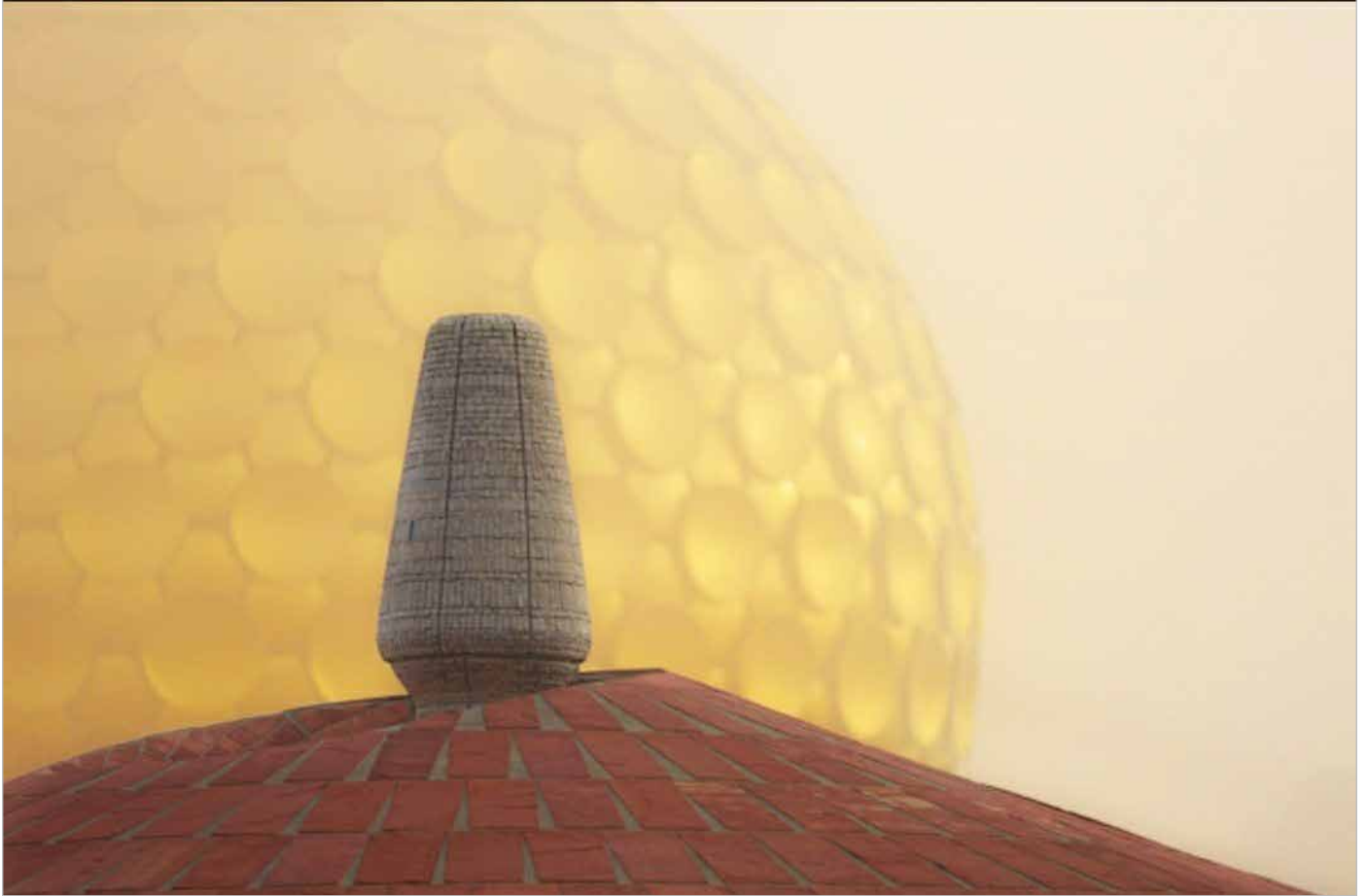


News & Notes

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By energism of consciousness Brahman is massed;
from that Matter is born and from Matter, Life and Mind and the Worlds.

Mundaka Upanishad.

The Ponder Corner

There is a spiritual conception that is the original substance of thought,
not the thought that discovers the unknown, but that which brings out
the intrinsically known from oneself and places it in self-space,
in an extended being of self-awareness, as an object of conceptual self-knowledge.

*Knowledge by Identity and Separative Knowledge,
Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo*

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House of Mother's Agenda

"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive sections of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive sections of the world will be embraced – not "embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought.

Those who already are have the good fortune of being the first ones, that's all."

The Mother, Agenda, 16 February 1972

Indian Literature – 2

"The Upanishads are the supreme work of the Indian mind, and that it should be so, that the highest self-expression of its genius, its sublimest poetry, its greatest creation of the thought and word should be not a literary or poetical masterpiece of the ordinary kind, but a large flood of spiritual revelation of this direct and profound character, is a significant fact, evidence of a unique mentality and unusual turn of spirit. The Upanishads are at once profound religious scriptures, — for they are a record of the deepest spiritual experiences, — documents of revelatory and intuitive philosophy of an inexhaustible light, power and largeness and, whether written in verse or cadenced prose, spiritual poems of an absolute, an unflinching inspiration inevitable in phrase, wonderful in rhythm and expression. It is the expression of a mind in which philosophy and religion and poetry are made one, because this religion does not end with a cult nor is limited to a religio-ethical aspiration, but rises to an infinite discovery of God, of Self, of our highest and whole reality of spirit and being and speaks out of an ecstasy of luminous knowledge and an ecstasy of moved and fulfilled experience, this philosophy is not an abstract intellectual speculation about Truth or a structure of the logical intelligence, but Truth seen, felt, lived, held by the inmost mind and soul in the joy of utterance of an assured discovery and possession, and this poetry is the work of the aesthetic mind lifted up beyond its ordinary field to express the wonder and beauty of the rarest spiritual self-vision and the profoundest illumined truth of self and God and universe. Here the intuitive mind and intimate psychological experience of the Vedic seers passes into a supreme culmination in which the Spirit, as is said in a phrase of the Katha Upanishad, discloses its own very body, reveals the very word of its self-expression and discovers to the mind the vibration of rhythms which repeating themselves within in the spiritual hearing seem to build up the soul and set it satisfied and complete on the heights of self-knowledge.

This character of the Upanishads needs to be insisted upon with a strong emphasis, because it is ignored by foreign translators who seek to bring out the intellectual sense without feeling the life of thought vision and the ecstasy of spiritual experience which made the ancient verses appear then and still make them to those who can enter into the element in which these utterances move, a revelation not to the intellect alone, but to the soul and the whole being, make of them in the old expressive word not intellectual thought and phrase, but Sruti, spiritual audience, an inspired Scripture.

The philosophical substance of the Upanishads demands at this day no farther stress of appreciation of its value; for even if the amplest acknowledgement by the greatest minds were wanting, the whole history of philosophy would be there to offer its evidence. The Upanishads have been the acknowledged source of numerous profound philosophies and religions that flowed from it in India like her great rivers from their Himalayan cradle fertilising the mind and life of the people and kept its soul alive through the long procession of the centuries, constantly returned to for light, never failing to give fresh illumination, a fountain of inexhaustible life-giving waters. Buddhism with all its developments was only a restatement, although from a new standpoint and with fresh terms of intellectual definition and reasoning, of one side of its experience and it carried it thus changed in form but hardly in substance over all Asia and westward towards Europe. The ideas of the Upanishads can be rediscovered in much of the thought of Pythagoras and Plato and form the profoundest part of Neo-platonism and Gnosticism with all their considerable consequences to the philosophical thinking of the West, and Sufism only repeats them in another religious language. The larger part of German metaphysics is little more in substance than an intellectual development of great realities more spiritually seen in this ancient teaching, and modern thought is rapidly absorbing them with a closer, more living and intense receptiveness which promises a revolution both in philosophical and in religious thinking; here they are filtering in through many indirect influences, there slowly pouring through direct and open channels. There is hardly a main philosophical idea which cannot find an authority or a seed or indication in these antique writings — the speculations, according to a certain view, of thinkers who had no better past or background to their thought than a crude, barbaric, naturalistic and animistic ignorance. And even the larger generalisations of Science are constantly found to apply to the truth of physical Nature formulas already discovered by the Indian sages in their original, their largest meaning in the deeper truth of the spirit."

(to be continued next week)

**Sri Aurobindo,
The Renaissance in India,
pages 329-331**

http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37_20/the_renaissance_in_india_20.pdf

Townhall Speaks

REPORT OF THE 1ST RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY MEETING (RAM)

Friday 28th of January 2022

Dear Residents, Below you find the report of the 1st Residents' Assembly Meeting (RAM) that happened on Friday 28th of January 2022, and all relevant materials.

Residents' Assembly Meeting

Day/Date: Friday, 28.01.2022

Venue: Unity Pavilion, **Time:** 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Attendees: 59 attendees (in person in UP), 5 persons outside UP and 65 views online

Facilitators: Elisa and Maël

The 1st RAM on this topic was called by the Auroville Council and held by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) to inform about and discuss the proposal in preparation for the feedback period as a part of the decision-making process.

You can find the [RAM recording here](#)

Please use the below link to give your feedback on the proposal: [Give your Feedback here](#)

The feedback process will run until 18th February

59 residents attended the meeting at Unity Pavilion. The actual Covid restrictions were followed and only 50% of the capacity of Unity Pavilion hall was used. The registration started 30 minutes in advance and only confirmed Aurovilians were accommodated in the main hall.

Newcomers, volunteers, and youth below 18 were welcomed, as stipulated in the RAD policy, as silent observers and requested to take place outside of UP.

People started to register their attendance from 3:30 pm on. The RA Meeting started at 4:10pm.

The RA Meeting:

1. The RAM was formally opened at 4:10 pm by the facilitators with a welcome and a moment of silence. The facilitators set the intention, and the ground rules and got through the agenda;

2. Residents' Assembly Service members welcomed the participants of the meeting and informed about the stages the RAD process consists of, the intention and the background of the topic, and why the RAS is holding this RAD process;

3. Martin and Philippe (members of the Selection Process Review Task Force) presented the proposal on a modified method of selecting members for the major working groups;

4. After the presentation the facilitators encouraged the attendees to ask questions on the proposal and share their inputs;

5. The facilitators requested the residents in the room if they feel that this proposal is ready to go through the community feedback process, and the majority agreed;

6. Next steps (as per the RAD Policy): feedback will be collected by RAS and handed over to the SPRTF for further processing. Revised proposal will be introduced to the community in the follow-up RAM;

7. The RA meeting was closed at 6pm.

For a deeper exploration, please refer to the following:

- [Proposal](#)
- [Presentation of the SPRTF](#)
- [Announcement from AVC on constitution of the SPRTF](#)
- [PWG 2020 \(\)](#)
- [Video record \(AV Radio\)](#)
- [Minutes of the meeting](#)
- [Transcription of the Video record of the meeting \(\)](#)
- [Steps of an RAD \(\)](#)
- Information: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

- RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

All documents are available for reading at the RAS sounding board (Town Hall ground floor) or at the RAS office on Thursday 10am-12noon or Friday from 10am to 12:30noon.

(End Of Report)

Many Thanks!

We would like to thank all those who helped with facilitating the event, preparing the room, taking care of technical arrangements, video recording, etc.

We appreciate all the support of the Silent Presence Keepers, RAS resource persons and volunteers, Auroville Hugging team and many other groups and individuals who contributed to this RA meeting.

Warmly, The Residents' Assembly Service

BCC NARRATIVE REPORT: OCT '21 - DEC '21

Dear Community, the BCC would like to share with you a narrative report of issues addressed and decisions taken in October, November and December 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.

For the Complete Report see [The Long Read on page 22](#)

BUDGET COORDINATION COMMITTEE

New Members

Dear Community, this is to inform you that Verena (Invocation) has been selected as a new member for the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC), filling in for Cristina who resigned from the BCC back in October 2021.

As per the BCC mandate, a 2-week feedback period shall now run until the 26th of February. If you feel there is any valid reason for which Verena should not join the BCC, please write to famc@auroville.org.in.

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

CITY SERVICES

Contributions and Payments, January 2022

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	9,86,03,686
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,80,47,586
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	11,66,51,272
Total Payments	2,13,90,052
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	9,52,61,220
Monthly loss/gain	-33,42,466

Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	92,42,220
Services	52,13,211
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	20,92,155
Internal Total	1,65,47,586

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIIR	15,00,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	15,00,000

See full report in [Long Read section, on page 25](#)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 113

Dated: 25-12-2021

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:

- Priya ANBAZHAGAN (Indian) staying in Promesse and working at Udavi School
- Snehal DESHPANDE ROY (Indian) staying in Grace (Shradhdhavan's house) and working at StemLand



Priya



Snehal

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Pablo Andrés PACHECO DEZA (Chilean)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Agila VENGADESAN (Indian)

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Arabinda PARIDA aka Aravind (Indian)

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

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

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

A confirmed Aurovillian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF).

A Resident of Auroville is eligible to become an executive of a Unit or Service of Auroville and to get an ID card issued by the Auroville Foundation.

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

Yours, The Entry Service

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, two assets are currently available for transfer:

- **Aspiration, ASP022, Single & Couple**
- **Fraternity, FRA010, Single & Couple**

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*

DREAMWEAVERS

Dear Community, the Dreamweaving process is underway. It will provide the framework for a detailed development plan (DDP), initially for the Crown, and possibly later for other areas of Auroville.

With the current situation, of the NGT court case decision pending, the will towards city-development expressed by the Governing Board (as per 57th GB minutes) and the result of the RAD to pause development on the Crown until further notice from the RA, we see that the Dreamweaver work and research can unite the entire community towards our common goal of manifesting Auroville together.

In this way, we find that the wishes of the Governing Board and the Residents Assembly are aligned which will allow for the best and most efficient infrastructure development. The overwhelming majority in Auroville are here for progress and welcome a drive for development.

We would like to request the GB to allow the Dreamweaving process to conclude before any further clearing work is initiated so that the wealth of experts and experience we have inside and outside Auroville can plan, develop and build Auroville, in a way that reflects the high standard for which Auroville is known.

Best regards, Auroville Council

BCC OFFICE INVITATION

Join our next community budgeting event!

Monday, February 14

from 4:30 – 6:00pm at Unity Pavilion

Dear Community, we invite you to our next community budgeting process event, on Monday, February 14 from 4:30 – 6:00pm at Unity Pavilion. We will present the outcomes of the facilitated budgeting sessions with the randomly selected participants for this process, and share some key information for you all to participate in the upcoming survey on the City Services budget. We hope for your involvement towards a community-wide understanding and shaping of our community budget!

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

Community News

"THE BIG WEAVE": THE DREAMWEAVING CONTINUES



The latest dreamweaving sessions were held last Friday and Saturday. On the first day, 11 architect teams presented their concepts for the Crown (see links below), drawing inspiration and ideas from each other's ideas presented at the previous dreamweaving session two weeks ago.

In the shared effort to 'anchor' the Galaxy and Master Plan, to merge vision and reality and take into account bioclimatic, cultural and social factors, common approaches and themes are emerging. It is expected that there will be even greater convergence, both of ideas and of teams, in the coming two weeks concluding in the final dreamweaving sessions.

After each presentation, the other dreamweaving architects had the opportunity to express what they liked and what they might incorporate in their own concepts.

Rajeev Kathpalia from Vastu Shilpa Consultants, which will undertake the Detailed Development Plan (DDP) for Auroville, followed the presentations on Zoom and concluded the morning session with a few remarks.

Appreciating the enthusiasm and the 'wonderful ideas', he identified several main 'binaries' which emerged from the presentations. One was the opposition between the 'celestial' and the 'circumstantial' aspects of the Master Plan, another was between natural and man-made systems, and a third between centralized and decentralized systems. All these, he said, needed to be worked upon further.

At the end of the day, Dr. Balkrishna Doshi, who had also been following the process on Zoom, was invited to give comments. "For me," he said, "the process has been a great surprise and very enjoyable." Noting that during his previous work on the Auroville Master Plan he had only interacted with a few Aurovilians, he was impressed by how many Aurovilians were now coming together to look at the Master Plan and the Galaxy. "Many of you have worked on water, climate and other factors, and if you continue with this, Auroville will become an ideal city of tomorrow, the City of Dawn." Now, he said, the important thing is for everybody to come together to create the intense energy needed to achieve this.

Rajeev Kathpalia reiterated that he had been very impressed by the quality of thought and ideas expressed. He looked forward to physically attending the final sessions. In the meantime, he said, the ideas needed to be developed further and important choices needed to be made, in order for them to be manifested.

His colleague, Jaydeep, added "It's fantastic the way that participants are trying to create harmony. You have shown us a phenomenal way of creating it."

The next day, the dreamweaving architects received feedback in the morning from other architects, peers and technical/analytical experts, and in the afternoon from focus groups and randomly selected members of the Residents Assembly at a 'design café'. The participation of the focus groups and randomly selected members is an important step in empowering and including the community at large in this process, and it is hoped this can become a model for other topics, too. It will also give the Vastu Shilpa Consultants a sense of the lived experience of Auroville which they will need to take into account, in addition to the architects' technical inputs, when drawing up the DDP.

At the design cafe, there were a number of tables, and at each table a dreamweaving architect 'hosted' a small group of participants, who gave feedback for a fixed time on the architect's presentation before circulating to other tables and architects. In this way, by the end of the day each dreamweaving architect had received feedback on their concept from everybody who attended, from different perspectives and different degrees of expertise and experience.

The dreamweaving architects were very appreciative of the comments they received. The other architects and technical experts who had been invited to give feedback to the dreamweavers were equally enthusiastic. "This process is a bit of fresh air," one of them remarked. "The energy, the knowledge and the willingness to be together to build the city is just fantastic." "One of the best examples I have seen of collaborative planning in Auroville," remarked a planner and ex-TDC member, "everybody is offering their strength, their wisdom to the whole, which is totally fantastic." A present member of the ATDC was also appreciative. "I really enjoyed the process. I think the spirit should be always there to share our knowledge because it is very important that even when we disagree, it is based upon knowledge. I hope that this process will be a very useful thing for preparing the DDP."

"What I really appreciated," said another architect, "was that everybody made an attempt to bring together several aspects. A lot of energy was focused on how to bring convergence between the ground reality and the Master Plan. I think the Dreamweaver process allows for something we don't have in the profession, which is convergence of ideas."

Another planner noted how important it was that the information was shared in a way that everybody could understand and did not privilege one group over another. "I think this is missing in Auroville, not just in architecture but in every field. I think this would make us a more conscious society."

At the end of the second day, members of the focus group and randomly selected group also offered feedback on the process. "This is history in the making," said one, "because it hasn't happened before that so many people have collaborated on planning, taking in so many different aspects." A long-term Aurovillian felt that "Whatever the outcome, something has changed. This kind of concentration and intensity has an absolute value." A young participant observed that only in Auroville could young architects be empowered to present their ideas to one of the top architectural offices in India. A cultural organizer noted that while "there are beautiful things in each of the presentations", not enough attention was being paid to the Cultural Zone, and offered to send material to assist further work upon this.

The final dreamweaving sessions will be held on 19th and 20th February, when it is expected there will be a confluence of ideas and designs. A presentation of the dreamweaving process and outcome will be presented to the whole community in due course.

The dreamweaving output will then be forwarded to the ATDC and Vastu Shilpa Consultants as suggested insights and material for the drafting of the Detailed Development Plan for Auroville.

The presentations on day one can be viewed at a

- <https://youtu.be/fMOu30QP6-E> (morning)
- <https://youtu.be/zrHfd8QBcOE> (afternoon)

The Citizens' Assembly and Dreamweaving team

AUROVILLE MATTERS

REMEMBERING OUR SERVICE FLOWER LADY

On 10.02.2022 (2nd Anniversary)



My dear Auroculture. Now it is the 2nd year of your departure. You are my first senior whom I took care of without any professional certificate.

Not only that, you were my first teacher at Udavi Primary school to start with. So all these makes me very happy and I am grateful and proud of being your student and caregiver.

You are my inspiration. We both had a good time together. We all miss you a lot my Love.

Raji, Courage

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 to 12:30pm
Wednesday – 1:30 to 4pm

Sri Aurobindo Center for Studies, Bharat Nivas

The Resource Library opens its doors in a new space.

Started in the early days of Bharat Nivas, it serves as a Resource Centre of the tradition of India.



It contains:

- The Shastras – Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, Gita
- Epics and Classical Literature
- Works of Art, Theatre, Architecture + Journal
- Some Contemporary Literature and Scientific Studies

Of note, there are some significant Encyclopedias on the history of the civilization of India. Also some archival material of special interest. As we enter the Library, there is a collection of the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. The Resource Library is open to the surrounding environment – to the air and trees... with wide spaces and comfortable seating. It offers a space for learning and meditation!

Be welcome to breathe in it.

ACCESS TO MATRIMANDIR AND THE PARK OF UNITY

From Monday 07.02.22

Park of Unity

1. Aurovilians and Newcomers may enter the Park of Unity from 6 am to 6.30pm daily;

2. Aurovilians with their guests may enter the Park of Unity from 9am to 3pm daily;

3. Pass-holders may enter the Park of Unity from 4.30pm and stay until no later than 6.30pm daily.

4. Visitors with Aurocard may attend Savitri Readings at the Amphitheater on Thursday evening from 5.30 and stay until no later than 6.30pm



Matrimandir Inner Chamber

1. Aurovilians and Newcomers may enter the Chamber from 6 to 8am and 4.30 to 6pm daily. (Evening opening hours will soon be extended to 7pm)

2. Volunteers who wish to concentrate in the Inner Chamber should ask the Aurovillian in charge of their place of work to send an email to "mmconcentration@auroville.org.in" confirming their volunteer service. After that they may arrive at the Matrimandir Office gate by 7.45 am any Saturday morning.

3. Auroville children accompanied by their teachers or parents may go to the Chamber on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11am

Everyone coming to the Chamber must sanitize their hands at the Pillar and wear their mask over their nose and mouth all the time they are in the Chamber.

The Petals

Aurovilians and Newcomers may concentrate in the Petals from 7 to 8am and 5 to 6pm daily.

Access is limited to one person per Petal and masks must be worn over the mouth and nose all the time. (Please note the number of Petals to be opened is limited due to on-going restoration work.)

HER – PRESENCE



Planning a gathering of Presence, a shared silence and collective concentration, on the eve of The Mother's Birthday in the Unexpected Garden of Eternal Child, we are keen to bring together all those Auroville pioneers and residents who had a direct Darshan of The Mother in the 1960s and early 70s. If you are one of the fortunate ones or know and can assist some of these 'elders' please join in the symbolic consecration, flaming our aspiration.

Being naturally aware that She is ever-present and accessible for everyone, as Nolini stated in his encouraging words after Her passing: "Since we have no longer the support of her body on which we depended most exclusively, we are compelled to seek the true support, the support of her consciousness, the inner reality – her inner presence, her living Person within... It is there, living and glorious in its beauty and power and is still at work within us and around us in the world incessantly towards the final consummation of its material embodiment."

For more info contact aurelio@auroville.org.in

PROBIOTICS HOUSE CLOSED FOR MASI MAGAM



Dear Probiotics Friends, to let you know, the Probiotics House located in Reve, will be fully closed on February 16 and 17. Celebration of Masi Magam.

Thanks and Regards,
Mgecoduties – Probiotics House

TIBETAN DOCTOR LDR TENZIN DASE

Coming to Auroville

Dear all, this is to inform you all, That the Tibetan Doctor lead by Dr Tenzin Dase and the Chennai based Men-tsee-khang team is coming to Auroville for the monthly medical camp on Friday 18th as a full day and Saturday 19th as half day.

To get an appointment you can call us at 0413 2622401 or WA 8489967332.

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

To get their medical Products like herbal tea as precaution from flu,cold and COVID health related are also available. You do not need to make an appointment to get the products.

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



Submitted by Kalsang

PROJECT PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND DIGITAL MARKETING

As part of my journey of giving back to society, offer my services as SEWA – assistance in the following areas for individuals/units who/which do not have a qualified and experienced in-house resource.

Focus:

- Scalable start-up business entrepreneurship
- Project Proposal Preparation
- Digital Marketing – Instagram and Email
- Mentoring first time and youth entrepreneurs only.

Contact Details:

Name: Suraj

Mobile: WA 9884204918

Email: surajkiranv@gmail.com

Location: Auroville

Regards, Surajkiran

AVSST'S DUTY REPORTS

for November & December 2021

Dear Community members, AVSST's duty reports for November & December 2021 are available on AuroNet. To find it, go in the "Reports" section of AuroNet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:



Thank you,

The Auroville Safety & Security Team
Emergency (24/7): +91 944 30 90 107

Website: safety.auroville.org

ARTS & CULTURE MASS BULLETIN INFO

Arts Culture Bulletin is a mass-mail service for Aurovilians and Newcomers to share and follow short notice updates on Arts & Culture events in Auroville (scheduled 3 days – 24 hours prior to the Event).

Mail your event update in text only with clear time, location and author name (NO Posters and NOT more than 100 words) to artsculturebulletin@auroville.org.in.

We invite organizers of arts presentations and performances to inform us in order to share their events through our mass-mailing service.

NATURELLEMENT STRAWBERRIES!



We have received the season's first strawberries and are now busy making strawberry jam.

In our Garden Cafe we will once again have strawberry ice cream, milkshakes and smoothies as well as our Special Marzipan Cake (gluten free) with whipped cream and fresh strawberries.

We remind you of our 25 % discount in the restaurant for Aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers as well as a 50% discount on Naturellement's products when bought in our factory outlet. Come and enjoy!

The Naturellement team

SOLITUDE FARM CAFE LUNCH SCHEME

Dear friends, Solitude Farm Cafe is happy to announce that the Lunch scheme is available Mondays to Saturdays.

The food in the cafe has received a lot of recognition over the last few years and we would love you to be part of it. The daily farm-to-plate thali is freshly harvested and prepared using ingredients that are grown primarily at Solitude farm. This is local food, the very fabric of Ayurveda and the foundation of Tamil Culture. Vegan, Gluten-free, this food has no carbon footprint and is cooked with a lot of love!

We are trying to move Solitude farm cafe into the direction of a community supported eatery, where the nutritional value of the food is of prime importance. Our collective need for nutrition is the adhesive that unites us all. This is the lowest common denominator in any society. Local foods are easy to grow, abundant and are thus non-exclusive.

Lunch comprises a farm salad made with green papaya and edible weeds, rice/ millet, adai/dosai, two vegetable dishes, chutney, pickle, fruit/smoothie.

One meal may have tapioca chips, banana flower vadai or plantain cutlets and another may have spinach, banana stem or air potato. Sambar, neem flower rasam, moringa spinach curry or, green papaya, lemon grass, coconut milk soup, every day the variety of dishes reflects the changing seasons and the bounty of Mother Nature.

If you are on an Auroville maintenance, you can simply inform the financial service that you are starting a Solitude lunch scheme (Full or Half lunch scheme). It's as simple as that!

In case you are not on Auroville maintenance (Aurovillian, guest, newcomer, volunteer), you are also welcome to join the lunch scheme!

The minimum commitment is 12 meals a month for INR 150/meal + 5% GST.

If you join this month, we offer an extra lunch for free!

To sign-up, please reach out to solitudepermaculture@gmail.com or call us directly +919843319250.

AURA NETWORK UPDATE



The Team is happy to see more Community members benefiting from the offerings of skills and things as well as meals at Atithi Griha Guest House. This growing support is helping our Community to unite and prosper.

Love, The Aura Team,
www.auranetwork.app

SAVI CLOSED FOR A WEEK

21 – 28 February

Dear Community, we're shifting our office from the Unity pavilion to Town hall in the last week of February. We will be closed for a week (21st-28th February) to do the shifting.

Regards, the Savi team

너와나 OPEN FOR BREAKFAST

from 7am onwards

Opening for breakfast at **Nowana** outlet (on the Kulilapalayam Main Road). Dear Community, we are serving south Indian breakfast from 7am onwards.

With regards, Nowana team

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL SHOP

Kalpana from 10:00 to 16:00

Mr. Ganesh is available at Kalpana from 10:00 to 16:00 for issuing, re-scheduling for all kind of ticketing Bus, Train, Flights and travel insurance which include Covid 19 Cover:



This policy covers Medical Expenses arising out of Covid-19 outside India, including Medical Expenses incurred during Quarantine period subject to the policy terms and conditions. Accommodation and non-medical incidental expenses arising during Quarantine period stand excluded.

Contact:

- by phone 2623030 or / and by WhatsApp after office timings: +91 9894598686
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com

All payments (including Credit / Debit cards use) should be routed via the Financial Service.

Flights from Chennai Airport:

- **Srilankan Airline:** weekly four days to Malaysia, on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Weekly twice to Indonesia on Thursday and Sunday. Weekly four days to Singapore on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Weekly three days to Sydney and Melbourne on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- **Qatar Airways** has everyday flight to Seoul.
- **Air India** weekly twice to Singapore.
- **Singapore Airlines** everyday to Singapore.
- **Thai Airways** every Tuesday to Bangkok.

Important notice:

Several counties require a Passenger location form (PLF) to be filed online before traveling and a negative PCR test.

- With a latest advisory guidance for international travelers issued on 11th Jan 2022 arriving into Chennai that mandates all passengers to undergo home quarantine for 7 days & undertake an RT-PCR test on the 8th day after arrival. Passengers are mandated to upload the results of a repeat RT-PCR test for Covid – 19 done on 08th day on the Air Suvidha portal.

LOST AND FOUND

One pair of Reading Glasses

Found on the Crown Road opposite Kalpana. They are in a Seepai case. If yours, retrieve at the N&N desk.

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AVAILABLE

Free Hugs

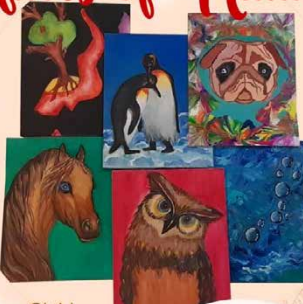
Roof Studio/AV Art Studio offers virtual hugs. Please send a request by email to Freehugsfromroofstudio@gmail.com It is free for all without any discrimination.

*Lots of love, Ivana/
Roof Studio of AV Art Service*

THE ARTS

FACES OF NATURE

Exhibition
Faces of Nature



By Rainbow Child Auroville Program.

Paintings done by Auroville children, aged from 8 to 11 years old, during Arts classes with Gala in Pitanga.

Sat, 5th Feb. to Fri, 18th Feb. 2022
Inauguration: Saturday, 5th Feb at 11 am.
Open daily, except Sundays, 8 - 12.30 pm and 2 - 5.30 pm

PITANGA
Centre d'Art
Pitanga - Cultural Centre | Samasti | Auroville 605101 | T.N. India
(0413) 262 2493 | pitanga@auroville.org.in

ON THE SUMMITS

The Last Years Of Nicholas Roerich

Wednesday February 16 2022, 5:30-6:30 pm

Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

Slide-show with explanations by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev



All are welcome

The slide-show explores the art of the famous Russian artist, thinker, archeologist, and public figure Nicholas Roerich during his stay in the Kullu Valley in the present-day Himachal Pradesh in the late 1930s-1940s.

It covers some of the most remarkable paintings of his Himalayan cycle including his last works, which form the culmination of his journey as an artist and thinker.

GETTING CLOSER

Friday, 18 February, at 4pm

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "Getting Closer" by Pierre Legrand

- Exhibition opening on Friday, 18 February, at 4pm
- Exhibition Date's 18 February to 05 March 2022
- Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm and 03.00pm to 05.00pm
- Sunday is closed.

Please Park at the town hall.



GETTING CLOSER



PAINTINGS BY PIERRE LEGRAND



CENTRE D'ART CITADINES

18th February - 5th March 2022
Opening on Friday 18th at 4pm

Monday to Saturday:
10am-12pm & 3pm-5pm

MATRIMANDIR

For the last forty years, I have been doing almost the same painting, trying to catch the vibration of a pivotal experience, which occurred forty years ago, and set the direction of my work and explorations. This experience asserts itself again and again bringing each time new thresholds – the same, but with infinitesimal variations in order to come closer and closer with the hope to get back the light, the space and the exhilaration of the original experience

Almost from the beginning, I have felt the need to discard usual canvas for porous material: unprimed fabric, meshes of different kinds, etc. As a result, very often I found the back of the painting more "interesting" than the front.

Once I left my paintings to a French gallery, leaving her the trouble of installation but when I came for the opening I found out that all the works were shown back front...

The same problem remained all these years until a few days ago Anu told me, why don't you show both sides? Of course, I immediately discarded the idea but it remained, as I kept looking more and more at both sides. So here they are: the last series, unashamed to show their back.

They are no longer painted surfaces; they have a back and a front. They show something and its opposite, containing the totality. Imagine, in every conflict, to be able to see simultaneously the two sides of the situation. Does this new series have political content?

While preparing this expo, two texts echoed through the space-time of my research.

- One by Sri Aurobindo in the Secret of the Vedas:
"The activity of the pure illuminated intelligence is sustained and increased by the conscious expression in us of the delight in divine existence and divine activity typified by the Soma wine. As the intelligence feeds upon it, its action becomes an intoxicated ecstasy of inspiration by which the rays come pouring abundantly and joyously in. Light giving indeed is the intoxication of thee in thy rapture"

- And this one by Derek Walcott:
"I have never separated the writing of poetry from prayer, I have grown up believing it is a vocation, a religious vocation...the body feels it is melting into what it has seen... the "I" not being important... ultimately it is what Yeats says " such a sweetness flows into the breast and we laugh at everything and everything we look upon is blessed"

Will my painting one-day land on that shore?

Pierre Legrand, 24 January, 2022

Centre d'Art Atelier, Citadines, www.centredart.in
+91 413 2622699, centredart@auroville.org.in

SURYA PERFORMANCE LAB, AUROVILLE PRESENTS



Is This The End?
A Theatrical, choreographical, musical performance inspired by a poem by Sri Aurobindo

10,11,12 February
Time: 8pm Duration: 1hr

Venue
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium,
Bharat Nivas, Auroville.

Directed by Philippe Pelen

Performed by Huong Pham
Thierry Moucazambo
Gopal Dalami

Music composed by Zan David

www.surya-performance-lab-auroville.com



**Is this the end?
10, 11, 12 February at 8pm,
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium**

In partnership with the Auroville 150th Sri Aurobindo anniversary birthday team, Surya Performance Lab is creating a new show called " Is this the end? " .

It is a theatrical, choreographical, musical performance inspired by a poem by Sri Aurobindo.

Facing a world in crisis and deep transition, our characters on stage express the physical urgency of a new breath, a new link to Nature and Vastness.

We will perform at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas, Auroville on the 10, 11, 12 of February at 8pm and we are delighted to invite you to our performances.

Free entrance.

Donations are welcomed on our Surya Performance Lab Auroville Financial Service account: 252160

**Warm regards, Philippe Pelen, Thierry Moucazambo
Surya Performance Lab Team**

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in.

- We invite the Auroville Services/Units to use our service; if you are in need to find someone to fill out a work position in your unit, we can help you by screening and finding suitable applicants.
- We also invite Aurovilians and newcomers that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need.
- Please contact us for more information:
hr_hub@auroville.org.in

HR Hub Team

www.hriauroville.org

if you are searching for work: [fill in this form](#)

HOUSING SERVICE REPAIR COORDINATOR

Dear Community, the Housing Group is looking to fill a crucial position in the team: the Housing Service Repair Coordinator. If you have coordination skills as well as experience in building construction, maintenance and repair, we look forward to hearing from you.

The main responsibility of the Housing Service Repair Coordinator is to oversee the repairs and the maintenance of Auroville's residential assets. This involves supervising and coordinating the repair team, keeping accurate logs and records, interfacing and communicating with residents and with the Housing Board. Therefore administration skills as well as good communication skills are also a must.

It is a full time position and you will be expected to be present from 9:00 to 12:30 and in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30.

If you're interested please contact the Housing Service through housing@auroville.org.in to receive an application which should be completed and submitted to the Housing Board before the end of this month.

Applicants will then be invited to meet with the HS/HB.

Thank you, Housing Service/Board

LOOKING FOR FACULTIES



Faculties in renewable energy, production technology and Information System Management

Auroville Foundation has signed an MoU operation Pondicherry University to collaborate in the field of higher education Research and Development of mutual interest, exchange of students and faculties etc.

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is now moving towards integral higher education affiliated to the Pondicherry University. C3 STREAM Land Designs is also part of this new program in higher Education.

At first, we are planning to conduct B.Voc. courses of 3 years duration in Renewable Energy, Software development, Information System Management and Cybersecurity, VLSI design and Manufacturing.

We are looking for faculties who are willing to design curriculum and educate youth of Auroville and India in:

- Renewable energy
- Manufacturing,
- Information system management & cybersecurity

The candidate should have a Post Graduate Degree or PhD in the above subjects.

Lavkamad@auroville.org.in

Phone:9443238303

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day from 6am onwards, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am. 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, WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

**Looking forward to welcoming you!
The Sadhana Forest team**

LOOKING FOR

Editor Note. Some postings under "Looking For" inadvertently did not make it into last weeks N&N #908, so they are re-posted here.

Looking for long-term house-sitting

Hello, Both Newcomers, we are looking for long-term house-sitting, starting mid-Feb. Currently house-sitting at Invocation, we are community-oriented, and working in 3 gardens and Pitchandikulam Forest. We are happy to bear all the running costs.

Regards, Rajesh (59) and Vallari (55)
WA 9740322557, shahrv@gmail.com

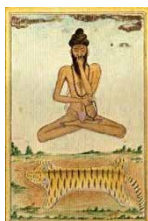
Wanted Second-hand cycle

Second-hand cycle for a village boy who currently walks barefoot from the village to attend classes in AV. Cycle in any condition would be appreciated! Please contact Lesley: WA 9488373747 or lesley@auroville.org.in

Looking to join a Ashtanga Yoga Group

Hello fellow Ashtanga Yoga Practitioner, Looking to join a group doing Ashtanga Yoga (Primary Series) – Self Practice or we create a group with other practitioners. Pls WA/Call/SMS me your details on +91 9820069117

Love and Gratitude, Shri



Looking for Furniture

Hi! I'm a newcomer moving into my first unit in Auroville, and would love a hand getting started with some furniture and appliances. Please let me know if you are giving or selling a table, chairs or stools, a coir base+mattress, a food safe, fridge etc. Very grateful!



Thanks! Daniel

WA +91 97872 48198, danielrabin@yahoo.com

Looking for long term House Sitting

Hello dear friends, Lakshmi (Aurovilian) looking for a long term house sitting. I'm responsible and reliable. I will take care of your house as it would be mine :)

Love and Gratitude, Lakshmi
8489764602, lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

Pitchandikulam Forest seeks a Cook

Pitchandikulam Forest seeks an inspired cook to prepare healthy lunches from Monday to Saturday at our community kitchen. We would like to have a local, seasonal, balanced meal every day, cooked with love and deep connection with food. The menu (designed with the community) would include Traditional Indian cooking, sprouts, smoothies, salads, tasty dressings and sauces. Other tasks include helping procuring produce that is as local and organic as possible, keeping stock, maintaining the kitchen premises and picking edible plants from the forest. Knowing how to create eco-friendly cleaning products is a bonus. Maintenance option available.



Send your details to: anuvianbuselvam@gmail.com

Regards, Anuviya

Search for a Housesitter



A beautiful house in Angiras Garden is looking for companionship from mid of April'22 onwards. I will be in Europe for at least a year. In case you are looking for a space to be and grow please send me a WhatsApp under 8870288502.

Love Inge

Head Hunting Chef



Dear Community we are looking to Start the Rainbow Café in SveDame Community. We plan for it to be a Multi Cuisines Restaurant and an Internet Cafe. There will be Fun, Music and Food.

We are looking for a head chef who is enthusiastic about making healthy and Conscious food and open to learning new dishes and experimenting. We are inviting people with experience and passion for serving quality and making a difference.

If this sounds interesting to you and you want to know more, contact us via email or phone.

Romel@auroville.org.in

Romel, 9619996080

Looking for a House

Dear community, my name is Sudhir Rao, I am a New-comer. I am actively looking for a house for house sitting (long term) as my Newcomer period is coming to an end and in order to become an Aurovilian, I need a house sitting arrangement. I am an architect by profession and I am a bachelor.

I would like to assure you I will take good care of the house and abide by community rules. Call me 9892890072 or email me M.sudhir.rao@gmail.com

Thanks & Regards, M.Sudhir rao

HELP NEEDED

ADISHAKTI THEATER FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR MARCH



Dear Community members, I am back with more news on Adishakti Theater Festival planned for March 23rd to 27th, 2022. As you may be aware, the last two years have been hard on everyone, especially on artists all over the

world. This is why I appeal to your generous collaboration to make this event happen, so that these versatile Physical Theater artists can share with us their incredible talents and creativity and take us close to their sources of inspiration – the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

As mentioned in my last communication, I bring here the expenses for hosting the 5 days festival. It comes to a total of Rs. 1.12 000, (about Rs. 22.400 per show).

They are normal expenses and include:

- meals and refreshments for 8 Adishakti and 4 Auditorium members and volunteers
- publicity and printing of festival leaflets
- Auditorium contribution towards technical rehearsals and shows
- gifts and flowers for performers
- and a couple of other small performance-related expenses.

Since the event is based on Indian themes and taking place at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas is willing to partially cover the expenses and has also agreed to undertake the accounting for the festival. For practical reasons a Financial Service account (Adishakti Festival, ac.no. 252778) has been opened to receive Your Donations!! Any amount is welcome.

Thank you in advance,
Joy (event coordinator)

AUROVILLE RADIO TV NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We are happy to announce that the Auroville-RadioTv is going to move to the first floor of the Archives building.

The new location having more potential for growth, we have re-thought the studio taking into consideration the various needs of the community to become a full flesh recording studio in the next future.

The project is therefore divided into two phases. The first phase will allow the radio to shift its regular work without major interruption. It is expected to be finished by March, thanks to a great team and a generous donor.

However, our budget is short of 5 Lakhs to finish in a timely manner. We appeal to you to help this essential service of Auroville that has adapted to the pandemic constraints by streaming our events and meetings (with more than 15k views in the last month only!) despite a very low budget and a lack of manpower.

We are counting on your support to continue serving the community at our best.

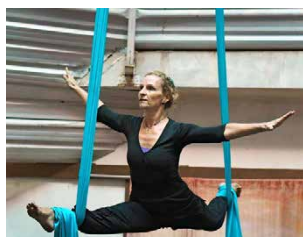
Please donate! Financial account number 251369, specify "Donation for relocation – Phase 1". In addition, we are also proud to say that the project is realized with the help of Auroville units only!

Thank you!

AN APPEAL

Dear Friends, dear Friends & Family! It's Kalou from Eluciole Circus. I need to go to Europe, where I have not been for 16 years. My son needs a new & his first 5 year Visa. He was born in Auroville 14 years ago, but has never been out of India.

I have tried everything to extend his current resident permit, but it simply doesn't work. I tried with FRRO in Pondy and Chennai directly, yet it didn't work.



This is our story

On March 7 I am traveling to France with my two teenagers, Asia, almost 17 and Shayan 14. Asia has been to France once as an 8 months young baby, so doesn't remember much and Shayan first time.

So in a way it's exciting to go for a 6 weeks trip. But it is unaffordable! Well it is unaffordable if I had to do it alone, but there are you, my community, my family.

So! Dear people of Auroville, will you please help pay for the tickets for Shayan and myself & visa for Shayan?

We need 110 000 rs for the two tickets & visa approx (300 Euro) 23000rs.

Little Background

I run and teach in Eluciole Circus school. I work with Children and adults, through SAIER. In exchange I receive Auroville maintenance & children maintenance. It is enough for a simple life, but not for a trip to Europe, with two teenagers!

Considering the cost of the trip, I was intending to go only with my son, but my sister, with 4 children that have never seen my children, offered to find money for the extra ticket for Asia. I also have a brother, but my children never met their French family and cousins. This extra offer really touches me, particularly because it also has not been easy for people in Europe in the last 2 years, but they are all chipping in their little bits.

My family and few remaining friends will also take care of our lodging and food during our stay in France.

This is our story

That's why we are reaching out in need of your support for the above expenses and if something is left, for our pocket money. Coincidentally both Asia and myself will also celebrate our birthdays in April, just before returning back home to the summer of Auroville.

Thank you for considering and many little drops of your generosity, will contribute to our journey.

With Love

Kalou with Asia and Shayan

Thank you for transferring your donations to our Fs acc. **105929**, with description 'France'. I will be happy to have personal contact, if it feels good for you. You can reach me on: +91 9787332791 or kalou@auroville.org.in

With so much gratitude, Kalou!

Voices and Notes

ROAD TO HELL

Mankind is killing the biosphere of the planet. But there is a boomerang principle: evil returns to its source. The Mother wrote: "Each one seeks his own balance in order to stabilize himself." Human beings named themselves "Homo sapiens". In Latin, sapiens means "wise". Maybe a better name is Homo a-sapienissimus. Environment and people are one. Sri Aurobindo thought that yoga is in a state of samata – equality to all things.



For thirty years I lived in Auroville and I was always sure: that a spiritual Green City is the future of civilization. Was it Maya, illusion? Would it transform in the hierarchy of roads like any common city with bad health and without a future? Will it be a system of black roads instead of green Divine anarchy? No, no, no! I want to breathe the living oxygen of plants and do not want to live in the atmosphere of exhaustion-gas.

We cannot betray the first Aurovilians' dreams and use an involutionary path instead of evolution. They created a green world by their own hands, but now a herd of machines starts to destroy it. Human beings are diurnal creatures – normally it is active during the day. Asuric force is in attack day and night. Aurovilians created the forest slowly, according to the natural laws. But the power of darkness wants to destroy it very quickly, before a resistance will be strong enough.

The Mother wrote: "Time presses: the divine powers must come, O Lord, to the help of the agonized earth...Hear us, for we must conquer at any price."

The Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother is helping the heroes which were staying between the bulldozers and trees. There is an ancient rule: "primum ne noceas" – first point no damage. Let there be creativity, not destruction.

The planet is in a dangerous sickness. Our Kurukshetra battlefield for its healing is here, in Auroville. We cannot retreat on this field, our aspiration to victory is more strong than the bulldozers. The real yogin can transform a poison into honey. Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and all Aurovilians which passed away – their spirit is with us, we are invincible. All the nature of the world helps us too.

Our weapon is in old Indian principle ahimsa – nonviolence, and compassion. Let go to hell violence with its bulldozers, police, bands from villages, night attacks, destroying greeneries and buildings. Nika, the goddess of victory, is with spiritual people against murdering technic.

Boris

PREPARING THE CITY OF DAWN

As Auroville's label 'City of Dawn' clearly implies in the context of the Vision and Work of its founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, it is the cradle of the transitional humans who will usher in the future apex species, whom our founders have termed the Supramental beings.

Therefore it is a city that must be conducive to the meticulous transformative practices of Integral Yoga, consisting of its triune legs of Jñāna, Karma and Bhakti Yogas (the paths of knowledge, works and divine love), whereby the first and last word is "Surrender" or loving devotion to the Divine, the Bhakti aspect. A collective, progressive psychophysical transformative process, a change of consciousness of more and more individuals, that will eventually lead to a total identification with the Divine Consciousness-Force. As only with this total identification of a sufficient number of individuals, a tipping point reached, can the supramental evolution, the Divine Manifestation, be effected totally. Thus the clarity of this line in our Charter:

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

And so the entirety of the City of Dawn must be such that it is an extension of the serenity and sanctity of the Matrimandir Gardens, wherein the ever increasingly conscious and receptive residents can live, work and commune with the Divine Consciousness that is within everyone and everything, anytime and anywhere within the city's vicinity, protected from the usual hustle and bustle of the still predominant old world with its unconscious resistance to change. A productively serene Garden City for the Deva Saṃgha, a divine community or an ideal society, envisioned by its founders, with Unity in Diversity or Sanātana Dharma as its functional essence, hastening the evolutionary process, acting as a contagion, towards a New Supramental World, a Life Divine on Earth.

As Auroville itself is a macroscopic representation of an individual's body, here is clear guidance on how we will carefully and consciously continue on and progress with the collaborative developmental works for the City of Dawn:

"The Work (First Phase) *

As remarkable as the end result will be, the work of getting there is modest and humble and patient, exactly like the work of a scientist with his vials and test tubes: a microscopic work, says the Mother. For it is not a question of performing miracles, but of securing a new physical base by freeing the consciousness-force in each atom and each cell. One might think that this work on the body involves psychophysical methods similar to hatha-yoga, but it is nothing of the kind. Consciousness is and remains the main tool:

The change of consciousness will be the chief factor, the initial movement, the physical modification will be a subordinate factor, a consequence. With his usual clarity, Sri Aurobindo puts us before the fact:

In the previous stages of the evolution Nature's first care and effort had to be directed towards a change in the physical organisation, for only so could there be a change of consciousness; this was a necessity imposed by the insufficiency of the force of consciousness already in formation to effect a change in the body. But in man a reversal is possible, indeed inevitable; for it is through his consciousness, through its transmutation and no longer through a new bodily organism as a first instrumentation that the evolution can and must be effected. In the inner reality of things a change of consciousness was always a major fact, the evolution has always had a spiritual significance and the physical change was only instrumental; but this relation was concealed by the first abnormal balance of the two factors, the body of the external Inconscience outweighing and obscuring in importance the spiritual element, the conscious being. But once the balance has been righted, it is no longer the change of body that must precede the change of consciousness; the consciousness itself by its mutation will necessitate and operate whatever mutation is needed for the body."

* Excerpt from [Sri Aurobindo, or the Adventure of Consciousness. Zech. 2020.02.06.](#)

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

- [Soul Tracks – Se.03 Ep. 11: "How Radiohead Shaped the Last Beatles Album!"](#) (Music)
- [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, read by Lili – Ep.6](#) (Literature)
- [Savitri, B. XI, C. I, Part 3](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.69 "Wild weedies as travel helpers"](#) (Food Education)
- [Aarohan – Ep.41 "The Sculptor of Silence – Finale of Pt. Bhimsen Joshi's Birth Centenary Year"](#) (Music)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil-Ep.3, Sri Aurobindo "ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 383](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – ep.42](#) (Integral Yoga)

Last Youtube live videos

- [Dreamweaving, Session 1, morning, part 2](#) (City Life)
- [Dreamweaving Round 2, Day 1, Afternoon](#) (City Life)

...and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org

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

Peace and Love

CONGRATULATIONS GINOJI!

Last week in the "News and Notes" I have been delighted to discover that my brother Gino is a genuine seeker of Truth (it's so rare!). He is also a great painter.

I have also been delighted and still I am, that he comes to the same conclusions that I am propagating since some time now: manipulated by a loose group of "wise men" who prevent with their numerous schemings, the Real Truth of Auroville to emerge in the full light of the day. Personal interests and egoistic fancies guide their actions and Take Possession of the sincere aspiring hearts of its people.

These "wise men" muffle this aspiration (burning in every smiling heart) by cleverly and maliciously sowing confusion all over the place. Their sick minds create a thick mist which stifles the free breath and expression of the naive and gullible Aurovilians. By this unconscious evil spell they prevent the harmonious development and blossoming of Auroville.

Instead of creating unity among the fertile souls living here they deliberately spread disunity. They darken the whole atmosphere of Auroville, these "wise men". In their eloquent littleness they are afraid to lose control of the free and glorious opening up of the community.

It reminds me of the stories told long ago in the Vedas where the Panis and Dasyus have imprisoned in the dark caves of the mountain (everything is symbolic) the luminous cows of the marvellous shining dawn (here we are the cows). The good old story repeats itself, here and all over the world.

This world in which we live is full to the brim of falsehood. One of the main qualities of a True Aurovillian must be discrimination (Viveka in Sanskrit), discrimination between what is true and what is false if he wants to collaborate efficiently to the edification of a radically New World. Auroville must wake up from the "sweet" torpor in which it has been stupefied and rocked. If he is True to his True Self he must boldly, happily jump towards the yet unknown splendours ahead of us, the doors of the Great Spirit are wide open. Let us plunge without any regret towards the Dream of Bliss and Love Mother has opened for us.

A true free fraternity is ahead of us which will embrace (I hope) the whole world.

Soham

GREEN COLUMN

We like to share with you an article that appeared in the Magazine Down To Earth

How Auroville can teach us all a thing or two about offsetting carbon.

The Government of India can enact a legislation emulating Auroville, which plants trees to offset carbon emissions from transport

The latest developments in the field of climate science teach us that carbon sequestration is one of the best ways to mitigate global warming.

But unless the tree cover outside forests is increased, it may not be possible to stop the march of climate change powered by the use of fossil fuels in transport.

The Auroville Forest Group, has introduced a new method of increasing tree cover that can mitigate climate change effectively in the future.

Auroville, an international town near Puducherry in Tamil Nadu, has planted about three million trees from 1968 onwards. The sincere attempt has created a green belt of 1,380 acres around Auroville. The foresters have removed invasive alien species, planted native tree species and improved the area through various soil and moisture conservation measures like building check dams and percolation ponds. Protection from wood cutting and grazing has provided very good results.

This non-profit organisation found that 30 tropical dry evergreen forest trees indigenous to the bioregion can sequester one million tonnes of carbon during their lifetime.

The group uses a carbon converter, a greenhouse gas (GHG) emission calculator, a tool using global conversion factor from the GHG Protocol for Corporate Accounting, to convert transport details into total emissions.

Transport emissions due to flights, cars, buses and trains can be calculated by using the method. The emissions arrived at are calculated in kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent.

For example, if one travels from Chennai to Delhi by flight, the distance travelled is 1,763 kilometres, with a total emission of 213 kg of CO₂. In that case, eight trees are to be planted for carbon offsetting, at a cost of Rs 944.

If one travels by car from Chennai to Bangalore, the distance covered is 290 kilometres, with a total emission of 35 kg of CO₂. So, one has to plant one tree, with a cost of Rs 118.

Thus, the impact of transport on the environment can be calculated and the same can be compensated by planting the required number of trees.

The Auroville Forest Group takes care of the plants planted on behalf of citizens in Auroville with watering, soil work and pest control measures.

Lessons learnt

The Government of India can enact a special act — Climate Change Mitigation (through tree planting) Act — emulating the same methodology as the one followed in Auroville.

Due provision for carbon offsetting can be provided under the Act. A green tax may be calculated by considering the carbon emissions from cars, buses, trains and flights and the cost of planting the required number of trees and subsequent maintenance.

The tax can be collected from the concerned transport operators through the concerned departments which have control over them.

The same amount can be allotted to a city corporation or the forest department concerned for carrying out planting activities. These will be subject to monitoring and evaluation by outside agencies appointed by the Union environment ministry.



Currently, compensatory afforestation programmes are being carried out by the state forest departments from the funds allotted by the Centre.

Whenever any forest area is diverted for any non-forestry programme, twice the extent of land and the charges for afforestation and soil and moisture conservation measures are collected from the concerned departments.

The same fund is utilised under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) and is monitored and evaluated subsequently.

Similarly, the fund collected under the **Climate Change Mitigation (through planting of trees) Act** from the transport authorities can be allotted to the concerned state governments by the Union environment ministry. The planting activities can be monitored and evaluated subsequently by any outside agency for effective management of the programme.

The idea suggested can be discussed with the concerned authorities for earnest introduction of the Act and the same can be effectively implemented for the mitigation of climate change.

Source: Down To Earth by V Sundararaju, President, of the Society for Conservation of Nature, Trichy, Tamil Nadu

Lisbeth & Gijs

The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News and Notes and on AuroNet We report on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world

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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Saturday from 9 to 10am



Dear community, **Aurogames** has been created and developed as an educational tool to help children develop focused attention, observation skills, flexibility, memory, cooperation, mathematical thinking, orientation, visual & spatial perception. Now Aurogames is growing further and we would like to invite more children to join our sessions.

- There is a 3 months commitment;
- the session will take place on Saturday from 9 to 10am;
- age group 6 to 11;
- limited space is available.

You can check out our brand new website to play on-line: <https://www.auro.games> and to have more information on Aurogames founder and developers: <https://auroville.org/contents/5080>.

- For more info & booking the slot for three months please contact +91 89033 98810

Sara & Sara for Aurogames team

RECYCLING PLASTIC INTO PRODUCTS WORKSHOP

February 26, 2 to 6pm

Recycling plastic into products workshop: come and learn how to transform plastic waste into new products. Choose dates depending on your interest.

- Intro workshop on February 26, March 12
- Advanced workshop March 26th.
- Timing 2 to 6pm.

Bring water, mask, eyeglasses and mosquito repellent. For more information contact Jorge at 9786296441 or email minvayu@gmail.com.



WEEKLY WEED WALK



PITANGA PROGRAMS



Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti,
 (0413) 262 2403/2622994
pitanga@auroville.org.in

Balance Program for elder Aurovilians

New timing: Every Wednesday 8:45 – 10:15am
Weekly, till March 23

A Balance program of 8 sessions is proposed by Osnat (Physiotherapist) and Dan (Hypnotherapist) for elder Aurovilians in Pitanga: Every Wednesday 8:45 – 10:15am.

The program will run weekly, till 23rd of March with a total (8 sessions). For best results we recommend to attend all sessions. Through physical and cognitive exercises from different methods, we wish to help you to improve your sense of balance, to gain confidence and move more freely.

For any inquiry, please contact us by email to osnat@auroville.org.in. There is no need to register beforehand. You are welcome to drop in.

Yoga classes with Rachel

Are resuming from Monday, 14th February onwards and with the following changed timings:

Gentle Yoga Practice, [All levels]	Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 – 9:00am
Asanas, [All levels]	Thursday, 10:30 – 12:00pm
Asanas on alignments, [Mixed level]	Tuesday, Thursday, 3:00 – 4:30pm
Asanas on alignments, [Intermediate level]	Monday, Friday, 5:00 – 6:30pm
Hatha Flow, [All levels]	Tuesday, 10:30 – 12:00pm
Hatha Flow, [All levels]	Wednesday, 5:00 – 6:30pm
Private Yoga lessons	Available on request

If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: pitanga@auroville.org.in

Feldenkrais classes

Are pausing for 3 weeks until March 11

The Feldenkrais classes with Shari at Pitanga on Fridays are pausing for 3 weeks: On Friday, 18 and 25 February, as well as 4 March there will be no classes. First class in March will be on Friday, 11 March at the regular timing 5:15 – 6:30pm.

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

You can reach us at 262 2403 or pitanga@auroville.org.in

FOOLING & STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Location: New Creation Dance Studio

11 February, 18:15 – 19:45

In these sessions we will be playing around with the 'little voice' that's in our head. The voice that quite often likes to narrate, judge and dramatize things.

It's that little voice that we have in the background when we are doing things, but we usually keep it to ourselves, as we deem it inappropriate to express out loud.

In this workshop we will explore expressing and fooling around with this voice.

Voicing our inner voice can be very comedic as we begin to see how petty, volatile and inconclusive it is. Hence why the word fooling, because after all it really is a playful essence seeking drama for the mere fact of experiencing drama.

Our inner fool that likes to play out different roles: it has an access to an infinite amount of characters inside and it likes to play out these different roles: Sometimes it takes the role of a judge, a hero, a victim...

Although the inner fool is naturally neutral in it's essence, it doesn't really have a preference for a side, it just likes to fool and playing around with different moods going from one emotion to the other. It does this for the mere joy of being able to do it. Sometimes in life though, we can get caught up in one of these roles forgetting that it's a play!

In this session we will experiment with fooling around with this inner voice. The voice that speaks when we speak. We will explore this with utmost sincerity, no performance! No acting!

We will be the journey into our inner-fools, exploring what it feels like to access our deeper parts. To see what lies behind our logical mind to loose ourselves in place where we can play, create anything, fool around and be anything we want to be.

Like an antenna that receives different signals, we will explore expressing whatever arises in the mind, with no filter, trying to avoid having a plan or a preference for what we'd like to say or do. Ultimately opening ourselves to the present moment and with spontaneity and curiosity discover each moment again and again.

Mike, Founder of www.schoolofconnection.org

INTRODUCTION TO TAROT READING



* This workshop is organized by Synthesis, an activity under ASSA, a unit of the Auroville Foundation

For details and registration, please send an email to: tarot4dreamers@gmail.com



VÉRITÉ CLASSES & INTENSIVES

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Registration required for the following Classes & intensives

Self Love & Awareness

Inner Journey Meditation Retreat With Ananda

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 18, 19 & 20 February
from 9:30am to 4:30pm

- "Love and Awareness are two wings of the bird to fly in the open sky of life."
- Inner journey retreat for self-discovery and healing
- Experiential process with awareness exercises, meditations and sharings
- Deepen body connection, mind observation, emotion exploration & energy tuning
- Rejuvenate the inner child, expand limiting beliefs, enrich presence
- Express what is unexpressed, change what is changeable, accept what is not changeable, transform, transcend & evolve with loving awareness
- Simple and practical tools to integrate in daily life for clarity, flow, health, happiness, peace, conscious relating & growth

Somatic Movement Workshop

Feel & Move Better! With Maggie

Saturday, 19 February, from 9:30am to 5pm

Learn how to release tension in your body and a daily practice to improve flexibility, coordination, balance, and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.

Somatics allows you to move through life with more comfort, so you can enjoy the activities you love to do. (Side effect: you may become happier!) Somatics enhances any kind of exercise such as a yoga, dance or sport and will improve your performance. Somatics is a system of gentle, mindful movements based on neuroscience and accessible to all.

Somatic Series

Releasing Through The Shoulders, with Maggie

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 21, 22 & 23 February
From 9:3 am to 10:45am

(attend all 3 sessions for maximum benefits)

In this series we focus on creating mobility and comfort in Shoulder joints, through a system of slow mindful movements. Somatics is mind-body training based on neuroscience. Open to all and especially beneficial to those who have discomfort or stiffness in the Shoulders, rounded shoulders, and those who play racket sports, musicians etc.

New Classes: Chandra Hatha Flow Yoga

With Sabrina

- Tuesday, from 5 to 6:30pm
- Thursday, from 9am to 10:30am

A complete and balanced practice integrating mantras, mudras, pranayamas and asanas, performed in a meditative way, synchronizing with the breath. These Hatha Yoga sessions are consciously synchronized with the cycles of the moon: some sessions will be more yang (active), others will be more yin (receptive), to adjust according to the energy flow. Open to all people who want to enhance their consciousness and connect with their inner joy and peace.

FAMILY CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP WITH MOGHAN

Saturday, 19 February, from 9am to 6pm

Creativity Hall of Light

moghan@auroville.org.in, 9751110486

SILENT FULL MOON WALK

Tuesday, February 15, at 6pm



Picking up again on a regular activity after many years we would like to re-introduce our Silent Fullmoon Walks through Auroville. Walking in contemplation and consecration with the reflective moonlight through the night, listening, sensing ... in gratitude for the regenerated environment and the vision and mission of Auroville.

We are meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 6pm under the Banyan in Matrimandir Garden and set out on a 75 min trail through Auroville. Come and join the stars

Merci, Aurelio



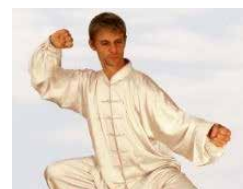
www.auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

contact@auroville-jiva.com, [Facebook](#)

We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion and soul, for conscious evolution. Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiQuan, Energy work, Fast-ing Natural Horsemanship, Horse Assisted Therapy, Medical Clowning, Yoga Nidra, Gentle Birth & Pregnancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation

Regular classes in Taijiquan and QiGong

- **Dynamic QiGong with Andres**
 - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7-8am behind Kalabhumi
- **Taiji Quan and Qigong with Michael & the Taiji- Family**
 - Qigong Tuesday, Thursday
4 – 4:45pm
Qigong is the "Yoga of China", a holistic system to practice and refine the body, our life-energy, the mind and to nourish our soul. Suitable for all ages. Bodywork and Meditation
 - Taijiquan (TAI CHI)
Tuesday, Thursday 4:45pm – 6pm
Learn "Chen Style Taijiquan Practical Method" from disciples of the lineage holder Master Chen Zhonghua. Authentic Chinese Martial Art.
 - **Venue:** "The Learning Community" near Transition School



Journey of the Soul, 22 February, 10 am – 2pm

- **Venue:** Sharnga Guest House Yogahall

A 1 day workshop to explore the "Layers of the heart", an inner journey described by the Mother, and more recently by Soleil Lithman, a long term associate of Auroville. After a short Intro, we will follow a guided meditation. This workshop is an opening toward the dimensions of inner work proposed by The Mother. A workshop for all.

Facilitator Sigrid Lindemann, an Aurovilian researcher for over 20 years, international faculty in integral regression therapy.

contact@auroville-jiva.com



Transforming trauma, 12 & 13 February

How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person's full potential, energy and zest for life – and even integrate the wisdom of it all? 2 day workshop with theory and interactive exercises, A toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work.



The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

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

Time: 12 & 13 February, 9 – 5pm.

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Integral regression therapy training

- The 7-Module training in Integral Regression Therapy starts on **19 & 20 February** with **Modul 1** Reliving and transforming

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



Typically, integral regression therapy addresses unexplainable pains, traumata from accidents or early childhood, questions about past lives, life purpose or restricting behaviour patterns. Sigrid An in- depths 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

Exploring Past Lives Webinar

- 15, 16, 17 February, 7 – 8:30pm



We invite you to explore the topic of Past Lives in the light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers Philosophy, and share the value of Past Lives therapy in psychotherapy and energy work.

In this short introduction you will gather an insight into the hidden source of some your present day beliefs, psychological movements and even inexplicable bodily pains as well as glimpses on transforming these.

Sigrid Lindemann introduces "Exploring Past Lives" as an element of Integral Regression therapy, a deeply transforming modality integrating Inner Child Work, Past Life Therapy, Trauma therapy and Energy Work on the bases of the philosophy of Integral Yoga. Sigrid has developed Integral Regression Therapy, integrating her therapeutic experience of past 20 years.

Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly
- Timings: afternoons 4 – 6pm or mornings 8 -10am

Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in Natural Horsemanship. 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 it's 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

Explore your mind

- 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy, 4, 5, 6 March



"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still" What is hypnosis? How do the 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

- Info meeting: 2 March 5- 5:30pm at Sharnga Guesthouse Terrace
- 4 March Friday 4 – 7pm,
- 5 & 6 March Saturday, Sunday 9- 5pm
- at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

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

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

- Workshops with Nirupam Gyan Sufi are planned for September 2022: *The Sufi Way* and *"Gurdjieff Sacred Dances"*
- Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Sharnga Guesthouse is a green oasis, with a huge Banyan Tree, horses, birds, a lively tropical garden, with a small pool, gym and rooms from simple to AC, single to family units. A Yoga Hall, AC lounge with big screen, and the great service and international cuisine make it a perfect spot.

- YEP We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> parallel with wellness and healing sessions for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird watching, etc! WA 09626565134



SOUL OF SOIL
Auroville & Kazhuveli
Bio-Region Eco Experience
Program, February 2022

Touch ◦ Ride ◦ Feel ◦ Taste ◦ Hear ◦
 Discover ◦ Experience

Social Entrepreneurship/Business Mentorship
 Services (Contact at least one day in advance)

- LinkedIn
- Business profile
- Ideation / incubation support
- **Contact:** sahithi-mohanam@auroville.org.in,
 +91 8300949079

Hands on Experience

• **Bamboo Musical Instrument Workshop**

We at Mohanam are happy to share our vast experience and knowledge gained over 15 years. Come and learn to make your own traditional / folk instruments at Mohanam Village Heritage Center from professional craftsmen and take home your own hand made instrument at the end of the workshop.

• **Bamboo Jewelry Workshop**

Choose to craft, out of bamboo and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Mohanam Village Heritage Center from professional craftsmen and take home your own handmade Jewelry at the end of the workshop.

• **Bamboo Toys making Workshop**

Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys at Mohanam Village Heritage Center and take home your own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.

• **Clay Modeling and Terracotta Workshop**

Come, invent and create desired articles, which may include flower petals, figurines, jewelry and numerous other objects. The resulting product hardens without firing to form a sturdy article, which even if it includes thin surfaces will stand normal handling. Learn making and take your designed article.

• **Kolam Mandala Painting Workshop**

Learn the art of painting Kolam in various mediums, starting from canvas from our experts. Book now and register to be a part of the workshop.

Days & Date: All working Days except Sunday
 1-2 days advance booking is necessary

Contact: preferred through e-mail at Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or +91 8300949079

Social Entrepreneurship Experiential
Workshop by Sahithi Divi

Now based in Auroville, calls it home as path shown by mother. Sahithi is a forbes India 30 under 30 special mention, 2021, who has a masters degree in social entrepreneurship from, Hult international business school, California, San Francisco, a design thinking practitioner, national brand ambassador for SDGs by (CISMSE / ICTMAE) and founder of women leadership platform called Impact Scientist which is now a project of Mohanam.

- Introduction to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and social entrepreneurship
- Design thinking session and activity (human centric problem-solving mechanism)
- Visit to two Auroville based social enterprises or rural enterprises (based on choice of participants to understand the business model, challenges and opportunities)

Time duration: 4 hours (minimum one and maximum 8 participants)

Lunch: provided

Cost: 2500 INR (must apply 2 days in advance)

Contact: sahithi-mohanam@auroville.org.in,
 +91 8300949079

Language and Music Classes

1. Tamil Language Class with Anand Anna.
 Those who are interested to join in spoken Tamil class. Please enroll your name in Mohanam.

Day: Tuesday and Thursday.
Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

2. Indo-African Drumming Class with Mathew Prabu

Wednesday: 5 to 6 pm and
Friday: 11 am to 12 noon

Pre-registration is mandatory
Email at:
mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in
 or call us at: +91 8300949079

Bio Region Village Tours

• **Cycle Tour with Bio-Region Youth + Breakfast**

Auroville is considered one of the best cycle trails in India. We at Mohanam would like to offer our experienced staff as guides to take advantage of the best routes in and around Auroville using cycles.

- Includes Tea and snacks
- **Duration:** 2hours
- **Date:** 1-day advance booking is necessary
- **Day & Timing:** Sunday 6am to 8am

• **Village Walk with Mohanam Youth**

Come and experience Simple Village Life and Culture by walking through the village with village youth for 3 hrs either morning or evening. Prior booking is necessary for preparation. (Min. 5 persons)

- **Date and Time:** Every day (Except Sunday)
- **Meeting/Starting Point:** Mohanam Village Heritage Centre
- 1-day advance booking is necessary
- **For Bookings:** mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in,
 or call us: +91 8300949079

• **Auroville North-West Cycle Tour + Lunch**

This tour is designed for the audience to make them more aware about the beauty and richness of our culture, tradition and our heritage in this north-west zone of Auroville. Also, this is a must take walk to understand the inspiring stories of various entrepreneurship units and the way they are carrying forward our age-old traditions with modern techniques.

- **Date and Time:** every day 10.30 am to 1 pm (Except Sunday)
- **Meeting/Starting Point:** Lively, Opp. Ganesh Bakery
- 1-day advance booking is necessary for group bookings (for single bookings at least before 10am)
- **For Bookings:** mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in,
 or call us: +91 8300949079

• **Morning Kolam Village Walk** (Every Friday)

Let the inner spirit and emotions lead the flow of Kolam. Enjoy the Tamil breakfast after the small trip inside the village, earlier in the morning made by women, to support them economically.

- **Day:** Every Friday
- **Timing:** 6am to 8am
- **Facilitator:** Kolam Practitioner
- **Contact:** mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call us: +91 8300949079

• **Indo African Drum Circle with Food and Campfire**


Enjoy the evening with blissful fusion of instrumental music, freestyle dancing and traditional drumming with campfire, accompanied by traditional Tamil dishes (with basic Contribution from each participant).

- **Day and Time:** Every Wednesday, 6 to 7:30 pm (Pre booking is mandatory)
- **Venue:** Mohanam Village Heritage Centre
- For more information contact us: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call us: +91 8300949079

• **Thiruvanamalai Tour booking**

You can book the complete tour (cab, food, stay, local visit to spiritual places) by the mohanam youth to Thiruvanamalai

- For more information contact us: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call us: +91 8300949079



Know Mohanam

Do you know about the Mohanam Village and Heritage Centre which is the first Cultural Centre in the bio region established more than twenty years ago to bridge villages to international community by strengthening art and craft segment. Mohanam believes in the power of connecting individuals through specialized network and cultural exchange programs.

We welcome you to have a cup of tea with us and know what is happening around you. Join us if you are interested to learn, collaborate and if you are looking for mentorship or any other thing in the same field and also your suggestions are important for us.

Come and meet us at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre, near Colour of Nature, North- West of Auroville

Book Appointment: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

Our Upcoming Events in February:

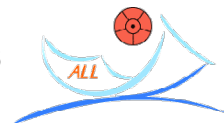
• **Aurosanthai saturday market (Every Saturday)**

Mohanam Village Heritage Centre puts up Saturday market called Aurosanthai for the support and economic benefit of artists in bio-region areas around Auroville. Join us to support Vocal for Local and visit us to relish the creativity and sumptuous dishes by the locals.

Main Attractions:

- Auroville and local Village Arts & Craft stalls (with the farmers market)
- Traditional and modern Food Fusion stalls.
- Live Music Performances.
- Hands-on Workshops.

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



COVID 19 Prevention

When you access the Language Lab, please observe the following actions:

- Please take your temperature and sign the Covid tracking book
- Clean your hands with Sanitizer
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distance

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-sBMly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

New Language Courses

Language	Level	Start Date, Time	Day(s) of Classes
English with Sandy	Total Beginner	To Start in February, 3pm – 4pm	Tuesdays – Thursdays

Please [fill out our form](#) 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!

Projection of Dreamweaving Sessions

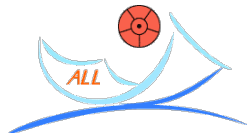
Monday to Friday, from 4:30-5:30pm

For those without computers or good internet access, we will be projecting the Dreamweavers sessions everyday, Monday to Friday, from 4:30-5:30pm, **starting on 11.02.2022**. All are welcome to drop in. We'll start with the most recent days of presentations, and also cover all the technical presentations from the beginning of the process.

- [More info is here](#)

All Lab and Covid guidelines to be followed.

ALL: Schedule of Classes as of 07.02.2022



Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	NEW To Start, Total Beginners!	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	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
French	Beginner, Group 1	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	Beginner Group 2	03:15pm – 04:15pm	Monday & Thursday
German	A1.1 Beginner Online	07:30am – 08:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner	04:30pm – 05:30pm	Monday & Thursday
	NEW, Written & Spoken Beginner, Inquiries Welcome!	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Tamil for Children, Beginner	04:15pm – 05:15pm	Friday
Spanish	Beginner	New cycle in February! Inquiries Welcome!	
	Intermediate	03:30pm – 05:00pm	Monday & Friday
	Conversation	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Wednesday
Japanese	Beginner	10:00am – 12pm	Saturday
Italian	Beginner	04:00pm – 05:00pm	Wednesday & Friday

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

CINEMA



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

Reminder: Friday 11, "Coming Home" by Zhang Yimou, China, 2014

Friday, 18 February, 7:30pm
"CITIZEN-FOUR"

Director: Laura POITRAS, US/Germany, 2014

With: Edward Snowden, Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras

Synopsis: Citizenfour is a documentary concerning Edward Snowden and the NSA spying scandal. The film features Snowden and Glenn Greenwald. The documentary was the recipient of numerous accolades, including Best Documentary Feature at the 87th Academy Awards. This film is the third part to a 11 of September trilogy following *My Country, My Country* and *The Oath*.

Laura Poitras, received an encrypted e-mail from a stranger who calls himself "Citizenfour." In it, he offers her inside information about illegal wiretapping practices of the US National Security Agency (NSA)... "Part real-life thriller, part sobering examination of 21st century civil liberties, Citizenfour, as a documentary, transcends ideology to offer riveting, must-see cinema."

Original English version, with English subtitles – Duration: 1h53'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP at MMC.

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

21:15 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 18 February

The Return of the Rhino

2010 / 60 minutes / Tim Green

Stephen and Mark follow four of the last remaining northern white rhinos as they were transferred from Dvur Králové Zoo in the Czech Republic to a protected reserve in Kenya, in a last-ditch attempt to save the subspecies from extinction. This heartfelt attempt to save a peculiar yet beautiful rhinoceros is the reassurance we need that conservation is vital and required at this time to save many other wonderful species on our precious planet.

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS: SIGNES

Saturday 12th February 2022 at 5pm

Town Hall – Cinema Paradiso

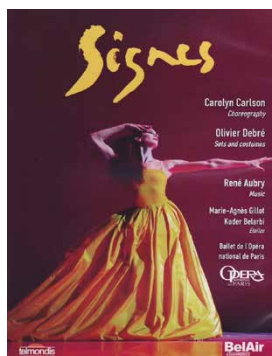
Documentary directed by Denis Caiozzi

Original music: René Aubry

Choreography: Carolyn Carlson

Sets and costumes: Olivier Debré

In English and French, duration: 88 min



Meeting of painting and dance, the show 'Signes' is the culmination of two creative approaches which have succeeded and complemented each other on stage: from pre-existing paintings, the painter Olivier Debré first designed the sets before until the choreography begins to take shape. Departing from their decorative function as backdrops, Olivier Debré's painted landscapes determined the scenario, dividing the ballet into seven tableaux.

THE ONE WHOM WE ADORE AS THE MOTHER

Monday, 14 February 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 63min.



"The One whom we adore as the Mother is the Divine Consciousness Force that dominates all existence, one and yet so many-sided that to follow her movement is impossible even for the quickest mind and for the freest and most vast intelligence. The Mother is the consciousness and force of the Supreme and far above all she creates. But something of her ways can be seen and felt through her embodiments...in whom she consents to be manifest to her creatures." – so wrote Sri Aurobindo.

And the Mother said: "Between eleven and thirteen a series of psychic and spiritual experiences revealed to me not only the existence of God but man's possibility of uniting with Him, of realizing Him integrally in consciousness and action, of manifesting Him upon earth in a life divine."

An audio-visual presentation by the Sri Aurobindo Archives on The Mother's life from childhood onwards, about her training, her meeting with Sri Aurobindo and the creation of the Ashram and Auroville.

[The film is available on YouTube](#)



CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film Program

14 February 2022 to 20 February 2022

Indian– Monday 14 February, 8:00 pm:

KILOMETERS & KILOMETERS

India, 2020, Writer-Dir. Jeo Baby w/ Tovino Thomas, India Jarvis, Joju George, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 129mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

An interesting earlier film from the director of Great Indian Kitchen – where story and reality somewhat merge at times. In the story, Josemon, is a motorbike mechanic who finds it difficult to make ends meet. He meets Cathy, an American tourist, who want to travel across India a little differently – riding pillion on a motor bike. So, they team up for a journey through India. During their travels, the changing landscapes and experiences help them reshape their understanding of each other and life. A good film to watch!

Potpourri – Tuesday 15 February, 8:00 pm:

LA RAGAZZA CON LA PISTOLA

(The girl with a a pistol)

Italy, 1968, Dir. Mario Monicelli w/ Monica Vitti, Stanley Baker, Corin Redgrave, and others, Comedy-Romance, 103mins, Italian-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

A Sicilian woman, Miss Borello, is kidnapped by Vincenzo who intends to dishonour her. But when the kidnapped becomes too domineering Vincenzo flees. Miss Borello then follows Vincenzo seeking revenge, but finds an Englishman more to her liking. This film is in honor of the famous veteran actor of yesteryears, Monica Vitti – who has passed away recently.

Interesting – Wednesday 16 February, 8:00 pm:

APOLLO 11

USA, 2019, Dir. Todd Douglas Miller, w/Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Documentary-History, 93 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

On its 50th anniversary, the events surrounding the actual Apollo 11 space mission where humans first stepped on the moon – was presented via archival footage and photographs of the mission. The events span from the eleventh-hour preparations for the launch to shortly after the safe touchdown of the three astronauts back on Earth.

Every Thursday, we will screen winning films from Auroville Film Festival (AVFF) 2022

AVFF 2022 – Thursday 17 February, 8:00 pm:

- **CONVERSATION WITH DEATH – WISDOM AWARD**
- **BALUJI – JURY AWARD for HU**

Conversation With Death – Auroville-India, 2018, Dir. Serena Aurora, Script: Danielle De Diesbach w/ Aurovillians, Documentary, 58 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

After realising she has a 50% chance of dying in Auroville, Danielle De Diesbach interviews 18 Aurovilians about their views on death.

Baluji – India-UK, 2020, Dir. Marie-Cécile Embleton Documentary, 22 mins, English, Rated: G

An award-winning Indian blind sitarist at the peak of his career reflects on how he overcame social stigma and transformed his relationship to music, forging his incredible path to love and success.

International – Saturday, 19 February, 8:00 pm:

THE MATRIX RESURRECTION

USA, 2021, Dir. Lana Wachowski, w/ Keane Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Action-Sci-Fi, 148 mins, English-French-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Return to a world of two realities: one, everyday life; the other, what lies behind it. To find out if his reality is a construct, to truly know himself, Mr. Anderson will have to choose to follow the white rabbit once more.

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 20 February, 4:30 pm:

PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY

UK, 2021, Dir. Will Gluck w/ Rose Byrne, Domhnall Gleeson, David Oyelowo and others, Adventure, English w/English subtitles, 93mins, Rated: PG

Thomas and Bea are now married and living with Peter and his rabbit family. Bored of life in the garden, Peter goes to the big city, where he meets shady characters and ends up creating chaos for the whole family.

MARCEL CARNÉ FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 20 February, 8:00 pm:

LES VISITEURS DU SOIR (The Devils Envoys)

France, 1942, Dir. Marcel Carné w/Arletty, Fernand Ledoux, and others, Romance-Fantasy, 123 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
At the end of the 15th century, two minstrels, Gilles and Dominique, come from nowhere to the castle of Baron Hugues. Gilles charms Hughes' daughter Anne, while Dominique charms both Hugues and Anne's fiancé, Renaud. Gilles and Dominique are not really in love; they have been sent by the Devil to drive people to despair.

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 Covid-19 protocols.* Please come prepared and enjoy the films.

Please note: we have rolled back our timing to **8:00pm** for now. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.

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,
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The Long Read

BCC NARRATIVE REPORT: OCT '21 - DEC '21

Dear Community, the BCC would like to share with you a narrative report of issues addressed and decisions taken in October, November and December 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:

- **BCC is open for new budget requests** for the upcoming year (April 2022 – March 2023): After two economically unpredictable years, in which the BCC did not invite for new budget requests, we are preparing for a new annual budget for the coming financial year, 2022-2023. We invite existing or newly proposed services to submit budget requests for this upcoming year. You can find more information, and our [budget request forms on Auronet](#), by writing to bccreview@auroville.org.in, or passing by BCC Office and speaking to Inge Rieck, who is the BCC member supporting the collection of budget requests. While inviting for new budget requests, we also invite those of you applying for brand new budgets or budgetary increases to hold in your awareness that we do not yet anticipate a full economic recovery, and likely will not be able to meet all the requests for support. However, we felt it was important to assess what are the needs in the community today, with all the changes and insights that these past two challenging and unusual years have brought. This will also be undertaken by a community budgeting process we are leading in the coming quarter (see below).

- **Participatory Budgeting Process:** In November 2021, the BCC announced to the community a participatory budgeting process to begin in January 2022. The aim of this process is both to help build the community's understanding of our current budgetary allocations, and to help the BCC better understand from the community whether the budget is being allocated in a way which meets community needs and aims. This process will begin with informational sessions open to all in January, followed by in-depth, facilitated feedback sessions with randomly selected participants, and then an opportunity for all to give additional feedback through a community survey.

We will use the outcomes of this process to inform the upcoming 2022/23 City Services budget. The results will be shared with the community, along with the next steps identified to implement the inputs into the budgeting process. (If any major changes are requested by the community these will be phased in over a longer time period, to avoid any abrupt changes for services and those supported by them as well as working in them).

We are looking forward to engaging with the community on our collective budget following these two unusual and challenging years, and starting the next cycle with a common understanding of our budgetary needs and aims. Whether or not you have been randomly selected for the in-depth sessions, we hope you participate in the community-wide sessions and survey!

- **New Informational City Services Report website:** We are happy to share that the BCC has now launched an informational website that communicates the overall contributions to and disbursements of the City Services budget in an accessible way. The purpose of this website is to increase community awareness of our communal funds, regarding the funding sources for the budget, the various sectors and services the budget supports, how many people – Aurovilians and others – are serving in each of these sectors, and who are the beneficiaries. This website can be accessed at budget.auroville.org.in.

Maintenances:

- **Increased Children's Maintenances – available to all in need!** In October 2021, the BCC changed the guidelines for Childrens' Maintenances. This financial support is now equally available to all our children, regardless of how their parents are contributing to Auroville. The Children's Maintenance is now available to any child:

- below the age of 18,
- living in Auroville,
- whose parents' resources are insufficient.

This decision to include all Auroville children below the age of 18 more than doubles our numbers of eligible children and doubles the allocated monthly budget earmarked for children's maintenance. We thank the FAMC for endorsing this increase.

To be able to support this broader scope we initially reduced the individual Childrens' Maintenance amounts, however, as less children than we budgeted for have newly applied for this support, as of January '22 onwards we are increasing it as per the overview below:

Children from 0-18			
Description	Age: 0-5 Starts with birth ends with 6th birthday	Age: 6-13 Starts with 6th birthday ends with 14th birthday	Age: 14-18 Starts with 14th birthday ends with 18th birthday
Cash	600	600	1100
Kind	1,700	2700	3200
Heath Fund (HF)	250	250	250
In Kind Scheme (IKS)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Nandini	450	450	450
Total	3,000	4,000	5,000

If you need financial support for your child, please send a mail to bcc.care@auroville.org.in with the name and birthdate of the child and your Financial Service account number, or pass by the office and speak to Enrica, who is the BCC member supporting the administration of maintenance requests.

- **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 third quarter of this financial year around 45 Temporary Emergency Maintenances were shared between 51 adults (Rs. 5,66 lakhs/month). An additional 24 children (Rs. 89,000/month) were also covered under TEM.

Management of Services:

- **ACUR:** In the past couple of years, the BCC has been working towards clarity of budgetary support needed for ACUR, so that it can shift from being a self-supported (income-generating) to a budget-based service (ACUR is registered as a service within the Service Trust). This implied a re-organisation of the financial structure of this service, where instead of services paying rent (many from their BCC-funded budgets) to ACUR for space allocation in Town Hall, the BCC directly covered the running costs of the facility, while earmarking additional funds for non-recurring costs (see our July '20 – December '20 report for details). In December 2021, the FAMC shared a vision paper from the current ACUR (Town Hall) management team with Working Groups and Services that are users of the Town Hall, for feedback, in which the ACUR team outlines a return to the rental method for space use. The BCC is of the opinion that it is preferable that ACUR continue to operate as a budget-based service, given that Town Hall users are, for the vast majority, non income-generating Working Groups and Services, and is willing to continue to provide the budgetary support for this.

- **Reserve Accounts:** The BCC has noted that certain services build up reserves from their monthly recurring budgets. The BCC would like to remind services that they are asked to project for non-recurring expenses (such as computer replacement) in their budget request forms, so that the BCC can earmark these for each Service (which will also help to guarantee quick processing of requests and overdrafting, if needed). We encourage Services to do this rather than over-project and create reserves from their recurring budgets.

- **Road Service:** After a series of meeting held between members of the Road Service Team and a support group of BCC members (Danny, Mahi, Rathinam), the BCC invited Road Service to meet with the full BCC team to discuss the extending of the Road Service's scope of budgeted road repairs to Auroville roads beyond the City Area, and the budgetary requirements for this. Road Service shared that the newly approved monthly recurring budget of Rs. 2.4L for the road repairs team is expected to cover all of Auroville's public road repair needs inside of the Outer Ring Road, and that roads situated in areas outside of this zone could be considered and budgeted for on a case-by-case basis. The BCC encouraged the Road Service, in its upcoming annual budget request, to submit a budget for all public road repair works needed in Auroville, as in principle the BCC is open to covering this. The BCC also suggested that the Road Service provide a monthly report of works undertaken, which the Road Service agreed to do, informing that they already generate such reports for internal use.

Meetings with other groups/services:

- **ATDC:** In November, subgroup of the BCC (Aurosugan & Inge) met with a member of the ATDC to inquire about any GOI funding that may be used to support requests being received by BCC (see the Land Board weighbridge in non-recurring requests section). The BCC members also raised their concerns regarding difficulties in covering the maintenance costs of buildings, equipment and other infrastructure investment and asked them to consider such depreciation and maintenance costs for future projects.

- **Housing Board:** The BCC invited the new Housing Board team for a meeting to understand their approach to working on the housing situation in Auroville and their budgetary needs in this regard.

The Housing Board asked the BCC to increase the recurring budget from monthly Rs 10,000 to Rs 35,000, which was agreed by the BCC. They also requested an increased house repairs budget as there is a long-pending list of residents who applied for repairs grants. The BCC asked the Housing Board to send them the figure for this, and then approved the request (see House Repairs budget below, in the non-recurring section). The BCC asked if there was any need to increase human resources within the Housing Repairs team, and the Housing Board said the functioning of the current team needed to be looked into first. Rather, the Housing Board expressed the need for Maintenance support for a financial coordinator. They also informed the BCC that they are working towards the creation of a team that only focuses on the development of the new housing options for the community members, and that the creation of a construction service would be valuable to bring down the price of housing.

- **Health Fund:** The Health Fund team requested a meeting with members of the BCC, which was held in October 2021, to share their concerns regarding the financial viability of the Health Fund. The BCC had already increased the Health Fund contribution portion of the City Services Maintenance, and reassured the Health Fund team that a further increase could be explored if needed (the Health Fund presently continues to have reserves). To reduce the costs associated with Aurovilians seeking care in private hospitals, a new service to direct and accompany people to quality care where available in government hospitals was imagined at this meeting, and is currently being followed up on.

- **Outreach School Board:** In October representatives of the Outreach Board met with BCC Care to explore how we can improve the allocation of funds to Outreach schools and programmes. The representatives informed the BCC that the Outreach Board does not take decisions regarding the allocation of funds to Outreach schools and programmes, but that they may send their recommendations to BCC. They explained that they work more on visions and values, focussing on the integration between Auroville and the Bioregion.

- **Prosperity Services:** BCC members were invited to a meeting regarding the creation of a possible umbrella for so-called 'Prosperity' services (such as Nandini, PTDC, SK etc.). Rathinam, Hans, Inge, Mathan and Mahi from BCC attended. Overall, the BCC team felt the vision for this "Prosperity Services" set-up ought to be shared for feedback from the community at large (who will be the beneficiaries) before moving forward with actually creating a structure.

- **PTPS:** The BCC invited the newly constituted PTPS executive and Service Trust trustees for an introductory meeting to learn the future plans of the new PTPS team towards providing service to the community, and any budgetary needs they may have to do so. The BCC explained that PTPS could receive budgetary support from the City Services budget as PTDC does currently (for Maintenances and running costs) to reduce product prices for Aurovilians (presently it is a fully self-supporting service). The Service Trust trustees indicated that they would like to convert PTPS into purely a budget-based service that provides groceries to the community at a cost price without making any surplus. The newly appointed executives had questions about how this would work in practice and the efficiency of such a set-up, some expressed that they would rather explore other ways to organise the service financially to provide at least essential items at a subsidized price to the community. The Service Trust said that an advisory team to the new PTPS executives would be announced shortly, and that a future meeting could be held together with this team to revisit this topic. Another question that was raised by BCC was regarding the centralised purchasing aspect of the PTPS service, and what support could be offered for this. The Service Trust trustees informed BCC that the purpose of the current executive team was to run the stall and not a central purchasing service component, and that they were envisioning to create another centralized purchasing entity.

- **Randomly Selected Participants for Community Budgeting Process:** In December, the BCC invited the randomly selected participants for the Community Budgeting Process to meet and brief them on the proposed process.

- **Visioning Meetings:** Representatives of all working groups were requested to attend monthly visioning meetings on development priorities for Auroville, called for by the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation and coordinated by the Working Committee. Given that there are budgetary implications for the proposals under discussions, it was felt to be valuable to have a BCC member present to report back to the team, and one BCC member attended the meetings.

Service Budgets:

- **Apprenticeships Programme:** Chandresh reached out to the BCC regarding support for apprentices that may participate in his proposed Apprenticeship Program for Auroville Youth. The BCC informed Chandresh that there is an existing budget for Apprenticeship Maintenances that can be applied for.

- **Arya Accounting:** Arya Accounting service requested a monthly increase of Rs. 8,000 to take up the accounting of additional City Services activities (on the request of BCC). This was approved.

- **Housing Board:** The Housing Board requested 2 half time Maintenances for 2 new members, this was approved.

- **Human Resource Hub:** A half maintenance was approved under Contingency (for the remainder of this financial year) for a new administrator of the Human Resource Hub, a service that seeks to help Aurovilians connect to work opportunities within Auroville units and services.

- **Kuilapalayam Cultural Centre:** KCC requested an additional recurring budget of Rs. 30,000 monthly to cover the running costs of the centre. The Outreach Board and KCC support team endorsed the request, and BCC approved it for the remainder of the current financial year, after which KCC will be invited to submit a new budget request to be reviewed as part of the annual budgeting process.

- **Mattram:** Mattram requested 2 FT Maintenances to be shared between 5 Aurovilians to continue operating the service. This was approved by the BCC, who appreciates their having operated on a voluntary basis till today.

- **Health Services:** The Auroville Health Services requested an extra HT Maintenance (for an Aurovillian who has volunteered with them for 2 years), this was approved.

- **Road Service:** In November, the BCC agreed to double the Road Service's budget to Rs. 2,4L monthly to enable them to carry out more road repair works, as their previous budget only covered 2 weeks (15 days) of expenses for road repair works. (During the remaining 2 weeks of the months, the Road Service road maintenance team was carrying out income-generating road repair work within Auroville). The BCC also committed to continue to fund 100% of the repair costs of Road Service machinery and equipment.

- **Solar Fund Service:** The BCC care team met with the team to understand it better. The BCC proved the request of 2 full time maintenance under CON and a monthly recurring budget of Rs 85,000 to cover all the running expenses of this long existing very much appreciated service. The service is not only taking care of Solar systems, but also on UPS. It is renamed to Solar & UPS Service (SUS) and the monthly support given by individuals registered under this service will go on, but will be transferred to the City Service. This team of 2 Aurovillian and 4 non Aurovillian workers is also looking into the maintenance of the 142 households which are only connected to Solar energy. Currently Varuna is supporting these households with a Electricity subsidy of Rs 50,000. It was proposed to reach out to Varuna and ask if they could increase their current subsidy equivalent to the subsidy offered by Varuna to those on HT connection. It was not agreed that BCC subsidize this amount directly.

- **Youth Center:** The Youth Centre, receiving 3 FT Maintenances + 2 Apprenticeships Maintenances, requested an additional 3 FT Maintenances. BCC agreed to provide the requested additional maintenances until the end of this financial year, the present apprenticeship maintenances will be also reviewed at the end of the financial year.

- **Youth Link:** YouthLink, receiving 3 FT Maintenances, requested an additional FT Maintenance to be split between two new members. This was approved till the end of the financial year.

Extra (non-recurring) budget requests:

Accessible Auroville: The Accessible Auroville Public Bus team's request for Rs. 32,500 to renew their bus insurance was approved.

- **Auroville Institute of Applied Technology (AIAT):** AIAT requested that the BCC cover approximately 1 Lakh of repair expenses for their campus, the BCC approved a total of Rs. 62,000 which corresponded to the amount requested for only the most urgent and essential repairs, as general repairs for Auroville schools are addressed in summer time, as part of a dedicated "summer repairs" budget coordinated by the Outreach School Board.

- **ACUR:** The ACUR (Town Hall management) team requested support to cover its audit fees (Rs. 12,980), this was approved. They also requested a budget of approximately 5 lakhs for repair work to the building. The BCC reached out to the architect Sonali (who has worked on the ACUR building) to review this repair works request.

- **Adventure Community Road Repair:** In early December Adventure Community reached out to the BCC for urgent financial support for road repair due to flooding. However, the Road Service advised that undertaking any work on the road while it is still flooded would only make it worse, and to wait till it dries. (Furthermore, planning of how to divert water through proper channels would be needed in the process of repairing the road, as poor planning in this regard was the cause of the damage). The BCC was, exceptionally, willing to partially finance repairs done by the Road Service work as soon as these could be undertaken, given that it was an emergency situation, but did not agree to finance a temporary fix by an outside contractor in the meantime.

- **Buddha Garden Shambhala Plot:** A requested budget of Rs. 47,271 for fencing the Shambhala plot of Buddha Garden to protect this Auroville land from encroachment was endorsed by the Land Board and approved by BCC.

- **Buddha Garden:** Buddha Garden made a request of Rs. 31,000 to cover the cost of renting access to the farm via non-Auroville land due to a conflict with Siddharta Farm, through which access to Buddha Garden was previously granted. As an Arbitration process is ongoing between Buddha Garden and Siddharta Farm and the outcome might include a decision on who is to cover the expense created by this conflict, BCC recommended that Buddha Garden get a loan to cover the expenses for the temporary access in the meantime.

- **Film Festival:** A requested budget of Rs. 36,591 to purchase new hard disks for the upcoming film festival was approved.

- **Housing Repair Budget:** The Housing Board requested a Housing Repairs budget of Rs. 4,86,618, based on the estimates of pending house repair works. This was approved.

- **Land Board:** The Land Board requested an 11 lakh budget for a weighbridge (to be used for the sale of timber). It was agreed to share the request with ATDC and to learn about the possibility to avail of the required funds from the GOI grant, as the request falls under the category of new development. The Land Board also requested a budget of Rs. 64,209 for a computer and printer for the Land Board office, this was approved.

- **Road Service:** In November, the Road Service requested a total of Rs. 67,928 for repair and insurance costs of a van, tractor, excavator and plate rammer. This was approved.

- **Scholarship and Educational Fund:** The BCC approved an additional budget of Rs. Rs. 3,5L requested by the Scholarship & Education Fund, given the increased demands they face for financial assistance.

- **Solar Kitchen:** The BCC approved Rs. 34,711 for the purchase of a new computer for the Solar Kitchen office.

- **TLC:** TLC requested an an extra budget of Rs. 13,498 for electrical wiring work, and this was approved

- **Youth Center:** The Auroville Youth Center reached out to BCC as part of their fundraising for a multicultural equinox festival, celebrating Diwali and Halloween. A budget of Rs. 10,000 (corresponding to one third of the total budget) was approved towards supporting the event.

Internal BCC team updates:

- **Team Building Session:** In October 2021, the BCC held another team building & review session, facilitated by Elisa, in which we explored our roles and responsibilities in relationship with our mandate. We very much thank and appreciate Elisa for her on-going support to us in our team building & review process.

- **Resignation of a BCC member:** Cristina (Center Guest House), who joined the BCC team in June 2021, chose to step down in October 2021. We sincerely appreciated her calm and thoughtful presence in our meetings, and valued her kindness, input and sincerity.

- **Call for a new BCC member:** Following Crisitna's resignation, the BCC informed the FAMC that a call for a new BCC member was to be made. The FAMC asked BCC what profile would help to complete the present team. The BCC shared that we currently saw the need for additional support in reviewing the utilisation of City Service budgets to ensure that these are being used as specified and in an efficient manner. You may find more details of this FAMC call for a new BCC member on [Auronet](#).

CITY SERVICES

Contributions and Payments, January 2022

A more detailed report is available on the [Auronet](#)

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	9,86,03,686
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,80,47,586
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	11,66,51,272
Total Payments	2,13,90,052
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	9,52,61,220
Monthly loss/gain	-33,42,466

Internal Contributions

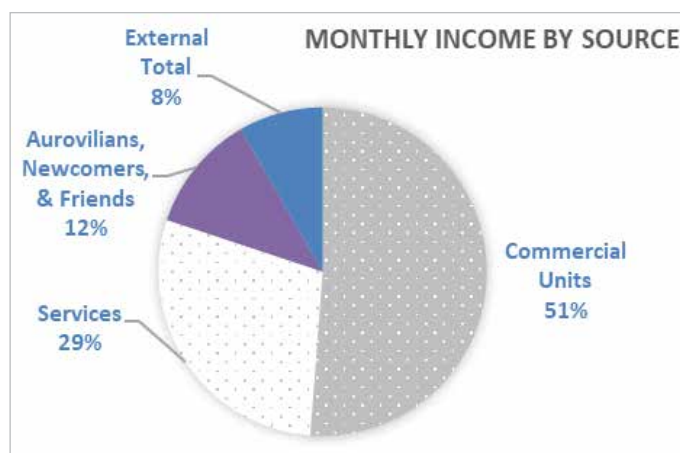
Source	Total
Commercial Units	92,42,220
Services	52,13,211
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	20,92,155
Internal Total	1,65,47,586

External Contributions

Government of India for SAILER	15,00,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	15,00,000

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments
Education	37,84,591
Social Support	27,78,789
Children & Youth	27,42,348
Organization	17,54,856
Prosperity Services	16,85,196
Health	13,98,323
Village Education	12,24,787
Forests	11,19,486
Outreach	910,661
Farms	694,137
Culture & Sports	683,016
Security	646,727
Land	510,015
Contingency	502,570
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	355,250
Housing	219,507
Matrimandir	166,322
City Planning	152,733
Utilities	42,308
Projects	18,430
Total	2,13,90,052



- "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.

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	35,13,880	35,13,880
Conscious Living	6,06,940	6,11,940
Maroma	5,06,940	5,22,940
AVA-Procultura	4,89,010	4,89,010
AV Consulting	4,31,230	4,31,730
Tanto	3,91,141	4,06,141
Miniature	3,76,250	3,76,250
Artisan Revolution	2,06,940	2,06,940
Svaram	1,74,290	1,74,290
Sound Wizard	1,63,880	1,67,380
La Ferme Cheese	1,22,780	1,22,780
Right Path Café (VC Café)	1,01,455	1,01,955
Auromics	88,170	97,170
Aureka	87,760	88,260

C3Stream Land Designs	87,602	87,602
Yuvabe	86,959	86,959
MG Ecoduties	78,833	78,833
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
AV Bakery	59,875	59,875
Painting Service	58,470	58,470
Cadd Studio	56,940	71,540
Shradanjali	50,410	50,410
Hers	45,410	45,410
Coffee Ideas	33,880	33,880
Auroville Energy Product	33,470	33,470
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	28,470	28,470
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
Cynergy	20,820	20,820
Eco Femme	20,820	20,820
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
AV Online Store	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Naturellement	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
Upcycling Studio kiosk	15,560	15,560
DUSTUDIO	13,880	13,880
Earth Institute	13,880	13,880
La Terrace	13,880	13,880
Progress Landscape	13,880	14,380
Tree Care	13,880	13,880
Gastronomica	13,880	13,880
Nowana	13,880	13,880
ADPS (Aurelec)	13,872	13,872
Varuna(To Comm:16 lakh)	13,422	63,422
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Eco Pro	12,410	12,410
Magica	12,410	12,410
Imago	12,145	12,145
Auroville Papers	10,410	13,010
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Pitchandikulam	10,410	10,410
Pitchandikulam Forest Co.	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
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
Arthana	6,940	6,940
Aurosoya	6,940	7,140
AV Language Lab	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940

Eye See	6,940	6,940
Holistic	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
Mitra Auroville	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	6,940
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
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940
AVA-Inscapes	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
Perceptive Eye	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
AVA/GODDESS/JYOTIS	6,940	6,940
AVA-Centre D'art	6,940	6,940
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
FLOURISH	6,940	6,940
Tree House Community	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
AAS-Yatharth	3,470	3,470
CSR-AV Design Consultan.	3,470	3,470
Avdzines	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
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 Processin	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
New Creation Corner Frite	3,470	3,470
Prakrit	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Sunshine Music	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470

White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Auro Lakshimi Constructi.	3,470	3,470
AVA-AF Deko	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Aire	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Pro	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Eternal	3,470	4,970
AVA-Flametree Web Soft	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Have Fun Pottery	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
The Neem Tree	3,470	3,470
OK Upcycling Studio	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
School for sust. Manage.	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
Studio Eri	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
Bamboo Center Auroville	3,470	3,470
Radiance	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Natu	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studi	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
AV ARTS-Valentina Beatriz	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Unitary	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Active Nature Projec	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
Mancala	3,470	3,470
Purnam Center for Integra	3,470	3,470
Hands For Earth	3,470	3,470
Crystal Art & Craftworks	3,470	3,470
Wood Concept	3,470	3,470
RTL Academy	3,470	3,470
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
LEAD-Aurothaima	2,896	2,896
Unity Transport Service	2,000	2,000
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
LEAD-Integral Learning Ce	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
LEAD-IPK Activities	1,735	1,735
AVARTS*INLIGHT	1,735	1,735

I and I Connection	1,735	1,735
LEAD-Rainbow Swan Studi	1,161	1,161
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
AVA-Oceans	1,000	1,000
LEAD-SAVI	825	825
Kola Mandala	500	500
LEAD-Mohanam Program	467	467
LEAD-INNER BODY WORK	348	348
LEAD-Kolam Yoga	343	343
LEAD-Being	175	175
LEAD-Ara	152	152
LEAD/AV BUDOKAN	104	104
Inside India	-	350
Boutique D` Av Pondy	-	500
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
Total	90,97,470	92,42,220
Percent of Total	98%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	1,41,849	1,41,849
Isai Ambalam GH	1,07,036	1,07,036
Gaia's Garden GH	1,06,291	1,06,291
Center GH	1,04,776	1,08,576
SERENDIPITY COLLEC-TION	84,991	84,991
Afsanah GH	72,483	72,983
Samarpan GH	68,155	68,155
New Creation GH	50,708	50,708
Verite GH	47,381	47,381
Arka GH	44,430	44,430
Sharnga GH	43,392	43,392
Needam GH	28,998	28,998
Rainbow in Auroville GH	24,003	24,003
Samasti GH	20,520	20,520
SAILER-Youth Camp GH	20,074	20,074
Red Earth Black Box GH	20,068	20,068
Aspiration GH	19,163	19,163
EUU-La Maison Bleue GH	16,553	16,553
Discovery GH	15,344	15,344
SAILER-Mitra GH	14,781	14,781
EUU-Sonja & Umberto GH	12,205	12,205
EUU-Vasu/Repos GH	9,500	9,500
EUU-Victor and Galina GH	9,280	9,280
EUU - Casa Luna GH	8,780	8,780
EUU-Nishita GH	7,400	7,400
Tanto GH(Rs. 57,366)	6,940	6,940
EUU Siddhartha Forest GH	6,300	6,300
EUU - Selveraj GH	6,087	6,087
Reve GH	5,720	5,720
Rohini GH	5,400	5,400
EUU - Lotus GH	5,000	5,000
Tibetan Bodkhang	4,836	4,836
EUU-Suganya GH	4,800	4,800
EUU-Martuvam GH	4,700	4,700
EUU-Harsha GH	4,550	4,550
EUU-3 Roses GH	4,200	4,200
EUU-Sita Nivas GH	4,000	4,000
EUU - Vikas GH	3,600	3,600
EUU Moongate GH	3,470	3,470

FRM-Buddha Garden Coll.	3,470	3,470
EUU – Transformation GH	3,330	3,330
EUU-Ramachandran GH	3,000	3,000
EUU-Semanti GH	3,000	3,000
EUU – Kofpu GH	2,740	2,740
EUU-Li Mei GH	2,700	2,700
EUU-Rossella GH	2,480	2,480
International House	1,500	1,500
EUU-Adhi GH	1,200	1,200
Abundance GH	1,188	1,188
Subtotal	11,92,372	11,96,672
Net Addi Guest Contribut.	2,99,618	2,99,618
Total	14,91,990	14,96,290

External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Government of India for SALLER	15,00,000	15,00,000
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	-	-
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	-	-
External Total	15,00,000	15,00,000

Appendix

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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Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	25,79,240	26,61,260
CS-Visitor Center Parking	6,57,423	6,57,423
Botanical Garden	69,400	69,400
SOLAR & UPS SERVICE	50,960	50,960
CSR	41,640	41,640
CS-Pour Tous Water Coll.	41,063	41,063
Quiet Healing Centre	24,290	25,290
CS-Working Committee	24,290	24,290
Birth Center	13,880	13,880
CS-FAMC	13,880	13,880
Visitor Center	12,145	12,145
AV Arts Service	12,145	12,145
Sante	12,000	12,000
Auroville Vehicle Service	6,940	6,940
Electrical Services	6,940	6,940
Auroville Video Producti.	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Korean Pavillion	6,940	6,940
Thamarai	3,470	3,470
L'Avenir	3,470	3,470
SALLER-Supportive Learnin	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Auroville Village Action G.	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	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
Sacgred Groves Care	3,470	3,470
Sewa	1,735	1,735
Total	36,33,901	37,16,921


Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	14,25,680	14,25,680
School Participation	4,14,230	4,14,230
Friends of AV	1,90,245	1,90,245
Newcomer	62,000	62,000
Total	20,92,155	20,92,155

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 Enterance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kuilapalayam	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 / Kuilapalayam	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

AV BUS FARES

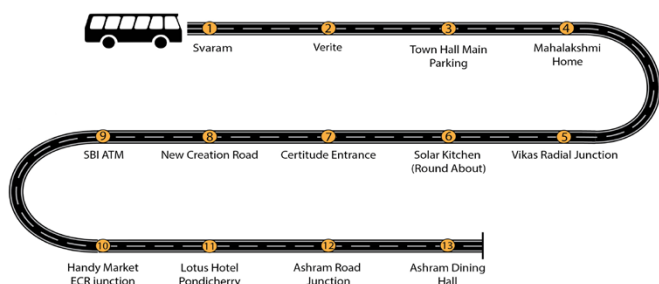
- Trip 1, resumed from 10.01.2022 as the schools in Pondicherry opened partially.

Fare regulations:

- **Cash / Account payment.**
 - Aurovilians/ New Comers, Rs.100 / per round trip.
 - Guests/ Volunteers- Rs.150 / per round trip.
- **Monthly Bus passes:**
 - **General Passengers** bus Pass: Rs.550 / 10 round trips allowed in a month.
 - **Students** bus pass: Rs.850 / per month.
 - **Workers of Auroville Units/ Service** from Pondicherry Rs.850 / per month

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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) – 108