost for tree cutting around transformers. An additional one-time tree cutting removal budget of Rs. 83,700 was approved for clearing routes of electric lines.
- **Entry Board:** The BCC approved a budget request of Rs. 35,950 from the Entry Board for the installation of a new air conditioner in the Entry Service office.
- **Farm Produce:** In order to support our farms whose produce distribution was impacted by lockdown and the temporary closure of the Solar Kitchen and PTDC Kitchen, the BCC agreed to reimburse Rs. 71,110, an amount corresponding to the loss of income, for the month of June.
- **Isai Ambalam Road:** The BCC approved a refund of Rs. 39,269 to Isai Ambalam Guest House for advance funding the repair of the Isai Ambalam road, undertaken by the Road Service. Future road repair requests from residents should be shared with BCC before work is undertaken by Road Service, with estimates provided by Road Service.
- **Auroville Farms and Food Sustainability Film Project:** Rakhil submitted a budget request of Rs.1,39,800 for producing a documentary film project on Auroville farms, farmers and food sufficiency. As this awareness is of crucial concern to the community, BCC approved the request.
- **Library:** The BCC approved a total of Rs. 2,96,000 to make the necessary repairs of the library building.
- **Nature Camp:** BCC approved a budget of Rs. 2,00,000 for repairing Nature Camp in Kodai.
- **Road Service:** BCC received a series of budget requests from the Road Service for repairing equipment, vehicles and Excavator. BCC approved the total budget of Rs. 251,017.
- **Sri Aurobindo Birthday Anniversary Celebration:** The BCC approved Rs. 30,000 for the community celebration of 15th of August 2021 held at Matrimandir.
- **Sri Aurobindo's 150th Anniversary:** An initial amount of Rs. 65,000 was approved for an exhibition (Five Dreams) and the setup of the 150th website. 1.5 temporary maintenance were also allocated to be shared by the 150th team.
- **Terra Soul keet roof replacement:** Terra Soul made a request for the repair of their community kitchen. Since the Housing Repairs service has a policy of only covering the repairs of common buildings, the requested budget (Rs. 62,000) was approved for direct disbursement by BCC as a Covid relief grant, given that, Terra Soul would usually be able to cover such repairs from their volunteer accommodation income.

Internal BCC team updates

- **New BCC Care member:** Aurosugan (BCC) has joined the BCC Care team who handles Maintenance and Recurring Budget requests.
- **A new BCC Office member:** We would like to welcome Agila who has joined the BCC office from August onwards.
- **Resignation of a BCC Office member:** We sincerely appreciate the valuable contributions of Nilen to the BCC office, who resigned from the BCC Review team by the end of September.
- **BCC Office relocated in Town Hall:** In August, the BCC was requested by the ATDC to free the office space we were currently occupying in the top floor of the Town Hall, stating that they needed the space for their team. The ACUR (Town Hall) management team relocated office space for BCC in the Housing Service. We are grateful to Housing Service for having welcomed this adjustment.

FOREST GROUP MEETING NOTES

of 3rd December 2021, Meeting took place at Eternity

Present (Dave, Vikram, Chris, Ancolie, Stefan, Yuval, Rita, Vinny, D.Segar, T.Saga, Agnès, Giri, Natasha, Christoph, Amos, David, Alex, Alyona, Michael, Sandeep, Glenn, Jonah)

- We were happy to hear from David an update about his health, He says he feels Healthy
- Cristo asked the forest group to enquire from Patrick and Natalie when they would be coming back to Auroville. This was agreed
- Chris from Udumbu -the house building application sent via email to the forest group last month got approved after following due process, Chris will take the next steps to be able to move forward
- The Bliss forest Steward shared their current situation dealing with the ATDC. There were many positive Ideas of how to deal with this negative situation and a long discussion ensued. One thing was clear, this has become a much wider issue which concerns all Aurovilians and not just the Forest Group and the Youth Centre.
 - FG will send an Email to ATDC saying that we do not recognise their authority to make this kinds of decisions without the community process being followed
 - There was a discussion on how we can have an event that would create more Unity on this issue
- The Sprout
 - The Processes in place for this have are not being followed and that does bring some unease to the discussion However this is maybe an issue for the Auroville Council to tackle not the FG.
 - There was a discussion on how much Trees are of value to the current world and Auroville, the many positive and vital roles they have, and how much work it takes to establish a forest here in our conditions
 - Some members asked what was the ATDC's requirements for something to fall in a service Area.
 - Some questioned if this is a project Auroville needs, However it was felt that this decision was for the community to make, not the FG.
 - While the focus of the forest group is the trees and green areas of Auroville, we are here to build Auroville.
 - There was a discussion on why this could not happen on the corner plot near Edayanchavadi, However its seems that this plot was leased out and there are many complications there due to due Process not being followed.
 - The current plot proposed(0.33 Acres) by ATDC is within the 40MT area that was previously allocated for the Services area, so if the Auroville residents and the ATDC approve this plot the forest group has no objection as long as ALL due processes are followed, surveys and assessments are done as has been discussed many times for any development of a larger project.
 - Most of the trees would be transplanted to another nearby plot not being used and not with road access.
- Bunding And the Amazing rains
 - Water catchment has been a work that the forest group has been busy with since its founding days.
 - These last rains have made it apparent that water management and catchment is something that needs to be a priority for Auroville again as it was in the 80-2000's.
 - This is a shared responsibility that every resident and community has to do their part in.
 - There should be a zero runoff policy, every site needs to catch the water and avoid it spilling onwards down stream. so that we can avoid some of the flooding that Auroville and the bioregion has witnessed.

- Someone went to check on the last dam at the La Ferme canyon and calculated that about 1000 Lt/ Min were overflowing into the sea. Others shared similar stories.
- Stewards shared how even in areas where in the past the forest was able to absorb the rain fall there was overflow this year.
- Bunding/ Water-management is an important part of land management and city Planning and we hope that ATDC and other concerned groups give it some thought.
- It was mentioned that notes should be published earlier. We will do our best.
- Next meeting is in Fertile

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 111

Dated: 11-12-2021

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

- Manimozhi JAYAMOORTHY (Indian) staying in Agni and working at Transition School
- Mohd Umair Azmi ABBAD AHAMED AZMI (Indian) staying in Prayatna and working at Art Service and Theatre group



Manimozhi



Mohd

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED

- Dakshani KUMAR (Indian)
- Nilima BARDE (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED

- Helen Yasmin Magdalene Keller (British) staying in Hope and working at Deepam, Thamarai & Auro Orchard
- Thirumavalavan ELUMALAI (Indian) staying in Windarra and working at Sunship



Helen



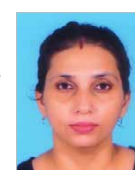
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AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED

- Cleo Tanja Marianne LUKKARINEN (Finnish)

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED

- Soma ROY (Indian) – Soma comes from a family of devotees of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. She has been coming to AV since 2016, contributing to Savitri Bhavan and Udavi school and sponsoring some children from the village.



Soma

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN

- Pedro LEGUINA (Spanish)
- Victoria BONNEAU (French)

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

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

YOUNG SURYA LEFT HIS BODY



With deepest sadness Auroville mourns the loss of one its young: Surya, son of Mani and Saroja of Douceur met in the early hours of Sunday 5 December with a road accident near Pondy and passed away due to his injuries. He was 25 years old.

Surya had finished his higher education here in Auroville and had recently started working with the new Solar Kitchen team.

After the body was received from Jipmer hospital, the last rights were honoured at his parental house at Douceur, and cremation took place at 6pm the same day, 5/12, at the Auroville Mandappam near Adventure, with many Aurovilians, young and old, as well as friends from surrounding villages attending and grieving. So suddenly losing this open, bright and friendly youth had come as a heavy shock to us all.

Our utmost love, care and strength go out to both Saroja and Mani for this terrible ordeal they now have to go through for a second time.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COLLECTIVE INVOCATION WITH PRAYERS AND CHANTING

Matrimandir Amphitheatre, Sunday 5.00pm

We started for the 15th August to chant Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri mantra, and have continued since then to gather every Sunday early evening, adding a few other mantras, in a spirit of collective offering and aspiration.

तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि ।
धियो यो नो प्रचोदयात् ॥

ॐ तत् सवितुर्वरं रूपं ज्योतिः परस्य धीमहि ।
यन्नः सत्येन दीपयेत् ॥

om tat saviturvarah rūpaṁ jyotiḥ parasya dhīmahī
yannaḥ satyena dīpayet

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

-Sri Aurobindo

In this tense time it feels more apt than ever to continue our joint invocation. We propose beginning at 5pm with a circle of prayers, where everyone is welcome to offer a prayer, and start the chanting at 5.30pm.

All are most warmly invited.

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TIBETAN DOCTOR COMES TO AUROVILLE

This is to share with you, the Tibetan Doctor and the team is scheduled to do the consultation on **Friday 17 th and Saturday 18th of December 2021**.

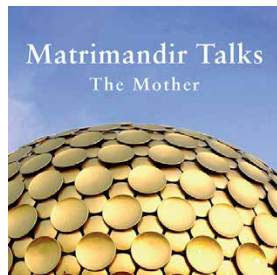
To get your appointment

- Call @ 0413 2622401
- WA to 8489067332.

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

Submitted by Tibetan pavilion Team.

MATRIMANDIR TALKS



This book presents most of Mother's Matrimandir Auroville talks, including how she conceived the idea for this special concentration and meditation building in Auroville. Her talks about this subject were with the Matrimandir architect Roger Anger, various disciples from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, and various Aurovilians. Her reflections on such a project started as early as 1954, and the talks ended with her passing on 17th November 1978.

All other construction decisions after she had left had to be made by Aurovilians and the Matrimandir Architect Roger Anger, Piero Ciconesi and a group of other architects and disciples who worked with her on this project for about 8 years, from 1965 to 1978.

The Matrimandir was finally officially opened in 2008. The book also contains an introduction by Debashish Banerji.

"I have a plan. Would you like to see it?... Here, there are some scrolls there – one scroll. There will be twelve facets. It's a circle. And, at an equal distance from the centre, twelve columns. At the centre, on the floor, like this, my symbol, and at the centre of my symbol there are four symbols of Sri Aurobindo, upright, forming a square. And atop the square, a translucent globe.

Then, from the top of the roof, when the sun shines, the sun will fall on this; when there is no sunlight, electric spotlights will send beams only on this, on this globe. Then, no doors, but... after going deep down one climbs back within... one goes under the wall and climbs back inside – it's again a symbol. Everything is symbolic. And then, no furniture, but there is, on the floor, first wood then over the wood, a thick "dunlop", and over it, a carpet, like here. We have to choose the colour. The whole thing will be white. I am not sure if Sri Aurobindo's symbols will be white... I don't think so. I don't know it. I didn't see them white, I saw them with an indefinable colour, between gold and orange. A colour of that sort. They will stand upright, carved in stone. And a globe which is not transparent but translucent. Then, at the bottom, a light will be projected upward and will enter the globe diffusely. And from outside, rays of light will fall.... No other lights: no windows, electric ventilation. And no furniture, nothing. A place... to try and find one's consciousness."

1970, January 10th, the Mother

Pages : 280 pages, Size : 15 x 15 cm

Binding : Hardcover, Price : Rs. 450.00

AURA NETWORK FEEDBACK



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the value we create together

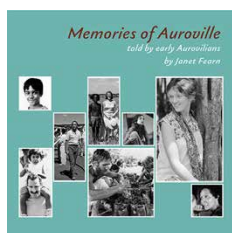
"I kept feeling we weren't getting close to a real sharing economy until the Aura phone app started. I received a cake, shared my skills and unused things from home. I'm so grateful for this platform and all the users."

An Aura Network User

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MEMORIES OF AUROVILLE

Janet Fearn



Janet remembers: The interviews presented in this book are part of a history program for newcomers that I had created with my friend, Philip Melville in 1997. The plan was to divide Auroville's history into different eras and then interview Aurovilians according to their area of knowledge. Our first section would cover the years from 1968

till 1973 when the Mother was still in her physical body.

Sally Champe was a newcomer in 1997 and we asked her to do the interviews and Vladimir Yatsenko to do the video recording. At that time digital recording was very new, and hardly happening in Auroville. Vladimir used an analogue camera and the interviews were recorded on video tape.

We made 10 group conversations, which I transcribed over the next few months. We then took a break, before starting the next part, which would have been about our struggles and eventual break with the Sri Aurobindo Society.

However, for reasons which I no longer remember, we did not resume working on this project and the video tapes stayed in a cupboard for the next 8 or 9 years.

In 2004 I came across the videos again. Peter Thurrel gave me an old television set, which had an attachment for watching videos. Loretta Shartsis and I watched them together and thought we had enough material to make an interesting documentary. We went to the archives and copied many old photos to support the content. Meanwhile I searched everywhere for someone who could digitize the tapes. Finally B. Sullivan took them to the USA, and eventually found a person in Canada, who was able to do the job.

By this point Loretta was not able to continue so I put the project on hold again. In 2017 I showed the CDs to Kati Hötger. We discovered that the tapes had deteriorated badly over the years. However we still had the transcriptions of these vivid and inspiring conversations about our very early days, so we decided to present them in this book, which would describe what happened between 1968 and 1973.

I am grateful for all the support I received to give birth to this book. My special thank you goes to: Kati Hötger for working with me on this book over two long years; Pranav Kumar for the development and design of the book and this web book; Doris van Kalker and Digital Archives of Auroville for providing many of the pictures; and Prisma Books and Franz Fassbender for embarking on the adventure of this first web book of / on Auroville, and for publishing the book.

Janet Fearn, Late 2020

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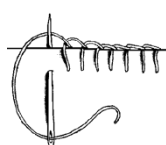
ECOFEME OPEN HOUSE



Dear friends, Our open house is starting again at our office in Saracon Campus every Thursday morning from 10.30am. Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not for profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, menstrual cups and cloth nappies.

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RECEIVE YOUR STITCHING ORDER



Lively is open again to receive your Stitching Orders. Pass by our boutique **Monday to Saturday 8.30 to 5.00** (12.30 to 1.30 lunch break). We have a clearance sale going on. Come & choose clothing in cotton & bamboo. Looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you, Rajaveni

"ADVENT" HANGOUT AT CENTER GUESTHOUSE

Saturday 11th Dec between 2.30 and 5.00



Christmas is nearly here again so our next HANGOUT will be an Advent Special with special decorations by Julietta

As always we'll have a few snack and drinks but this time we're counting on your POTLUCK spirit and generosity to bring along some Christmas type snacks with you...

Christmas cake and Plum Puddings would be wonderful ! See you all there, and do bring your friends.

Love, Don and Julietta

GREEN COLUMN



Some Good News and Post COP 26

(continued from last week)

Coal is not mentioned however, though it's seen as the main difference between India's 'business as usual' and 'low carbon' energy paths. Large scale industrialisation is believed to be key to raise living standards for millions of households, but it will also add to the carbon content in India's energy basket (barring a miracle in clean energy tech). According to [Climate Action Tracker](#), India's coal power generation would need to decrease immediately to a share of 5-10% by 2030 and be phased out by 2040.

India's COP26 pledges are ambitious and ambiguous, which makes for an interesting mix.

The Glasgow Climate Pact

COP26 ended with a deal that for the first time targeted fossil fuels as the key driver of global warming, even as coal-reliant countries (including China and India) lobbied for last-minute dilution. Host country UK said the deal keeps alive the hope of capping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Other Green News

1. [A revamp of EU rules](#) on waste shipments should make it harder for member states to offload their trash in poorer countries.

2. The Basel Committee of regulators from the G20 economies proposed its [first set of principles for dealing with climate-related financial risks](#).

3. Seed-scattering drones are crisscrossing Croatia's skies in an airborne attempt to [replant remote forests damaged by fire](#), an initiative its backers aim to promote internationally.

4. Singapore is teaming up with Airbus to study the potential use of hydrogen for [sustainable aviation](#).

5. The European Commission proposed a law to curb the import of commodities linked to deforestation by requiring companies [to prove their global supply chains are not contributing to the destruction of forests](#). Commodities targeted are: soy, beef, palm oil, wood, cocoa and coffee and some derived products including leather, chocolate and furniture.

The proposed law comes after world leaders from countries including Brazil, China and Malaysia promised to end deforestation by 2030 at the COP26 summit.

6. China has pledged to bring its carbon emissions to a peak by 2030 and to start phasing down coal use after 2026.

The Green Column appears bi monthly in the News and Notes and on AuroNet and reports on Green issues in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world.

We like to hear from you! avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Lisbeth & Gijs

Sources: UNDP, COP 26 and Comprehensive Energy Monitor: India and the World

FULL BHAGAVAD GEETA CHANTING

Tuesday, December 14, 6.00 – 9:30am

Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

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On the Bhagavad Geeta Jayanti this year, the anniversary of the colloquy of Arjuna and Krishna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, we will chant all 700 shlokas from the 18 chapters of the Bhagavad Gita in Sanskrit. You are welcome to join anytime to chant together or to listen.



This picture from last year's gathering brings memories of the deeply transformative atmosphere that was created by chanting together with a harmonious collective aspiration.

We are also reminded of Sri Aurobindo's study of the Bhagavad Gita in the Alipore Jail about which he shared: "... I looked at the jail that secluded me from men and it was no longer by its high walls that I was imprisoned; no, it was Vasudeva who surrounded me. I walked under the branches of the tree in front of my cell but it was not the tree, I knew it was Vasudeva, it was Sri Krishna whom I saw standing there and holding over me his shade. I looked at the bars of my cell, the very grating that did duty for a door and again I saw Vasudeva. It was Narayana who was guarding and standing sentry over me. Or I lay on the coarse blankets that were given me for a couch and felt the arms of Sri Krishna around me, the arms of my Friend and Lover. This was the first use of the deeper vision He gave me. I looked at the prisoners in the jail, the thieves, the murderers, the swindlers, and as I looked at them I saw Vasudeva, it was Narayana whom I found in these darkened souls and misused bodies..."

We look forward to seeing you on December 14, Bhagavad Geeta Day this year. Whether one wants to join for the full session from 6:00 am to 9:30 am or just for a few minutes in between, for chanting together or sharing silent presence in aspiration for the Divine, all are welcome.

Feel free to write to us on devabhasha@auroville.org.in

पुनर्दर्शनाय पुनर्हरषणाय, पुनर्मातृदेव्याः कृपावर्षणाय

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team

THE END OF A RATIONAL AGE

On the Occasion of

Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary

"The End of a Rational Age"



Venue: Bhumika Hall

Date: Thursday 23rd December 2021

Time: 5.00 pm

Devdip concludes his exploration of Sri Aurobindo's social and political philosophy with a series of 3 presentations based on the final chapters of Sri Aurobindo's *The Human Cycle and The Life Divine*.



भारत निवास

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The Pavilion of India, Auroville

2 & 4 Wheeler to be parked outside the main gate
Covid Guidelines to be respected

BOOK RELEASE: 50 YEARS ON – VICTORY OF THE SPIRIT

On the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the
Liberation of Bangladesh

The Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
invites you to a talk

by Lt Gen Ashoke K. Chatterjee, PVSM, VSM, ADC (retd)

Former Army Commander (Southern Command)

In 1971, as a Lt. Col, Gen Chatterjee actively participated in the operations; he was also present at the Surrender ceremony in Dacca.

After the talk, Gen Chatterjee will release the first copy of:

Fifty Years On - Victory of the Spirit

FIFTY YEARS ON
VICTORY OF THE SPIRIT



1971: THE LIBERATION OF BANGLADESH

Chitra Age

Thursday, December 16, 2021

At the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Tea - 5 pm; Talk - 5:30 pm; Introduction to book - 6 pm; Release of the book - 6:15 pm



MATTRAM

Centre for Psychological Development & Support

We provide consultation with professionals trained in Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Neuro/Bio feedback Therapy, Integral Eye Movement Therapy (IEMT), Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP) therapy etc

For routine appointments

mattram@auroville.org.in (preferable)

phone: 9087709434

24/7 support: 9487746051

More information: www.mattramav.in

Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.

Open Consultation Hour (OCH)

Walk-in, between 9.00 – 10.00 am from Monday to Friday

Therapists (for OCH) as listed below:

- Monday Saif
- Tuesday Rashmi
- Wednesday Palani
- Thursday Gopa
- Friday Chetna

Warmly,
Megha for Mattram

THE ARTS

MOHINIYATTAM PERFORMANCE AND WORKSHOP

Padmashri Bharati Shivaji, whose name stands as a synonym for Mohiniyattam, is performing **LASYA TARANGINI** along with her senior students on Saturday the 18th of December at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas.

Mohiniyattam is a classical dance form of Kerala which mainly follows the principles and structures of Lasya, the grace and delicacy of movements elaborated in the Natya Shastra.



For more than three decades Padmashree Bharati Shivaji has carved a niche for herself as the leading exponent of Mohiniyattam. With countless performances all over India and abroad Bharati Shivaji has contributed substantially to popularizing this beautiful classical dance style, ensuring it a well established place on the world map of dance.

She has also established the Center for Mohiniyattam, New Delhi, where research, training, and choreographing of new works takes place continuously.

Reams have been written about her performances; and a documentary film has been made on her life and work. She is the Author of three books 'The ART OF MOHINIYATTAM', 'MOHINIYATTAM,' and 'Mohiniyattam-its art and aesthetics'.

For her invaluable contribution and lifelong efforts in the propagation of Mohiniyattam, and her outstanding performances, several prestigious awards like PADMASHRI, by the Govt. of India, 'NRITYACOODAMANI' by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai, SAHITYA KALA PARISHAD SAMMAN by the Govt. of Delhi, and NISHAGANDHI PURASKARAM, by the Govt. of Kerala to mention only a few, have been conferred upon her.

Her performance is one of the highlights, celebrating 50 years of Bharat Nivas.

Workshop

Date: 19th December 2021

Time: 10am to 1pm

Place: Shri Aurobindo Auditorium

On the following morning Bharathi Shivaji has agreed to conduct a workshop, introducing the theory and the basics of Mohiniyattam, to which all dancers are invited.

To participate in this workshop please write by 15th December to bharatnivas-auditorium@auroville.org.in

**PONDICHERRY/AUROVILLE
POETRY & MUSIC FESTIVAL 2021**

10 December 2021, 4.30 pm at Unity Pavilion

The Pondicherry/Auroville Poetry & Music Festival 2021 to be held at Unity Pavilion in Auroville on 10 December 2021 from 4.30 pm onward.

A pre-festival event will be held on 9 December at the Auroville Village Action Group in Irumbai, Auroville, where the Vishnudevi Award for Rural Creativity will be given in which our participants will present devotional songs and poetry in Tamil.



Considering the prevailing situation, most of our poets and participants this year are from Auroville and Pondicherry. Our poets include Sehdev Kumar, Anju Makhija, Shobhana Kumar, Anu Majumdar, Jothi Muninathan, K Srilata, Gayatri Majumdar, Anandi Ayün and Anandi Zhang, among several others.

Apart from poetry readings, there will be book launches, an art exhibition by Lina Krishnan as well as music presented by Arijita B. Chowdhury.



Thank you, Gayatri Majumdar, Festival Director
Anju Makhija, 'Pondicherry Poetry Festival' Co-Founder
Gayatri's e-mail: tbcpoetry@gmail.com

3RD NATIONAL PAINTING EXIBITION 2021


Pondicherry Art Akademy
 Presents
“3RD NATIONAL PAINTING EXIBITION 2021”
 (A Group Show of 85 Senior & Upcoming Indian Artists)



Inauguration: Sunday, 19th Dec at 4.30pm
 Exhibition: 19th - 28th Dec 2021
 Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery
 Opening hours: 10:00am to 5:00pm (Sunday open)


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LOOKING BACK ON 2021



Looking Back on 2021
Art Exhibition by CREEVA

Opening On December 17th till January 14th, 2022.
Visitors time : 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat.
at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville.

The year 2021 has been a unique year for our planet. We think it will be interesting to see how some artists and painters experienced it through their art work. Please come and feel the stimulus of your own thoughts and feelings about this year 2021.


CREEVA

TAXI SHARE

23 December, Chennai Airport



I shall be traveling to Chennai (airport) on 23 December at 3pm. If anyone would like to share the cab with me please get in touch at 9930137381.

Kind regards, Anchal, Pitchandikulam.

AVAILABLE

Use a HP Notebook for a new Battery

Hi, I have my laptop HP notebook core i5 which hasn't been used for a while now. If anyone is willing to replace its battery with a new one and reinstall a new OS and use it for themselves, kindly contact me.

Sitharth, 7845726955

LOOKING FOR

Looking for copies of The School of the Magical Animals



We are so much enjoying the stories of "The School of the Magical Animals" by Margit Auer, original German "Die Schule der Magischen Tiere". It would be sweet to borrow any of the multiple volumes from you if you have. Thanks for letting us know. Ulrike Urvasi and Drupad 0413 2622906 or ulrike@auroville.org.in

Thank you!! Love and Light

Ulrike Urvasi

Bamboo Craft Proficiency Required



Bamboo Craft Proficiency. With all this water around we envision building a Bamboo Raft. If you can be of any assistance to us with tools and / or proficiency to work on bamboo with the kids, kindly step forward.

ulrike@auroville.org.in, 04132622906, 9626561256 (only whats app/ Drupad).

Looking for a Second Hand 2-Wheeler



I am looking for a second hand 2-wheeler that I can use as a load carrier for farm produce. A TVS moped would be ideal for me, but I am also happy to explore other vehicles that you may be willing to offer. Please contact me at 9566631079 (what-sapp included) if you have something.

Nidhin, Annapurna farm

Household Things Required

Dear Community, as we take our first steps into being an integral part of this adventure, we are looking for things to make our house a home at Maitreya. Our urgent need is

- old inverter/batteries
- curtains
- cupboards/clothes storage/shelves
- mirror and
- old bed sheets
- square and rectangle pillows

If you have other household things/furniture/kitchen stuff please let us know. Happy to buy/rent/pass it forward as a gift to the next newcomer.

With Gratitude, Nilima

Call/WA 8888860442, nilimabarde@yahoo.co.in

HELP NEEDED

BANYAN TREE LEAF RAKING

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 3pm



The Banyan Tree Garden team is extending an invitation to all Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers to join the team for leaf raking under the Banyan Tree on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 3pm onwards.

Just come along if you would like to join.

Vinay Elumalai

SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF STUDIES

Dear Friends and Auroville Family,

I am Bouthan, studying B.Sc.in Microbiology. I have started my higher studies at Hindustan college of arts and science in the Microbiology department, completed 3 semesters, and am now moving toward the 4th semester final exams. The college management team has intimated us to pay the 4th semester fee, the exam fee and the balance 50% hostel fee. I have already paid the first 50% of the hostel fees and the other 3 semester fees thanks to major support and help from Aurovilians and wellwishers.

This is again a humble request to support me for my studies. Both my parents are receiving Auroville maintenance, which gives no scope to pay for my studies.

The details of the fees are given below:

- 4th semester fee: Rs.33,000
- Balance 50% hostel fee: Rs.35000
- Exam fee: Rs.2150

Total required amount is Rs. 70150.

The final date for paying the fees is **21st December 2021**. All financial help is much appreciated. Financial Service account #251777, "Bouthan Studies"

Thank you very much for helping me to continue and pursue my studies without obstacles.

With love and hope, Bouthan

Email ID: bouthansam414@gmail.com

Contact number: +91 91594 10995

HELPFUL HINTS/ADVERTISEMENTS

PROBIOTICS HOUSE TIP SERIES # 33

How to Whiten Sheets in 4 Simple Steps

(continued from last week)

2. Vinegar and Baking Soda

Vinegar is a common household ingredient that has long been touted as a fix-all for many cleaning problems. Baking soda is another popular household ingredient with natural odor-neutralizing abilities. If you're wondering how to lighten fabric with vinegar and baking soda, check out the methods below to learn how to whiten sheets with these household staples.

Method one

- Add 125 grams of baking soda to the drum of your washing machine.
- Add white vinegar to the line in your fabric softener dispenser. (Note: it's important to keep the vinegar and baking soda separate)
- Machine wash as usual.

Method two

- Mix 125ml of vinegar with 4 liters of hot water.
- Soak the sheets for at least an hour.
- Machine wash as usual.
- Air dry your sheets to eliminate any hints of vinegar smell (optional).

3. Borax

Borax is a common cleaning material with a multitude of uses, from getting rid of stains and mold to killing insects and neutralizing odors. But did you know that borax can also be used to whiten your sheets? To use borax as a whitening laundry booster, follow the steps below.

- Add 125 grams of borax to 4 liters of water.
- Pre-soak your sheets in the solution overnight.
- Machine wash as usual.

4. Hydrogen Peroxide

If you want to whiten dingy sheets, hydrogen peroxide is a great option. Hydrogen peroxide is best used in conjunction with another cleaning agent like baking soda. However, be sure not to mix hydrogen peroxide and vinegar – instead, do the first load with your Probiotics laundry cleaning and a second with hydrogen peroxide to counteract the odors or buildup.

- Add 125 – 250 ml of hydrogen peroxide to the drum before adding sheets. (Note: hydrogen peroxide can also be placed in the machine dispenser if the sheets are already in the machine)
- Machine wash as usual.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

for Auroville Youth

Knowing themselves through engagement

Background

Today, when the youth complete their Future School or Last School studies, there are two options for them.

- Leave Auroville: to study outside or other reasons
- Find work within Auroville.

The choices to find engagement within Auroville for a youth is an area that could use a more focused community support setup. Youth do not have much exposure to what is Auroville really like when it comes to engaging in an activity that allows them a platform to grow, learn and contribute meaningfully in areas where they would fit best. Thus the apprenticeship program.

The six quarter engagement program

Envisaged is a six quarter apprenticeship program for any youth of Auroville who has finished his/her education in Auroville and would like to explore a possibility to engage within the community as a participating adult. A bouquet of 15 to 20 areas of engagement within the community are identified of which an apprentice selects six in which to engage in rotation, one every quarter. Every three months the person moves onto the next activity of his/her choice. The duration for the quarters where the young adult is engaged in the program, his/her maintenance is covered. This is the nurturing as of a sapling that the community gives to the youth to explore and grow to their true calling within Auroville.



Some of the variety of fields to select for this program offering could be from a wide range from farms, forests, governance, finance, units, services – core areas that the community would like to nurture their next generation of leaders, not just a place to spend time. A serious program also requires some Aurovilians who would take up the mentorship for the apprentices in variety of fields so that transition planning also happens along with training. Finding and grooming potential project and team leaders can happen.

What is expected from the apprentice?

A commitment that they will diligently put in a six hour days for six days a week. Flexibility is of course is at the discretion of the place of engagement. Every quarter, a new field of engagement is to be taken up. A short report on the experience can be written by the apprentice and also a feedback from the program steward at the site can be taken. A proper tracking can help to streamline the collaboration by a coordinating team of say two or three persons depending on the size of the apprentice pool of candidates.

What next?

Of course some details would need to be worked out in terms of budgets, size of the pool, mentors and coordinators. But one can almost certainly say that with 6 quarters of varied exposure the person going through the apprentice program will definitely know if Auroville is the right place for them or not.

An engaged adult who finds their own calling through work is the need of the hour for Auroville.

Chandresh

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!

Join us on any day at 7am



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day at 7am, and have a vegan breakfast at 8.45.

Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking. If you would like to contact us please email sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or call 8525038274.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

The Sadhana Forest team

Warmly, Shek

Voices and Notes

MULTIVERSITY TOWARDS AUROVILLE MULTIUNITY

29th November 2021, at Unity Pavillion



Last Monday afternoon, facing a possible heavy rain and muddy roads, about 60 resident heroes managed to reach the open meeting at Unity Pavilion.

The meeting proceeded smoothly and calmly thanks also to the beautiful atmosphere invoked by the Vedic chants of Aravinda's Choir.

This time, instead of the usual report, we invite you to experience directly the meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/74NskvIcBGs>

Pashi and Luigi

RESIDENT ASSEMBLY OR ALL IS NIRVANA



The diversity and unique capability of the Resident Assembly can come to serve its purpose when the mind, an instrument of ignorance, purposely designed to be good at differentiation

in order to rise from ignorance, allows the other entities of the collective to come together for the innate ideals that the Dream beckons us to manifest by each in the collective.

The current collective movement is hampered by the fact that one lacks the sincerity to accept certain principles of instrumentation of the light and truth to help one guide towards the enfolding Truth of Life, Light and Love.

In its present movement, each element of RA intends to interpret and live their reality as the sole truth and interpretation of the purpose of the collective. Only by opening in sincerity to the universal movement of Truth in manifestation, realizing that we the RA, are but one strain in the grander symphony of Music that is being streamed, that we will begin to live and enjoy being lived.

Until then all is Nirvana of living in Auroville as part of a non-existent RA.

Chandresh

YOUTH CENTER SITUATION

Dear Community, on behalf of the YC team, from tomorrow morning (7th December) 6.30am your presence is requested at the Youth Center, to assist in the dismantling and re-location of the 3 main communal structures. We hope we can take this step together towards unity in our community, above all polarities.

This follows a very intense meeting at the Youth Center this evening 6th December. This decision was very hard to take, but was collectively arrived at in an aspiration to work towards peace and progressive harmony and to ensure an outcome which reflects the values of Auroville. Please see the below letter sent to the secretary, following various meetings today:

In light of recent events: Paul, Arun, Sreevatsa, Uma & Nahar met with the Secretary this afternoon at Matrimandir (Monday 6th December). The Secretary has instructed the Youth Centre to dismantle the kitchen, main space, games room and stage themselves. She stated that if this work is not started it will be dismantled by JCBs at 7am tomorrow (7th December).

The Secretary offered a verbal agreement to:

- Permit the Youth Centre structures to be rebuilt as part of the planned Vocational Training centre (in Bliss Forest, behind the Youth Centre).
- Provide temporary accommodation in Mitra for those currently living in the Youth Centre for the duration of the kitchen reconstruction.
- Allow the Land Board to assist with land clearing so it can be undertaken in a respectful manner.
- Provide 10 lakh rupees towards rebuild costs. Plus open an account for fundraising endorsed by ATDC.

The members of the Youth Centre community, in consultation & with the general support of those gathered at 8pm, have decided to undertake this work themselves with the aspiration to work towards peace and progressive harmony and to ensure an outcome which reflects the values of Auroville.

We invite all members of the community to join us in this work, which will be initiated this evening, and restart by 6.30 tomorrow morning (7th December) with a farewell for the trees and spaces.

We request that ATDC provide the appropriate & proportional planning permit (NOC) within 24 hours (7AM, 8th December) for the Youth Centre community to be located within the vocational training center area. (Existing Youth Center space)

We feel confident to gather the funds for the work ourselves, through and with the support of our community, so won't require the funds offered from GOI.

Please confirm in writing at the earliest opportunity before 7am, 7th December.

Yours sincerely, Youth Centre



AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, please check the latest podcasts of your favourite radio! Stay tuned!

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

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

Last published podcasts

- [Yoga Nidra – Intensive week Ep.1](#) (Wellness)
- [Soul Tracks – Se.3 Ep.4 “All for one and one for all free for all”](#) (Music)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.67 “Dealing with what is predictably unpredictable -Let’s think beyond fences”](#) (Food education)
- [The best of what’s still around – ep.36](#) (Music)
- [Tamil Epics- ep.12 “சிலப்பதிகாரம்”](#) (Tamil culture)
- [Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.119 “Nature Heals!”](#) (Wellness)
- [Marlenka’s Weekly Offering – ep.34](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 375](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Karpathu Tamil-Ep.8 “சித்தர் பாடல்கள்”](#) (Siddhar Songs) (Tamil culture)

Last Youtube live videos

- [KALISAI – Live at Kalabhnumi studio 5th Dec.2021](#) (Music)

...and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org

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

Peace and Love

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

TAMIL CLASSES

1. Spoken Tamil Class for Beginners

Time: Mondays and Wednesdays between 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Place: Bharat Nivas, India Space

Teacher Contact: shankar@auroville.org.in, 8940193339

2. Spoken Tamil for Intermediate (who know the basics)

Time: Fridays between 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Place: Bharat Nivas, India Space

Teacher Contact: shankar@auroville.org.in, 8940193339

Aum... Shankar, Tamil Teacher,
8940193339, 8903152339

COMPASSION IN ACTION

11 December, 2.30 – 5pm, Hall of Light, Creativity

This Week’s Topic: Ease in Family Conflicts

A special expert will join us this Saturday!

Let’s practise walking into family conflict with more ease and experience more connection, understanding and goodwill with the ones closest to us. Families welcome, (ex-)couples welcome, individuals welcome.

Forum for Nonviolent Communication in Action, with Stefan Gebert (CNVC-certified trainer)

Next dates and topics: 01/01 (“Talking to Myself”)

Contact: stefangebert@gmail.com for any further information

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Regular Offerings December 2021

Therapeutic Treatments	Therapists
Acupuncture	Linda
Aquatic Bodywork (Watsu® / Oba® / Liquid Flow / Waterdance)	Appie, Daniel, Dariya, Friederike, Guido, Orev, Ursula
Ayurvedic Birenda Massage	Jean-Louis, Kumar
Ayurvedic Marma Massage	Kumar
Craniosacral Therapy	Shola
Deep Tissue Massage	Andrei, Shola
Etiomedicine	Lisa
Foot Reflexology	Sheida
Healing Touch Massage	Sami
Homeopathy	Michael Z.
Hypnosis Therapy	Shola
Individual Meditation Sessions	Samrat
Kahuna Massage	Anwar
Lymph Drainage	Dodo
Physiotherapy (Pt)	Jussi
Quantum Shiatsu	Sami
Sound Healing / Sound Bed	Sami
Thai Yoga Massage	Andres, Sheida
Traditional Chinese Medicine	Linda

Woga (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Dariya

Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 December 2021

8.45 am – 6.00 pm (lunch included)

Yoga in water is based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in pool water, which is waist-to-chest high. Sessions are structured like their yoga equivalents on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The difference is that you are in a warm water pool (35°C).

The substantial decrease of gravity in warm water allows greater ease of movement, unblocks articulations, lengthens & melts muscles, and removes negative tensions, thereby preventing stress, insomnia and anxiety.

Focus of Woga 1 & 2 is Hatha Yoga (asanas in standing position, on the wall, in floating position), Pranayama and meditation.

Didactic material and certificate are given upon completion of the course. No previous experience is required (also no need to know how to swim)

GARBA DANCE PRACTICE

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 Regression Therapy, trauma therapy, advanced classical homeopathy. Systemic constellation & family constellation

- See our newly uploaded Photos and Videos: www.auroville-jiva.com
- WA 962600696, contact@auroville-jiva.com,
- [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#)

"Natural Horsemanship"



Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in "Natural Horsemanship" – Individual and group sessions ongoingly.

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, Sharnga Guesthouse. Mirrabelle has studied human and horse psychology , and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care – hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care, riding and therapy!

Contact: WA 9626565134, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Integral regression therapy

11 December, 9am – 12pm



Intro Session: A therapy and energy work based on Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers integral Yoga, based on trauma therapy, past life regression therapy, inner child work, NLP, and a client centric approach.

Typically, integral regression therapy addresses unexplainable pains, trauma from accidents or early childhood, questions about past lives, life purpose or restricting behaviour patterns.

In in-depth training through a series of webinars the theory of this deeply healing approach is transmitted.

Therapists wishing to integrate this approach in their psychotherapeutic or body- mind – healing work shall come for presence sessions, for four 3 day workshops to Auroville, to practice facilitating the 2hrs therapy sessions, and their own personal transformation.

Sigrid Lindemann is integrating her large professional background in this focussed approach to transforming deep, longstanding issues towards an evolving consciousness and purpose of life. Sigrid is a transpersonal regression therapist, trainer in hypnotherapy and teacher of advanced classical homeopathy, with her background in Integral Yoga, living over 20 years in Auroville, Pondicherry.

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

Explore your mind

3-day workshop in hypnotherapy 17, 18, 19 December

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still"

- What is hypnosis?
- How do right and left brain function practically?
- How do conscious and subconscious interact?
- Explore the depths of your mind and relax!
- Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Selfhypnosis



Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind". Certified course from Ekaa www.ekaa.co.in

17 December, Friday, 4 – 7pm,

18, 19 December, Saturday, Sunday, 9- 5 pm

at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

Info meeting: 15 December, 5- 5.30 pm at Sharnga Guesthouse Terrace, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann, Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression Therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville, www.sigridlindemann.com

CARPENTRY BASICS WORKSHOP

13th-15th December 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 wood carving and woodturning.

You will also be introduced to interesting concepts like tensegrity and joinery. We welcome Aurovillians, Newcomers, and registered guests to participate, minimum contribution required. Please write to us at: register@agpworkshops.com.

With best regards, Priya



Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes! Please contact 4036922 or email us at tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations

For more information about the Tomatis program, please have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBM-lywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

New Language Courses!

Italian Update

This is an update on the Italian Beginners Class, since a new teacher, Silvia, joined us and she is happy to start this course as soon as we have at least 4-5 confirmations.

Silvia was born and brought up in Italy and she obtained a degree in Conservation of Cultural Heritage and subsequently a specialization in Restoration of ancient fabrics. She taught History of Art and Drawing in middle and high schools and She has been running a restoration workshop of tapestries and ancient fabrics for 10 years.

If you are a beginner with little or no knowledge of the Italian language you are welcome to join this compact course, 3 months long, of 60-minutes classes, twice a week will take place on Wednesdays & Fridays, 04.00 pm – 05.00 pm

Learning Outcomes:

- Alphabet & Phonetics
- Introduce yourself in a simple way and introduce someone else
- Spoken grammar tips: main verbs, pronouns, sentence structure, gender, singular & plural, punctuation
- Exchange simple information about your family, work, outings, plans, holidays, home, etc.
- Talk about your everyday activities and your hobbies
- Ask and answer questions in a simple way about ordinary things: shopping, restaurants, cafés, etc.
- A range of different topics can be explored based on the interests of the students

Beginner Hindi

Vatsla is ready to start a group for Beginner Hindi in December! This course will take place every Saturday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Vatsla, former principal, has been associated with the field of education for 30 years and specializes in teaching Hindi and English Language

If you are seriously interested and willing to make a commitment for 3 months, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please note that the Hindi language is a beautiful and engaging language to learn, and needs regular attendance, because the course content is structured sequentially.

In this 3-month course, the content is:

- Building confidence in conversation
- Introduction to grammar
- Reciting poems
- Playing Antakshari
- & Singing & relishing the beauty of the Hindi language.

Please let us know if you would like to join!!

Beginner Tamil for kids with Murugesan

Murugesan started to teach a new Tamil class for children in the age group of around 8 years, last 3rd December. This 3-month course takes place every Friday, from 04:15 pm to 05:15 pm.

The course will feature:

- Alphabets, numbers & seasons
- Two letter words, three letter words, etc...
- Grammar will be taught with an emphasis on practical usage
- Teacher will use also flashcards specific for children

So contact us immediately to join!

Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil, with Murugesan

Murugesan started a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil on 2 December.

This 3 months course will feature:

- Alphabets, numbers & seasons
- Two letter words, three letter words, etc...
- Exploration of the difference between spoken & written Tamil through books & videos
- Developing listening & reading skills with Tamil audio songs with lyrics
- Grammar will be taught with an emphasis on practical usage

This course will take place Mondays & Thursdays, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

If you want to join, we still have a few spaces available!

Please fill out our form at <http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/> to join, or inquire about, any language classes at the Lab! As well as drop us an email or call!

Please Note: Registration (correct contact details on our database, plus payment/contribution) is important when joining a course with us. Please see our team member at the front desk to ensure this is complete before joining a course, thank you!

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:

9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

Location: International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

Phone: (0413) 2623 661, 4036920/22.

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

ALL: Schedule Of Classes As Of 06.12.2021

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	Complete Beginners!	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10.00am – 11.00am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate Group 2	10.00am – 11.00am	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate	02.30pm – 03.30pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate/Advanced	New cycle in December! Inquiries Welcome!	
French	Beginner	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
German	A1.1 Beginner Online To Start – Inquiries Welcome!	07.30am – 08.30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	NEW to start Beginner	10.00am – 12.00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner	09.30am – 10.30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginners To Start – Inquiries Welcome!	04.30pm – 05.30pm	Monday & Thursday
	NEW Tamil for Children	04.15pm – 05.15pm	Friday
Spanish	Beginner	02.30pm – 03.30pm	Tuesday & Friday
	Intermediate	03.30pm – 05.00pm	Monday & Friday
	Conversation	02.00pm – 03.00pm	Wednesday
Japanese	Beginner	10.00am – 12pm	Saturday

BREATHING AWARENESS AND PRANAYAMA

The Art of Breathing
11 December, Saturday, 9 – 12pm,
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Pranayama is an ancient yogic practice based on breathing control.

Prana means “life force” and Yama means “control”

Prana creates an aura around the body. It flows through thousands of subtle energy channels called nadis and energy centers called chakras. The quantity and quality of prana and the way it flows through the nadis and chakras determine one’s state of mind.

If the prana level is high and its flow is continuous, smooth, and steady, the mind remains calm, positive, and enthusiastic.

In the first part of the workshop we will explore some breathing Awareness exercises and Pranayama techniques to achieve Peace, Calm and Quietude.

In the second part we will practice some specific Pranayama techniques to release Fear, Anger and Anxiety.

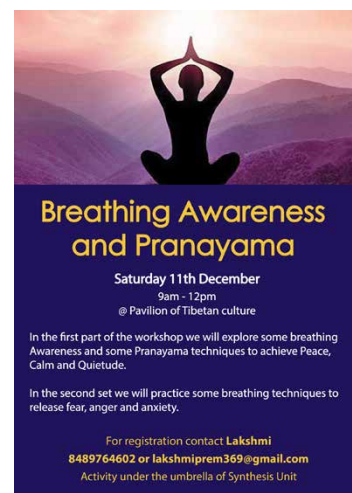
Benefits:

- Improves lungs functions
- Improves digestion
- Reduces stress
- Reduces feelings of fear, anger and anxiety
- Calms the mind
- Increases power and positivity
- Boosts your immune system
- Helps to treat sleep disorders

For registration please contact Lakshmi at 8489764602 or lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

Under Synthesis activity of ASSA trust

Thank you! Lakshmi



CINEMA

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

January 18-23



If you would like to help, please email with “volunteer” in the subject line. If you are open to hosting a visiting filmmaker, please email us with “stay” in the subject line.

We are proud to announce that this edition will be hosted both inside Auroville as well as on an online platform courtesy Shift72 and AVI USA.

We do need money. To make a donation, please transfer to 251551 with the description ‘donation’.

Artists interested in doing an installation for the Auroville Film Festival, please contact aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in and marcoavc@auroville.org.in with ‘art installation AVFF’ in the subject line.

Thank you so much
aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

Love, Krishna

GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH

Saturday, 11 December, at 5pm

Town Hall – Cinema Paradiso

Presented by French Pavilion



Directed by Renata Heinen, Rolf Winters

Film in English with French subtitles, duration: 85 min

The initiatory journey of a couple with their young children in search of a new perspective on the world, set out to meet the “Guardians of the Earth”. Australia, America, Africa...: this family will travel no less than 4 continents, over a total period of 5 years.

This film aims to raise awareness, it holds up a mirror to us. Why are the first people happy when they have nothing? And we, who for the most part have a lot, are sometimes dissatisfied. More than a simple documentary, it takes us on an inner journey. It is both a wake-up call and a hope for the future.

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 3

Monday, 13 December 2021, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 22min.

The Book of the Divine Mother, Canto 1- 4:

The Pursuit of the Unknowable,
The Adoration of the Divine Mother,
The House of the Spirit and the New Creation
and The Vision and the Boon

Aswapati explored all the planes of existence and reached the summit of the World-Stair, but he has not yet found what he was looking for in order to bring down to earth the Life Divine.

He had a glimpse of the Supreme Mother and surrendered to her, but now the world seems empty to him. All knowledge seems to end in the Unknowable.

As the soul moves close to its self-discovery, there comes an absolute stillness; all that the Mind has known seems unreal. And behind the apparent zero Aswapati perceives the face of the immortal being and Presence. He sees a being of Wisdom, Power and Delight embracing Nature, World and Soul. From this Being a beautiful lustre flows into Aswapati's heart, touching through him all sentient beings.

This is the Mother of All, the mediatrix between Earth and the Supreme. All opposites are preparing her supreme harmony. She, the Supreme Divine Mother stands at the head of Time, she is the bright heart of the Unknowable. All Nature calls to her alone to heal with her touch all the pain and longing of life and to kindle true aspiration in human hearts. Through her all our separate selves will become one. She is the way and the goal. Her rapture fills the limbs of Aswapati. All his quests are fulfilled in Her. But his freedom alone cannot satisfy him. He seeks her light and bliss for the whole earth and all humanity.

He knows that only the Light and Bliss of the Supreme Mother can bring about the Divine Life on Earth and he is calling out to her. Suddenly a mystic Form embraces Aswapati's earthly body, and a boundless heart comes near his heart. The One whom he has adored and worshipped enters into him. She tells him:

*"O Son of Strength who climb'st creation's peaks,.../
Alone thou standest at the eternal doors.... /*

*What thou hast won is thine, but ask no more.../ Man is
too weak to bear the Infinite's weight. (p.335)*

*But Aswapati's heart replied to her,... / "How shall I rest
content with mortal days... /*

I know that thy creation cannot fail:... (p.341,342)

*I saw the Omnipotent's flaming pioneers / Over the
heavenly verge which turns towards life /*

*Come crowding down the amber stairs of birth; / Fore-
runners of a divine multitude, /*

*Out of the paths of the morning star they came / Into
the little room of mortal life. (p.343)*

Aswapati prays to the Divine Mother to incarnate with her Force and to send a living form of herself to earth. In the end the Supreme Divine Mother agrees:

*"O strong forerunner, I have heard thy cry. / One shall
descend and break the iron Law, /*

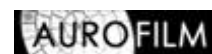
*Change Nature's doom by the lone spirit's power..."
(p.348)*

A meditative film of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music which can connect us to the Divine Presence within and lead us towards the spiritual truth and the New Consciousness.

Magrit

AUROFILM AT MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM

(MMC, Town Hall)



Reminder: Friday 10 December,

"PRATIDWANDI" (The Adversary) by Satyajit RAY, India, 1970

FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 2021, 7.30 PM

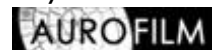
"KLAUS", Directed by : Sergio PABLOS, Spain, 2019

Synopsis: When Jesper distinguishes himself as the postal academy's worst student, he is stationed on a frozen island above the Arctic Circle, where the feuding locals hardly exchange words let alone letters. But Jesper discovers Klaus, a mysterious carpenter who lives alone in a cabin full of handmade toys. This unlikely friendship return laughter to Smeerensburg, forging a new legacy of generous neighbors, magical lore and stockings hung by the chimney with care. Original English version, with English subtitles, Duration: 1h38'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP.

"CINE-MASTER CLASS"

Saturday 18th of DECEMBER



5.00 – 7.30 pm at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes! Welcome to the 15th chapter with Prof. Sehdev Kumar presenting **"ON THE WATERFRONT"**

Directed by Elia Kazan, US, 1954 **With:**

Overview: Pr. Sehdev Kumar will analyze this classic film and its themes. **Synopsis:** Terry Malloy dreams about being a prize fighter, while tending his pigeons and running errands at the docks for Johnny Friendly, the corrupt boss of the dockers union. Terry witnesses a murder by two of Johnny's thugs, and later meets the dead man's sister and feels responsible for his death. She introduces him to Father Barry, who tries to force him to provide information for the courts that will smash the dock racketeers.

Sehdev Kumar, professor emeritus in Canada, and a historian of science and cinema, and the author of "7000 Million Degrees of Freedom", presents and discusses the cultural and philosophical underpinnings of this haunting film.

After the screening, all are invited to participate in an open discussion about the film.

Film in its Original English version with Engl. Subtitles, duration: 2h.17 min.- Discussion in English.



We follow the Covid-19 SOP. FYI the Aurofilm building is half open-air and well ventilated. You may carry a cushion and your torch light.



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 13 December 2021 to 19 December 2021

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is in operation at 50% seating capacity as per the regulations. It is open to all. **Mask is a must (and not scarves etc.) as well as standard Covid19 protocols.** Please come and enjoy the films. To organize a seminar/program please contact us via email.

Please note: though the regulations now allow us to operate in full capacity, being cautious with the new news of rising numbers, we are extending the half occupancy for now. We will keep you informed if those changes.

Indian – Monday 13 December, 7:30pm
DOLLY KITTY AUR WOH CHAMAKTE SITARE
(Dolly Kitty and Those Twinkling Stars)

India, 2020, Writer-Dir. Alankrita Shrivastava w/Konkona Sen Sharmam, Bhumi Pednekar, Amol Parashar, and others, Comedy-Drama, 126mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)

Set in a newly developing industrial area on the outskirts of New Delhi, the film chronicles the quiet transgression of two cousins sisters, Dolly and Kajal who through their complicated love- hate equation, enable each other to find freedom. In the story, Kajal, a young girl, wanting to live an independent life.

She comes to Noida to stay with her cousin Dolly while searching for a job. On the face of it, Dolly has the perfect family, but is it really? The film brings out the different shades to womanhood through it's layered narrative and pushes one to be who they want to be, but then the society has another plan. Don't miss!

Interesting – Wednesday 15 December, 7:30pm
CUBA AND THE CAMERAMEN

USA, 2017, Dir. Jon Alpert, Documentary, 113 mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Life in Cuba for three struggling families over the course of 45 years, from the cautious optimism of the early 1970s to the harrowing 1990s after the fall of the Soviet Union and the 2016 death of Fidel Castro.

International – Saturday, 18 December, 7:30pm
WOMEN IN GOLD

UK, 2015, Dir. Simon Curtis, W/Hellen Mirren, Rayan Reynolds, Biography-History, English-German-Hebrew w/ English subtitles, 109 mins, Rated: PG13

Maria Altmann sought to regain a world-famous painting of her aunt plundered by the Nazis during World War II. She did so not just to regain what was rightfully hers, but also to obtain some measure of justice for the death, destruction, and massive art theft perpetrated by the Nazis.

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 19 December, 4:30pm
THE ADDAMS FAMILY 2

USA, 2021, Dir. Greg Tiernan w/ Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron, Chloë Grace Moretz and others, Animation, 93mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

The Addams get tangled up in more wacky adventures and find themselves involved in hilarious run-ins with all sorts of unsuspecting characters. Sequel to the 2019 animated film, 'The Addams Family'.

This film was scheduled for last week and was not screened. It will be screened on this day.

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

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

Thanking You,
 MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

ECO FILM CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY AT SADHANA FOREST

Schedule of Events:

- 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
 - 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
 - 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
 - 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films
 - 20:00 Dinner is served
 - 21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
- Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!
- The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.
- **Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00 :)



Friday 17 December

We the Power – The future of energy is community-owned
 2021 / 38 minutes / David Garrett Byars

This inspiring documentary shows us what life could be like if individuals took responsibility for their own energy production and shared it with their communities.

It presents a refreshing look at how power can be returned to the people through this simple act.

Warmly, Shek

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES



Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 3pm

The content of News & Notes is 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:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- 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.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.

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

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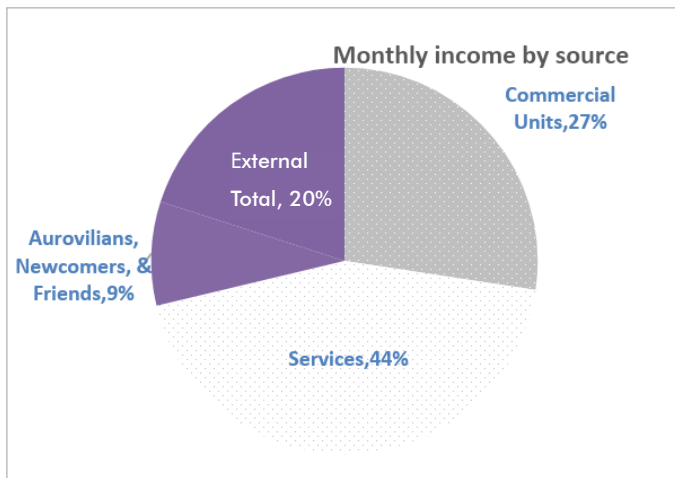
CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS NOVEMBER, 2021

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City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments
Contingency	5,149,143
Education	3,994,522
Social Support	3,173,506
Children & Youth	2,254,269
Organization	1,859,826
Village Education	1,169,019
Health	1,164,025
Forests	1,061,811
Prosperity Services	1,030,942
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	697,890
Outreach	654,152
Security	644,752
Housing	620,204
Culture & Sports	593,103
Farms	532,902
Land	510,677
Matrimandir	162,074
City Planning	153,188
Utilities	39,924
Projects	18,529
Total	25,484,458

- "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
Sunlit Future	1,113,880	1,113,880
Conscious Living	506,940	511,940
Tanto	491,620	501,620
AV Consulting	426,025	426,525
Maroma	406,940	422,940
Imago	290,290	290,290
Svaram	174,290	174,290
Cadd Studio	156,940	171,540
Auromics	138,170	147,170
La Ferme Cheese	104,509	104,509
Aureka	87,760	89,760

Right Path Café (VC Café)	82,204	82,704
Yuvabe	81,450	81,450
C3Stream Land Designs	71,302	71,302
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Painting Service	58,470	58,470
AV Bakery	55,040	55,040
Hers	45,410	45,410
Miniature	42,350	42,350
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	38,470	38,470
Mancala	38,470	38,470
Shradanjali	36,940	36,940
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Eco Femme	22,555	22,555
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Mitra Auroville	20,820	20,820
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Nowana	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
MG Ecoduties	20,000	20,000
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
AV Online Store	17,350	17,350
Cynergy	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
AVA-Wasteless	17,350	17,350
Flame	16,940	17,940
Boutique Visitors Center	16,940	16,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
ASSA-Ilion	15,615	15,615
Varuna (To Commu:Rs.24L)	15,021	65,021
DUSTUDIO	13,880	13,880
Earth Institute	13,880	13,880
La Terrace	13,880	13,880
Naturellement	13,880	13,880
Pitchandikulam Forest Cons	13,880	13,880
Progress Landscape	13,880	14,380
Sound Wizard	13,880	17,380
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Gastronomica	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
ADPS (Aurelec)	12,914	12,914
Eco Pro	12,410	12,410
Magica	12,410	12,410
Auroville Papers	10,410	14,610
Holistic	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410

Sumark	10,410	10,410
AFA-Aurora	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
Worktree	10,410	10,410
Café 73	10,410	10,410
Tree House Community	10,410	10,410
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
The Colors Of Nature	7,940	7,940
Arthena	6,940	6,940
Artisan Revolution	6,940	6,940
Aurosoya	6,940	7,140
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
Eye See	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
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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
To be Two (Auromode)	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
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CSR-AV Design Consultants	3,470	3,470
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Auzolan	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470
Comfort Design	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
Mystique	3,470	3,470
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Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
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ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Prod	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
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The Neem Tree	3,470	3,470
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Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
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Radiance	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Natur.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	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
AVARTS/Birdie	3,470	3,470
LEAD-IPK Activities	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Valentina Beatriz	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
The Drone Zone	3,470	3,470
AVA-LuMa	3,470	3,470
Purnam Centre For Integral.	3,470	3,470
Hands For Earth	3,470	3,470
AVARTS/Crystal Art & Craft	3,470	3,470
Wood Concept	3,470	3,470
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
Unity Transport Service	2,000	2,000
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
LEAD-Integral Learning Cen.	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
AVARTS*INLIGHT	1,735	1,735
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
AVA-Oceans	1,000	1,000
Kola Mandala	500	500
Inside India	-	350
Boutique D`Av Pondy	-	500
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
Total	5,736,855	5,879,955
Percent of Total	98%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	148,039	148,039
Atithi Griha GH	125,421	125,421
Gaia's Garden GH	96,388	96,388
Isai Ambalam GH	80,661	80,661
Center GH	73,187	76,987
Afsanah GH	72,144	72,944
Samarpan GH	64,311	64,311
SERENDIPITY COLLECTION	63,733	63,733
New Creation GH	42,690	42,690
Swagatham GH	37,398	37,398
Sharnga GH	37,205	37,205
Abundance GH	30,096	30,096
Verite GH	20,526	20,526
Arka GH	19,801	19,801
Needam GH	17,680	17,680
SAIIR-Youth Camp GH	17,174	17,174
Red Earth Black Box GH	15,014	15,014
Aspiration GH	14,262	14,262
Samasti GH	12,184	12,184
EUU – Selveraj GH	12,100	12,100
Tibetan Bodkhang	8,292	8,292
EUU-La Maison Bleue GH	7,813	7,813
EUU-Nishita GH	7,400	7,400
Tanto GH (Rs. 2.27Lakh)	6,940	6,940
EUU – Sonja & Umberto GH	6,740	6,740
EUU Siddhartha Forest GH	5,200	5,200
EUU – Casa Luna GH	4,389	4,389
EUU-Suganya GH	4,040	4,040
Discovery GH	4,000	4,000
EUU – Transformation GH	3,610	3,610
EUU-Harsha GH	3,600	3,600
SAIIR-Mitra GH	3,520	3,520
EUU Moongate GH	3,470	3,470
FRM-Buddha Garden Coll.	3,470	3,470
EUU-Ramachandran GH	3,000	3,000
Rainbow in Auroville GH	2,600	2,600
Reve GH	2,580	2,580
EUU-Rossella GH	2,400	2,400
International House	2,100	2,100
EUU – Vikas GH	1,800	1,800
EUU-Li Mei GH	1,260	1,260
EUU-Elumalai & Sarasu GH	1,200	1,200
EUU – Kofpu GH	1,080	1,080
EUU-Nandhanam GH	1,020	1,020
Subtotal	1,091,538	1,096,138
Net Addit. Guest Contribut.	234,780	234,780
Total	1,326,318	1,330,918

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	6,779,240	6,988,395
CS-Visitor Center Parking	525,153	525,153
Botanical Garden	71,135	71,135
CS-Pour Tous Water Colle.	61,185	61,185
CSR	41,640	41,640
CS-Working Committee	24,290	24,290
Quiet Healing Centre	20,820	21,820
CS-FAMC	20,820	20,820
Birth Center	13,880	13,880
Visitor Center	12,145	12,145
Auroville Vehicle Service	6,940	6,940
Electrical Services	6,940	6,940
Auroville Video Production	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Korean Pavillion	6,940	6,940
Thamarai	3,470	3,470
SAIIR-Supportive Learning	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
AV Village Action Group	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
AV Arts Service	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Child Protection Service	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Sacred Groves Care	3,470	3,470
Sewa	1,735	1,735
FRM-Ayarpaadi	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	217,000
Total	7,650,118	8,077,273

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovillian	1,429,752	1,429,752
School Participation	209,460	209,460
Friends of AV	183,305	183,305
Newcomer	41,000	41,000
Total	1,863,517	1,863,517

External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Government of India for SAIIR	4,300,000	4,300,000
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	-	-
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	-	-
External Total	4,300,000	4,300,000

A BRIEF NOTE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE CROWN DEVELOPMENT IN AUROVILLE

Reports have appeared in the media about an incident in Auroville in relation to the clearing of an Auroville township road.

The facts of the matter are given below.

Background of the Auroville Master Plan

Under the Mother's direct guidance a plan for the Auroville Township plan was prepared. This plan became known as the Galaxy Plan. It was presented along with the Charter of Auroville during the inauguration of Auroville on 28th February 1968.

Residents of Auroville formulated a Master Plan in 1999 based on the Galaxy Plan, which was unanimously approved by the Residents Assembly and sent to the Governing Board for approval. The Governing Board referred the plan to the Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (GoI) for a review. The TCPO and other experts suggested some modifications and this resulted in the Auroville Universal Township Master Plan (perspective 2025), which was approved by the Governing Board and the Ministry of HRD in April 2001 and was notified in part 3 of the Gazette of India on 16th August 2010. The Auroville Master Plan provides for a population of 50,000 residents by 2025. The present population of Auroville is only about 3,500.

Auroville - a Sustainable Township

Already in the years prior to the inauguration of Auroville on 28th February 1968, the Mother had spoken of solar energy, electric mobility, new systems of economy and education. Auroville was envisioned as a City for the Future dedicated to the manifestation of the vision of Sri Aurobindo.

Auroville will be the only city in the world with a dedicated green belt that is three times the size of its city area, and with green corridors and parks within the city area itself.

Auroville has been a frontrunner in the field of renewable energy since its inception. Windmills for water pumping, solar PV systems and grid-connected wind turbines form part of the renewable energy installations of Auroville. The Auroville township will be a net-zero emissions township. The township has already installed distributed renewable energy generation and storage systems which are interconnected with an internal network.

Auroville is also a frontrunner in organic farming, sustainable health practices, sustainable building materials and water recycling systems.

The township already has a large fleet of e-vehicles and promotes sustainable collective transport.

The Auroville Township plans, therefore, prepared under the guidance of the Mother, are not only visionary from the spiritual angle but also from the angle of integral sustainability, the need of which is increasingly understood by planners and Governments the world over.

The Crown

There is special use zone in the township which is known as the "Crown" The Crown has been defined in the Auroville Master Plan as follows:

"There is another special use zone, which traverses all the four zones in a concentric fashion with a width of 75 meters, consisting of a circular road with buildings facing it. This Crown area will provide most of the service facilities required to support the activities in the four zones mentioned above".

The Crown includes a circular Crown Road with a right-of-way that was originally planned to be 30m wide and which has been reduced to 16.70m wide. The Crown is connected to an outer ring road through 12 radials. Proposals for having a meandering Crown road or for a further narrow-

ing of the Crown RoW in some locations were considered but were found not to be feasible and it was decided to stay with an RoW width of 16.70m after consultations with external town development and infrastructure experts.

In this context the following may please be noted:

- Already about 40% of the Crown RoW has been cleared.
- The total Crown RoW (right-of-way) area is only 0.36% of the total master plan land area with a Crown RoW width of 16.7m.
- The land area of the main RoWs (Crown, 12 radials, International Zone loop road, outer ring, one link road): 1.64% of the total master plan land area;
- The land area of the Crown RoW: 0.36% of the total master plan area (RoW width of 16.7m assumed).
- The total Auroville Master Plan land area: 20 KM²
- The planned city area: 5KM²,
- Planned green belt area: 15 KM².
- Planned built-up area of the city: less than 50%; planned built-up area of the green belt: less than 5%.

Meetings of the Governing Board with residents

When the Governing Board met in Auroville on 02-11-2021, it noted, amongst other things that Auroville township development had come almost to a standstill and that infrastructure work (including the installation of an HT cable with cable drums lying in the open air since two years) was blocked for many months.

The Board also noted that the Auroville population is only 3,500 as against the eventual planned population of about 50,000 residents.

The Governing Board spent a major part of their 2nd November visit to Auroville on meeting with groups of residents with varied view-points and with Auroville working groups. The Board also had an interactive meeting with the community at large. All view-points were heard and carefully considered.

The Board decided to proceed with implementation of the Auroville Master Plan as clearly mandated by the Auroville Foundation Act and gave the green signal to proceed with the clearing of master plan right-of-ways, including the Crown, without further delay. In response to the concerns of the groups representing the forests, the Governing Board also decided to take up a drive of planting about 10000 trees in the areas stipulated as green zone and the park areas, green corridors, fully sensitive to the ecology and environment.

Incidents on 4th December 2021

Clearing work on a stretch of the Crown RoW began on 04-12-2021, morning. Soon after work started in the area known as "Bliss", a group of Auroville residents turned up including parents with small children who physically blocked the clearing equipment from operating.

Abusive language and several other aggressive moves such as spitting, shouting etc. was used against the team at work and against residents who had rushed to the site to support the work team. A resident of Auroville, on behalf of the team at work, has video recorded a large part of this commotion.

Local police were called in after this, to protect the work team and to prevent people (including children) from getting in the way of the clearing equipment. No violence of any kind was used by the police and the residents who had come to support the work team.

Work was stopped, and resumed in the night, after cordoning off some of the entry routes, hoping that this would help to bring less people to stop the work and put themselves

and others in physical danger. Unfortunately some residents managed to get through the thickets and barricades, and again, there was the use of abusive language and work blockage by certain people including a few members of the working groups and a senior architect.

Meeting on 06-12-2021

A meeting took place between the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, Youth Centre representatives and others on 06-12-2021 where it was agreed that residents themselves will clear the Crown RoW in the Youth Centre area with the help of volunteers, while a site for a vocational centre will be allocated in the township. Funding for the vocational centre will also be provided.

A note on additional environmental considerations is attached.

AUROVILLE CROWN ROW CLEARING

Environmental considerations

1. The Crown is defined in the Auroville Master Plan as follows:

"There is another special use zone, which traverses all the four zones in a concentric fashion with a width of 75 meters, consisting of a circular road with buildings facing it. This Crown area will provide most of the service facilities required to support the activities in the four zones mentioned above".

The total Crown RoW (right-of-way) area is only 0.36% of the total master plan land area with a Crown RoW width of 16.7m. The issue at hand is that trees have been planted on land earmarked for the Crown including the Crown RoW.

2. The following data must be kept in mind while discussing these matters:

- Land area of the main RoWs (Crown, 12 radials, International Zone loop road, outer ring, one link road): 1.64% of the total master plan land area;
- Land area of the Crown RoW: 0.36% of the total master plan area (RoW width of 16.7m assumed).
- Auroville will be the only city in the world with a dedicated green belt that is three times the size of its city area, and with green corridors and parks within the city area itself.

3. The removal of trees must be seen in the wider environmental context of Auroville and the region. Assuming that for the remaining part of the Crown RoW (right-of-way) with a width of 16.7m the total number of trees to be cut is 500, this intervention needs to be put in the context of the total number of trees planted elsewhere in Auroville, the CO₂ sequestration impact that needs to be compensated for (or has already been compensated for) and other parameters. In this context the following must be noted:

- a. New solar PV capacity installed in Auroville during the last two years alone, results in annual CO₂ emission reduction equal to what 20,000 trees would absorb.
- b. In the last 3-4 years alone more than 10,000 trees have been planted. So, if indeed there is a need of cutting 500 trees that have been planted on top of the Crown RoW, CO₂ sequestration compensation to the extent of 20 times has already taken place inside Auroville in recent years alone.
- c. Auroville Foundation owns about 1,100 acres of land outside the Auroville Master Plan area. Tens of thousands of trees have been planted on these lands as well over the years.

4. It has been proposed by some to use an existing temporary mud road for mobility and infrastructure instead of the planned Crown RoW, or that the circular RoW can instead meander to avoid areas with plantations or structures. Expert studies have shown that this major deviation from the planned circular Crown is an unsustainable way to proceed with the main RoW, not only would we deviate heavily from the Master Plan, but all infrastructure lines,

pipes and cables, not to mention roads will become about 30% longer in this Crown segment, which would have the following consequences:

- a. For all times to come, 30% more mobility energy will be needed, even if that energy will come from renewable energy sources in the (near) future.
- b. All cables and pipes will have to be 30% longer on this segment. There will be HT, LT and communication cables, water mains and sub-mains, water recycling pipes etc. in designated service corridors on both sides of the cleared RoWs.
- c. Increasing the length of electrical cables and water pipes by 30% does not have consequences for the upfront capital cost alone. If the length of a cable is increased by 30%, so will its resistance and energy losses. Therefore, for all times to come, energy losses (and voltage drops) will be 30% higher in this Crown segment. In the case of water, there will be higher pressure losses, which need to be compensated for by higher pumping pressures, which again translates into higher energy consumption.
- d. Any 16.7 m RoW, necessary for infrastructure and mobility, would result in some trees getting cut, no matter the shape or route of this corridor. Therefore to change the circular layout and logic of this important Master Plan right-of-way is not beneficial in any way for the city development, and is lobbied for only for the benefit of a few interest groups within Auroville.

It must therefore be concluded that the proposed alternative routing (the temporary road) causes in the long term a significant negative environmental impact in addition to being an unacceptable deviation from the Master Plan.

5. Trees were planted and bunds were built in many places in Auroville to stop erosion. It was clear from the beginning that trees that were planted on land that is not earmarked for trees would have to be cut when township development in a particular area commences. If this principle is now being put into question, the idea of building a township will have to be given up in its entirety since there are trees everywhere in Auroville. There is a green belt and there are green corridors inside the city. Green work must take place there and not on land designated for roads, infrastructure or other urban development.

6. For every tree cut for the development of the right-of-ways, for new trees will be planted in the dedicated green areas of the Master Plan.

7. Presently about 3,500 people are staying on 3,200 acres of land owned by Auroville Foundation. This can hardly be called "sustainable".

8. Sustainability needs to be demonstrated with the township of 50,000 persons. Only then Auroville become an example for the world.

9. Trees alone cannot take care of emission reduction. Trees absorb CO₂ and release it again when they die or are burnt. Auroville targets 100% renewable energy and that will avoid CO₂ emission to start with.

10. Many of the trees that have been planted are of the acacia auriculiformis species, which was imported from Australia. This tree is a water sucker and should never have been planted to begin with. The Auroville website states the following about this tree: "Some were exotic, like for instance the Australian 'Work Tree' (Mother's name for *Acacia auriculiformis*) which has adapted so well that it's now crowding out other species. As the trees grew, and micro-climates formed, many species of bird-life and animals returned, further accelerating the dissemination of seeds and enriching the environment". The trees and other vegetation that have been "crowded out" are local species that belong to the region and that were part of the eco-system.

11. Auroville has demonstrated the use of both stand-alone and grid-connected solar energy. Auroville plans to have a network of solar energy generation and storage

systems that are interconnected with an internal grid that is coupled with the State grid. This is indeed the way forward for a sustainable energy future.

12. Auroville has made progress with the introduction of e-mobility that will replace the fossil fuel motorcycles and cars that are still used by many of its residents. The master plan road lay-out with a circular inner ring (the "Crown"), 12 radials and an outer ring, allow for sustainable mobility solutions and resilient infrastructure services.


13. Auroville will have to collect rain water increasingly in surface ponds and tanks rather than relying on ground


water percolation through existing water sheds since ground water extraction is clearly not the way forward.

14. Auroville needs to accelerate the building of the township as per the Auroville Master Plan and demonstrate integral sustainability already in-built into the plan, which also includes inner growth, economy, education, research and social values as envisaged by the Mother. The township needs to manifest on the basis of the values given in the Charter of Auroville, the document known as the "True Aurovilian" and the Auroville Master Plan which is based on the visionary Galaxy Plan for the township.

APPENDIX 3

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

 Auroville TO PONDICHERRY				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite Udayogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Entrance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55

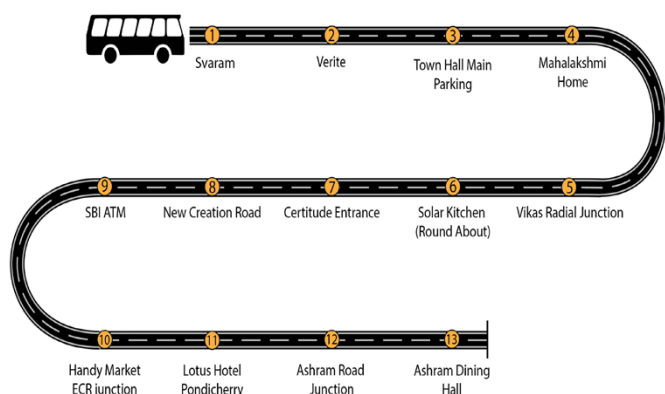
 Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About}	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

Bus Charges

- Monthly Rs.550 (Aurovilians & New comers)
- Rs.100 one way for Aurovilian & New comers
- Rs.150 one way for Guest

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Phone: +91 94430 74825



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance (24/7):

- Auroville – 9442224680
- PIMS – 0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

- Auroville Safety & Security Team – 9443090107
- Auroville Police Station – 0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station – 0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station – 0413 2677368

Health

- Health Center – 0413 2622123
- Santé – 0413 2622803 / 0413 2623937
- Farewell – 8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Matram – 9487746051

India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

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