

News & Notes

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The earliest formula of Wisdom promises to be its last – God, Light, Freedom, Immortality. The Proclamation of Truth is Fearless



From the kindled fire of Energy of Consciousness Truth was born and the Law of Truth;
from that the Night, from the Night the flowing ocean of being. **Rig Veda**

The Ponder Corner

For as in us, so in the atom, the metal, the plant, in every form of material Nature,
in every energy of material Nature, there is, we know, a secret soul, a secret will,
a secret intelligence at work, other than the mute self-oblivious form,
the Conscient – conscient even in unconscious things – of the Upanishad,
without whose presence and informing conscious-force or Tapas
no work of Nature could be done.

The Life Divine – Exclusive Concentration and the Ignorance

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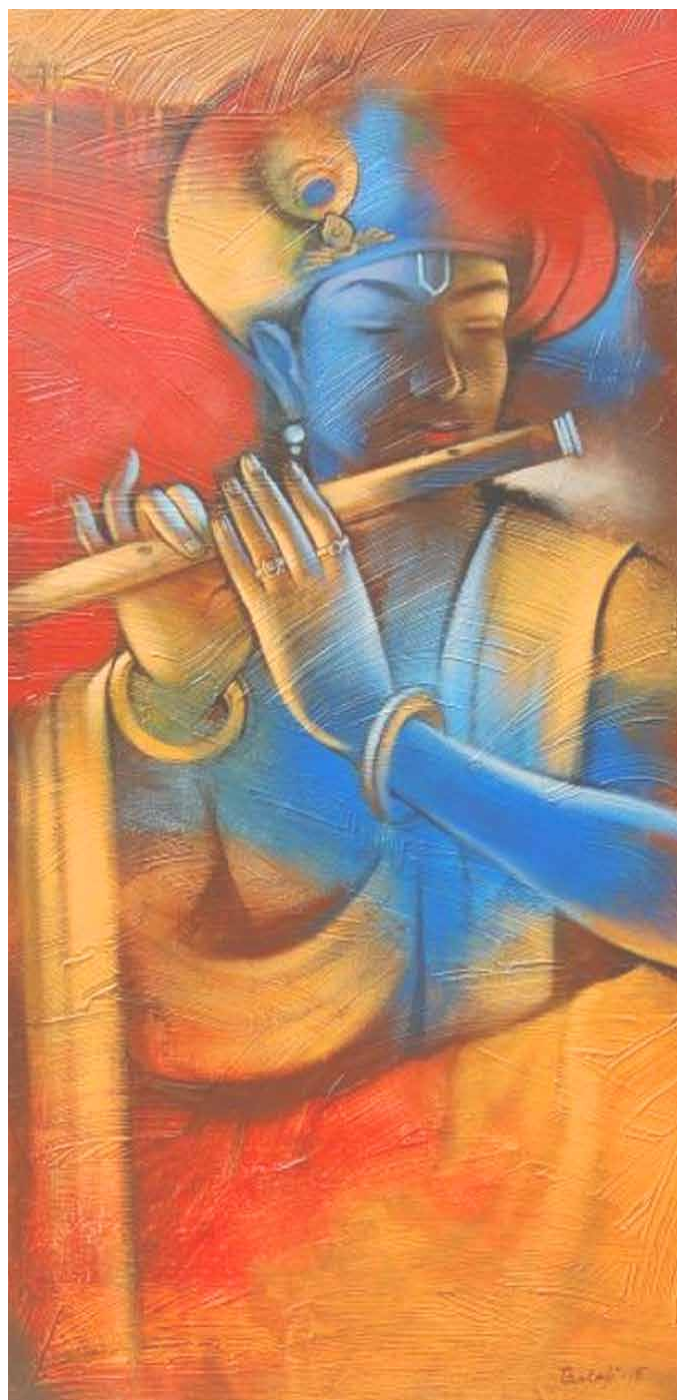
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House of Mother's Agenda

"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive section of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive section 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 (+ 50 years = 2022)

The Religion of Humanity

"But this is the question whether a purely intellectual and sentimental religion of humanity will be sufficient to bring about so great a change in our psychology. The weakness of the intellectual idea, even when it supports itself by an appeal to the sentiments and emotions, is that it does not get at the centre of man's being. The intellect and the feelings are only instruments of the being and they may be the instruments of either its lower and external form or of the inner and higher man, servants of the ego or channels of the soul. The aim of the religion of humanity was formulated in the eighteenth century by a sort of primal intuition; that aim was and it is still to re-create human society in the image of three kindred ideas, liberty, equality and fraternity. None of these has really been won in spite of all the progress that has been achieved. The liberty that has been so loudly proclaimed as an essential of modern progress is an outward, mechanical and unreal liberty. The equality that has been so much sought after and battled for is equally an outward and mechanical and will turn out to be an unreal equality. Fraternity is not even claimed to be a practicable principle of the ordering of life and what is put forward as its substitute is the outward and mechanical principle of equal association or at the best a comradeship of labour. This is because the idea of humanity has been obliged in an intellectual age to mask its true character of a religion and a thing of the soul and the spirit and to appeal to the vital and physical mind of man rather than his inner being. It has limited his effort to the attempt to revolutionise political and social institutions and to bring about such a modification of the ideas and sentiments of the common mind of mankind as would make these institutions practicable; it has worked at the machinery of human life and on the outer mind much more than upon the soul of the race. It has laboured to establish a political, social and legal liberty, equality and mutual help in an equal association.

But though these aims are of great importance in their own field, they are not the central thing; they can only be secure when founded upon a change of the inner human nature and inner way of living; they are themselves of importance only as means for giving a greater scope and a better field for man's development towards that change and, when it is once achieved, as an outward expression of the larger inward life. Freedom, equality, brotherhood are three god-heads of the soul; they cannot be really achieved through the external machinery of society or by man so long as he lives only in the individual and the communal ego. When the ego claims liberty, it arrives at competitive individualism. When it asserts equality, it arrives first at strife, then at an attempt to ignore the variations of Nature, and, as the sole way of doing that successfully, it constructs an artificial and machine-made society. A society that pursues liberty as its ideal is unable to achieve equality; a society that aims at equality will be obliged to sacrifice liberty. For the ego to speak of fraternity is for it to speak of something contrary to its nature. All that it knows is association for the pursuit of common egoistic ends and the utmost that it can arrive at is a closer organisation for the equal distribution of labour, production, consumption and enjoyment.

Yet is brotherhood the real key to the triple gospel of the idea of humanity. The union of liberty and equality can only be achieved by the power of human brotherhood and

it cannot be founded on anything else. But brotherhood exists only in the soul and by the soul; it can exist by nothing else. For this brotherhood is not a matter either of physical kinship or of vital association or of intellectual agreement. When the soul claims freedom, it is the freedom of its self-development, the self-development of the divine in man in all his being. When it claims equality, what it is claiming is that freedom equally for all and the recognition of the same soul, the same godhead in all human beings. When it strives for brotherhood, it is founding that equal freedom of self-development on a common aim, a common life, a unity of mind and feeling founded upon the recognition of this inner spiritual unity. These three things are in fact the nature of the soul; for freedom, equality, unity are the eternal attributes of the Spirit. It is the practical recognition of this truth, it is the awakening of the soul in man and the attempt to get him to live from his soul and not from his ego which is the inner meaning of religion, and it is that to which the religion of humanity also must arrive before it can fulfil itself in the life of the race."

Sri Aurobindo, The Ideal of Human Unity

http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37_25/the_human_cycle_25.pdf, pages 568-570

March 27, 1963

"The nations of the world legitimize that destructive madness of the arms race by saying it's a way to prevent destruction through fear – that's futile. As an argument, it's futile, but that's the way they think. It's part of that same thirst or need for Security: nothing can be achieved except in peace, nothing can be arrived at except in peace, nothing can be realized except in peace – we need peace, individually, collectively, globally. So let's make horrifying weapons of destruction so that men will be so frightened that nothing will happen – how childish! But that's the current state of mind. It is still one of those... in English they say device, a ploy (it's not a "ploy," it's a means – between ploy and means) to urge the human race on towards its evolutionary goal. And for that, we must catch hold of the Divine: it's a means of catching hold of the Divine. For there is nothing – nothing, nothing exists from the point of view of Security, except the Supreme. If we ARE the Supreme, that is to say, the supreme Consciousness, supreme Power, supreme Existence, then there is Security – outside of that, there is none. Because everything is in perpetual motion. What exists at "one moment in time," as Sri Aurobindo says (time is an unbroken succession of "moments"), what exists at a given moment no longer exists the next, so there's no security. It's the same experience, seen from another angle, as that of Buddha, who said there was no "permanence." And basically, the Rishis saw only from the angle of human existence, that's why they were after Immortality. It all boils down to the same thing."

Mother's Agenda, Volume 4. 1963

http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda_04/1963-03-27-01_e.htm

Ganga Lakshmi, House of Mother's Agenda
Savitri Bhavan

Townhall Speaks

RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

On the revised Selection Process to be used for the following Working Groups: Working Committee, Auroville Council, FAMC, Entry Board, ATDC

Dear Residents, this is a friendly reminder to participate in the Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) to approve or disapprove the revised Selection Process proposal.

How To Participate

ONLINE Use your personalized voting link sent by the RAS. Web based Gmail interface users, check the Promotions tab in case the email is not in your inbox. Good to also check your Spam / Junk folders. If you are an Aurovilian and didn't receive this email, please write to raservice@auroville.org.in.

IN PERSON voting will be organized at Solar Kitchen on Sunday, April 17, 11am – 2pm.

Reference Materials

- [Updated version of the SP proposal](#)
- [Updated version of the SP proposal with the highlighted changes](#) (after feedback integration)
- [Presentation of the SPRTF](#)
- [PWG 2020](#)
- [PWG 2022, as modified with the new selection process](#)
- [Steps of an RAD](#)
- Information: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))
- RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

*For the Residents' Assembly Service,
Dan, Giovanni P, Sathish A,
Tatiana S, Verena H*

FEEDBACK ON THE RAD PROPOSAL

Vote of No Confidence in and a New Selection of the Working Committee...

Dear Residents, We would like to invite you to share your feedback* on the proposal to "Vote of no confidence in / call for a new selection of the current Working Committee team, given their failure to 'assist' and 'represent' the Residents' Assembly as stated in their mandate".

Please click on the below button to proceed with the feedback form: [Feedback →](#)

The feedback process is open until 16 April, Saturday

* Please note that some points discussed during RAM1, e.g. which working group(s) can authorize an emergency RAD, has been considered off-topic.

For more information, please refer to the following:

- [RAM report](#)
- [Video record](#) (AV Radio)
- [Transcript of the meeting](#)
- [Presentation of the petitioners](#)
- [Statement by 4 WCom members](#)
- [Statement of the Auroville Council](#)
- [Steps of an RAD](#)
- Information: What is an RAD, RAM, RAS (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))
- RAD policy (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Tamil](#))

*Best regards,
The Residents' Assembly Service*

NEW ATDC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOUSING BOARD



Dear Community, Due to the resignation of Anbu as the ATDC representative to the Housing Board, the FAMC endorses Elaine Phillips as the new Housing Board member representing the ATDC.

*Regards, FAMC
members are: Amy, Angelo,
Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan*

ATDC COMMUNICATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community, the Council has received the following communication from ATDC:

"Sreevatsa resigned on April first. We are waiting for confirmation from the Foundation Office. In the meantime Elaine has withdrawn her resignation per same date."

So our ATDC member team is:

- Dr Seetharaman (members Secretary)
- Anbu, Elaine, Toby.

Best regards, Auroville Council

AUROVILLE COUNCIL MEETING WITH COMMUNITY

Monday, 18 April, 4:30pm, Unity Pavilion

Dear Community, we apologize for the long delay but finally the Council would like to meet and connect with the community. With many topics on our collective table we would like to meet with the community for an open and meaningful exchange.

Kind regards, Auroville Council

FAMC LOOKING FOR A DATA ADMINISTRATOR

The Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) is looking for a **Data Administrator** for its ACARAT and HOUMAN databases.

Your job would involve

- Updating records in ACARAT & HOUMAN – Land module, TDC module, FAMC module and Housing data
- Interfacing with other software teams (mostly Land Board, TDC, FAMC, Residents Service, Telephone Service, Housing Service and Working Committee) to retrieve, update or suggest data updates
- Interface with the community for personal data corrections (email address, phone numbers, etc.)
- Interface with programmers to report bugs
- Check acarat@auroville.org.in email and determine how to respond
- Guide software applicants to apply for ACARAT access
- Interface with FAMC for task updates
- Train beginners in ACARAT & HOUMAN usage
- Existing data cleanup
- New data entry

Skills required

- Proficient computer skills
- Good written communication skills
- Attention to detail and in performing repetitive data entry tasks
- Able and willing to interact with the community
- Additional languages, particularly Tamil, welcome
- Independent scheduling and time planning

Location: Home and/ or FAMC office.

If you are interested, please email us your CV to: famc@auroville.org.in.

*We look forward to hearing from you,
Sincerely, FAMC*

RESIGNATION OF VERENA FROM RAS

Dear Community, this is to inform you that Verena will step down from her work with RAS from May onwards and will continue serving with BCC. We thank her for her service to RAS and wish her the best with the new endeavor.

Best regards, Auroville Council

FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FAMC)

12 April 2022 update to the Governing Board (59th meeting)

Action points related to finance and economy and their respective updates

1. **Simplify the governance and organisation structures (trusts, units, activities and committees).** The first meeting of the Organisation and Governance committee constituted by the Governing Board was scheduled for Friday 2 April, to which two FAMC members were invited to discuss this topic. This meeting had to be postponed and we await rescheduling.
2. **Integrated common accounting systems to be implemented for more effective and transparent financial management.** This is in the process of being implemented. At present the team is addressing connectivity of the various accounting offices to the server, defining roles and permissions for accessing data and learning how to do automated accounts consolidation through the centralized Tally.
3. **Preparation of an annual Auroville budget that includes all resources and all needs.** The Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) has completed a Community Budgeting Process exercise for the first time this year. This process may be scalable to explore and prepare an all resources and all needs budget. Resource persons are currently being identified to drive this exercise.
4. **Preparation of a medium and long-term economy plan including financial plans of the income-generating units of Auroville.** There is no current progress on this topic to report.
5. **Enhance Auroville food production to meet the needs of Auroville.** A subgroup (Allan, Nidhin, Avinash, Fred) has been formed to review food production and coordination between Auroville farms, outlets and eateries. Soon they will present a pilot proposal as well as a proposal to form a new Food Group for coordinating the production and utilization of produce in Auroville.
6. **Use some of the outlying lands [see number 11 too] of Auroville for income generation through joint ventures or ventures in which Auroville has a passive stake.** Proposals have been made in identified key areas (Kuilapalayam, Felicity area, beach areas, etc.) but we require the support of the TDC (ie. land surveys) which has been very slow.
7. **Ensure that all basic needs of all residents are met and that all residents contribute to the realisation of Auroville.** The Prosperity Group has been invited to present to the FAMC an implementable plan.
8. **Elimination of internal money exchange.**
 - a. Results of a small study conducted December 2020 to January 2021 revealed the following reasons given by external parties to pay by cash:
 - i. I only have an international credit card and want to avoid the additional 2% bank charges you charge for credit card payments;
 - ii. I have to pay too high bank fees on international credit card payments;
 - iii. I have too much cash with me at the moment and prefer to pay in cash;
 - iv. I don't have my mobile nor my bank card with me;
 - v. I didn't know I could pay by debit card and didn't bring my card with me;
 - vi. I didn't bring my debit card and don't have UPI on my mobile;
 - vii. I only have cash with me.
 - viii. Cash is legitimate legal tender.
 - b. Almost all internal transactions between Aurovilians and persons/ entities with Financial Service accounts are done through the Financial Service and without cash.
 - c. We continue to explore ways to encourage/ promote digital transactions within Auroville, including the creation of a Financial Service "blue sheet" app.
9. **Make capital available for the growth of existing income-generating units and start-up capital for new income-generating units.** The Flourish initiative has launched a 3-month case study on internal investments and external investments. It must be acknowledged that capital is not the most urgent need or at least it is not the only need and has to be seen together with: human resources and space (office and production floors.) One example: Miniature has asked for permission to build a production space 2 years ago. They have the capital and human resources to grow the unit. But the permission to build has been delayed by TDC.
10. **Strengthen and support the knowledge economy.**
 - a. The FAMC is working towards organizing a seminar on the topic. Lalit from Auroville Campus Initiative, and AV Consulting have both been asked to help to organize the seminar.
 - b. Purnam Centre submitted a practical proposal for growing the Knowledge Economy which we understand has already received support and funding.
11. **All Auroville lands, buildings and other assets must be utilized to generate collective resources for Auroville as a whole.**
 - a. Our current focus is obtaining/ maintaining accurate and up-to-date data on lands and buildings (residential and otherwise). The Auroville Consolidated Asset Registry and Application Tracker (ACARAT) for the FAMC, Land Board, and TDC and the Housing database (HOUMAN) are being continuously improved.
 - b. ACARAT Land module "land record clean-up pilot". The pilot has been completed and we propose to present the report to the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.
 - c. One recommendation from the report is to request the permission of the Secretary to allow information collected by CSR Geomatics (online GIS developed by Auroville) to be made available to the Land Board via ACARAT.
 - d. Housing survey to obtain accurate present information about housing and its occupancy in Auroville has already been started by the Housing Service.
12. **Contributions by income-generating units to be reviewed (rationale of the 33% contribution; utilisation of surpluses).** The FAMC is considering using the Citizens' Assembly process to review and improve the Contribution Policy. The aim is to expand the scope of review in any case and have a new policy in place by August 2022.
13. **Establish an innovation and incubation center for the youth to be actively engaged.**
 - a. Youthlink is running 'Project Nursery' which operates as a channel for resources, guidance, and support for youth activities or units to kick off. Starting activities or units in Auroville can be daunting with little information and much bureaucracy. 'Project Nursery' supports young adults who wish to create and incubate a project by providing information and assistance with administrative services and linking them to other projects, groups, and relevant mentors. Support will range from the personal

(counseling, mentoring etc.) to the professional (project planning, financial resources, skills) in order for the activities to succeed. Some youth initiatives have been: HIVE, Joy of Impermanence, Eco-Village Education which became C4U (Come for Unity), Aura, Auroville Young Ambassadors, Saturday Grill, Pakka Box, and Inner World Studio.

- b. Youth Centre Vision January 2022 recalls the original aims of the Youth Centre *"The aims for the YC, stated at its inauguration were to include activities such as sports and physical education, training in forest management, gardening, agroforestry, workshops on life skills such as carpentry, mechanics and electronics, arts (painting, sculpting, carving), facilities, such as a literature and reference library as a base of peer-lead and self-lead learning and education, computer and internet facilities for research and communications, community events and gatherings to share, live and explore as a community."* In mid-February the Youth Center team met with the TDC. It was agreed to develop a Youth Center Vision and project which would be shared with the community. It was also agreed that once that is established, a project can be incubated.
- c. Maarganam project (six-quarter rotating internship for Auroville youth) has been given support by the BCC and is getting started. The project team is Chandresh and Priyamvada.

14. Reduce construction costs with innovative construction practices and effective and transparent price discovery mechanisms. No further action has been taken nor is planned by the FAMC.

REPORT OF THE FAMC

Over the month of March 2022

Members: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan

Invitee: Under Secretary Mr. Srinivasamurthy

Secretaries: Svenja, Balaji; Madhan (Finance Secretary)

The FAMC would like to thank the residents for their feedback given on its previous report and on pending issues. This feedback is a great help to better do the work which the community has entrusted us.

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

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

1. Topics of special concern of the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation (AVFO)

a. Cooperation with the AVFO.

The FAMC has reiterated to the Secretary, AVFO, that while the FAMC values and appreciates the interaction with the Secretary, Under Secretary and Auroville Foundation office, the FAMC is the FAMC of the Residents' Assembly (RA), each of its members selected by the RA and mandated with certain roles and responsibilities by the RA. This has been acknowledged on numerous occasions by the former Governing Boards of the Auroville Foundation and future meetings can happen if this position is respected. However if this position is not respected and agreed to by the Secretary, then the FAMC will have to respectfully decline to attend joint meetings as the conditions and parameters of its work would be drastically changed beyond what the members have been selected to do by the RA.

After this communication some meetings with the AVFO are taking place, while the issue of which authority of the Auroville Foundation appoints the FAMC, the Governing Board or the Residents' Assembly, is still unresolved. The Secretary has informed the FAMC that it is understood that the members of the FAMC have been nominated by the Residents' Assembly and has suggested that the FAMC be endorsed by the Governing Board. The FAMC considers the latter as not required and has communicated the same to the Secretary.

b. Housing information requested by AVFO.

The AVFO has requested the Housing Board / Housing Service, which is a subgroup of the FAMC, for the following information for the last three financial years:

- i. Housing allocations done with copy of the relevant minutes;
- ii. House exchanges done with copy of the relevant minutes;;
- iii. Source and application of funds for housing;
- iv. Source and application of house maintenance expenditure

The AVFO explained that "Since there are plans to add a significant number of houses in the near future it is even more important that housing / building asset data management is complete and accurate." The Housing Board and Service responded to this request.

c. **Housing survey requested by AVFO.** The AVFO requested the Housing Service to undertake a physical survey of all Auroville building assets (housing and others) with details of the buildings and their utilisation and in the case of houses, the full names of the residents of the houses along with details such as their work in Auroville. The survey is being launched by the Housing Service.

The motivation for this request is "to ensure that the building assets (housing and others) of Auroville are correctly reflected in the Balance Sheet of Auroville Foundation." The Housing Board has replied to the AVFO that the Housing Service balance sheets which have been submitted to the AV Foundation office, contain an overview of all the housing assets and that a physical survey will be taken up in due course. The AVFO was informed that non-residential assets and the personal details of the occupants such as their place of work are not within the purview of the Housing Service.

d. **Maintenance details requested by the AVFO.** The AVFO has requested details relating to payments of Aurovillian Maintenance from the Financial Years 2017-18 to 2020-21 e.g. number of Aurovillians in the payment roll; amount due per person per month; payment made to the number of persons monthwise; list of Aurovillians to whom payments were made individually during March yearwise; and details of Aurovillians being given AV Maintenance with particulars of the work / service and the quantum. The FAMC has provided general maintenance information to the AVFO. Furthermore, as requested, the FAMC has made details available for the Aurovillians who receive(d) a maintenance provided from GOI grants.

e. **Minutes 58th Governing Board meeting.** The FAMC has requested the AVFO for copies of the meeting notes of the 34th meeting of the Finance Committee and for the 'township development budget for FY 2022-23', approved by the Finance Committee. Neither has been received by the date this report was sent to the News and Notes.

f. **House occupation by non-Aurovillians in Equality community.** The Secretary has still not taken any action, as earlier requested by the FAMC, to use her authority as Estate Officer to remove the family from the house.

g. **Standardized accounts and dates of accounts submission.** The FAMC has invited the executives and accountants of all units and Trusts to attend a workshop on April 2nd at the Unity Pavilion to further clarify the standard balance sheet and standard chart of accounts and the new balance sheet submissions dates:

- i. the accounts of units and Trusts should be finished by 20th of April;
- ii. the audited balance sheet of the Trusts must be submitted to AVFO by 31st May.

The reason is that the consolidated balance sheet of the AVF must have been audited by the CAG and submitted to Delhi by September 22.

2. Upcoming selection process.

The FAMC has informed the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) that three members will need to be replaced as Kalya resigned in May 2021, Marc's term is over and he will not continue, and Palani wishes to resign.

3. Land matters

- a. **Delay in authorisation letters.** The Land Board observed that there is a delay at the office of the Auroville Foundation in the signing of authorisation letters for registration of new land purchases, after the Land Board has followed its due diligence process and approval has been given by the Working Committee and FAMC as per the current process. A new process has since been worked out for approval by the AVFO where the Working Committee will give the Land Board the authorization, instead of the AVFO. The new Due Diligence Procedure has been sent to AVFO and its approval is awaited.
- b. **Arulvazhi school issue.** The FAMC approves the position taken by the Land Board to not give compensation to the individual occupying a piece of poramboke land adjacent to the school.

4. Road planning and the potential demolishing of buildings.

The FAMC has asked the ATDC for details on the nature of buildings that would need to be demolished to make place for planned roads, in order to analyze the impact this will have on the residents of Auroville who are day-to-day caretakers, stewards, and managers of all these assets. The ATDC has replied that the designations of the structures are as mentioned on the maps provided to Housing Service. As most of these structures were built long time ago, and, to the understanding of the ATDC, started out as capsules in the hope of protecting land and being temporary, but turned permanent over time and have been provided stewardship certificates, the ATDC is unable to ascertain the proper date of construction through facts. Similarly the sizes might not match with reality.

The FAMC will create a list of the people who will be affected with the information contained on the maps.

5. General issues.

- a. **Friend of Auroville Stewardship agreement.** A revised Friend of Auroville Stewardship Agreement was approved and sent to the Housing Board and Housing Service.
- b. **Special audits.** The FAMC has contracted a firm of chartered accountants from Chennai to do special audits of three Auroville units and a collective housing project. The executives, project managers and the Housing Service have been informed.
- c. **House in Aurodam.** The FAMC has investigated why and how a house in Aurodam, for which the ATDC had given a No Objection Certificate (NOC) as a 'residential' construction, is being designated as a staff quarter of an Auroville unit.
- d. **Asset register.** A consulted external Chartered Accountant confirmed to the FAMC that the Asset Register is compulsory under the Indian law. The FAMC is considering how Auroville units can best provide Asset registers.
- e. **Restructuring of Trusts and units.** An FAMC subgroup is studying the possibilities of restructuring the current

Trusts and units organization, especially in terms of number of units under each Trust; and they are also exploring the possibility of combining Trusts by sector, or other criteria.

- f. **Knowledge seminar.** The FAMC would like to organize a knowledge seminar, focusing on increasing awareness, strengthening and nurturing a knowledge economy. This proposal was mentioned in the FAMC's presentation to the Governing Board on 18 January. An Auroville unit and a few individuals have been asked to take up the organization of this seminar.
- g. **Discipline Farm.** To ensure the proper future management of Discipline Farm, the FAMC has decided to ask each of the two groups to recommend two nominees to become the farm's manager. The FAMC will then decide on the new management.
- h. **PTDC building extension.** The FAMC has decided to take the lead in organizing a Work Allocation Team to do the tendering of the first floor of the PTDC building for which funds have been received.
- i. **Maarganam Apprenticeship Program for AV Youth.** The FAMC welcomes the initiative to have AV youth interning in units and working groups, but regrettably it is not the right time for the FAMC to invite an intern.

6. Units and Trusts issues

- a. **Maternity Clinic Morning Star.** The Working Committee has shared a legal opinion on the topic of the Maternity Clinic. The FAMC has asked the project holders for an updated estimate of the building costs and the funds available.
- b. **Vérité Integral Learning Center,** a unit under Hospitality Trust an activity graduating into a unit, executives: Mr. Dhanya Pater & Ms. Chetna Punia. Approved
- c. **Auromode Apartments,** a unit under Hospitality Trust. Expanding scope of work. Approved.
- d. **Imagination, a unit under Auromics Trust.** Auromics Trust has decided to close the Imagination unit. The assets and liabilities will come directly under the Auromics Trust.
- e. **Afsanah Guest House.** Aniko has resigned as interim executive and has been replaced by Susan who will work together with Ranjith till the FAMC has reviewed the outcome of the special audit.
- f. **City Service unit.** The FAMC obtained advice from an external Chartered Accountant that City Service unit should not be registered under a Trust but be registered directly under the parent entity, 'Auroville Foundation'. The unit has been moved back to the parent entity 'Auroville Foundation' from Auroville Service Trust.
- g. **Work Tree,** an unit under Kattida Kalai Trust (KKT). Change of Trust from KKT to Ankur Trust. Approved.
- h. **Papui or Somethingelse,** a unit under GNP Trust. Unit closure. Approved.
- i. **Aurganic,** a unit under Swagatam Trust. Unit closure. Approved.

7. Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity managers.

Note: changes concerning trustees are approved in collaboration with the Working Committee.

- a. **Matrimandir executives appointment.** The selection committee's work is now finished with the executive appointment of Ms. Divya Karuna, Mr. Antoine C., Ms. Judith Robinson, Mr. John Harper, and Mr. Sundar K. for a 4 year period, with an annual review. The executives will participate in facilitated workshop(s) to develop detailed actions, timelines, and budget for their proposed four-year work plan, especially where the works' fundings is concerned.
- b. **AVE/EVA- Audio Visual Events,** an activity under the unit Auroville Art Service (AVArts). Managers: Mr. Ray De Wolf & Mrs. Sofie Albrecht. Approved.

- c. **Masuwa, an activity under Auroville Activities (AVA).** Proposed Manager: Ms. Sunmi Kim. Application pending awaiting ok from Luminosity residents to the proposed restaurant activity.
- d. **Anveshan, a unit under Team Trust.** Executive resignation of Ms. Tejaswini Mistri Kapoor. Approved.
- e. **Integral Works, a unit under Auromode Trust.** Executive reappointment of Ms. Sindhuja Jagadesan and executive resignation of Mr. Louis Cohen. Approved.
- f. **Avision, a unit under Auromics Trust.** Executive reappointment of Dr. Jung Woo Nam and new executive appointment of Ms. Auronevi Pingel. Approved.
- g. **Auroville Energy Products, a unit under Team Trust.** Executive reappointment of Mr. John Johannes Zandbergen. Approved
- h. **Kattida Kalai Trust.** Renewal of trusteeship of Mr. M. Palani, Mr. Juan Carlos Herrera, Mr. Jean Marc Moreno, Ms. Margarita Maria Correa Jamarillo, and Mr. Debrabrata Sahoo for a period of five years, as per the usual trustee term. Approved.

8. New units and activities

- a. **J Mayab, a unit under Aurosarjan Trust.** Executives: Ms. Jitta Skoles and Ms. Ana Daniela. Approved
- b. **Farewell, a unit under Health & Healing Trust.** Executives: Mr. Michael Helmut Knieps and Ms. Suzanne Willson Odell. Approved
- c. **Green Leaf, an activity under Auroville Food Activities (AFA).** Manager: Ms. Sarah Kundi. Approved.
- d. **Satori, an activity under AVA.** Manager: Mr. Sergei Tretiako. Approved.
- e. **Horizon Workshop, an activity under AVA.** Managers: Mr. Petar Sekuloski and Ms. Sashka Trajcheska Sekuloska. Approved
- f. **Sustenance Agricultural Training Center, a proposed unit under Auromitra Trust.** Proposed Executives – Mr. Ramalingam Ramachandra & Mrs. Shakila Ramalingam. Pending further review upon receipt of a detailed business plan.

OUTCOMES OF THE COMMUNITY BUDGETING PROCESS

Dear community, we are grateful to all who participated in our community budgeting process. The process is now complete, and we would like to share the outcomes and how these are being followed up.

Through this community budgeting process, **the BCC aimed to understand:**

1. What do Aurovilians consider to be priority areas for community funding? And how can this be reflected in budgetary allocations?
2. Are there any key services missing in our community, or existing services that should be budgeted for?
3. Where should funds come from to support our communal needs?

There were two levels of engagement:

- A series of presentations, Q&A sessions, and a survey open to the whole community
- Detailed in-depth facilitated discussions with a randomly selected group of Aurovilians.

18 randomly selected participants engaged in this process, 62 community members responded to the survey, and more attended the community presentations in person and online.

For an overview of the process, please see the following Auronet post: <https://auroville.org.in/article/89471>

How did participants feel about the process?

- The randomly selected participants shared the following feedback regarding the process:
- Some participants were not sure if they had enough knowledge or understanding to contribute to the process, but found that the information provided was accessible and made it easy to engage

- Participants expressed appreciation for the transparency and openness shown throughout the process
- Participants observed that the process was well organised / well structured and that this supported their participation and ability to arrive at clear outcomes
- Participants appreciated the 'random selection' aspect of the process
- They shared that they would like to see other Working Groups engage community members through similar processes

What were the outcomes?

1. What do Aurovilians consider to be priority areas for community funding? And how can this be reflected in budgetary allocations?

Randomly selected participants considered the following sectors to be the highest priority areas (and should receive more financial support from the City Services budget if needed/possible):

- Farms / Food
- Housing
- Social Support (Maintenances)

2. Those who participated in the community survey indicated that they strongly agreed with this prioritization.

Are there any key services missing in our community, or existing services that should be budgeted for?

Randomly selected participants identified the following as key missing services to be prioritized for City Services funding, in the following order (high to low):

1. Day Care / Maternity Support
2. Mentoring and Orientation Service primarily for young people (but all ages welcome) + Cheap social cafe for people of all ages (welcoming and accessible for families, children, new people and older generation)
3. Food Processing Service
4. Aquaponic / Hydroponic Food Production
5. Training & Support for Digital Work (including access to shared equipment)
6. Those who participated in the community survey agreed with this prioritization (although Training & Support for Digital Work was considered more important than Aquaponic/Hydroponic Food Production).

7. Where should funds come from to support our communal needs?

Randomly selected participants were asked if we should aim to get more or less funding from each existing source to City Services, and whether there were any additional sources we could consider.

They felt that income to City Services could be increased from:

- Commercial Units (specifically, by encouraging new units and investing in existing units)
- Financial Services (specifically, by encouraging more deposits)
- Services (those that are income-generating)
- Foreign contributions (which currently are low)
- Guests (specifically, charging visitors for cultural events)

It was felt that the City Services budget could aim to be independent from GOI funding.

Those who participated in the community survey felt income could be increased from all existing sources.

Commercial Units and Foreign / Indian contributions (other than GOI grants) emerged as top sources for increased income to City Services across both groups.

8. Additional Suggestions Captured

Additional suggestions were captured during the facilitated sessions with the randomly selected participants, and as part of the community survey. These related to:

- Maintenance
- Income & Contributions
- Specific Budget Proposals
- Service Suggestions
- Appreciation!

The bodies responsible for reviewing these suggestions have been identified. In some cases, these are groups other than BCC (such as FAMC and the Housing Board); some suggestions require joint reviews between BCC and other groups. The BCC takes responsibility for any required handover or ensuring a joint review.

A [more in-depth presentation](#) (including graphs!) is available.

What happens with these outcomes?

- The BCC has presented these outcomes to the FAMC, who is ultimately responsible for approving the City Services budget.
- BCC is presently using the budgetary priorities that have emerged from this process in informing the upcoming budget. The BCC keeps in mind these outcomes (priority sectors and missing services) when reviewing new service requests.
- A BCC-FAMC subgroup is being formed to take forward the specific suggestions related to missing services and income sources to City Services. Some have already been taken up, such as reducing youth housing contributions.

We will keep the community updated with our progress. Thank you for your interest and participation!

The BCC would also like to thank Avinash and Helen, who alongside BCC member Suryamayi played an important role in designing, facilitating, communicating and analyzing the outcomes of this process.

With best wishes, Your BCC members (Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Mathan, Rathinam, Sacha, Suryamayi, Verena), Avinash & Helen

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 129

Dated: 16-04-2022

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:

Chakarapani SAKTHIVEL aka Sugar (Indian) staying in Celebration and working at Housing Service



Chakarapani

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Praveen RAJ (Indian)
- Pranit DASWANI (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Ela ESHAL (Israeli) staying in Auromodele and working at Auro-Image and Wellpaper



Ela

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Bernardo OSELLA (Argentinian)
- Ricardo MARTINEZ DELGADO (Spanish)
- Suganthi MURUGAN (Indian)

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Oriane MORLAES aka Mahila (French)

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:

- Raymond HULZEBOS (Dutch) – Raymond has been coming to Auroville since 2015 with his partner Patricia who is also a FOA. He has been contributing in supporting and funding Electrical Fencing and Solar panels for Auroville farms.



Raymond

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*

APARTMENTS FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer:

- **Courage, COU044, Single, Couple**
- **Promesse, DJA005, Couple, Single**

To apply, please click on the new "Houses Available" button in the very right column of the AuroNet main page.

You will be directed to our Housing Transfer App at <https://housing.auroville.org.in>. All you need to do is:

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

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

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

*Thank you, the Housing Service,
K. Venkatesh*

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE

Against Recognized Work

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer:

Sukavathi, SUK007, Family

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*Thank you, the Housing Service,
K. Venkatesh*

HOUSING SERVICES HAS GAPS TO BE FILLED

Dear Community, the Housing Service has many gaps in the information in our database with regard to houses in Auroville and their occupancy.

To address these gaps in our database the Housing Service will be conducting a basic survey community by community, starting this month.

We request everyone's help and cooperation in providing the necessary information.

We will send advance notice to the community before sending any persons there to collect the information.

*Thank you, Housing Service & Housing Board
(Amy, Aravind, Ole, Savithri, Venkatesh)*

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

GOOD NEWS

We, Ravi and Mahalakshmi from kindergarten, are happy to announce that 2 baby boys of ours were born on 7/3/2022. Their names are Litesh Raj and Lithvik Roshan

MEDITATION WITH SAVITRI READ BY MOTHER TO SUNIL'S MUSIC.

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre – Matrimandir



Every Thursday at Sunset.

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season... Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

- The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.
- Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5:45pm.

*Thank you,
Surya & Amphitheatre Team*

DARSHAN MESSAGE CARDS

Welcome to an exhibition

Celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary and India's 75th Independence day

Darshan Message Cards
24th April - from 1950 - 2021

Monday 18th to Saturday 30th, April 2022
Afternoons: 2 - 5.30pm
Closed on Sunday

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre
No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

Location

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BUS RIDERS TAKE NOTICE

Dear All, Auroville Accessible Public Bus had tried the current bus schedule for the last 8 months since August 2021. With our current bus schedule, we thought to



encourage all, to use the public transport including the school students going to Pondicherry, Aurovilians, workers coming from Pondicherry, guests and Volunteers. Accordingly, we increased the number of trips since August 2021 from 2 trips to 4 round trips in a day between Auroville to Pondicherry.

Due to less interest from the public, we are planning to reduce the number of trips per day and save the fuel expenses. Therefore, we were thinking of providing the previous bus schedule (before covid-19) with little changes. At same time, we wish to get the feedback and suggestions on bus timings from the regular bus users. So, we could finalize the new schedule accordingly from the month of May 2022.

Our Proposals:

Auroville To Pondicherry

- Trip 1: 07:00am from Svaram to Pondy
- Trip 2: 08:40am from Svaram to Pondy
- Trip 3: 02:50pm from Svaram to Pondy (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
- 04:20pm from Svaram to Pondy (Wednesday & Saturday)

Pondicherry To Auroville

- Trip 1: 07:45am from Ashram dining hall to Auroville
- Trip 2: 12:30pm from Ashram dining hall to Auroville
- Trip 3: 06:10pm from Ashram dining hall to Auroville (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
- 08:10pm from Ashram dining hall to Auroville (Wednesday & Saturday)

We will be happy to receive your Suggestions & feedbacks by 19.04.2022.

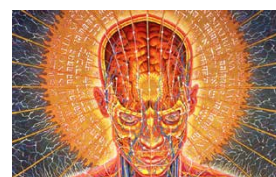
For feedbacks, please write to avbus@auroville.org.in

Raju, Sauro & Susmita

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH, 2ND YEAR, PART IV

Saturday, 16 April, Center Guest House, 3:30 – 5:30pm

Our next sharing will happen on Saturday, 16 April, at 3:30pm at Center Guest House.



We, the 'Let's talk about Death' group, do think that, since life and death are deeply entangled, living fully conscious today prepares a conscious and meaningful passing away. Thus, we intend to provide space, time and content on the topic of Death in Auroville.

Our aim is to offer a space for personal experience and insights on Death. During our sharings, there is no lecture, material distribution or convincing people of one's opinions or beliefs. The sharing is open to all ages, for Aurovilians, Newcomers and long term Savi Volunteers.

Furthermore, talking of one's own experience is not mandatory. Sometimes, one prefers just to attend, listen or just to reflect within.

We hope to see you on Saturday 16 April 2022 at Center Guest House. We'll start at 3:30pm with coffee & cake, followed by sharing until around 5:30pm.

Please, come without booking, but open minded and with care for one another.

*The 'Let's talk about Death' group,
Amy, Dan, Fakeera, Kalsang, Lisa & Valeria*

THE ARTS

CELEBRATE THE AUROVILLE THEATER GROUP'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

April 29 and 30, CRIPA, Kalabhumi, 7:30pm



Dear Friends: please join us as we Celebrate the Auroville Theater Group's 25th Anniversary on April 29 and 30, at CRIPA, Kalabhumi. The fun starts at 7:30pm.

We are quite excited to share with you scenes from our 25 years on the Auroville stage(s) – and beyond – performed by members of our **Fundamentals Of Acting Workshop**. Some scenes will be performed by the actual actors who first created the roles. There'll be music, good food and surprise guests, so join us, won't you!

It's quite an achievement for us to have completed 25 years of continuous theater. Even during the lockdown in 2020, we managed to go online and create a Zoom version of our beautiful and very relevant play **A Place Called Home**. Look for it on our YouTube Channel.

So many actors, designers, composers, dancers, stage managers, have passed through the Auroville Theater Group, each one adding to our adventure here in Auroville, to the richness of our work on the stage as we get introduced to their stories, their studies, their talents, their hopes and dreams. And they have discovered Auroville in the process! So as part of our 25th Anniversary we'd like to honor them and say a huge "Thank You":

Toda Raba ! Merci ! Nandri ! Dyakuyu ! Obrigado ! Vielen Dank ! Nandi ! Dhanyavad ! Cám Ơn ! Muchas Gracias ! Grazie ! Спасибо ! Xiè Xiè ! Shnorhakalutsjun ! Dank Je ! We Are One Family!

With love and gratitude to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for giving us a new life, a new way of living...

Jill Navarre for the Auroville Theater Group
WA: +91(0)9486416173,
www.aurovilletheatregroup.com

SITA CULTURAL CENTER ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday, April 16, 7pm at CRIPA

All are welcome to enjoy our classical ballet program inspired by the Nutcracker ballet. Children from Auroville and Pondicherry are proud to show you their choreographies practiced during this school year.

With love and light, Fleur
Contact number +91994460128

SITA Cultural Center
presents
ANNUAL SHOW
2022

FREESTYLE **BALLET** **SILAMBAM**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE PERFORMANCE OF SITA CULTURAL CENTER STUDENTS IN BALLET, FREESTYLE DANCES AND SILAMBAM MARTIAL ARTS

SATURDAY - 16th APRIL
7PM AT CRIPA, AUROVILLE
(WITH SPECIAL INVITATIONS)
AUROVILLE, BOMMAYAPALAYAM,
TAMIL NADU 605101

SATURDAY - 23rd APRIL
7PM AT ALLIANCE FRANCAISE
(OPEN TO ALL)
58, SUFFREN ST, WHITE TOWN,
PUDUCHERRY, 605001

vija dance studio
JATHIRAGASAI NATIYALAYA
PRESENTS
Bharathanaty Salangai Poojai

Date : 17th April 2022
Time : 4pm onwards
Venue : Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Auroville.

Visitors Center's Right Path Cafe

Sunday April 17
7pm

LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS

MATTHEW & HUBERT
AUROVILLE BASED JAZZ BLUES DUO

For visitors from outside Auroville, kindly park your car, two-wheeler or van at Visitors Center main parking and walk to the cafe.
Table reservations 8903963157 / 0413-262248

A collaboration with Kalabhumi Music Studio Collective
#kalabhumi_music_studio.av

BulletProof Funk
#thebulletprooffunk

Heartbreak City
new song release

Kalabhumi Music Studio
Sat April 16
8:30pm

Limited seat + closed-doors experience
Book your seat by messaging:
Edo +919843893652 / Mehul +919634424066

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

SOLAR KITCHEN IS CLOSED FOR TAMIL NEW YEAR



Dear Community, Solar Kitchen is closed for both Lunch and Dinner on 14 April for Tamil New Year. Thank you.

Love, Solar Kitchen Team

NATURELLEMENT CLOSED ON FRIDAY THE 22ND



Dear friends, this is to inform you that our production, shop and restaurant will be closed on Friday the 22nd.

It is our Company day as well as Earth day and we will make our yearly clean-up of trash in the surrounding, starting in Udyogam and covering the area up to Aurobakhti, Shradhanjali and Upasana. You are most welcome to join us, starting at 6:30am at Naturellement!

The Naturellement team

VISION OF FUTURE MOBILITY

New E-Scooter Battery Swapping Station at KINISI

April 22, KINISI open house, 10am to 4pm

On Earthday April 22, 2022, you are invited to our KINISI open house from 10 am to 4 pm, showcasing our new e-scooter with battery-swapping station.



1. KIM members will enjoy a collective pool of e-scooters, with a battery-swapping station, so that they can go to Pondy as the need arises. This will be on a "pay as you go" basis.

2. To help Auroville units reduce their CO₂ emissions, KINISI will facilitate the purchase of battery-free e-scooters by the units and provide the swappable batteries. This will greatly reduce the initial cost of purchasing e-scooters, as the batteries will be owned and maintained by KINISI. Users can exchange their near empty battery for a fully-charged one at the swapping station, thus removing waiting time for charging. We are working on several payment plans for the units to choose from. We will do pilot projects to see the feasibility and are open to all schemes for all the units and activities. All units are welcome to come and check out the scooter on the 22nd.

Your KINISI team

ARIMUGAM:

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING THROUGH INTRODUCTION

Ramanujan an intuitive genius, when asked where his mathematical solutions came from, he would say 'they come from my Devi' Entrepreneurship of all forms and manner, involves all the five facets of the human consciousness – physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual and creative to bring an idea to life.

That being said human labour of all forms imbibes "Integral Yoga". Involving the process of synthesis hence every person in the multiverse is a catalyst in the experiment of "future realisations".

The journey is more becoming rather than to be as one is always in transitional growth. All the while being inspired and contributing to the environment and people around us.

The dream is to go on an ethereal experiential exploration of life, filled with both joy and mystery of the road ahead to be walked in wonder.

There are many services available to foster and grow the drive to be all that one can be. Arimugam would be for those still in the process of shaping themselves and their dream on the pathway to experiential awakening.

From Within – Intrapreneurship

- Motivating people to recognize their capabilities and growing their self belief in themselves
- Experiential growth with a focus on leadership, development and awareness
- Human centric process and systems using design thinking to stimulate cognitive conception



- Recognize your power
- Envision the opportunity
- Enable your team
- Accept the challenges
- Enhance your skills
- Empower your community

Regards, Surajkiran

A HEALTHY MEAL FOR YOUR DOG

Healthy homemade dog food recipes your dog will love it.

This recipe is designed for those who want to give healthy food for their dogs. This is also one of the most eco-friendly recipes we have seen. Instead of tossing things we would usually not eat such as broccoli stems, the recipe uses these as a key part to the dog's delicious meal.



- Chicken & Veggie
- Fish & Veggie
- Beef & Veggie

Ingredients: Brown Rice/white rice, Olive Oil/Ghee, Carrots, Peas, Broccoli, Potatoes, Cabbage, Chicken/fish/beef.

We deliver at your home. Please call contact us Whatsapp: 8098782233 or 9159837630

Thanking you, kind regards, Arunkumar and Valli

ECO FEMME: OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday morning, from 10:30am

eco femme Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam.

Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and cloth nappies.

See you soon! The Eco Femme Team

WE DELIVER LUNCH AND DINNER

Dear Friends, we deliver Lunch/ Dinner at your doorstep or your workplace. The delivery system is working even on Sunday too.

c. Indian Lunch/ Dinner delivery system is functioning for Aurovilians/ Newcomers/ volunteers and Guests.

d. Also we are preparing lunch/dinner/snacks/tea for the small gathering/birthday party/meetings/workshops too. **The menu is:** Rice, Dal, Salad (Veg.), Veg. curry, Chapati.

e. Other Non-Veg. foods for Lunch/dinner based on the customer's needs and call us at least a day before.

Please call by in advance WA 8098782233 or 9159837630

*Thanking you, kind regards,
Arunkumar and Valli*



LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVELSHOP

Important notice for International Travelers



Some countries require a Passenger Location Form (PLF) to be filed online before traveling. Recognised vaccination certificates and /or negative PCR test results (not older than 48 hour from the moment of taking the test) are required for international travel. Such a document may be requested to enter an

International Airport, but latest at boarding. Please know, in detail, which documentation is required for your travel.

On Arrival in Germany Vaccination Certificates were checked. Flights and Airports are full. To think that Airlines can't sell the tickets at current price level is a mistake. Some price adjustments have been made and other Airlines will follow, but to wait for the super, super discounted tickets will be in vain.

Our Travel Consultant Mr. Ganesh is available at Kalpana for issuing, rescheduling for all kind of ticketing Bus, Train, Flights and travel insurance which includes a

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:

One can meet him from 10:00 to 16:00

- by phone 2623030 or / and by WA also after office timings: +91 9894598686
- by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in
- All Credit / Debit cards payments should be routed via the Financial Service.

Latest Offer:

There are too many new flight opportunities with adjusted prices to be published, please meet Mr. Ganesh to get the latest offer in person.

Spicejet flights from Pondy connect at Hyderabad and Bengaluru to many Airports within India. Maybe even from Interest to some to catch an International Flight from Delhi, Mumbai or so.

AVAILABLE

Available: Atlas Ladies Cycle



Atlas Ladies cycle, black in color and low handlebar. Contact Priyanka at Arka Guest House (itspriyanka@gmail.com or 9704258709).

Thanks, Priyanka

LOOKING FOR

Needs a Housesitter from May, 23 to June, 29



Would you like to stay by the beach at the end of May and June? Do you love animals and are you willing to look after a few? My house in Quiet is available for house sitting from May, 23 to June, 29. Please remember that Quiet is on the beach so you would need some transport. You would be required to pay a deposit and a small amount to cover the monthly expenses. If this is for you, please get in touch, nandita@sharan-india.org / WA +91 9488483286

Dr Nandita Shah, SHARAN Auroville

Needs a Lady's Cycle

Looking for a second hand lady bicycle for a student that now walks 2km daily to catch the school bus.



Thank you! Contact: Shivaya, 94896 01312

Shivaya@auroville.org.in

THIEFS

Giuseppe Missing Furniture

In the last 2 months quite some things including furniture and stove disappeared from Giuseppe's house in Certitude. On Sunday the big bench was taken. He kept his food on it and used it in multiple ways. This happened during the morning.

Has anyone seen people carrying a piece of furniture either through Certitude or through the back, through fields ?

Please let us, the Support team for Giuseppe know. The bench has Giuseppe's name on the backside.

We are now looking for a table, a bench, and a chair for Giuseppe.

We are grateful for any of these items for him.

*Thank you, Anand 86820 43919,
Enrica 98400 31935,
Shivaya 94896 01312*



HONORARY VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Where does honorarium come from? The first records of honorarium come from the 1600s. The word comes from the Latin *honōrārium*, meaning "fee paid on taking office." In Latin, *honōrārium* is the noun form of the adjective *honōrārius*, meaning "honorary. Editors

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:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

*Looking forward to welcoming you!
The Sadhana Forest team,
warmly, Shek*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Faculties with a Master's Degree

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology with its campuses in Irumbai and Palmyra has applied for an affiliation of the B.Voc. courses at Pondicherry University.



- We are now looking for faculties with a Master's degree in
 - Physics(part-time)
 - Computer Science for Software Development and machine learning
- Workshop in charge with a bachelor's degree (ECE)
- Librarian (Part-time)
- Volunteers in Marketing and fundraising in the field of higher education (Concept, Newsletter, design of brochures, Video, Social Media)!

Interested Aurovilians or passionate newcomers who want to make a difference in educating please contact Lavka-mad@auroville.org.in or call 9443238303

Needs a Gardener



We are looking for a full time gardener. Person should have a vehicle, driving license and understand basic English. Experience in gardening and reference from earlier place of work will be a plus. Contact 9443413471

Shama

HR Hub Initiative:



HR Hub 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.

• DTP/Graphic designer

A Studio is looking for a Graphic designer. You will need to be able to prepare reports and presentations related to the work including creating cover pages, formatting, etc. Good computer skills are a requirement, with experience in working with Word and other tools used for formatting. You will need to be able to work in a cross-functional, team environment. Written and spoken English is required; Tamil is always a plus. The position is open for a full time or a part time.

• Customer Support Assistant for software and hardware products

The person should be interested in learning new things, but have a good proficiency with computers and Internet: hardware and/or software knowledge (programming) would be helpful. The person should be proficient in written/spoken English and able to use computers. He/she should be organized, pro-active and independent, and should be able to adapt to changing scenarios and take initiative. A positive, can-do attitude is required. The candidate will be trained during a one month trial period. This is a full time position with full maintenance available.

• Co-manager

The person needs to be able to handle the Admin, Accounts & management at the restaurant and a team of 5 people. Need to be sincere, meticulous, and prefer to have administrative experience. The work is mainly about handling the guest communication and the cashier position.

Any experience with billing will be a plus and any experience of marketing will be a plus. There is a 1 week trial plus training and then a 1 month of probation. 1 Full Maintenance is available.

• Receptionist

Welcoming, punctual, sincere and precise. English spoken and written. Previous experience as receptionist would be a plus but not required. Training will be given. The position is open for a part time and full time.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr_hub@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARING



To Chennai Airport, Friday, April 15

Sharing taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport, Friday, April 15, leaving at 10 am, with one person, no baggage. 8447181515. **Kumar**

From Chennai Airport to AV, Friday, April 15

Sharing taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville, Friday, April 15, leaving at about 1 pm, with two, one suitcase. 8447181515. **Kumar**

From Chennai Airport to AV, Saturday, April 24

Sharing taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville, Saturday, April 24, at about 6:30 to 7 am, with one person, no baggage. 8447181515 **Kumar**

HELP NEEDED

Jindal Anyone...? If anyone goes this summer to JNI, the Jindal Naturecure Institute in Bangalore, could you kindly get in touch with me. I need to get some information from there which, try as I might, I can't get from them via phone, email or whatever. You would just make a photo of some equipment there, that would be all. THX.



Contact Details: Mauna mauna@ WA 9443168323

"Sudha's Kitchen" Funding Aid Request

Sudha, who was the kitchen manager at Well Cafe for 14 years, is planning to open a catering kitchen next to her home.



She has received approval from the Forest Group, where she lives (in Baraka), The Green Group and FAMC.

It will offer multi-ethnic cuisine and provide home delivery service throughout Auroville. It will focus a good part of its service for the elderly who cannot readily go to restaurants. Sudha needs to raise 7 lakh. She is asking for help in her fundraising. Might you have a monetary gift to offer her to help make this dream come true?

All gifts are received with great love and enthusiasm. Her contacts: velusudha@auroville.org.in, 9655836010.

Thank you, Monique

Growing food for Auroville, Your help is needed



Siddhartha Farms mission to grow organic food for the community depends on functioning infrastructure and machinery. At present our old tractor is in very poor condition and will need costly repairs, therefore we have decided to move forward to get a new one with equipment. The old one will bring

1.25laks, the needed balance is 8.75laks. If you would like to make a donation towards it, it will be highly appreciated, our FS account is #0486.



Many thanks for your support,
Siddhartha Farm Team

Voices and Notes

POETEA

You looked into my eyes
I into yours
Not a word was spoken
Not a word was needed



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A look
A smile
An invitation
Into each other's world
With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang

VOICES OF AUROVILLE

SELECTION PROCESS FOR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS - A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

Auroville wants to be a spiritual community. Its diaspora consists of peoples from around the world, from all walks of life with varied background, ambitions, aspirations, goals and their innate need to be a member of the society. Auroville also wants to invite the youth of the world to come and learn to be the willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness, to build a society that is self-governed, that is built with engagement in Karma Yoga in myriad areas of the community. Auroville community has been experimenting with various methods, modalities, processes and is yet to find satisfactory or effective means to bring about selection of the members to constitute its working groups.

Our continual seeking to bring about the members who are representative from a variety of criteria and such other means and processes to choose or to eliminate as the case may be makes us little different than any other society outside. The recent past has witnessed an increasing method of voting as the means to bring about the voice and choice of the peoples. If this "democratic" process was the best possible way for a human diaspora for selection, then America represents the widest and largest gathering of the humans in today's time and in the history of humanity is better suited to work out these modalities. India, Auroville's mother land, has an equally large and impressive gathering of varied spiritual diaspora to work out the evolutionary movement. Is Auroville only this?

Our call is to be willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness. We are invited to become a spiritual society. We are invited to explore new ways, spiritual means to seek our hierarchy for work and organization. The Matrimandir is now built and it represents our collective aspiration to the Divine. It is now open for each of us to go there, spend time and learn to concentrate and be united with our psychic. Each represents the unique aspect of what he/she is brought here to be in order to provide and take a role to partake in the building and organization of Auroville. The aspiration for whatever one wants to offer, to be, is, or needs to be will be molded into its true form when this regular engagement to seek and unite with the Divine Consciousness becomes a movement within the community. It may even open up new ways for our understanding of each other when we regularly open to the collective aspiration for the manifestation of Human Unity. Spiritual methods and means to self-organize may also emerge.

Without a collective movement for a spiritual change that is to manifest, Auroville will progress at the pace of Nature as has been witnessed over the last many decades.

Chandresh

COMMUNITY EVALUATION

OF DREAMWEAVING THE AUROVILLE CROWN 2022

Following the final presentation of the Dreamweaving process and outputs, we circulated an online feedback form to assess how the community resonated with the outcomes of the Dreamweaving process and if they saw value in this process for other topics requiring collaborative planning.



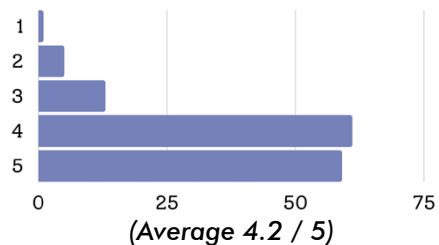
We invited you to rate the following questions on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest):

- How much do these designs represent your aspirations for the Auroville Crown?
- How much do you resonate with the participants' evaluation of the Dreamweaving designs?
- How much value do you see in this process for collaborative planning / other community topics in Auroville?

Feedback was collected over a period of one week and a total of 141 responses were received. The responses are shown below:

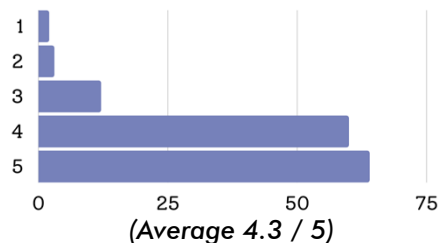
- Number of people rating 1 to 5 for the question:

How much do these designs represent your aspirations for the Auroville Crown?



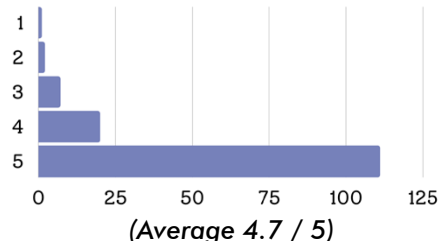
- Number of people rating 1 to 5 for the question:

How much do you resonate with the participants' evaluation of the Dreamweaving designs?



- Number of people rating 1 to 5 for the question:

How much value do you see in this process for collaborative planning / other community topics in Auroville?



These responses indicate a strong level of endorsement for the process and its outcomes. We hope this is representative of the wider community's views.

Our full report of Dreamweaving the Auroville Crown 2022 will be finalised shortly. In the meantime please read the [FAQ put together by the team](#) to answer some of your questions on the dreamweaving process. and all dreamweaving [livestreams, presentations and compilation videos](#) here.

With dedication, The Citizens' Assembly and Dreamweaving Teams: Aditi, Alan, Allan, Anshul, David, Helen, Kathy, Martin, Mona, Nikethana, Omar, Praveen, Sophie, Suryamayi

HAPPY TAMIL NEW YEAR**CONCEPT NOTE:****AURO PĀLAM, BRIDGE TO OPPORTUNITIES**

Our ethos has always placed the utmost importance on the relationships with the villages and villagers which are within and around a critical aspect of the ecosystem. We look to the horizon and introspect the reach of our shared endeavor. As we know in every journey there are always those who need an aid in coming out of their shell of hesitancy. Aura Pālam would be their bridge for their aspirations and link to opportunities for growth and development.



Akin to the town crier of lore and before sharing pertinent and critical information to the people of the communities. Even in today's technological age we still yearn for human interactions. A species of communication and communities we seek to share and receive in the physical sense of oneness. Our knowledge of physics shows us that a signal reduces in its intensity as the distance grows and reach dissipates in strength. A signal booster that Aura Pālam can be for those who live outside the reception circle would be a service in every sense of the word

Providing them with information about the possibilities to grow themselves and their communities. A pavilion, **seated circle** of sharing in the villages adjacent to Auroville, and the villages in the greater bio-regional area. **Auro Pālam**, bridge to opportunities in human unity and equal opportunities.

Aura: the distinctive atmosphere or quality that seems to surround and be generated by a person, thing, or place.

"Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realizations". The Auroville Charter

**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

- [Happiness, Love and Laughter-Ep.136 "Reminiscing the Last 52 years in Auroville ... In conversation with Lisbeth"](#) (Wellness)
- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.77 "No Bitters this week – for a change"](#) (Food Education)
- [Interview with Matthew Andrews](#) (Music)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 392](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – ep.51](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil – Ep.12](#) (Sri Aurobindo) **"ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"**
- [Namah Shri Aravindaya – Live concert](#) (Music)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 6](#) (Tamil Language)

Last Youtube live videos

- [Katharsis \(Theatre Play\)](#)

Please help us to relocate the radio! Donate to F.A. number 251369

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

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

Peace and Love

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS**A FUN GAME FOR KIDS**

Between 9-14 years of age

Unity Pavilion, 16 April, Saturday, 3pm

This game is a brain stimulator that unlocks creative thinking. It is a participatory peer learning experience guided by facilitators that provide kids a safe space to talk, collaborate and foster creativity.

This session is free and limited to 10 kids. If you want your kids to participate in this immersive experiential learning session, please register at finasweerin56@gmail.com. For more information, you can also reach me on 8531011105

After the session, they will also have access to three other upcoming interactive games eventually to continue the learning during their time at home.

Warm regards, Tina Sweerin

TRADITIONAL MANTRA & STOTRA CHANTING CLASSES

Weekly classes, starting 22nd April. All are welcome!
Thank you very much! With love, Sonia

9/18 - 16 April 2022

OFFERING SERVICES AND CLASSES

Dear Friends, my name is Valli Arunkumar. We are offering the following services for Aurovilians & Newcomers with a small contribution.



- Facial, Pedicure and manicure, Waxing, Hair Cut, Bridal Makeup, Hair coloring, and full hand mehndi design. I can do it even if it's what you prefer at your home.
- **And also offers classes:** Embroidery, Kolam, Wooden earring painting, and Glass Painting.

Please support us and don't hesitate to contact us at WA: 9159837630/9514062291 or 8098782233.

Thanking you, regards, Valli

SVARAM SOUNDS JOURNEYS PAUSED



Svaram Sound Journeys, every Wednesday at Unity Pavilion at 5:30pm will be discontinued from this month (April) until August 2022.

Thank you for understanding.

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

22, 23 and 29, 30 April, Centre d'Art, Citadines
by Sasikanth Somu

Program & Timings:

- Friday 22nd, 2 – 5pm: Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- Saturday 23rd, 9am – 12.30pm: Film photo shoot, 2pm – 5pm: Develop your roll of film.
- Friday 29th, 2 – 5pm: Contact Sheet Printing.
- Saturday 30th, 9am – 12:30pm and 2pm – 5pm: Printing photos in the darkroom.

Registration Contact: centredart@auroville.org.in



The workshop is free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers. All the material for the workshop is provided except the analogue camera. Analogue/Film cameras are available to the participants against a contribution.

Warm Regard, Centre d'Art
Citadines, +91 413 2622699,
www.centredart.in

SPECIAL WEEKLY WEED WALK

Special Weekly Weed Walk
on Saturday, 16 April 2022 (beginning of Earth Week)
Time: 7:30am to 8:30am (or 8:45am max)
Location : In Auroville

Pre-registration required
RSVP: backtoroots@auroville.org.in or
WhatsApp/SMS : +91 9840936907
Location and contribution details @ registration
Registraton (max 10 people) open until Fridays at 9pm

Edible Weed Walk @ Ninas
edibleweedwalk@gmail.com

QUIET HEALING CENTER



www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in

+91 9488084966, 9488079871

Birenda Massage Course with Jean-Louis & Sivacoumar

- Thursday 21 – Sunday 24 April &
- Saturday 30 April – Sunday 1 May (36 hours)
- Timings: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (lunch included)

Birenda massage is a soft and profound wellness therapy, which leads the client into a state of deep relaxation in which the body is fully felt and experienced. At the same time, it provides an inner journey within oneself during which energy blockages and tensions are revealed, so that they can be recognized, released and transformed.

Birenda, a Bengali with 50 years of experience, developed this massage therapy and transmitted his unique approach to Jean-Louis in person. Jean-Louis, who has been offering Birenda Massage over the past 25 years, has committed himself since several years to teaching this innovative body treatment to both beginners and experienced therapists in India and abroad. Sivacoumar has been working as a Birenda massage therapist for the past three years. During this period, he was personally trained by Jean-Louis to become a Birenda massage instructor and co-teaches this course together with him.

The course consists of 3 sections of 2 days each: the first part is dedicated to back massage; during the two other sections, you'll learn how to massage the legs, arms, abdomen and front of the body. You'll also learn how to prepare yourself before massaging a person, create a trusting relationship with your client, and offer relevant information afterwards.

You'll receive a manual with detailed instructions — both in text and colour pictures — for practice on family members and friends. A certificate is provided upon completion of the full course.



VÉRITÉ CLASSES & INTENSIVES

Phone: +91413 2622045, 2622606,
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treatments@verite.in

Intensives:

Conscious Relating with Ananda

- Friday, 15 April, from 1:30 to 4:30pm
- Saturday and Sunday, 16 & 17 April, from 9:30am to 5:30pm

Welcome to learn, practice, experience, heal and deepen:

- Experiential process with self-awareness, love, conscious communication & growth
- Effective Exercises, Meditations & Healing processes to integrate in daily life involving body-mind-emotions-energy-spirit
- See patterns, beliefs, projections & behaviors in relating with self and others
- Understand attachment styles, relationship stages, childhood influences
- Explore Inner Child, Inner Parent, Inner Adult and games we play
- Accept, let go & heal from unconscious unloving unhealthy entanglement
- Explore needs and essence of relating with: Survival & Safety, Flow & Enjoyment, Boundaries & Power, Trust & Love, Truth & Expression, Insight & Clarity, Oneness & Freedom

Yoga Therapy For Back Pain with Bijou

- Friday, 22 April, from 9:30am to 12noon

A complete physio session through yogic movements and holds, aimed at helping to correct spine and core imbalances, and to ease upper-mid-lower back pain and shoulder & neck stiffness.



Please note the following Cancellation

- Vinyasa "Flow" Yoga with Deepta, Fridays: canceled

JIVA: YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



www.auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961
contact@auroville-jiva.com, [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#)

Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

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!

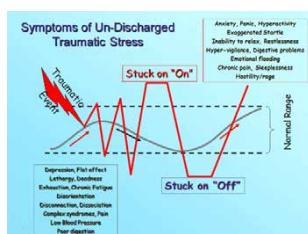


Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication – and it's just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse! Mirrabelle lives with horses since she is 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfils her life's dream to bring children, adults 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

Transforming trauma, 16 & 17 April

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:** 16 & 17 April, 9 – 5pm.
- **Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in
- **Jiva Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Journey of the Soul, 24 April, 10am – 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 Aurovillian researcher for over 20 years, international faculty in integral regression therapy.

contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 09626006961

Exploring Past Lives Webinar

- 5, 6, 7 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.

Webinar contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 09626006961

YEP We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAY> 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

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

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

Find us on @aurovillelanguagelab
 Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

Please remember to put your mobile phones on flight mode and switch off all wireless and bluetooth devices before you enter the lab, since it is a wireless-free space

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=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyy-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

New Language Courses In April!

• Spanish Conversation With Mila:

Our teacher, Mila is ready to start Spanish Conversation Classes (Intermediate) on 19 April 2022! This course is for students who already know a bit of Spanish and would like to hone their conversational skills.

Classes will take place Tuesday & Friday from 3:45pm to 5pm, for 2 months.

• Beginner Hindi With Vatsla

There is still space for more students in Vatsla's new Beginner Hindi Course, which starts on 23 April 2022. Join now!

Classes will take place every Saturday, 10am to 12pm for 3 months.

• Italian Elementary Level With Davide From April

Our teacher, Davide is happy to continue his successful Italian Course, from 1 April 2022! This course is in continuation of the recently concluded Beginner Course, and is therefore meant for students who already know a bit of Italian. You will be provided with all the support and material from Davide to hone your Italian language skills!

Classes will take place Wednesdays & Fridays, 4 pm to 5 pm, for 3 months.

• French With Julien

Our teacher, Julien is happy to start two new courses:

- **Beginner French: Mondays & Thursdays, 3:15pm to 4:15pm**, from 18-April, for 3 months
- **Elementary French: Mondays & Thursdays, 2pm to 3pm** (For students with basic knowledge of the language), from 11 April 2022, for 3 months

The timings of the course are amenable to change as per the convenience of the group!

We request you to be committed through the entire duration of the course.

• Tamil Written & Spoken With Murugesan

Our teacher, Murugesan is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course, as soon as we have a minimum of 4-5 students

Classes will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 pm to 5 pm, for 3 months.

If you are interested:

Please [fill out our form](#) to join or inquire about any language classes at the Lab! You can drop us an email to info@aurovillelanguagelab.org, or call us at 2623661

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!

ALL: Schedule of Classes as of 12.04.2022

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English, Always Ongoing,	NEW to Start, Total Beginners!	3pm – 4pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am – 11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate Group 2	10:15am – 11:15am	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate ON HOLD	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Wednesday & Friday
French	Beginner, To start on 18 April 2022	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Monday & Thursday
	Elementary, Started on 11 April 2022	2pm – 3pm	
German	A1.1 Beginner Online, Started on 11 January 2022	7:30am – 08:30am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, to start on 23 April 2022	10am – 12pm	Saturday
Tamil	NEW – Spoken Beginner, Started on 4 March 2022	9:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, Started on 1 February 2022	3pm – 4pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, Started on 3 March	2:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday
Spanish	Beginner Advanced, Started on 22 March	2:30pm – 3:30pm,	Tuesday & Friday
	Spanish Conversation, to start on 19 April	3:45pm – 5pm	
Japanese	Beginner Advanced, Started on 11 March	2pm – 4pm	Friday
Italian	Elementary, Started on 1 April 2022	4pm – 05pm	Wednesday & Friday



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 18 April 2022 to 24 April 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. It is open to all. However, temperature check, registration and Mask (and not scarves etc.) is a must even now. Please come prepared and enjoy the films. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.

International- Saturday 23 April, 8:00pm:
QUO VADIS, AIDA?

Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2021, Dir. Jasmila Zbanic w/ Jasna Djuricic, Izudin Bajrovic, and others, Drama-War, 101 mins, Bosnian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Bosnia, July 1995. Aida is a translator for the UN in the small town of Srebrenica. When the Serbian army takes over the town, her family is among the thousands of citizens looking for shelter in the UN camp. As an insider to the negotiations Aida has access to crucial information that she needs to interpret.

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 24 April, 4:30 pm:
THE CROODS: A NEW AGE

USA, 2020, Dir. Joel Crawford w/ Nicolas Cage, Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds, and others, Animation-Adventure, 95mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Still searching for a place to settle down after a cataclysmic event, the overprotective prehistoric patriarch, Grug, leads his family to the great unknown. Hoping for the best in an increasingly dangerous world. While trying to come to terms with Eep and Guy's budding romance, Grug stumbles upon a secluded Eden of plenty, containing everything that they have been seeking. However, there is a catch; it is already occupied by the significantly more evolved Bettermans: Phil, Hope, and their daughter, Dawn. Now, as tensions boil over between the antagonistic clans, a new menace threatens the future of both families. Can the Croods and the Bettermans put aside their differences to fight the common enemy, and live to tell the tale?

Michelangelo Antonioni Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 24 April, 8:00 pm:
ZABRISKIE POINT

USA, 1970, Dir. Michelangelo Antonioni w/ Mark Frechette, Daria Halprin, Paul Fix, and others, Drama, 113 mins, English w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR.

In late 1960s America, at the eroded landscape of Zabriskie Point, which overlooks the Grand Canyon's lowest point, two perfect strangers meet. During a violent students' revolt, Mark, a young undergraduate dreamer armed with a gun, finds himself on the run from the police. Then, as one thing leads to another, Mark steals a small airplane and flies across the vast Californian desert to scorching Death Valley.

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,
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Eco-Film Fest 2021 - Vol 17



As in the previous years, this year too from 16 to 22 April, coinciding with the Earth-Day on the 22nd, we bring you a week full of Eco Films. Please see separate announcements for the full schedule published last week.

- **Eco-Film - Monday, 18 April, 8:00pm:**
GAAR (HAILSTORM)
- **Eco-Film - Tuesday, 19 April, 8:00pm**
MITTI: BACK TO ROOTS
with a brief Q&A with the director at the end of the film
- **Eco-Film - Wednesday 20 April, 8:00pm:**
SEASPIRACY
- **Eco-Film - Thursday, 21 April, 8:00pm:**
FAT FICTION
- **Eco-Film - Friday, 22 April, 8:00pm:**
THE ANT & THE GRASSHOPPER
with introduction from the filmmaker.

CINEMA

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 22 April

Our Planet | One Planet

2019 / 48 minutes / Adam Chapman

Witness the planet's breathtaking diversity -- from seabirds carpet-bombing the ocean to wildebeests eluding the wild dogs of the Serengeti. This film provides us with spectacular footage that shows us just how magnificent life on this planet is. It demonstrates where the planet is in need of our help and how we can help take care of our inimitable home planet.

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 1

Monday, 18 April 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan
The Book 1, Canto 3



The Yoga Of The King: The Yoga Of The Soul's Release
Duration: 29min.

Savitri, an incarnation of the Divine, took birth as a human being in response to the deep need and urge of the Earth and the yoga of her human father king Aswapati. Savitri's father was a royal rishi who had mastered all his life-energies and offered them to the Supreme Divine Mother, the Shakti of Lord Brahma the Creator, the Goddess of Truth. This highly evolved spiritual being descended from the higher realms to bring a greater light of knowledge and power to the earth.

Off inspiration with her lightning feet, / A sudden messenger from the all-seeing tops, / Traversed the soundless corridors of his mind / Bringing her rhythmic sense of hidden things. (p.38)

In the first stage of King Aswapati's Yoga, with the blessings of the Divine Mother in her aspects of Wisdom, Discernment, Intuition and Revelation his soul was liberated from ignorance, bringing about the first transformation of his mind and body which enabled him to draw the energies that can transmute an entire age of humanity:

A genius heightened in his body's cells / That knew the meaning of his fate-hedged works / Akin to the march of unaccomplished Powers / Beyond life's arc in spirit's immensities. / Apart he lived in his mind's solitude, / A demigod shaping the lives of men: / One soul's ambition lifted up the race... / He drew the energies that transmute an age... / Lonely his days and splendid like the sun's. (pp.44-45)

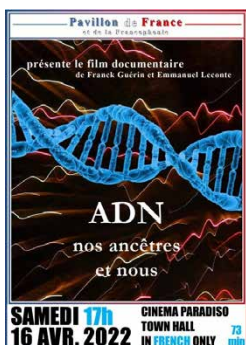
A meditative film of passages from Sri Aurobindo's epic poem SAVITRI – A Legend and a Symbol, read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and illustrated with paintings by Huta created under the guidance and with the inspiration of the Mother.

In the beginning there is also a short video of Huta speaking about her work with the Mother. Duration: 5min.

Meditations on Savitri films are subtitled and can be found at the Savitri Bhavan website. The printed edition of **Meditations on Savitri** is available in Savitri Bhavan.

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS:

Saturday, 16 April, 5pm,
Town Hall – Cinema Paradiso
DNA, our ancestors and us



Documentary directed by Franck Guerin and Emmanuel Leconte, in French only, duration: 73 min

How, thanks to genetics, researchers were able to trace the thread of the history of humanity to its origin. A fabulous scientific epic coupled with a stimulating reflection on the human race.

Appendix

THE LONG READ

THE QUEST OF ALL QUESTS: DISCOVERING WHO WE ARE

The Complexity of a Human Being and Its Potential

As mentioned earlier, my burning quest to understand the mechanics of life, of dis-ease, of suffering, of death and of existence itself has brought me to all sorts of experiential circumstances, major life event shifts leading to another, in all sorts of settings or places and conditions, with pleasing and unpleasant sensations and all the other contrary feelings of experience...

Eventually leading me to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and their Auroville.

The Quest has become more interesting, to say the least.

Here the Mother reveals the complex structure and the mechanics of a human being. It is cutting edge information and way ahead of its time in terms of understanding who this bundle of We really are, and how to move on forward with our Spiritual Evolution at this critical juncture of our shared progress not only here in the City of Dawn, the cradle of the transitional beings, but all over Earth with all receptive evolutionaries:

"The Steps Of The Soul

The human individual is a very complex being: he is composed of innumerable elements, each one of which is an independent entity and has almost a personality. Not only so, the most contradictory elements are housed together. If there is a particular quality or capacity present, the very opposite of it, annulling it, as it were, will also be found along with it and embracing it. I have seen a man brave, courageous, heroic to the extreme, flinching from no danger, facing unperturbed the utmost peril, truly the bravest of the brave; and yet I have seen the same man cowering in abject terror, like the last of poltroons, in the presence of certain circumstances. I have seen a most generous man giving things away largely, freely, not counting any expenditure or sacrifice, without the least care or reservation; the same person I have also found to be the vilest of misers with respect to certain other considerations. Again, I have seen the most intelligent person, with a clear mind, full of light and understanding, easily comprehending the logic and implication of a topic; and yet I have seen him betraying the utmost stupidity of which even an ordinary man without education or intelligence would be incapable. These are not theoretical examples: I have come across such persons actually in life.

The complexity arises not only in extension but also in depth. Man does not live on a single plane but on many planes at the same time. There is a scale of gradation in human consciousness: the higher one rises in the scale the greater the number of elements or personalities that one possesses. Whether one lives mostly or mainly on the physical or vital or mental plane or on any particular section of these planes or on the planes above and beyond them, there will be, accordingly, differences in the constitution or psycho-physical make-up of the individual personality. The higher one stands, the richer the personality,

because it lives not only on its own normal level but also on all the levels that are below it and which it has transcended.

The complete or integral man, some occultists say, possesses three hundred and sixty-five personalities; indeed it may be much more. The Vedas speak of the three and thirty-three and thirty-three hundred and thirty-three thousand gods that may be housed in the human vehicle – the basic three being evidently the triple status or world of Body, Life and Mind.

What is the meaning of this self-contradiction, this division in man? To understand that, we must know and remember that each person represents a certain quality or capacity, a particular achievement to be embodied. How best can it be done? What is the way by which one can acquire a quality at its purest, highest and most perfect? It is by setting an opposition to it. That is how a power is increased and strengthened – by fighting against and overcoming all that weakens and contradicts it. The deficiencies with respect to a particular quality show you where you have to mend and reinforce it and in what way to improve it in order to make it perfectly perfect. It is the hammer that beats the weak and soft iron to transform it into hard steel. The preliminary discord is useful and needs to be utilised for a higher harmony. This is the secret of self-conflict in man. You are weakest precisely in that element which is destined to be your greatest asset.

Each man has then a mission to fulfil, a role to play in the universe, a part he has been given to learn and take up in the cosmic Purpose, a part which he alone is capable of executing and none other. This he has to learn and acquire through life-experiences, that is to say, not in one life but in life after life. In fact, that is the meaning of the chain of lives that the individual has to pass through, namely, to acquire experiences and to gather from them the thread – the skein of qualities and attributes, powers and capacities – for the pattern of life he has to weave. Now, the inmost being, the true personality, the central consciousness of the evolving individual is his psychic being. It is, as it were, a very tiny spark of light lying in normal people far behind the life-experiences. In grown-up souls this psychic consciousness has an increased light – increased in intensity, volume and richness. Thus there are old souls and new souls. Old and ancient are those that have reached or are about to reach the fullness of perfection; they have passed through a long history of innumerable lives and developed the most complex and yet the most integrated personality. New souls are those that have just emerged or are now emerging out of the mere physico-vital existence; they are like simple organisms, made of fewer constituents related mostly to the bodily life, with just a modicum of the mental. It is the soul, however, that grows with experiences and it is the soul that builds and enriches the personality. Whatever portion of the outer life, whatever element in the mind or vital or body succeeds in coming into contact with the psychic consciousness – that is to say, is able to come under its influence – is taken up and lodged there: it remains in the psychic being as its living memory and permanent possession. It is such elements that form the basis, the groundwork upon which the structure of the integral and true personality is raised.

The first thing to do then is to find out what it is that you are meant to realise, what is the role you have to play, your particular mission, and the capacity or quality you have to express. You have to discover that and also the thing or

things that oppose and do not allow it to flower or come to full manifestation. In other words, you have to know yourself, recognise your soul or psychic being.

For that you must be absolutely sincere and impartial. You must observe yourself as if you were observing and criticising a third person. You must not start with an idea that this is your life's mission, this is your particular capacity, this you are to do or that you are to do, in this lies your talent or genius, etc. That will carry you away from the right track. It is not the liking or disliking of your external being, your mental or vital or physical choice that determines the true line of your growth. Nor should you take up the opposite attitude and say, "I am good for nothing in this matter, I am useless in that one; it is not for me." Neither vanity and arrogance nor self-depreciation and false modesty should move you. As I said, you must be absolutely impartial and unconcerned. You should be like a mirror that reflects the truth and does not judge.

If you are able to keep such an attitude, if you have this repose and quiet trust in your being and wait for what may be revealed to you, then something like this happens: you are, as it were, in a wood, dark and noiseless; you see in front of you merely a sheet of water, dark and still, hardly visible – a bit of a pond imbedded in the obscurity; and slowly upon it a moonbeam is cast and in the cool dim light emerges the calm liquid surface. That is how your secret truth of being will appear and present itself to you at your first contact with it: there you will see gradually reflected the true qualities of your being, the traits of your divine personality, what you really are and what you are meant to be.

One who has thus known himself and possessed himself, conquering all opposition within himself, has by that very fact extended himself and his conquest, making it easier for others to make the same or a similar conquest. These are the pioneers or the elite who by a victorious campaign within themselves help others towards their victory."

- http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/15/vol_15_e.pdf, begins from page 333

By the way, a while back I started a page called 'The Physics of Being', amongst other journals, writings and a book, simply to document and share my experiences and discoveries. Here are some links for reference:

- <https://m.facebook.com/157934827559709/>
- <https://www.amazon.com/author/zech.joya.panganiban>
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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
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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



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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

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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
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- 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.

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