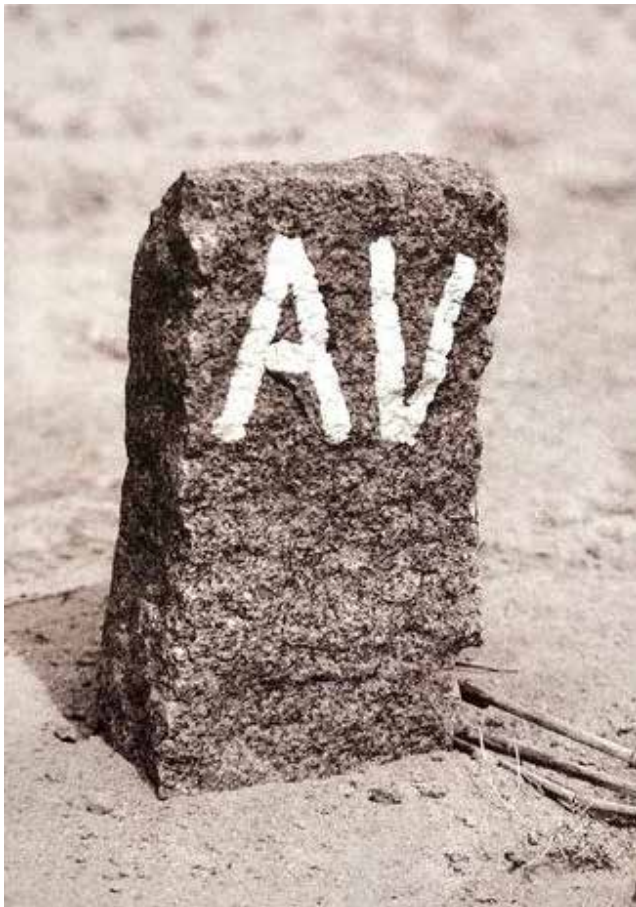


# News & Notes

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I am a son of Earth, the soil is my mother... May she lavish on me her manifold treasure, her secret riches... May we speak the beauty of thee, O Earth, that is in thy villages and forests and assemblies and war and battles. May Earth, sovereign over the past and the future, make for us a wide world... Earth that was the water on the Ocean and whose course the thinkers follow by the magic of their knowledge, she who has her heart of immortality covered up by the Truth in the supreme ether, may she establish for us light and power in that most high kingdom.

*Atharva Veda.*

## *The Ponder Corner*

There is a circle of becoming starting from eternal Being and ending in it; or, from the point of view of the Supreme as a personal or superpersonal Reality, there is a temporary play, a game of becoming and living in the universe. Here, evidently, there is no other significance of life than the will of the Being to become, the will of consciousness and the urge of its force towards becoming, its delight of becoming;

*Life Divine The Aim of Life, Four Theories of Existence*

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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
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in).
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

#### **Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.**

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# 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 )*

## "Is India Civilized?" – 1

(continued from last week)

"The warning cannot be neglected; recent utterances of European publicists and statesmen, recent books and writings against India and the joyful and enthusiastic welcome they have received from the public of occidental countries, point to the reality of the danger. It arises indeed as a necessity from the present political situation and cultural trend of humanity at this moment of enormous decisive change. It is not necessary to follow the writer in all the viewpoints expressed in his book. I cannot myself accept in full his eulogy of the mediaeval civilisation of Europe. Its interest, the beauty of its artistic motives, its deep and sincere spiritual urgings are marred for me by its large strain of ignorance and obscurantism, its cruel intolerance, its revolting early-Teutonic hardness, brutality, ferocity and coarseness. He seems to me to hit a little too hard at the later European culture. This predominantly economic type of civilisation has been ugly enough in its strain of utilitarian materialism, which we shall err grossly if we imitate; still it has been uplifted by some nobler ideals that have done much for the race. But even these are crude and imperfect in their form and need to be spiritualised in their meaning before they can be wholly admitted by the mind of India. I think too that the author has a little underrated the force of the Indian revival. I do not mean its outward realised strength, for that is very deficient, but the inevitability of its drive, its spiritual and potential force. And he has made a little too much of the servile type of Indian who is capable of mouthing the portentously obsequious imagination that "European institutions are the standard by which the aspirations of India are set." That, except for the rapidly dwindling class to which this spokesman belongs, has its truth now only in a single field, the political, — a very important exception, I admit, and one which opens the door to a peril of stupendous proportions. But even there a deep change of spirit is foreshadowed although it has not yet taken definite form and has now to meet a fresh invasion of furious Europeanism inspired by the militant crudeness of proletarian Russia. Again he does not attach a sufficient importance to the increasing infiltration of India's spiritual thought into Europe and America, which is her characteristic retort to the European invasion. It is from this point of view that the whole question takes on a different aspect.

Sir John Woodroffe invites us to a vigorous self-defence. But defence by itself in the modern struggle can only end in defeat, and, if battle there must be, the only sound strategy is a vigorous aggression based on a strong, living and mobile defence; for by that aggressive force alone can the defence itself be effective.

Why are a certain class of Indians still hypnotised in all fields by European culture and why are we all still hypnotised by it in the field of politics? Because they constantly saw all the power, creation, activity on the side of Europe, all the immobility or weakness of a static inefficient defence on the side of India. But wherever the Indian spirit has been able to react, to attack with energy and to create with éclat, the European glamour has begun immediately to lose its hypnotic power. No one now feels the weight of the religious assault from Europe which was very powerful at the outset, because the creative activities of the Hindu revival have made Indian religion a living and evolving, a secure, triumphant and self-assertive power. But the seal was put to this work by two events, the Theosophical movement and the appearance of Swami Vivekananda at Chicago. For these two things showed the spiritual ideas for which India stands no longer on their defence but aggressive and invading the materialised mentality of the Occident. All India had been vulgarised and anglicised in its aesthetic notions by English education and influence, until the brilliant and sudden dawn of the Bengal school of art cast its rays so far as to be seen in Tokio, London and Paris. That significant cultural event has already effected an aesthetic revolution in the country, not yet by any means complete, but irresistible and sure of the future. The same phenomenon extends to other fields. Even in the province of politics that was the internal sense of the policy of the so-called extremist party in the Swadeshi movement; for it was a movement which attempted to override the previous apparent impossibility of political creation by the Indian spirit upon other than imitative European lines. If it failed for the time being, not by any falsity in its inspiration, but by the strength of a hostile pressure and the weakness still left by a past decadence, if its incipient creations were broken or left languishing and deprived of their original significance, yet it will remain as a finger-post on the roads. The attempt is bound to be renewed as soon as a wider gate is opened under more favourable conditions. Till that attempt comes and succeeds, a serious danger besets the soul of India; for a political Europeanisation would be followed by a social turn of the same kind and bring a cultural and spiritual death in its train. Aggression must be successful and creative if the defence is to be effective."

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo,  
*The Renaissance in India, pages 61-63*  
[http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37\\_20/the\\_renaissance\\_in\\_india\\_20.pdf](http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37_20/the_renaissance_in_india_20.pdf)



# Townhall Speaks

## Savitri Bhavan

“So long as war does not become psychologically impossible, it will remain or, if banished for a while, return. War itself, it is hoped, will end war; the expense, the horror, the butchery, the disturbance of tranquil life, the whole confused sanguinary madness of the thing has reached or will reach such colossal proportions that the human race will fling the monstrosity behind it in weariness and disgust. But weariness and disgust, horror and pity, even the opening of the eyes to reason by the practical fact of the waste of human life and energy and the harm and extravagance are not permanent factors; they last only while the lesson is fresh. Afterwards, there is forgetfulness; human nature recuperates itself and recovers the instincts that were temporarily dominated. A long peace, even a certain organisation of peace may conceivably result, but so long as the heart of man remains what it is, the peace will come to an end, the organisation will break down under the stress of human passions. War is no longer, perhaps, a biological necessity, but it is still a psychological necessity; what is within us, must manifest itself outside.

Meanwhile it is well that every false hope and confident prediction should be answered as soon as may well be by the irony of the gods; for only so can we be driven to the perception of the real remedy. Only when man has developed not merely a fellow-feeling with all men, but a dominant sense of unity and commonalty, only when he is aware of them not merely as brothers, — that is a fragile bond, — but as parts of himself, only when he has learned to live not in his separate personal and communal ego-sense, but in a larger universal consciousness can the phenomenon of war, with whatever weapons, pass out of his life without the possibility of return. Meanwhile that he should struggle even by illusions towards that end, is an excellent sign; for it shows that the truth behind the illusion is pressing towards the hour when it may become manifest as reality.”

*Sri Aurobindo, War and Self-Determination, Volume 25, CWSA, pages 610-611*  
[http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37\\_25/the\\_human\\_cycle\\_25.pdf](http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37_25/the_human_cycle_25.pdf)

Submitted by Ganga Lakshmi

## PASSING ON

### LUIGI

This is to inform the community that in the morning of Wednesday 4 May, Luigi Zanzi's body was found by a friend in his Citadines apartment. He had been struggling with his health for quite some time, and would have been 70 this year.

Luigi was one of Auroville's more striking figures who played many a role in Auroville's development. Hailing from Ravenna, Italy, where he undertook humanistic studies at the Bologna University, he came to Auroville when he was 22 and joined a few years later, becoming an ardent developer, fundraiser and networker. In 1980 he started the development of Transformation in the Cultural Zone, from 1987 till 89 he took care of the Matrimandir Nursery. From 1990 onwards he coordinated Auroville's Future, and was project manager of two Asia Urbs projects while participating as a speaker for Auroville at numerous national and international conferences and exhibitions both in and outside Auroville. In liaison with UNESCO and the Government of India, he has been instrumental in raising funds for several projects and events in Auroville. After serving in the Auroville Planning and Development group, he functioned in his later years as executive of Auroservice, continuing his network from there. We salute yet another member of the Old Guard. Our warmest condolences go out to his sister Diana, daughter Auroyami and her mom Aryamani, and his niece Divya.



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## WORKING COMMITTEE TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE RAD

Dear Community, in light of an announcement by 4 Working Committee members asking 3 Working Committee members to step down, referencing the Participatory Working Group (April 2022) document, while the Residents Assembly is deciding on the very same topic through a "vote of no confidence in the Working Committee", the Auroville Council on behalf of the Residents Assembly requests all Working Committee members to remain in their position and await the result of the Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD) on the 8 May 2022.

The constellation of the Working Committee will be determined by the Residents Assembly through the provisions of the current RAD.

*At Her service,  
Auroville Council*

## UPDATE FROM MANDATE AND POLICY REVIEW SUBGROUP

Dear Community, as part of the work of the Mandate and Policy Review subgroup which has worked in consultation with the relevant groups, we are publishing the updated mandates of:

1. [AV School Board](#)
2. [Project Coordination Group](#)

They have also been updated on the 'References' section of Auronet for your reference.

*Kind regards, Mandate and Policy review subgroup  
Balaji, Claudine, Suryan (AV Council),  
Anne, Elizabeth, Induja, Laszlo, Riju  
For Auroville Council*

## UPDATED LAND BOARD SELECTION PROCESS

Dear Community, with the help of resource people and the facilitators for the last Land Board Selection Committee, the Council has merged the 2 previous documents that outlined the Land Board selection process:

- The Land Board Selection Committee, its scope of work and the selection process to be followed' (29 May 2021), and
- Selection of new members of the Land Board, 2021' (12 May 2021), while also considering some of the difficulties and experiences from the last 2 selection processes to improve the document.

We welcome your feedback on the document (Land Board Selection Process – April 2022) and the timeline (Land Board Selection Process Timeline – April 2022) until May 16, 2022.

The next Land Board selection process is tentatively scheduled for August 2022.

To view the feedback form and all other relevant files links on Auronet: <https://auroville.org.in/article/90879>

*Warm regards, Auroville Council*

## LONG READ

In Appendix

- **Notes of exchange with the community during GM hosted by Auroville Council (AVC)** on Monday, 18 April, 2022, [Appendix, Page 21](#)
- **BCC Narrative Report: January '22 – March '22** [Appendix, Page 23](#)
- **City Services Contributions and Payments**, Financial Year 2021-22, [Appendix, Page 26](#)

## WHY IT IS IMPORTANT: RAD ON THE CURRENT WCOM

*"Auroville is the attempt towards collective realisation."*

*The Mother, June 1968*

*"Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual research for a living embodiment of an actual human unity."*

*The Mother, 28th February 1968*

### • **Why is the Working Committee an important group of Auroville?**

The Working Committee is the interface between the Auroville community and the rest of the world. Its mandate is to represent the Residents' Assembly in interactions with the Governing Board, International Advisory Council and the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. It is meant to represent Residents' Assembly, by being at the service of its collective voices. For, as the Mother said "Auroville is the attempt towards collective realization." (June 1968).

### • **Why is it important, now more than ever, to have a healthy, functioning and capable Working Committee?**

At this time of crisis, we need to find a way forward together. We need a Working Committee that is committed to nurturing the growth of our collective body, and works for harmonious solutions when differences arise. One that upholds our community's best interests before the interests of others.

In the events leading up to and in Dec 2021, many of us witnessed that certain members of the Working Committee pushed for "the city at all cost" in a dogmatic way – at the expense of human unity, and of our freedom to decide from within. As a result, a split happened in the Working Committee. Since then, the team has been dysfunctional. Some Working Committee members have explicitly stated that they do not seek to represent the Residents' Assembly, and have tried to expel the other members who continue to try their best to assist the community. Clearly, the current team is not able to represent and assist the Residents' Assembly, which is its task and purpose.

This is frustrating for many Aurovilians, including the members of the Working Committee themselves. Everyone can feel that this split within the Working Committee is harmful for Auroville. It deepens divisions in the community and weakens our interface with outside forces, some of which are threatening.

Some members of the Working Committee have denied and rejected the authority of the Residents' Assembly as a decision-making body before the Governing Board and Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. This is very concerning: Auroville has limited meaning if our collective consciousness is not allowed to develop, grow and be nurtured through co-creating and realising this place together.

### • **Why would we 'de-select' members if we stand for human unity?**

These are intense times. We are all experiencing this in our life and work, we feel it in our heart and soul. With this intensity comes a push to work for our growth, inner and outer. In such times it is important that we work intensely together, to break old patterns and formations, and that we work hard in bridging our gaps. Given this, why would we 'de-select' members of the Working Committee?

There have been calls for the Working Committee to figure out how to work together, in the spirit of human unity in diversity. They have not been able to do so. Now, with four members attempting to expel the other three by a majority vote, it seems clear this is not possible with the current constellation of Working Committee members.

We need to address this dysfunctionality. To also avoid the vacuum that would be created if the whole team were asked to step down, we need to take a call on which members we would like to request to step down, and which we would trust to continue to act as Working Committee members.

For some it feels uncomfortable to ask people to step down. However, we are in an exceptional situation in which some Working Committee members have explicitly rejected their mandate, which is to represent the community. As such they are abusing the power vested in the position they were

voted into. For Auroville's Working Groups to function, individual members need to be able to put their personal preferences and agendas aside in order to represent the diversity of the community.

The current RAD is a call to establish a Working Committee we trust in nurturing our collective and bringing the Residents' Assembly back into the centre of the growth of Auroville – so that we can work towards a living embodiment of an actual human unity!

By asking those who have led the community into a stalemate to step down, an opening will be available to those who are ready to represent the Residents' Assembly and to take up the challenge of fostering unity in moving forward.

### • **Why is it safe to vote in this RAD?**

- Voting is anonymous. The system only checks that all voters are Aurovilians. It is fully confidential whether you vote or not, and what you vote for.
- This RAD is completely legitimate. The Residents' Assembly has the full and exclusive authority to choose its representatives and how long they are to serve, through any method, which includes this RAD.

### • **On the legitimacy of the Residents' Assembly and this RAD**

Some Aurovilians, including some current Working Committee members, have taken the extreme position that the Residents' Assembly is not even required in decision-making. How can that be? The Residents' Assembly is the voice of a collective evolution in process. We all feel that we still have a long way to go. And this journey is what The Mother called us here for.

Legally speaking, even the Auroville Foundation Act (1988), Sec 19 (b) states that the Residents' Assembly is responsible for organising activities relating to Auroville. In regards to the allegations from community members who take the extreme position that some of our decisions are illegitimate, including this RAD on the Working Committee, it should be noted that the Working Committee has been selected by Residents' Assembly decision-making processes for the last 20 years. The current Working Committee was selected by a legitimate and recognised RA decision-making process, and its membership is currently being brought to the community by a valid RA decision-making process.

We all know that our collective decision-making processes are far from ideal, and hope to see these evolve. Some of us don't even want to engage in these processes because we find them unsatisfactory. But these processes are the only way for us Aurovilians to make legitimate decisions together, and as such, they must be respected and upheld. Until better processes are approved by the Residents' Assembly, until we find better ways of organising ourselves, we need to use what we have. And pursue our attempts towards collective progress.

### • **Why is it important to participate in the WCom RAD, even if we find it disagreeable?**

Given the current untenable situation within the Working Committee, and the pressures Auroville is under from without and from within, there is a need to ensure a team that is committed to standing for the community and nurtures our unity. For these reasons, it is especially important that we all participate in this Residents' Assembly decision on the current Working Committee. Even if we wish it hadn't come to this. Even if we wish we had better ways to address this. This is the reality we have to transform, together – and we have a chance to do so, today.

### • **How to participate in the WCom RAD?**

You can vote **online** through the voting link you received via email, or in **person**:

- at the RAS office in Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10am to 12pm
- and at Solar Kitchen on Sunday, 8 May, at 11 am to 2pm.

If you have not received your online voting link, write to [raservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:raservice@auroville.org.in).

**Voting ends on Sunday, May 8.**

*In community, The Petitioners' Coordination Team*

## RAD ON THE PROPOSAL

*"I agree to remove individual members of the Working Committee from office through this current RA decision-making process..."*

Dear Residents, this is a gentle reminder about the Residents' Assembly Decision-making process (RAD) to approve or disapprove the following proposal:

*"I agree to remove individual members of the Working Committee from office through this current RA decision-making process, given their failure to 'assist' and 'represent' the Residents' Assembly as stated in their mandate. If more than 50% of voters agree that a member is to be removed, the term of that member ends with immediate effect.*

*I agree that any remaining members of the Working Committee will continue in office and can choose to appoint interim members. They can only do so in consultation with the Auroville Council.*

*These interim members can only be chosen from members of previous Working Committees. The term of the interim Working Committee members shall be until the next RA-approved Selection Process has been held, and new Working Committee members have been selected.*

*In the unlikely event that all Working Committee members are dismissed, the three Working Committee members who have the most votes to stay on will remain, as interim members, until the next RA-approved selection process".*

The RAD will run until Sunday, 8 May, 2022

## 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 Aurovillian and didn't receive this email, please write to [raservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:raservice@auroville.org.in).

### • In Person



If you prefer to vote in person, a printed voting slip is also available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Please fill your ballot out and hand it over in person to the RAS members/ resource persons (at the RAS office) **every Tuesday 10am – 12pm and Thursday 10am – 12pm**. We are happy to help you register your decision.

- In-person voting will be organized at Solar Kitchen on Sunday, May 8, 11am – 2pm.

## Reference Materials

- [Report of the first RAM](#)
- [Report of the Follow-up RAM](#)
- [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](#))

Warmly, For the Residents' Assembly Service  
Dan, Giovanni P, Sathish A, Tatiana S

## L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE: SITE AND BUILDING APPLICATION

7 May, 2022



Auroville Town  
Development Council  
*L'avenir d'Auroville*

The following applications have been reviewed and approved by L'avenir d'Auroville. That application has gone through the full review process and will be issued the Final building NOC. Any concerns or queries regarding the below building NOC's can be sent to [application-avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:application-avenir@auroville.org.in) with feedback period ending on 17 May, 2022.

### Building Application

- **Mantra Staff Quarters extension.** Industrial Zone BA B 2550 to extend Staff quarters

**Applicant:** Angad Vohra

**Architect/ designer/contractor:** Monda Doctor-Pingel

**Community/Area:** Mantra/Industrial Zone

**Area for which final NOC is sought:** 31,66sqm

**Project brief:** K. Sathyamoorthy has been Aurovillian for two years and is being groomed to take over the unit. He has lived intermittently on the premises since 1999. He lives there now but needs to add an identical room and Bathroom. Applicants would like to add 24sqm to the existing 43,70sqm. Project is worth 5.58.128/- and it will be financed by the unit.

*The project holder can begin construction on site after picking up the signed NOC document from the ATDC office.*

- **Karin's house extension Discipline.** BA B 2546 to add walls to the existing structure to create bedroom

**Applicant:** Karin Latzke

**Architect/ designer/contractor:** N. Amurugam

**Community/Area:** Horizon/Industrial Zone

**Area for which final NOC is sought:** 22.59sqm

**Project brief:** The existing structure had no walls for a protected bedroom. The existing bedroom for Arjunan in the main building is very small and not sufficient anymore. Applicants would like to add walls in order to create a proper bedroom. They would like to add 22,59smq to the existing 39,22sqm structure. Project is worth 3.78.750/- and it will be privately funded – partially by private funds, partially by the funds left over from the housing transfer.

*The project holder can begin construction on site after picking up the signed NOC document from the ATDC office.*

- **Auropriya Dhandapani house.** Demolition 2541: to demolish the existing dilapidated house and replace it with a new one

**Applicant:** Auropriya Dhandapani

**Community/Area:** Aurelec/Outside Master Plan

**Project brief:** It is an old building whose roof is made of ferro cement mold which has been leaking lately. The house is built with a single brick wall. It is a two bedroom residence of a ground floor structure of 80 sqm built up area.

Because of the leakage problem residents are suffering with health issues due to over humidity and moisture.

*The project holder can begin demolition on site after picking up the signed NOC document from the ATDC office.*

### Preliminary Design Approval

We request feedback from the community on the design of the following application to enable us to complete the evaluation of the same before issuing the design approval. Please take note that this is an evaluation of the design only & not a final building NOC therefore, no construction can begin before acquiring the final building NOC.



- **Joel: Surrender block 1** 3<sup>rd</sup> floor PDA 2532. Application for Preliminary Design Approval

**Applicant:** Kaliananda Josephine

**Architect/ Designer:** Sindhuja Jagadeesh

**Community/ area:** Surrender/Residential Zone 1

Area for which approval is sought: 97sqm

**Project brief:** In 2013 Block 1 of Surrender was completed as part of phase 2 development of Surrender.

Since then the building has been experiencing major leaks owing to a lot of ferrocement boxes in the elevation as well as the burnt rice husk filling below the inverted floor slab on the roof terrace.

Over the years the residents have cut out a lot of the ferrocement to minimize leaks but the roof with the rice husk filling has worsened with time and weakened the concrete slab below.

When the residents did a consultation with the architect Sindhuja, it was recommended that the entire upper floor be covered with a roof on the third floor level of this G+2 building.

Since several lakhs will go into making this new roof, we proposed that with an additional few lakhs, an apartment can be made available for Kaliananda as a permanent resident of the building.

The extension would take care of extending the life of existing building by another 20-30 years as well provide housing option to an Aurovilian.

The residence is planned for 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room and terrace. Project is worth 22.66.472/- and it will be funded privately by Kaliananda. Design made by Sindhuja Jagadeesh.

*This is a preliminary design stage, to which final building NOC would be required before the construction starts on the site.*

### Site Application

The application presented below is a Site Approval for Morning Star Women's Wellness Centre at SANTE in Residential Zone 1.

ATDC and FAMC find the presented project of Morningstar Women's Wellness Centre at SANTE viable and beneficial to the wider community for the area.

Kindly mail any feedback before the 17th of May 2022 to [application-avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:application-avenir@auroville.org.in)

- **Morning Star Women's Wellness Centre:** SA NOC 2557

**Applicants:** Paula Murphy

**Proposed community/area:** SANTE/Residential Zone 1

**Area for which approval is sought:** 400sqm of which they plan 330sqm footprint for main building, and 50sqm for ancillary structures.

**Project brief:** Presently Morning Star Women's Wellness Center offers the following services:

**Midwifery Care:** pregnancy, labor, birth, postpartum and newborn care; breastfeeding education, support and counseling

**Gynecological Care:** cervical cancer screening, birth control, infectious disease testing and treatment, breast exams, consultancy and referrals, puberty, menopause and beyond

**Childbirth Education** for expectant mothers, fathers and families

**Auroville Schools/Community Education:** puberty, sex education, personal safety, family life, menopause

Medical/Midwifery Education for aspiring Aurovillian midwives, doulas and lactation counselors; training and in-services for Auroville medical staff and First Responders

**Outreach:** in-services at local hospitals; presentations at National and International conferences

**Financial Support** to cover medical care for families in need; scholarships for Aurovillians to attend workshops, conferences and classes related to Midwifery

**Medical Equipment** donated to Santé and Auroville midwives

**Team-building Programs** for midwives, doula's and students

**Mentor** for SAVI volunteers and advanced degree researchers

**Research** on Aurovillian women's health issues

The service functions with the existing Santé building as its base, which is not appropriate either in size or intended purpose of building.

*This is a site NOC which give the applicant a right to mark and fence the site along with preparations for next phases – Preliminary Design Approval, to which Final NOC will follow*

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 132

Dated: 07-05-2022

*Greetings from Auroville*

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 Aurovillians, Returning Aurovillians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovilian in writing to [entryservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in). We thank you in advance.

#### NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Chakarapani SAKTHIVEL aka Sugar (Indian)

#### AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Ishay BOTBOL (British)
- Fakeera MOHAN LAL VERMA (Indian)

#### FRIEND OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:

- Raymond HULZEBOS (Dutch)

**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 Aurovilian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.

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

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

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

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

*Yours,  
The Entry Service*



# Community News

## AUROVILLE MATTERS

### REGARDING THE YOUTH OF AUROVILLE,

Dear Auroville Community, Greetings! We share with you a proposal for your consideration and participation. This is regarding the Youth of Auroville, those young adults who have completed their education in the Auroville school system, who are faced usually with two options before them:

- Leave Auroville – to study outside
- Find work within Auroville – which is generally not easy

The possibilities to find engagement within Auroville for a youth is an area that needs more focused community support setup. Thus, we would like to start an **Apprenticeship Program for Auroville Youth – Research, Explore, find your way through work – Maarganam.**

#### Maarganam is a program about:

- Exploration, research and finding your own path through work. It is a way to do Karma yoga, to find your calling through work.
- A program to support students financially and to make sure they are given the right guidance by mentors in Auroville. It is for those who have completed their higher education in Auroville and are looking for an opportunity to work in Auroville.
- Will aspire to guide and direct students of Auroville, those who are transitioning to start working in Auroville.
- So Auroville youth (from age 18-24) do not hesitate to contact us for details of this program

We are working towards circulating this project proposal to different unit executives of Auroville to receive feedback on the interest for taking in the interns and being mentors/guides. Would your unit / activity be interested in supporting this program by giving your time and support for young adults in Auroville to discover their innate interest through work?

Please feel free to contact us by email: [maarganam@auroville.org.in](mailto:maarganam@auroville.org.in).

Team members: Priyamvada & Chandresh

### GOOD NEWS: HUGS

Human Unity Gratitude Service



Mid December 2021, in the high intensity of the days, an initiative was born and spread spontaneously amongst a group of Aurovilians and a few volunteers.

In all simplicity we show up before community gatherings and simply welcome everyone willing, needing, with a hug. We also stay available during the meetings and again at the end when people are leaving. This is an invitation to pause and possibility to reconnect with one's breath.

It has been wonderful to observe the smiles and joys appearing on community members' faces, even those that shy off with a nod, or walk around the tree to avoid us. It took us a while, but a few days ago our t-shirts, that will replace by now recognizable blue Ganesha, appeared ready. So at the next GM or RA, look for these.

Touch is the first sense developed in-utero.

A lot of research has been done and is available online regarding benefits of touch and prolonged hugs. Briefly: 20 seconds of hug raises oxytocin and other well-being supportive hormones, reduces the harmful effects of stress, decreases tiredness, relieves blood pressure and ensures a healthy heart. Regular hugging reduces blood pressure, decreases cortisol, improves healing, reduces cravings, improves immunity...

Contributing in our ways with love, smiles &...

Human Unity Gratitude Service

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre – Matrimandir

Every Thursday at Sunset.



During the summer the Meditation is with Mother and Sunil's "New Year Music", before we restart a cycle of Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music.

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.
- Please be seated by 5.55 pm.

Thank you,  
Surya & Amphitheatre Team

### SAVITRI BHAVAN, MAY 2022



#### Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** the series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts in the Square Hall
- **Sri Aurobindo: A life sketch in photographs** in the upper corridor

#### Regular Activities

- **Sundays 10:30–12noon:** Savitri Study Circle
- **Mondays 3-4pm:** Psychic Awakening led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays 3-4pm:** Yoga and the evolution of man led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Fridays 3-4pm:** Readings of the Mother's commentary on Dhammapada led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Saturdays 3-4pm:** Introduction to Integral Yoga, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Saturdays 4-5:15pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
- **Library** is open Monday to Friday 9-5
- **The Digital Library** can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9-4

Everyone is welcome

## No films in this month

### Activities

- Full Moon Gathering: Sunday, May 15, 7:15-8:15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue
- A workshop on MUDRA-CHI: Saturday, May 28, 5pm led by Anandi

Everyone is welcome

### LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR, PART V

Saturday, 7 May, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, 3:30 – 5:30pm

Our next sharing will happen on Saturday 7 May 2022 at 3:30pm at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

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 7 May 2022 at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. We'll start at 3:30pm with coffee & cake, followed by sharing until around 5:30.

- Please be sure to let us know if you are planning to join us by sending us an email to [quietus@auroville.org.in](mailto:quietus@auroville.org.in) before 3 May

### BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM



**BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM**  
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

**Calendar of regular events of May 2022**

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm  
**Meditation**

3rd & 17th, Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30pm, reading  
"The Mother's Questions & Answers- Vol-7"  
in English by Rama Narayana

6th & 20th, Friday 4:00 - 5:00pm, reading  
"The Sunlit Path"  
in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi

Talk on Auroville for Newcomers by  
**Raman** (Center Field, Auroville)  
10th, Tuesday at 5:00pm

15th, Sunday at 6:00pm full moon, reciting  
Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra for 30min

No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street  
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

Location 

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

Webinar series with spiritual teachers in the light of Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary

First of the series:

## The Secret of the Vedas



An introductory talk on the Vedas and its connection with the Science and Philosophy of Yoga

Friday | May 6 | 2022  
19:45 - 21:15 IST  
10:15 - 11:45 EST

Opening remarks by:  
**Dr. Jayanti Ravi**

Join us via the below link:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?WN\\_sEonTcl5beYcFmYaoh7nQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?WN_sEonTcl5beYcFmYaoh7nQ)

Auroville Outreach Media  
Auroville Spiritual Multiversity  
In collaboration with:




**Dr. David Frawley (Vamadeva)**  
**Dr. Alok Pandey**



### Welcome to a study circle on **Psychic Education**

We will share excerpts from the following writings:

- 1) **The Mother on Education**, CWM - Volume 12
- 2) **Notes on Psychic Education**, by Shraddhavan
- 3) **Psychic Education Workbook**, by Neeltje Huppess
- 4) **Philosophy of Indian Pedagogy**, by Kireet Joshi

The intention is to come together and learn from each other, share reflections & ideas, propose experiments & projects to implement in Auroville and beyond :-)

**Date:** May 10 to 21 (Tue-Thu-Sat)

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Venue:** Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas Or Online

All are welcome. Please register by writing to:

[devabhasha@auroville.org.in](mailto:devabhasha@auroville.org.in)

With Gratitude - Aravinda, Shaalini, Deven and more...



### Welcome to a study circle on **Patanjali Yoga Sutras**

In just 195 sentences, sage Patanjali has given secrets to healthy and yogic living. This is an invitation to explore them through chanting, reading & reflecting, expressive arts and learning simple everyday practices.

We will also be referring to a talk on Patanjali's Yoga Sutras by Shri M P Pandit which also puts it in context of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's Integral Yoga.

**Date:** May 9 to 20 (Mon-Wed-Fri)

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Venue:** Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas or Online

All are welcome. Please register by writing to:

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**KCC SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

9 – 21 May, @Kuilai Creative Centre, 9am-4pm

Registrations closing soon!  
Enroll your Kids (Age: 10-17 years) on or before Friday, 7 May 2022



Nearby outdoor visits, Gardening, Painting, Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Activities, Fun games, Team activities, Movie screening, and more!

Your donations are not only most valuable, but also appreciated by our KCC Team, and also the children and participants from our Bioregions and Auroville. We also welcome your other kind offerings like food/stationeries!

For registrations, visit us directly @Kuilai Creative Centre (Next to Auroville Bakery) from 9am – 5pm!

Our Auroville account number is #102609

Please contact us for more details:

- +919843195290/+919677069051
- [kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in)

**READING FOR CHILDREN AT THE LIBRARY**

Saturday, 7 May, 10am, Auroville Library



Ruchi will read to children the story book **The Kings' Daughters** that she illustrated. There will be colourings of the story for the children to do.

If you know (or not) the story of the princesses who secretly help their fathers kings to fight a dragon, come and meet Odile the author

and Ruchi the illustrator of the book printed at Auroville Press and published by SAIER (available at Seagull bookshop at Visitors Center).

*Odile Fouladoux*

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE**

Thursday, 5 May, 2022

*“Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives”  
(the theme of 2021)*



Midwives stand for safe, respectful and conscious Birthing. Midwives are with the mothers in their time of birthing that often comes with unknown challenges; they are with the mothers also before and after birth.

Midwives remind us that Birth is a Natural and Sacred event rather than a threatening medical emergency.

Midwives in many places of this world walk miles to reach a mother and the growing new life within her – and often receive no more than a warm meal for it.

Midwives have what it takes for a mother to birth the way she has been entitled to since birth: the KNOWLEDGE to ensure a safe and respectful birth, the EXPERTISE to teach about different options of birth, the LOVE to receive this baby as blissful as possible and imprint it positively for the rest of her / his life.

Midwives take care of what really matters: keeping mothers and babies together in their first hour after birth (this definitely most impactfully empowering way is too often overlooked due to often unnecessary medical procedures). Midwives know that delayed cord clamping as well as breastfeeding at least for the first year make a huge difference to the whole life of this new being. Midwives stand for Human Rights in Birthing.

**Offering this Thursday, 5 May, at Sanjana**

First house on the right:

- **All day PHOTO EXHIBITION** ,BIRTHS IN AUROVILLE' incl. Book display, readings from „Prenatal Education“, „Women in Japan“, Savitri and other sources with revelations of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.
- **10am to 12noon:** Mother and Baby time. Place and Time for you to get together, play and share – anything! Snacks and drinks provided as well as happily received.
- **2 – 4 pm:** bouquet of presentations for kids, teenagers, adults
  - Profession of a Midwife
  - Hypnobirthing, Acupressure for Birth,
  - Birth positions,
  - Birth Stories and more.
- **4pm till evening:** Movie Time.
  - [Save our midwives, save our world](#)
  - [Natural Birthing – A Promise of Dignity in Birth](#)
- and more...

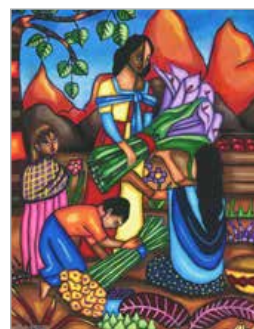
For more information on International Midwifery Day kindly [refer here](#)

Contact 'mothers work for The Mother's work' for any updates and information: 9751513906 or [ulrike@auroville.org.in](mailto:ulrike@auroville.org.in), [mothersworkforthemotherswork@auroville.org.in](mailto:mothersworkforthemotherswork@auroville.org.in) or 2622906.

*The best way to celebrate International Midwifery Day is by contacting all the midwives you know and thank them for the precious work they do!*

**HONORARY VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

**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](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in),  
WA 8525038274 or call  
8122274924.

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

**Unity Pavilion Looking for Aurovilians**



Unity Pavilion is looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers, Ashramites, volunteers that would like to help with preparation works related to the celebration of Sri Aurobindo's

150<sup>th</sup> birthday during August, at the Unity Pavilion.

We are looking for committed and dedicated people with whom we could form a diverse and skilled team starting the preparations from June onwards.

The work at hand consists of:

- Preparing an Art for Land painting exhibition
- Generosity Fair and other creative interactions and one day events during the Exhibition
- Cultural event and program creation
- Additional initiatives and ideas are welcome!

The work would start last week of May/beginning June.

**If you are interested please contact:** Arun, Jaya, Bharati or Jagan at Unity Pavilion, 0413 2623576 or by email: [unitypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in)

*In Gratitude, The Unity Pavilion team*



**THE ARTS**

**Visitors Center's  
Right Path Cafe**



#thebulletprooffunk

Sunday  
May 8  
**7pm**

**BulletProof Funk**

**LIVE  
MUSIC  
NIGHTS**

For visitors from outside Auroville, kindly park your car, two-wheeler or van at Visitors Center main parking and walk to the venue.

Table reservations 8903963137 / 0413-2622248

A collaboration with Kalabumi Music Studio Collective  
#kalabumimusicstudio.av

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

**Senior Administrator**

A small and robust team has an opening for a position as Senior Administrator. Your job would be to make sure the processes run seamlessly by troubleshooting issues that come along the way. You would be working in the store, production, inventory and order processing. If you are a person with good interpersonal skills and can think on your feet you will be a perfect fit. Tamil speaking will be added value.

You would be managing overall administration and coordination. A working experience of 5 year, preferable 40 years above in age. Basic computer skill.

This is a full maintenance position.

- 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](mailto:hr_hub@auroville.org.in)

HR Initiative Team

**LOOKING FOR**

**Kitchen Utensils Needed**

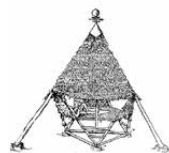


The Thamarai team is putting the final touches on a new learning center in Annai village with the help of Raman architects. We need to equip a kitchen with a cooking stove and gas bottle, cooking pots and utensils. If you have any kitchen materials that you would like to donate we are happy to get them.

Please call Bridget on 9442270640 for collection or drop the items to the gate man in Auromode.

With thanks, from Thamarai team

**Looking for a short term House Sitting**



Dear Aurovilians, I'm looking for a short term house sitting from July 28 to August 19 for me and my son (14 year old). I'm working in transition and Quiet. We will be happy to take care of your plant or your animal. Please contact me on WA +91 8270512332

or [arpilisa4@gmail.com](mailto:arpilisa4@gmail.com)

Thank you, Lisa

**Looking for Kitchen Utensils**



Dear all, we just moved into a new comer unit and are looking for second hand kitchen utensils (a strainer, ladle, wooden spatula, a pair of scissors, one big and one small pot). If you have any of the mentioned to give away please contact

+4915222021627.

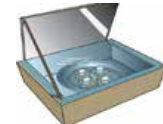
Regards, Pranit and Paula

**Looking for a second hand Motorcycle or Scooter**



Looking for a second hand motorcycle or scooter. Please contact WA 9626722945, [guydinet@gmail.com](mailto:guydinet@gmail.com)

**Looking for a Solar Cooker**



I'm looking for a solar oven/cooker. If you have one for me to try and/or buy contact me [huyslaure@gmail.com](mailto:huyslaure@gmail.com). Laure

**AVAILABLE**

**Desktop Available**



I purchased a desktop in December 2020 and I don't use it anymore. It's still in warranty 1year1/2. (Monitor Samsung 24inch, processor 10 Intel core I3, hard disk internal 1TB Toshiba, 8Gb Ram, graphic card, etc..) Request contribution

Sunja +91 9787628294,  
[sunja.fr@gmail.com](mailto:sunja.fr@gmail.com)

**Available one MTB Giant XTC**



Available MTB Giant xtc, wheels 26", XT derailleur, front shock 130mm, frame XL. Call 9943312755

Andre

**Nandita from Kolkata**

I am Nandita from Kolkata, I'm around Auroville, volunteering for the past months. Now I like to focus on 1 engagement: I can teach, tutor, give dance classes, help with legal matters, can give workshops and classes for environmental education, law I can also offer other kinds of legal awareness for education purposes like human rights, women rights, etc...

Nandita, 08910119830

**BMX cycle. Still Available**



Samatha

**HELP NEEDED**

**AUROORCHARD NEEDS SUPPORT FOR HOUSING FOR YOUNG AUROVILIAN**



Dear community, we are reaching out to you for your support in helping us finish the construction of our staff quarters.

As you are aware, housing is a big challenge in our community and more so for farms. Lack of housing options and limited number of maintenances have been part of the reason for lack of Aurovilians working on the farms, which itself is a big challenge for Auroville's food sustainability.

In 1985, the farm built a few rooms near the main office for the purpose of storage. Christian, who worked at AuroOrchard from 2012-2019 started to upgrade this building in 2016 to make a house for himself. When he left in 2019, the building was only half done. We felt we'd continue to finish it and offer it to Aurovilians working long term on the farm. However, due to lack of funds and some paperwork, this project remained on pause.

Now, we would like to complete this building to provide a house for Ramanan, Meera and their 1 year old daughter Medhini.

Ramanan has been living and working at the farm since 2017 and is part of the farm's management team. The house he currently lives in is an old structure which needs significant repair and is not at all suitable for a family. Meera, his wife, is a third generation Aurovillian. They both work in the services of Auroville and receive maintenances. Meera is currently on maternity leave.

As this house is a farm asset it is not possible to get a grant from housing. Loan options are available but the interest rates are quite high and the farm is not in a financial capacity to commit to paying the interest amounts. After trying several options, we are reaching out to you all. We feel it is our collective responsibility to ensure that young and committed farmers are supported.

We need 7 lakh rupees to complete the structure. Of course, we will continue our efforts to raise these funds, but any help from your side will be highly appreciated. You can make a contribution to our a/c no. 252619 (AuroOrchard Investment) or contact us for any other kind of support that you can offer.

Also, please write to us at [auroorchard@auroville.org.in](mailto:auroorchard@auroville.org.in) for questions or suggestions.

*With gratitude, Gerard, Erik, Eric, Bithi, Anshul  
AuroOrchard farm*

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

*Many thanks for your support.  
Siddhartha Farm Team*



**TAXI SHARING**

**From Chennai Airport, 10 May, 4:30am**

I will be traveling from Chennai Airport to Auroville, with baggage, on 10 May at around 04:30am. I would like to share a taxi if you plan on coming to Chennai or if you are going back to Auroville at around that time. If you are interested, please contact me at [ranierisatya@gmail.com](mailto:ranierisatya@gmail.com).

*Thank you, Satya*

**To Chennai Airport, 12 May 12, 8pm**

I will be happy to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport on May 12, at 8pm. Contact me on +918903398810 or [samada3@hotmail.com](mailto:samada3@hotmail.com)

*Thank you, Sara*

**FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES**

**ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE**

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am



washable cloth pads

Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every Thursday morning from 10:30am.

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

*The Eco Femme Team*

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

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 after office timings: +91 9894598686,
- by e-mail: [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in) or [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com).

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

**Latest Offer:**

Several Airlines have short duration promotional offers who are only valid for booking within one week. The only chance to avail of such is to inform Ganesh of your travel plan and he contacts you when such special offers are available.

Lufthansa announced that direct flights between Chennai and Frankfurt are back and bookings are open !

The thrice weekly flight from Chennai to Frankfurt will operate as per the following schedule:

- **Chennai-Frankfurt Departure days:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- **Frankfurt-Chennai Departure days:** Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday



# Voices and Notes

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



The world that we have around us is the world that we are continuously co-creating. The violence and anarchy that we face in the world is not very different from that which has been faced by past generations. Our actions towards nature and the animals – animals in our food chain that are confined and treated with violence their entire lives, animals in

zoos and circuses and even animals in pet stores, cages, and aquariums – is equally unjust. Environmentalism and Animal Rights are Social Justice issues.

Nandita Shah, Quiet

## POETRY

### MAY POEM

Quiet...  
No time  
Nothing  
A silence  
Of everything  
Absolute  
The soul  
One.

### POEMA DE MAYO

Quietud  
No Tiempo  
Nada  
Y un silencio  
de Todo  
De Absoluto  
De Alma  
Uno.

Anandi ayun, Certitude, 1-5-22

## POETEA

We look at the new-born twins  
Eager to know their names  
Eager to differentiate them  
In face of their likeness.  
With joyful Gratitude,



Anandi Zhang

## THE EARTH IS OUR HOUSE



Joining the World Poetry Movement, we are going to read poems in different Languages, and sing together for "The Earth is Our House", which is quite abandoned at this very moment.

We are calling kids, youth and adults, poets, readers, singers, musicians... to join voices in Auroville for **Who** is giving us everything that we have!

We will be together Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Bhumika Hall-Bharat Nivas.

Within Her arms and grace  
Anandi-ayün  
for C.A.L.I and America One

## AMIDST SHIVA'S ECSTATIC DANCE

The supramental awakening  
Of the sun-eyed children,  
The divine multitude  
That have been crowding down  
The amber stairs of birth,  
Is continuing on...  
A massive congregation  
As the desired contagion,  
A concentrated concatenation,  
A hastened spiritual evolution,  
Is clearly happening  
In the City of Dawn...  
Coming very soon,  
Amidst Shiva's ecstatic dance  
Of destruction and creation,  
A Life Divine...



Some complementary musings as an integral observation of current events:

- [The Rebirth of Mother India and Her Children](#)
- [Fully Guaranteed](#)

Zech, 2022.05.02

## 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

- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 395](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil – Ep.15](#) (Sri Aurobindo) "ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"
- [Tamil Express – lesson 9](#) (Tamil Language)

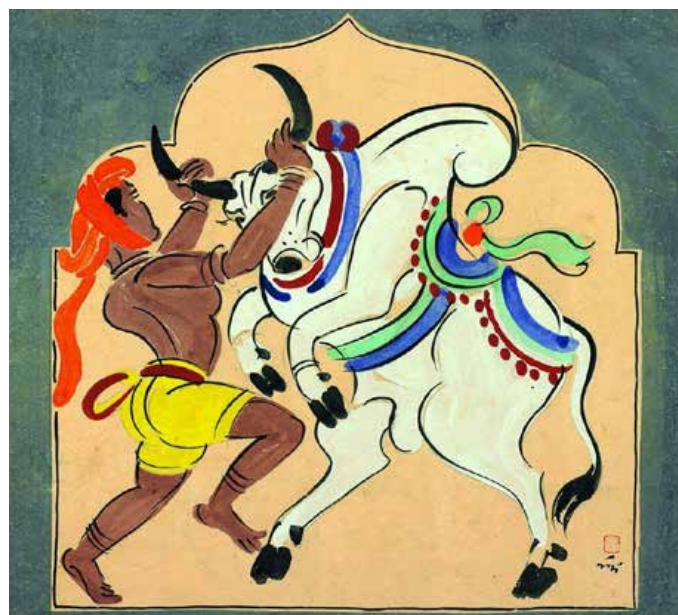
## Last Youtube Live Video

- [Auroville Youth Choir 2022 concert](#) (Music)

...and more! on [www.aurovilleradio.org](http://www.aurovilleradio.org)

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

For more information write to [radio@aurville.org.in](mailto:radio@aurville.org.in)  
Peace and Love





**CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS**

**PAINTING CLASS CANCELED**



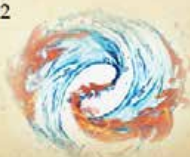
Weekly Tuesday & Thursday Painting class is canceled for summer Break till Early July 2022.

*Kalakendra Admin Team  
for Bharatnivas*

**Body music workshop**

"Body Music" integral healing modality works through chanting, conscious touch, micro, circular and flowing movements, massage and body tapping along meridians and acupoints. It relieves and dissolves stress, pains and dis-eases; re-invigorates, rejuvenates and empowers the whole being. It enables the experience of musical flow and alignment with the universal vibrations that connect us.

Venue: Hall of Light, Creativity  
Time: 5-6pm every Friday, May – June 2022  
Starting: Friday 6 May, 2022  
Facilitator: Anandi Zhang  
Whatsapp: + 91 9385623511  
Register your attendance.  
Contribution recommended.



**TAI JI QUAN & CHI**

The Stevanovitch Method with Hans

**New classes in The Art of Chi:**



Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
6.30-7.45 am @ Dehashakti.  
Open to all, starting in week of 9 May.  
For more info please contact Hans:  
◦ [bodyawareness @auroville.org.in](mailto:bodyawareness@auroville.org.in)  
◦ ph. 8110848123

**Workshop The Art of Chi:**



Tai Ji Quan & Chi with Hans  
13 – 17 June, Monday to Friday.  
7.30 – 10.30 am. Open to all.  
@ Dehashakti & Budokan Dojo.

For info contact Hans:  
◦ 8110848123 (WA)  
◦ [bodyawareness@aurovilke.org.in](mailto:bodyawareness@aurovilke.org.in)

*Greetings, Hans Van Baaren*

**FAMILY CONSTELLATION & AUTHENTIC MOVEMENT**

Thursdays 12, 19, 26 May, 5 to 7pm.



Welcome to a pilot project of 3 sessions over 3 weeks.

In a closed group of 4 to 6 participants we will work simultaneously, yet individually on a specific topic/issue/challenge chosen by each participant internally and

welcome it to be expressed through spontaneous authentic movement. We will work on the individual, family and community level, aiming to support & healthy resilience in these intense planetary times.

If you are interested to be part of this start up project and are able to commit to all 3 sessions please sign up.

Registration on 9786658967

*Welcome, Dariya & Andrea*

**ARKA WELLNESS CENTER  
& MULTIPURPOSE HALL**  
Regular activities, May 2022



**Treatments**

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic,Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral,Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage,Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacolouring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage,Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 8778839827, + 353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot,Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina, 9791719387, +393462258049 (WA)	Monday to Friday, Morning
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta, 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>	Monday to Sunday

**Classes**

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien- 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30-8:30am. Wednesday 4:15pm Friday 5:30pm, Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30-8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5-6:30pm.

**SOUND THERAPY SESSIONS**

Sound therapy session at Swagatam Guest House, Bharat Niwas, using Tibetan Bowls from 6:30pm to 7:15pm.

Contact Details: Vikaas Rajput, +919881132888



**VÉRITÉ REGULAR EVENTS MAY 2022**  
 Phone: +91413 2622045, 2622606,  
 Mobile: 7867805812  
[programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in), [www.verite.in](http://www.verite.in)

### Yoga Asana – Create Some Space

With Sheida at Vérité – Monday, 7 to 8:15am

Space is more than just the absence of something. Humans long to explore space, which opens us to possibility. Yoga practice directs us inward; there is an inner space to explore, where we learn to navigate the terrain of self, psyche, and consciousness. One of the most beautiful things the practice of yoga brings is space: space between breaths, space in our joints for more easeful movement, and of course, space in our minds by quieting our thoughts and becoming more present.

Contact 0413-2622045 (or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)).

### Wellness Wednesday with Maggie at Vérité

Wednesday, 11am to 12noon

Release stress and unwind tension: session may include gentle stretches, self-massage, mindfulness, breathwork and embodiment practice. Suitable for all.

Contact 0413-2622045 (or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)).

### Somatic Explorations with Maggie at Vérité

Wednesday, 5 to 6pm

Mind-body training in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

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### Nataraj Dance Meditation with Nirmal (Marco)

At Vérité: Saturday 5 to 6:30pm

Nataraj represents the energy of dance, Dance becomes meditation when mind dissolves and only the dance remains, when the 'doer' disappears and embodiment manifests. These 90 minute sessions follow Osho's Nataraj Meditation format with occasional enhancement of the soundtrack using live instrumental music.

Contact 0413-2622045 (or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)).

### Heart-Centered Resilience with Susan

At Vérité. Learn simple, heart-focused skills that help self-regulate your body's response to stress and build resilience. These scientifically validated tools have been proven to increase wellbeing, personal and professional performance and quality of life. Best learned in a series of three 60-90 minute sessions.

By appointment: +914132622606, +917867805812 (WA), [treatments@verite.in](mailto:treatments@verite.in)

### Traditional Ayurvedic Massage for Men

With Ravikumar at Vérité. This is a traditional Ayurvedic full body oil massage adapted to each person's specific needs. It is a 75/90 minute session that is designed to be both therapeutic and relaxing.

By appointment: +91413 2622 606, +917867805812 (WA), [treatments@verite.in](mailto:treatments@verite.in)

### INTEGRAL HEALTH

Classical homeopathy, integral regression therapy, child care, healing

We are providing alternative health care for all since 2001

#### Okoubaka

A homeopathic remedy, has been helpful in dealing with ill effects of the use of pesticides in spraying of Cashew Trees. Our remedy box provides Okoubaka C 30, it's available at AVHealthcentre Pharmacy as well.



#### Team

- **Sigrid Lindemann**, highly experienced consulting homeopath, international faculty, and member of Dr. Sankarans WISH4healing – association. Sigrid also offers transformational sessions in integral regression therapy.
- **Malar** has trained in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations in Tamil, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc.! Malar can visit your women group, Service Unit etc. and present the Homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies.

**First Aid Kits with 32 remedies** are available, descriptions in English, French, German and Tamil are available on request. Please contact us if you would like to learn how to use homeopathy for First Aid. Available from our remedy box in the waiting area, 24-7, for free:

- **Okoubaka C 30, PC Shock Trauma, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood Pressure** etc. and 70 more PC remedies for trauma, as well as chronic diseases are available
- **Harmony and Samata**, remedies related to Mothers and Sri Aurobindo energy.

All remedies in the remedy box, just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established – no side effects.

- Consultations are free for Aurovilians and newcomers, from others donations are welcome.
- Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil
- Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies, **daily Mondays to Fridays 9 – 12:30am**.

You are welcome to contact us at [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:integralhealth@auroville.org.in) to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

*Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669*

Sigrid [sigrid@auroville.org.in](mailto:sigrid@auroville.org.in), [www.sigridlindemann.com](http://www.sigridlindemann.com)

*Aditi, 9428429642,*

*Malar [malar@auroville.org.in](mailto:malar@auroville.org.in) 9080054843*



### Vipassana Meditation

#### 10-day Course

We welcome you for a 10-day Vipassana meditation course as taught by SN Goenka. To know more about it, please visit [www.dhamma.org](http://www.dhamma.org) It is a residential course with simple food and basic stay arranged. There are no charges or fees to attend this course.

**Start Date:** May 25, 2022 (2:00 PM) - Wednesday

**End Date:** June 5, 2022 (7:00 AM) - Sunday

**Language:** English and Tamil

**Venue:** Udavi School, Auroville (Edyanchavadi)

**For registration, please write to:**

[dhamma@auroville.org.in](mailto:dhamma@auroville.org.in)

With Metta,  
 Vipassana Auroville Team



## JIVA: YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION

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

### Exploring Past Lives Webinar

- 5, 6, 7 May, 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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com) WA 09626006961

### Explore your mind

- 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy
- 13,14,15 May

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still" What is hypnosis? How do the right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox!



Apply Selfhypnosis Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind "Certified course from EKAA [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in)

- 13 May, Friday 4 – 7pm,
- 14 & 15 May, Saturday, Sunday 9- 5pm
- at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

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

**Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall,  
[www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

### The Incarnating Soul Webinar

- 16, 17, 18 May



A webinar to shed a light on early memories of birth and early infancy, and their lifelong impacts, and even the earlier, the prenatal and karmic imprints in rebirth.

Mother and Sri Aurobindo wrote on birth and pre birth experiences, which is very much in line

with what modern research has discovered past 30 years.

In integral regression therapy its possible to access early, even very early memories, in order address these therapeutically and overcome lifelong limitations. The inner research of ones life purpose and the trajectory of the soul over life times can be explored fruitfully and with precision as well.

The Webinar will include short interactive elements for participants to explore and access their inner wisdom around their "incarnating soul"

- 16, 17, 18 May, 4- 5:30pm
- In cooperation with Namah

**Contact:** [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

## 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!

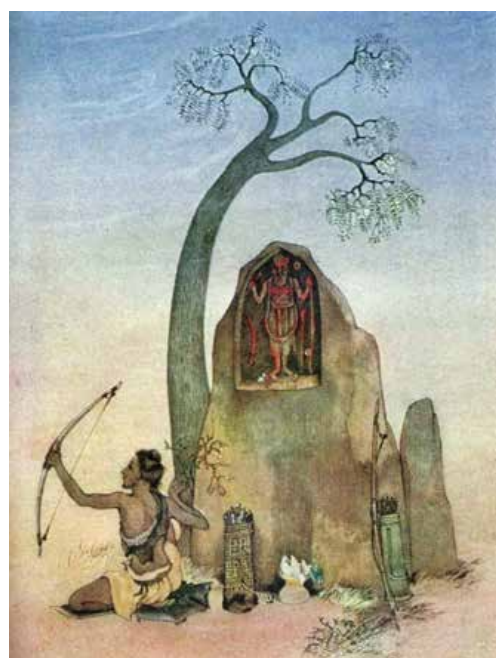
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**YEP** We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEP/AV> parallel with wellness and healing sessions for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird 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 & Pegnancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation





## PITANGA PROGRAMME FOR MAY 2022



(0413)2622403/ 9443902403  
[pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

### Iyengar Yoga

Prior registration necessary

Iyengar Yoga, For Seniors, Regular	Monday, 9:30 – 11:00am
Iyengar Yoga, For ladies, Regular, Level 2-3	Monday, 11:00 – 12:30pm
Iyengar Yoga, Drop-in, All levels	Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30am
Iyengar Yoga, Regular, Levels 2-3	Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Yoga for Immunity, Self-Practice, Regular, Levels 2-3	Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30am

### Iyengar Yoga practitioners, please note the following:

- Classes earmarked "All levels" mean:
  - Students can come to the class regardless of experience of Iyengar Yoga practice
  - Performing inverted poses in this class is optional.
  - If the student is unable to complete the basic pose, the teacher will offer an alternative.
- Classes earmarked "Level 2-3" mean:
  - The class is designed for experienced practitioners!
  - In each lesson, inverted poses are performed.
  - If the student cannot perform the basic version of the asana, he/she should know alternative options for replacement according to the peculiarities of his/her practice.

### Yoga

Pranayama, Regular only	Friday, 6:45 – 8:00am	François & Namrita
Gentle Yoga Practice, All levels	Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 – 9:00am	Rachel
Asanas, All levels	Thursday, 10:30 – 12:00pm	Rachel
Asanas on alignments, Mixed level	Tuesday, Thursday, 3:00 – 4:30pm	Rachel
Asanas on alignments, Intermediate level	Monday, Friday, 5:00 – 6:30pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, All levels	Tuesday, 10:30 – 12:00pm	Rachel
Hatha Flow, All levels	Wednesday, 5:00 – 6:30pm	Rachel
Yoga Therapy, All levels	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 – 10:00am	Gala

### Homeopathic Clinic

"Svasti" Homoeopathic Clinic with Dr Aditi Patel, B.H.M.S., Homoeopath (Registered).

Consultations for new cases are held by appointment only. Please take your appointment with Dr Aditi directly, by calling +91-9428429642.

Patients with any urgent requirements and regular patients can drop-in from Tuesday to Thursday 10:30 – 11:30am and will be attended to on first come, first served basis.

### Body – Mind – Spirit

Neurographic Drawing, For adults, Drop-In	Friday, 3:00 – 4:00pm	Gala
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Friday, 5:15 – 6:30pm	Shari
Healing Qi Gong, Regular	Thursday, 9:15 – 10:15am	Shari
Taoist Qigong, Drop-In, Beginners, In French	Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30am	Elisa
Taoist Qigong, Drop-In, Beginners, In English	Saturday, 7:00 – 8:30am	Elisa
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In	Monday, Friday, 5:00 – 6:30pm	Suriyagandhi
Odissi Dance, Regular	Friday, 3:30 – 5:15pm	Rekha

### Individual Sessions

Private Yoga lessons	With Rachel, Please contact the reception
Maitri Tunes, an exploration of sound and stillness	Please contact Sheetal, <a href="mailto:sheetal@auroville.org.in">sheetal@auroville.org.in</a>
Flow Game	Please contact Sheetal, <a href="mailto:sheetal@auroville.org.in">sheetal@auroville.org.in</a>

### Healing Spaces

Please book your appointment for a healing space by phone: 262 2403

Energy therapy	Vani
Essenian Healing	Patrick
Journey to the memory of the body	Vani
Shamballa Reiki	Pierre
Shiatsu	UlriOike

### About our healing spaces

**Energy therapy:** Fusion of deep guided relaxation, visualisation, reiki, pranic healing, and foot & cranial reflexology.

**Essenian Healing:** Essenian treatments are a therapeutic approach that uses the healing power of light and sound as well as the massage of energy points with the aim of maintaining or restoring a harmonious balance between body, soul and spirit. The healing acts by restoring the flow of energy that has been disrupted by stress, illness, negative thought forms and the difficulties of everyday life.

**Journey to the memory of the body:** Journey through the trauma memories, emotional blockages and belief systems in order to release and heal these traumas, by getting aware & deprogramming these old believe systems put in place in the past, which keep us from living a very joyful life in the present.

**Shamballa Reiki:** Pierre is offering treatments for those who are open to using the Universal Energy, we call Reiki, to keep us aligned during the immense shift we are all going through. In his observation "the cosmic clock is turning; the Universal Energy remains the same".

**Shiatsu:** The Quantum Shiatsu practised by Ulrike Urvasi for over 20 years follows an understanding which is multi-dimensional and holistic, reminds of and activates the self-healing forces in each one of us.

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !



**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
 Film Program  
 09 May 2022 to 15 May 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.

**Indian- Monday 9 May, 8:00 pm:**  
**TANGRA BLUES**

India, Writer-Dir. Supriyo Sen w/ Parambrata Chattopadhyay, Madhumita Sarcar, Samiul Alam, and others, Musical-Thriller, 122mins, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Tangra set in eastern part of Kolkata – known for its tanneries, stench, and slum. In 2010 a street band formed by kids from the slums under the leadership of an ex-gangster, Sanjib Mondal went to the final round of India's Got Talent, a reality show. Making music, though not Blues, out of cans, plastic bottles, pipes and other discarded junk. This is a story based on this true event – where, Joyee, a young music-maker, gets fascinated by the performance of the musical band and starts working with them and their leader, with a past.

**Potpourri – Tuesday 10 May, 8:00 pm:**  
**IL BUONO, IL BRUTTO, IL CATTIVO**  
**(The Good, the Bad and the Ugly)**

Italy-Spain, 1967, Dir. Sergio Leone w/ Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach, Lee Van Cleef, and others, Adventure-Western, 179 mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In the American Southwest during the Civil War, a mysterious stranger, Joe, and a Mexican outlaw, Tuco, form an uneasy partnership: Joe turns in the bandit for the reward money, then rescues him just as he is being hanged. When Joe's shot at the noose goes awry during one escapade, a furious Tuco tries to have him murdered.

**Interesting – Wednesday 11 May, 8:00 pm:**  
**AKA JANE ROE**

USA, 2020, Dir. Nick Sweeney w/ Norma McCorvey, Any Meisler, Charlotte Taft, and others, Documentary, 79mins, English, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Norma Leah Nelson McCorvey, also known by the pseudonym "Jane Roe", was the plaintiff in the landmark American legal case Roe v. Wade in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that individual state laws banning abortion were unconstitutional. Later in her life, McCorvey became an anti-abortion activist. This film covers a final series of interviews she calls her "deathbed confession" and reveals the unvarnished truth behind her journey from pro-choice to anti-abortion and beyond.

**AVFF 2022 – Thursday 12 May, 8:00 pm:**  
**MRS. F.**

Netherlands-Nigeria, 2019, Dir. Chris van der Vorm w/ Ifeoma Fafunwa, Documentary, 77 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In the fishing village of Makoko, the largest slum on water in Nigeria, Mrs F. wants to unite women and perform the play called "Hear Word" – a women empowerment project about gender inequality based on true stories to get women out of their oppressed position, to encourage them to speak up and connect. But before she can start, she must overcome the unruly gatekeepers of patriarchy and religion.

**International – Saturday, 14 May, 8:00 pm:**  
**HOUSE OF GUCCI**

USA-Canada, 2021, Dir. Ridley Scott w/Lady Gaga, Adam Driver, Al Pacino, and others, Crime-Drama, 158mins, English-Italian-Arabic-French-Japanese w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Inspired by the family empire behind the Italian fashion house of Gucci, in this story when Patrizia Reggiani, an outsider from humble beginnings, marries into the Gucci family, her unbridled ambition begins to unravel the family legacy and triggers a reckless spiral of betrayal, decadence, revenge, and ultimately...murder.

**Children's Matinee – Sunday, 15 May, 4:30 pm:**  
**THE LION KING**

USA, 1994, Dir. Roger Allers w/ Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons, James Earl Jones, and others, Animation-Adventure, 88 mins, English-Swahili w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Lion prince Simba and his father Mufasa are targeted by his bitter uncle Scar, who wants to ascend the throne himself. Scar plots to usurp Mufasa's throne by luring father and son into a stampede of wildebeests.

**Russian Classics Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

**Sunday 15 May, 8:00 pm:**  
**BRONENOSETS POTEMKIN**  
**(Battleship Potemkin)**



Soviet Union, 1925, Dir. Sergei Eisenstein w/ Aleksandr Antonov, Vladimir Barksy, and others, Drama-Silent, 75mins, Russian w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Based on the historical events the movie tells the story of a riot at the battleship Potemkin.

What started as a protest strike when the crew was given rotten meat for dinner ended in a riot. Naturally, no list about classic Russian cinematography would be complete without Battleship Potemkin. Almost a century old, Sergei Eisenstein's silent film continues to be regarded as one of the most gripping pieces of film history.

**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.

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**Friday 13 May  
The language of whales**

2019 / 42 minutes / Volker Barth

A team of researchers headed by Professor Elmar Noeth and Rachael Cheng from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg spent three years collecting data on the movements and vocalization of various orca pods in the Pacific. Their aim was to investigate a possible connection between the patterns of the killer whales' calls and their behaviour and human languages. Using special microphones, they captured the underwater sounds and behaviors of these marine mammals. Then they tried to determine the whales' position and classify their calls. It's a first step towards solving the mysteries of whale song. It also helps us understand how similar or dissimilar they are from ourselves

Using artificial intelligence to decipher unfamiliar communications systems is not without its difficulties. However, it's already clear that AI will transform our ideas about highly communicative species in the coming years.

**AVFF2022: THURSDAY AT CINEMA PARADISO**

Thursday, May 12, 8pm, Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall

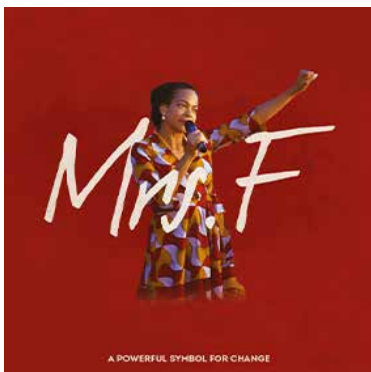
There will be a public screening of a feature film from the Auroville Film Festival 2022. This film will be screened on Thursday, May 12 at Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall from 8pm onwards.

**MRS. F.**

2019, Nigeria, Documentary, English, 1hr 17min

In the fishing village of Makoko, the largest slum on water in Nigeria, Mrs. F wants to unite women and perform the play called "Hear Word"; a women empowerment project about gender inequality based on true stories to get women out of their oppressed position, to convince them to speak up and encourage them to connect. But even before she can start, she must overcome the unruly gatekeepers of patriarchy and religion.

**Director:** Chris van der Vorm



Appendix

**PUDUCHERRY: NGT DIRECTS AUROVILLE TO PURSUE CROWN PROJECT ON PANEL'S ADVICE**

M. Dinesh Varma

Puducherry April 29, 2022 16:22 IST



Foundation told to prepare a proper township plan and obtain environmental clearance before undertaking construction

The Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has

directed Auroville Foundation not to fell any more trees for the Crown road project until a Joint committee, appointed by it, conducts an inspection of the plan site and submits a report.

The NGT also directed the Foundation to prepare a proper township plan and obtain environmental clearance before undertaking construction in the project area earmarked for establishing an international township as envisioned by its founder Mirra Alfassa, or The Mother, the spiritual collaborator of Sri Aurobindo.

Passing orders on a petition by an Auroville resident Navroz Kersasp Mody, the Southern Bench, comprising judicial member Justice K. Ramakrishnan and expert member K. Satyagopal, stipulated that the joint committee inspect the area and find out whether by reducing the width of the road at suitable places or through a slight realignment, the number of trees to be cut could be minimized in accordance with The Mother's vision of creating a green cover.

While granting conditional permission to the Foundation to complete the Crown road "considering it as an exceptional circumstance, even before obtaining environmental clearance for further activity", the NGT said the joint committee would have the Collector, who is the chairman of the District Green Committee, the Forest Officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forest, as deputed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and the Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu.

It directed the joint committee to ascertain whether there were any water bodies/streams in that area. If the road passed through the waterbody, it should spell out the way in which the road would have to be constructed by elevation, without affecting the waterbody/water flow, or with a bed-level causeway with a box type of vents. If such a recommendation was made, it would have to be implemented, and the Foundation should undertake the construction as suggested by the committee.

The joint committee must complete the process and submit the report to the Foundation Respondent within two months. On receipt of the same, the Foundation should carry out the work, in the impugned area with tree cover, strictly in accordance with the recommendations made by the joint committee, the order said. "Till that exercise is completed, the Foundation is directed not to cut any further trees from the property".

The Foundation is free to undertake the road work in the remaining stretches where there are no trees and take action against unauthorized occupations, if any, in accordance with the law in force, the order said.

The NGT also directed the Foundation to prepare the township plan either in respect of 778 hectares, which is in its possession, or in respect of 1963 hectares, which was visualized by The Mother by identifying the locations where each zone will have to be located. The plan should also map locations where the roads will have to be laid, showing the location of the ring roads with their width and of more roads, if any, to be constructed, the nature of industries and other activities which are likely to be established in the township. The Foundation should also indicate the number of phases of work and apply for environmental clearance as it will fall under Item 8 (b) of the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time, the NGT said.



“Till then, they (the Foundation) are directed not to proceed with further construction in the project area”, the order said. The issue reached the NGT in December amid an escalation of protests by a section of Aurovilians against the razing down of trees for the project and allegations that the Foundation was developing a township on the basis of a master plan that was not approved by any authority, and without a feasibility impact assessment study or a detailed project report.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/ngt-directs-auroville-to-pursue-crown-project-on-panels-advice/article65366542.ece>

## NOTES OF EXCHANGE WITH THE COMMUNITY DURING GM HOSTED BY AUROVILLE COUNCIL (AVC)

On Monday, 18 April, 2022

### • Question (Q) by Sabine:

All WGs should have regular community meetings. Community was infantilised without information, without enough exchange. Then we are asked to vote on things we don't know about, we don't understand the consequences. I've noticed our Council members and other groups are not up to date with most policies, or what's happening, our structures. I hope in the next selection we have more knowledgeable people.

Question on appeal process review, what is happening? Appeal document says that every single case will be closely documented and reviewed, including all parties. – How many appeals have happened and how many have been included/talked to in the review? I was not included.

Response (R): 22 or 24 appeals in the last year.

Q: How many appellants were consulted? **Paused**. Why was I not consulted? **Paused**.

Appeal review is by who?

R: The review is being done by the Arbiters Coordination team (Niva, Thera), Martin and AVC.

AVC should update about the membership of subgroups every month or regularly.

R: good idea, we will try to improve the communication of this in future.

Q: about missing members of the Council in GM?

R: Shiva could not come at the last minute as there was a death in his family and the other two have not been coming for some time now.

### • Mita:

Questioning whether working groups follow their mandate. I feel we are on fire but acting like nothing is happening.

Q1: Is it true that the Secretary has signed an agreement of 20 Crore with CPWD (Central Public work Department) which is a building agency of the Govt to build the crown road? Major issue is the functioning of ATDC that there are only 2 people left there. People are being appointed without any of us knowing. RA seems to have no role.

Q2: Also heard that 20 people are going to be appointed to design the City, ignoring the Dreamweavers and RA has no role? As a community this is a burning issue, we need to do something. A few have lost their mandate. We are on fire, this is going out of control.

R: This information is new to Council, we are on fire everyday, but we will get back to you.

But ATDC selection will happen soon. Selection process may be ratified tomorrow. In the last year many extreme things have happened. We have not had much contact with ATDC, receiving no replies from them. We know the memberships are changing periodically at ATDC, trying to keep up with it, and have given 2 announcements about their membership in the last months. An RAD looking at the validity of the ATDC office order should begin shortly. The ATDC issue is very old. 1 years ago the big topic was the harmonization of the 2017 restructuring of ATDC with

the 2019 standing order. The other issue is who does the ATDC answer to, GB or RA. RA must select up to 13 ATDC members, now there are no members selected by the RA.

Mita it's not acceptable that ATDC has not been chosen by the RA. This is an emergency. We need to do something right now, this is crazy. I request that the Council find out if this info is true.

R: For us, the situation at ATDC was so confusing and strange we did not know what to do. Who do we speak to or approach? No response to emails.

Mita says something needs to happen.

R: the upcoming RAD is the solution, with new members the problem should be solved. Maybe the Council could speak with the secretary but historically the WCom is responsible for communication with the AVF office and GB.

Sauro from WC responds: WCom doesn't have any information about the 20 crore project or budget. But there is a tendency to want to use the Center Public Work Department (CPWD) for the implementation of the Govt projects. One can also find this info on the AuroNet under TDC presentation. The GB minutes will also be shared with the community in the next few days and maybe there will be more information.

Wcom has not met the Secretary for the past 2 weeks.

Claudine from AVC: we have to know what is our situation as a RA. We don't know what some working groups (WG) are doing. If we feel there is an emergency, we need to meet, we need to act independently from the working groups..

### • Elisa:

Resonates with what Mita said that there may be a fire and requests that more RA meetings are held to connect better with the community. What is the Council's experience with WCom as you are the one responsible for the good functioning of the WG?

R: We admit that we as a group were impacted from the beginning. Usually we look at challenging situations together, this year became more and more difficult. We saw the difficulty in their team. There were members from WCom that didn't want AVC interference, so we were lacking confidence and experience to push for meditation between the WCom members. We could see that if the WCom is not functioning well it is detrimental especially in a crisis situation. They were not available most of the time.

### • Eric:

Q1: What would AVC need to strengthen implementation of your decisions?

Q2: Is there a subgroup that handles feedback?

R: People tend not to want WG to have more power. And when push comes to shove if people don't want to listen then what can we do? We will think about what we would need to improve implementation. We should ask ourselves as a community how we can help each other to stick to and honor RA decisions.

R: Council doesn't have a subgroup for feedback. We're a small team and respond as best we can. How do we create feedback loops? We need to reflect on this.

There was something called the clearance panel related to clearing people of feedback for selection processes. But this is not constituted at the moment.

• **Tom:** There needs to be a dialogue between RA and WGs more regularly.

### • Fabian:

I ask myself what can I and others do, as I question the entire way that we govern ourselves. RA as a body is increasingly sidelined. 4 members of WCom openly disqualify the RA for participating in building our city. ATDC undergoing restructuring without RA input or answering questions. AVC mandate point 4 says that your role is to ensure and facilitate good functioning of the WGs. When WGs are going berserk you have to go to the GB and AVF office.

It's the core element of what AVC members signed up to do. If you can't do it or feel powerless you should step back. Don't pretend to be a functioning WG.

R: historically AVC usually does not interact with the GB or the Secretary, this is the work of WCom. Only if we are created under clause 19(3) you would be right. But generally it has been seen that we are there to assist the RA with its activities which would be section 19(2)b.

Although AVC is mandated to check on the other WG, the climate for the last while in AVC has not been to do this work. AVC was not fulfilling this role. We've had a lot of trouble with WCom and ATDC but AVC tried to at least keep things in order within our group. The work you speak of interacting with GB and Secretary is usually the work of the ATDC and WCom. We agree that in an emergency like we have now, if we were more empowered, more skilled, had more time, then we should extend our duty and engage the GB. So far the Secretary has only met with us twice. We are not seen as an important group in the eyes of the GB or the Secretary. We don't think it's fair for you to ask us to step down because we are still fulfilling most of our function as a group of the RA. We showed up to this meeting when no other major WG has. We're trying our best. It's disappointing to hear that after all the work we have done that someone would ask us to resign largely for not doing what typically is not our work.

You say it's not about being neutral. But what has allowed the Council to stick together is to really try to respect each other's opinions as much as possible although they can be very different. It has not been about choosing one side or the other, but more about seeing how we can fulfill our role as best as we can.

• **Ashok:**

Unless the community is united, there is not much we can do about the building of infrastructure. See what Dreamweaving can do. AvC has trouble when issues arise, they have a hard time implementing it? Why? Because there is no trust. We all have to surrender to the Divine force. Otherwise we will keep on fighting.

• **Gundolf:**

Happy to read the quote from Mother on the screen "The city the earth needs, the purpose of Auroville is to realize human unity"

But I'm sad to hear our house is burning, but we need a new tool. Listening to Kireet Joshi and the 4 points from the Charter should be used as the bonding element/tool when signing a new mandate.

Q: Are you ready to become a firefighter with the RA?

R: We are constantly fire fighting

• **Elvira:**

Gratitude and appreciation for being committed and united as a team. Most people don't realize what you mean when you say you have been united.

But in the present situation and looking at it globally, it is not enough what the Council is doing.

Since the Council exists, people will come with their problems. 9 years ago the Council was saying the same thing, same struggles. If we don't stop and ask ourselves why, what are we missing, going on spirals. No group can save the RA. Just because you exist people will not take their own responsibility. Because you are filing for a power position you do not allow the RA to stand up, this will only happen when there is no one to point at. My wish is that you relieve yourself from saving all of us. Dare to just become part of the RA without being part of the Council. Any group that is not mentioned in the Foundation Act should dissolve.

• **Priya:**

Agrees with what Elvira said. AvC mandate is to make sure that groups are functioning. If WCom and TDC are not functional or responding. Why aren't you going up and finding out.

R: Fair point. Claudine went up last week but maybe we should have been more proactive instead of waiting for the response.

• **Someone say:**

Maybe we should all go together.

R: Thing to understand is we also have had voices saying that ATDC are doing a good job. There's a broad spectrum of opinion on Council.

• **Isa:**

Some dictatorships work well. But that's not the point of what we are trying to do. It's not about the results but about the process we agreed upon. It's not because one person says it's good that it's good, it's important is what the mandate says.

R: We have to act as a group, difficult if the group is dispersed to act.

• **Someone says:**

Why did you go up there (to Atdc)?

R: We said we should have gone up there but it was bizarre what was going on. We tried to find out what was going on at ATDC. We wrote a lot of mails, but they didn't respond. Claudine went up and nobody was there.

• **Priya:**

If ATDC is not there it does not show that they are dysfunctional. And if you can agree on that then what is your role.

R: To get to the agreement that they are dysfunctional has been difficult. As a group we have not acknowledged that they are dysfunctional because some members don't think that. Whatever Council have said to ATDC has been pushed away. We have tried to get into conversation with them but they are all oriented towards the Secretary office. And they ignore what we say. We are not taken seriously. ATDC is a mess. It's been difficult because the Secretary is asking them to do certain things, another section is unhappy with what they are doing. So we didn't know how to implement it. Should we go up there and jump them and pull them out of the office? We believe in following the process as best as possible without creating chaos. In terms of ATDC issue (selection), that's the next RAD. So we saw light at the end of the tunnel. Should be in 2-3 weeks.

• **Edzard:**

Thanks to all AvC members, they are trying their best and working hard. I resonate with what has been said by Mita, Natasha, Fabian and Claudine.

Much respect for those who stopped JCBs. This is action, instead of following a process where nothing gets done. Fabian has sent several questions. Can you please try to answer these questions?

In the past, when an Entry group made big mistakes, a group of 60 people went and told them that they are dismissed and they were dismissed. That was before the Secretary arrived.

Burning question is that visa recommendations have been given for shorter terms and this is the top priority. This will create a 2 class society in AV. It means that the Charter and Dream are not being followed. Because if you are so lucky to be born here you don't have these problems.

• **Rakhal:**

Thanking Council. Very respectable meeting full of information. Apart from the presentation, Mita has brought up a very important point which needs to be verified. But we need to anticipate. There is a petition given to GB to meet with the RA and there is no answer.

The GB and Foundation office is ready to go completely without RA collaboration and consideration, if they can. But I think they fear something. We have power, we have to use it. As long as we are not in jail they will not lift a finger. I feel we should go to the ATDC office, to decide, to act. See for example the Dreamweaving process, nothing has happened. And it will not happen. Foundation will continue and when are we going to react.

• **Joel:**

Why don't we have multiple RADs at the same time? 5/6 can go in at the same time.

R: (by AVC and RAS): Too many simultaneous RADs will confuse the community. RAS together with Council are trying to speed up the process. Currently there are 2 RAD

processes ongoing and with the present policy we can't speed it up anymore. If you want the RA process to speed up, please participate in the RAD creation, and the RAD review process. We can improve and speed up RADs with the new review of the RAD process.

• **Sophie:**

I want to thank all the people who are in groups, it's very easy to point the finger. In all groups there is division, it takes a lot of work to come to agreement within the group. To ask the Council to step down will not solve anything because who else will do it. We really lack the people with the skills and commitment to do the work.

First I'm questioning the legitimacy of the GB because none of the GB member profiles correspond to what they are supposed to be. How do we prioritize and see how to speed up processes or react when there is an emergency.

**R:** We need to meet more but also in a more silent and reflective way. These emergencies should not allow us to become hysterical. AvC has taken this question and will reflect on it. But the community should also reflect on how we can best respond to emergencies.

At the moment, as per the policy, only WCom are allowed to call emergency RADs which is questionable. Appointment of GB as per the criteria can be questions. There was a push from certain sections to delegitimize the RA and it's decisions. And we tried to stabilize things by following the process and supporting RAS. The poll on RADs had a similar intention. Most important for all of us is that we have systems to uphold the RA which also enable it to make decisions. And that these decisions are respected.

• **Sumeet:**

There is no mention in AvC mandate of power to ensure that people/WGs stick to any mandate. The RA is dysfunctional because we give mandates without the possibility to discharge the mandate. Our processes of decision making are too slow. 15 years ago there was no long RAD process, just a simple meeting. But the current process is not appropriate to the current circumstances. Is there anything in the act saying that RA cannot meet foundation or GB.

In our legal structure GB is the supreme body, and they are trying to bring the FAMC under them. ATDC have already said they will report at GB. Maybe it's better to have no groups if AvC has no power to implement. And even internally we can't agree with each other. We have created complicated processes and that's why we are in this mess. We are unable to speak in a coherent voice in an emergency. I respect that the Council had stuck together but at the cost of not meeting the emergency need. I question if we can have relevance as an RA if the GB gives contracts out. But at least we should be able to organize and speak with a common voice. Mother never wanted all these bodies. She wanted one group.

**R:** We are not as pessimistic as you are. We don't believe there is nothing that we can do. The RA has legal rights. We also don't think that we are entirely dysfunctional. Of course there's room for improvement but fundamentally that is what Auroville is about, trying to figure it out. Find new ways of doing things. You also suggest that Council should dissolve and of course if that's what the RA decides then yes. But the Council is fulfilling a specific role and doing a lot and without Council things might fall apart. The problem is more about implementation and how to organize. We're moving towards trying to organize better and that's what I must continue to do.

There is a way forward.

May 2022

**Responses to questions that Council could not answer in the meeting.**

• **Sabine**

**Question (Q):** How many appellants were consulted?

In July 2021 a feedback form was shared with the community.

**Q:** Why was I not consulted?

**Response (R):** Although the deadline for feedback has passed, the feedback Sabine will be invited to share her feedback as the Appeal review is still in progress.

• **Mita**

Requests Council to find out more about the 20 crore MoU between AV Foundation and CPWD (Central Public Work Department).

**R:** Added to the list of questions for ATDC.

• **Eric**

**Q1:** What would AVC need to strengthen implementation of your decisions?

**R:** We will need more time to consider this.

**Q2:** Is there a subgroup that handles feedback?

**R:** No, there are several areas where the Council needs strengthening, this is one of them. We hope to suggest some ways of improving this and other areas of our work soon.

• **Elvira**

Requests Council to dissolve, to give the RA the space to self-organise and force the Aurovilians to take care of matters themselves.

**R:** We recognise the intention here is to allow the RA to organise better. But our feeling, especially at this current time with so much instability, is that it would be counterproductive to dissolve the Council, and that this is not in the interest of the RA at this time. In fact, we have been instrumental in ensuring the legitimacy of the RA via its processes in the past months.

Further we believe that we can help the RA to empower itself and to organise better. With this in mind we will make certain proposals and arrange future RA meetings.

***In response to many community members wanting Council to be more pro-active in regard to the ATDC. AvC made a stronger effort insisting to meet with the ATDC.***

AvC went to the ATDC office the following Friday 22nd after having sent reminders to our earlier request to meet throughout the week. Finally they agreed to meet on Tuesday 26th. We prepared a long list of questions received by the community. We were given 1 hour by ATDC, which was a little short. The minutes of that meeting will be published soon.

**BCC NARRATIVE REPORT: JANUARY '22 - MARCH '22**

Dear Community, the BCC would like to share with you a narrative report of issues addressed and decisions taken in January, February and March 2022 as a complement to our monthly report of income and expenses. We hope this can increase community-wide understanding of the economic issues affecting our community that fall within the BCC's scope of work.

**Community-at-large matters:**

**City Services Budget** for the upcoming year (April 2022 – March 2023): The BCC has made a call for new budget requests for the upcoming financial year 2022-2023. Existing and new services have submitted budget requests, which are being reviewed by BCC members and resource persons. These include budget requests from activities previously supported by SAIER (with their Government of India grant funding). SAIER has informed the BCC that these started out as projects but have turned into on-going activities and therefore are no longer appropriate for SAIER funding. They have requested the BCC to consider supporting these from the City Services budget. These budgets are being reviewed in the same manner as all budget requests received.

**Participatory Budgeting Process:** In January & February 2022, the BCC together with resource persons lead a community budgeting process to help build the community's understanding of our current budgetary allocations, and to help the BCC better understand from the community whether the budget is being allocated in a way which meets community needs and aims. We also sought inputs regarding any key missing services in Auroville, and the



funding sources of the City Services budget. This process began with informational sessions open to all, followed by in-depth, facilitated feedback sessions with randomly selected participants, a presentation of the outcomes of these sessions, and then an opportunity for all to give additional feedback through a community survey. A full recap, with links to all sessions that were recorded, is available on Auronet: <https://auroville.org.in/article/89471>. The outcomes of this process have been published to the community in N&N and Auronet (<https://auroville.org.in/article/90599>), and presented to the FAMC, who is ultimately responsible for the City Services budget. The BCC is using the priority sectors and missing services outcomes in informing the upcoming annual City Services budget, and 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!

**Climate Change – Friendly Budgets:** The BCC received a suggestion from a community member to work towards “climate- change friendly” BCC budgets. This year, we have been encouraging services requesting a petrol/new 2-wheeler vehicle purchase budget to come back with an electrical vehicle rental budget instead. This is not only more climate-change friendly but also more affordable given the rise in petrol prices. The Aurovilian also suggested having a ‘representative’ on BCC dedicated to this “climate-change friendly” aspect. The BCC has followed up with the individual asking if they would be willing to take up this role/assist BCC in forming a support team for this. If community members wish to come forward and work on this, you are most welcome to contact us.

**Visa Penalties & Other Costs:** Some Aurovilians have incurred visa penalties due to delays in processing their visa requests. In cases where Aurovilians submitted their visa requests within the deadline given to them by the Residents’ Service, the BCC is covering any penalty fees incurred. In cases where Aurovilians are required to leave the country due to visa issues, financial support may also be awarded on the basis of need.

### **Maintenances:**

**Advance on SAIER Maintenances:** SAIER approached the BCC with a request to advance funds for SAIER Project Maintenances for the months of January, February and March. This was due to an unforeseen delay in SAIER receiving GOI grant funding. With this funding, SAIER disburses the equivalent of 15 full-time Maintenances, primarily to the managers of the activities who are registered under SAIER. The request was for a pre-financing of Rs. 1,5 Lakhs monthly towards disbursement of these Maintenances. This advance was granted, with the understanding that as soon as SAIER receives its GOI funding, they will reimburse the amount to City Services and resume the direct disbursement of their Maintenances.

**Auroville Foundation Office Maintenance List Request:** The Auroville Foundation Office wrote to the BCC requesting Aurovilians’ payment (Maintenance) details. Since the FAMC is the BCC’s overseeing body, the BCC informed them of the request and sent them the list to communicate to AVFO as per their discretion.

**Children’s Maintenances paid by Auroville Units/Activities:** In October 2021, the BCC changed the guidelines for Children’s Maintenances. This financial support is now equally available to all our children, regardless of how their parents are contributing to Auroville. This change of policy more than doubles our numbers of eligible children and doubles the allocated monthly budget earmarked for Children’s Maintenances. With this support now being available from the City Services budget, BCC Finance will transition away from booking as expenses any Children’s Maintenances provided by Auroville Units/Activities. We encourage Aurovilians working in Units/Activities to apply for Children’s

Maintenances directly with the BCC if needed (or to route these as specified contributions). While Units/Activities may offer a child a higher maintenance amount than the current City Services limit, this support will not be considered as an expense of the Unit or Activity. This is to ensure that as many children of Auroville as are in need can be supported by City Services funds.

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

If you are a Unit executive, Activity manager or accountant and have any questions for BCC Finance regarding this change please contact Sheida at BCC Finance: [bccfinance@auroville.org.in](mailto:bccfinance@auroville.org.in)

**Update on Temporary Emergency Maintenances:** Temporary Emergency Maintenances are available to any Aurovilian who chooses to volunteer at a registered Auroville entity that has insufficient funds to support them with a Maintenance, and who is in financial need. As of March 22, 40 adults were supported with Temporary Emergency Maintenances (total budget of Rs. 4,68 lakhs/month, a 1 lakh reduction from the previous quarter). Children previously supported with Childrens’ Maintenances tied to their parent’s TEM, are now supported directly with Childrens’ Maintenances as per the new Childrens’ Maintenance guidelines.

**In-kind scheme:** The BCC has been looking into the possibility of modifying the In-Kind scheme (credit available at designated Auroville entities, such as PTDC/HERS/PTPS) components of the City Services Maintenance, as we have noted that when Aurovilians are in minus they do not have access to credit available in their In-Kind Scheme.

### **Management of Services:**

**City Services Unit update:** Following months of exploration including conversations with auditors, the FAMC, and the AVFO Finance secretary, agreement was reached to revive the City Services unit. The FAMC temporarily nominated two BCC members (Danny & Rathinam) as executives till August 2022, for accounting purposes only. The FAMC will look into permanent executive nominations, since it was agreed that BCC members cannot be appointed as City Service unit executives (other than in an individual capacity). This is to ensure that the scope of work and authority of BCC members remains within their mandate.

**Health Fund:** The BCC has noted that the Health Fund is advising Aurovilians in need of extra refunds or expensive treatment to reach out to the BCC individually for financial support. We do not feel this is a good process, as BCC members are not as qualified and informed to review these requests as are the Health Fund members; we feel that the Health Fund should be the ones to request any amount they cannot cover. There is also the concern that the cost of treatment in hospitals is increasing, and the Health Fund would therefore like to encourage Aurovilians to go to Jipmer. However, Jipmer is a difficult hospital to navigate and a liaison/support person would be needed. This is currently being trialled.

**Newcomer Fees:** The BCC is exploring, along with the FAMC and Entry Board, the possibility of waiving or reducing the one time admin fee (Rs. 10,000) for Newcomers.

**Solar Kitchen:** A subgroup of BCC and FAMC members have been continuing to support the new Solar Kitchen Executive team in managing the service. This has included helping them to project their income and expenses for the upcoming year, and their required on-going budgetary support, based on the experience of the last 6 months running as a centrally supported service. Solar Kitchen was also advised to ask for rent from La Terrace unless / until they shift to being a service.

## Meetings with other groups/services:

**AVI-USA – Fundraising:** At the occasion of his visit to Auroville, the BCC invited Matthew Andrews, the director of AVI-USA to our meeting. BCC expressed its gratitude for the fundraising efforts made by AVI-USA and shared the impact these donations had had in the past year, particularly in helping to support income-generating units for the first time (via the MERA relief grants) – up to now, income generating units have been the ones contributing to City Services). Matthew expressed that AVI-USA wish to continue to fundraise for City Services, and invited BCC to remember to reach out to them and stay in contact. He specifically shared that regular communications from BCC that could serve to keep donors updated would also be helpful. It was agreed that as a first step, BCC will communicate a report of the community budgeting process with AVI-USA to share. Fundraising for the Farms was also identified as the next potential campaign that AVI-USA could support.

**Farm Group & FoodLink – Subsidy:** A subgroup of the BCC met with members of the Farm Group and FoodLink to re-discuss the grant offered by BCC to cover the equivalent of a price increase requested by the Farm Group. This will go forward as previously agreed.

**Farms – Investment Funding:** BCC members have met with an Aurovilian donor, AVI-USA, and members of the Farm Group and Foodlink regarding investment funding for farms. This followed a request made to the BCC by the Farm Group for additional financial support to be awarded this year, primarily towards capital investment, and an Aurovilian donor offering 17 lakhs to support farms. The donor had reached out to members of the Farm Group and FoodLink for members for support in disbursing this. BCC members then met with both the donor and this team, offering to supplement this fund in collaboration with a fundraising campaign with AVI-USA, and to disburse it jointly. They had previously met with the director of AVI-USA who had committed to support this fundraising. The meetings were positive and we will continue to take this possibility forward together.

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

**Meeting Services during the Budgeting Process:** BCC members have met with many services as part of the budgeting process for FY 22-23, to support them in creating and reviewing their budget requests.

**Scholarship and Education Fund:** The SEF team met with members of the BCC to discuss an update in their financial situation. They wished to inform the BCC that they received a large donation, but wish to use at least part of this for a corpus fund and therefore would still like to continue to request partial support from the City Services budget.

**PCG Proposals:** PCG approached the BCC regarding requests they are considering. They wished to ask whether BCC would consider these for City Services funding. Since some may require on-going support, and this support would likely be sought from City Services, they wished to include our review in considering whether or not to fund these requests. These requests were reviewed by BCC on a case-by-case basis.

**Road Service:** A subgroup of the BCC met with the Road Service management team to discuss the scope of budgeted repair work of the Road Service. Currently, the Road Service only repairs 'public' roads (i.e. not pathways inside communities) without charge (the costs being covered by their City Services budget). They do budgeted repair work only in

the Auroville MasterPlan area, up to the Outer Ring Road, although expanding this to the whole existing Auroville area is being explored. There is also still some defining needed regarding what is a 'public road' to be budgeted for.

## Service Budgets:

**ACARAT:** On the request of the FAMC, the BCC approved an additional monthly budget of Rs. 10,000 towards speeding up the development of ACARAT (the Auroville Consolidated, Asset Registries and Application Tracker), an application designed to store and manage electronic records for Land, Building Applications and Commercial/Auroville Entities for Land Board, TDC and FAMC respectively.

**Food Sector Research:** A group of 4 Aurovilians came forward proposing to undertake a 3 months research project into establishing data management for Auroville's food sector. This was based on their observation of a huge gap in the communication capabilities between different stakeholders in this sector, and a lack of transferable data that would enable better planning for Auroville's food security. The request was for 2 half Maintenances for a period of 3 month in which they would look at what was done in the past, understand the needs and challenges of all the stakeholders, look at the current infrastructure and see how different tools / systems could fill some gaps. This was approved.

**Pitanga:** Pre-corona, Pitanga Cultural Centre was partially supported by guest income, receiving a monthly budget of Rs. 9,000 from BCC alongside Maintenances. The Pitanga executives approached BCC for additional support (Rs. 40,000 monthly) to cover the salaries of their employees, as their reserves are exhausted. This was approved and will be reviewed as part of the Pitanga budget request for FY 22-23.

**Prosperity Area Coordinator:** BCC received a request from a team of Aurovilians working to develop the infrastructure of the Prosperity area (Solar Kitchen complex) and coordinate amongst the Services housed within it. The request was for a ½ Maintenance towards a coordinator who would manage the upcoming extension of the Prosperity Building as well as work towards better sharing of resources amongst the services. This was approved for a 6 months period.

**Sante Coordination:** The BCC had approved a previous request from the Covid Task Force / Sante Coordination Team to support a Covid quarantine facility in Auroville (Bharat Nivas) with a budget of Rs. 29,000/month up to September 2021. The Sante Coordination team requested an extension till the end of the financial year (March 31, 2022), after which they plan to ask the Working Committee to close it down and replace it with a smaller operation. The request for this extension was approved.

## Extra (non-recurring) budget requests:

**ACUR:** The ACUR (Town Hall) management team requested several lakh to undertake repairs of the building complex. The BCC requests that 3 estimates be provided to review and approve such large requests, and are waiting to receive these from ACUR. We additionally approached the original contractor to advise on the works proposed to be undertaken. A budget of Rs. 35,100 was also requested by ACUR to repurpose the space previously occupied exclusively by AVDzines, into two separate spaces, in order to be able to accommodate Savi. This request was approved. They also requested a monitor for the ACUR (Town Hall) reception, this is being followed up with Blue Light.

**Adventure Community (continued):** Adventure community submitted a budget request for a Road Service estimate of Rs. 107,125 for their path repairs. Given that they had close to half the amount in their communal account to be used towards such purposes, the BCC decided to support 50% of the requested budget, Rs. 88, 600. Typically Road Service path repairs within communities are not subsidised by City Services budget, support was granted only on the basis of the emergency flooding situation.

**BCC Office:** The BCC Office team requested a new computer for BCC Office. The required Rs. 34,711 was approved.

**Buddha Garden:** Buddha Garden requested a grant of Rs. 18,000 towards renting access to their farm via non-Auroville land. This was due to a conflict situation with their neighbouring Auroville farm (Siddharta Farm) which had resulted in their no longer being able to share access via Auroville land. As this matter was currently following an arbitration process, the outcome of which would likely include decisions from the arbiters on who ought to pay what amount for what purpose (potentially funding from the City Services budget), the BCC decided to await the outcome of the arbitration.

**Dehashakti sports ground:** Rs. 12,000 has been approved for fence repair.

**Electrical Service:** The Electrical Service requested emergency funding of Rs. 2 lakhs for the Matrimandir HT transformer and HT cable termination kit. BCC approved their request.

**Farms:** The BCC received several requests for support from individual farms: from Ayarpadi farm for a collapsed borewell, Alipsa farm for replacement of chickens due to flooding, Manvasam for a solar pump. The BCC requires the endorsement of the Farm Group for such requests, based on the priorities for the sector, given that many farms are in need. So far, the Farm Group has endorsed the request from Ayarpadi. Given that the request is for a borewell, the endorsement of the TDC and Water Group is needed as well and is currently being sought.

**Foodlink:** FoodLink submitted the amount to be covered by BCC towards the sales of Auroville farm produce. It was previously agreed that the BCC would cover an amount equivalent to the proposed price raise, to avoid this increase being pushed to Auroville consumers. The requested Rs. 134,003 was disbursed.

**Solar Kitchen:** The Solar Kitchen team requested a chapatti-making machine with a value of Rs. 5,39,850. This was approved.

**Matrimandir Flowers:** The Matrimandir flower offerings team requested approximately Rs. 60,000 for flower offerings for February 21st and 28th, Rs. 30,000 was approved.

**Matrimandir:** The Matrimandir team requested Rs. 70,000 for the February 28th bonfire breakfast. BCC has approved Rs. 25,000 based on last year's request with a little increase for inflation. (Last year's approved request was Rs. 23,450).

**News and Notes:** The N&N team requested an additional monitor and keyboard for a value of Rs. 15,325, to enable one of their team members to work from home on the days preceding publication which require long working hours. This was approved.

**Pongal Bonus budget request:** A few services approached BCC with Pongal bonus requests for their employees. These amounts were granted on the basis of the financial situation of the service (i.e. their reserves). Typically bonus amounts should be included by services in their annual budget requests to BCC.

**Prosperity Building extension:** A team of Aurovilians secured a large donation (1 crore) towards the extension of the Prosperity building (Solar Kitchen area), specifically the addition of a second floor to the building currently housing PTDC, Nandini and Free Store. However, construction is significantly delayed due to a tendering process, and the team foresee that the donation, which is currently deposited in the Unity Fund, will lose its value and will not be sufficient to complete the project. They approached BCC requesting a grant equivalent to the value lost, if needed to complete the project. The BCC offered to cover up to 15% of the original donation (Rs. 15 lakhs) if needed, given that the project supports essential budgeted services of Auroville.

## BCC Finance

**Neem Tree:** The Neem Tree Executives have agreed to begin paying City Services contributions, as expected from all eateries, including their pending contributions due. Previously they had expressed that they felt they should be exempted given that they provided a service to the community in the form of a low cost eatery.

**Dental refund expenses:** Aurovilians receiving a City Services Maintenance are refunded for dental expenses if incurred at the Auroville Dental Centre, or elsewhere if there is an endorsement from the Dental Centre to do so for the purposes of special treatment. For Aurovilians working in units, it was agreed that dental work will be considered an expense of the unit as long as the same process is followed: for it to be considered an expense the dental work should either be undertaken by the Dental Centre or outside on the recommendation of the Dental Centre. Where units/activities cannot afford to cover the dental costs of the Aurovilians working within them, these individuals can approach BCC Care for financial support.

Internal BCC team updates:

**BCC Secretariat:** Mathan (BCC) resigned as secretary of the BCC on March 31st, 2022 and was replaced by Chloe Tadiotto.

**BCC Finance:** A support group has been created for BCC Finance, consisting of Ellie (BCC Checkpoint), Lisa (FAMC), Mahi (BCC), Sheida (BCC Finance), Suryamayi (BCC), Ulli (FARG), to help create guidelines relating to BCC Finance work and address exceptional cases.

**New BCC members:** Following a call to the community for candidates to the BCC, the FAMC selected Verena (working at RAS) to join the BCC team in February 2022 and Sacha to join the BCC in March 2022.

**Resignation of a BCC member:** Fabien (Mason & Co), who joined the BCC team in June 2021, chose to resign in March 2022 as he was finding it difficult to give time to BCC work and did not wish to affect BCC's functioning as a result. We thank Fabien for having joined our team and for his valuable inputs, and hope that other young executives will find interest in BCC work in future.

**Extra weekly meeting:** The BCC has added an additional weekly meeting, currently dedicated to the budgeting for FY 22-23.

## CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS Financial year 2021-22

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	9,07,49,420
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	25,86,78,514
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	34,94,27,934
Total Payments	24,67,58,449
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	10,26,69,485
Yearly loss/gain	1,19,20,065

## Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	9,08,33,409
Services	8,63,92,692
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	2,34,32,472
<b>Internal Total</b>	<b>20,06,58,573</b>



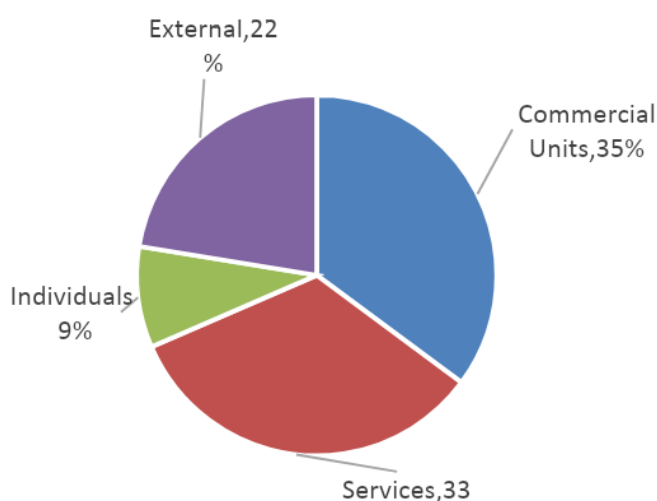
### External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	1,61,00,483
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	4,19,19,458
<b>External Total</b>	<b>5,80,19,941</b>

### City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments
Education	4,39,98,252
Social Support	3,33,95,081
Children & Youth	2,76,43,243
Contingency	2,31,13,111
Organization	1,97,11,022
Health	1,59,38,652
Village Education	1,32,35,383
Forests	1,30,64,404
Prosperity Services	1,18,11,882
Security	76,93,783
Outreach	72,05,806
Culture & Sports	69,98,844
Farms	65,03,769
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	50,77,911
Land	42,99,465
Housing	25,35,078
Matrimandir	20,88,609
City Planning	17,95,078
Utilities	4,35,370
Projects	2,13,708
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,67,58,449</b>

### Monthly Income by Source



### Contribution Details

- **Total in 33%** are contributions that are counted toward calculating the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.
- **Total Contributions** includes specified contributions that are not counted as part of the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	2,27,59,620	2,30,59,620
Maroma	1,01,93,526	1,03,84,926
Tanto	56,35,354	58,25,354
Auroville Consulting	30,50,098	30,67,898
Cynergy	29,78,412	29,78,412
Conscious Living	27,33,280	28,93,280
Svaram	20,91,480	20,91,480
The Colors of Nature	19,39,013	19,39,013
Miniature	19,36,150	19,36,150
Aureka	16,06,590	16,24,590
La Ferme Cheese	13,52,270	13,52,270
AUROMICS	12,16,810	13,27,810
Sound Wizard	11,53,500	11,88,500
Cadd Studio	11,33,280	12,78,480
Auroville Energy Products	10,07,415	10,57,415
Yuvabe	9,95,486	9,95,486
Coffee Ideas	9,78,280	9,78,280
Le Gourmet II	9,31,700	9,31,700
C3STREAM Land Designs	8,82,914	8,82,914
Pitchandikulam Forest Co	8,47,948	8,47,948
The Right Path Cafe	6,84,178	7,02,178
Eco Femme	6,81,070	6,81,070
Aurospirul	6,64,920	6,76,920
AVA-Procultura	5,65,350	5,65,350
Painting and Decor	5,56,640	5,56,640
Hers	5,44,920	5,44,920
Auroville Online Store	5,39,430	5,53,125
Varuna Auroville	5,04,013	11,04,013
Shradhanjali	4,67,160	4,92,160
School for Sustainable Mn	4,40,128	4,40,128
Catami	4,13,580	4,13,580
Imago	4,11,740	4,11,740
Artisan Revolution	3,83,280	4,11,280
Samangal	3,77,000	3,77,000
Mandala Pottery	3,73,280	4,63,280
Mahasaraswati Construct.	3,72,970	3,72,970
MG Ecoduties	3,26,593	3,26,593
To be Two	2,71,315	2,71,315
EV Future	2,63,280	2,63,280
Flame	2,53,280	2,65,280
Mancala	2,51,640	2,81,640
Aurorachana	2,51,280	2,75,280
Sumark Construction	2,45,920	2,45,920
Capability Landscape	2,44,920	2,44,920
Auroville Papers	2,39,140	2,83,140
Kallialay Surf School	2,35,960	2,40,960
Auro Dent	2,32,490	2,32,490
Aurinoco Systems	2,22,080	2,22,080
FILAURE	2,21,340	2,46,340
Wasteless	2,18,610	2,18,610

Sciro Pizza	2,03,280	2,03,280
Nowana	2,01,260	2,01,260
Magica	1,93,720	1,93,720
Naturellement	1,87,380	1,87,380
Gastronomica	1,83,910	1,83,910
Aurosoya	1,83,280	1,85,680
Aurora brand Sakura Sushi	1,82,100	1,82,100
Ilion	1,80,440	1,80,440
Auroville Earth Institute	1,76,970	1,76,970
Treecare	1,73,500	1,73,500
Buildaur	1,63,090	2,63,090
Avitra	1,60,920	3,16,920
Progress Landscapes&Con	1,59,620	1,65,620
Eco-Pro	1,45,920	1,45,920
La Boutique D' Auroville	1,43,280	1,43,280
ADPS	1,43,020	1,43,020
Worktree	1,35,330	1,35,330
La Terrace	1,31,860	6,81,860
M&M Cheese	1,31,860	1,31,860
Aquadyn	1,27,911	1,27,911
New Dawn Carpentry	1,24,920	1,24,920
Tapasya Design Studio	1,23,280	1,23,280
Pottery Sipapu	1,21,957	3,21,957
Tree House Community	1,21,450	1,21,450
Cafe 73	1,17,980	1,17,980
MEREVILLE	1,13,280	1,13,280
Holistic	1,11,040	1,11,040
Studio One	1,07,232	1,07,232
Auroville Architectural Ser	1,04,100	1,04,100
H & S Design	1,03,730	1,03,730
Nala Builders	1,01,280	1,01,280
Mantra	96,340	96,340
Centre D'art	90,220	90,220
Joy Health Food	83,701	83,701
Arthena	83,280	83,280
Auro Yali	83,280	83,280
Deepam Candles	83,280	83,280
Eutechne(Eutence)	83,280	83,280
MiA Studio	83,280	83,280
Mira Computers	83,280	83,280
Omega	83,280	85,280
Pragati Constructions	83,280	83,280
150DPI	83,280	83,280
Alter Eco	83,280	83,280
Auro Amirtham	83,280	83,280
Naham Consultancy	83,280	83,280
Perceptive Eye Studio	83,280	83,280
Masala Project	83,280	83,280
Lumiere	83,280	83,280
Inside India	81,644	85,844
La Maison	77,640	77,640
Natura	76,340	76,340

Papui and Somethingelse	72,870	72,870
Auro Lakshmi Constrution	72,870	72,870
Mitra Auroville	69,400	69,400
Integral Campus Initiative	67,558	67,558
Natures Gift	66,892	66,892
Comfort Design	62,460	62,460
Pitchandikulam Forest	62,460	62,460
Inscapes	62,460	62,460
Raman construction	62,460	62,460
Unitary	62,460	62,460
Neem Tree	60,520	60,520
Auroville Design Consult.	57,255	57,255
Aire	55,520	55,520
Happy Art Glass Studio	54,412	54,412
Auroville Language Lab	52,050	52,050
Bamboo Centre Auroville	52,050	52,050
Eye See	48,580	48,580
Mukti Accounting	48,580	48,580
AVA-LuMa	48,580	48,580
Eternal (Divers)	47,350	65,350
Abacus Accounting	46,640	47,640
Studio Eri	46,640	46,640
Joy Postcards	45,240	45,240
Sagarmatha	45,110	45,110
Upcycling Studio	45,110	45,110
BHU Nausheen	41,749	41,749
Atmarati Architects	41,640	41,640
Auroline	41,640	41,640
Aurore Projects & Services	41,640	41,640
Auroville Architectural Ser	41,640	41,640
Auroville Press Publishers	41,640	41,640
Auroville Road Service	41,640	41,640
Auzolan	41,640	41,640
BON	41,640	65,640
Discovery	41,640	41,640
Earth&Us	41,640	41,640
Ecoteco Pools	41,640	41,640
Freeland	41,640	41,640
Gecko	41,640	41,640
Kottakarai Org. Food Prod	41,640	41,640
LiGHT-FiSH	41,640	41,640
Linea	41,640	41,640
New Creation Corner	41,640	41,640
Prakrit	41,640	41,640
Prisma	41,640	41,640
Sunshine Music	41,640	41,640
Upasana Design Studio	41,640	41,640
White Ant Studio	41,640	41,640
Artomic	41,640	41,640
Aurosystemica	41,640	41,640
Brainfever Media Produc.	41,640	41,640
Essence of Nature	41,640	41,640

Flame tree Software	41,640	41,640
Food Laboratory	41,640	41,640
Hemplanet	41,640	41,640
Matrigold	41,640	41,640
Rock'N Bubbles Outdoors	41,640	41,640
Softnet	41,640	41,640
Solitude Lunch	41,640	41,640
Avatar Design	41,640	41,640
Functional Forms	41,640	41,640
AuroBacio	41,640	41,640
Centre De soins Naturels	41,640	41,640
Iruita Dreams	41,640	41,640
Medi Clown Academy	41,640	41,640
Natraj	41,640	41,640
Bhakti Mills in India	41,640	41,640
Ecofare	41,640	41,640
Nirami	41,640	41,640
Octo Studio	41,640	41,640
AVARTS-Aavartan Studio	38,170	38,170
Active Nature Projects	38,170	38,170
Integral Learning Center	36,435	36,435
IPK Activities	36,435	36,435
Ganesh Bakery	36,000	36,000
Selvam Multy Purpose	36,000	36,000
New School Crafts	35,925	35,925
Cocoon	35,820	35,820
Crystal Art & Craftwork	34,811	34,811
AF Deco	34,700	34,700
Valentina Beatriz	34,700	34,700
Hands for Earth	34,700	34,700
VSB Computers	30,000	30,000
ASSA/SEONGSIL	28,394	28,394
AVA/GODDESS/JYOTIS	27,760	27,760
Wood Concept	27,760	27,760
Taboo	24,290	24,290
AVARTS/Birdie	24,290	24,290
The Drone Zone	24,290	24,290
Unity Transport	24,000	24,000
Start Upcycling Kiosk VC	23,823	23,823
Radiance	20,820	20,820
Spirit of Leadership	20,820	20,820
Sarvam Computers	20,820	20,820
MAT JIP	20,820	20,820
Mystique	17,350	17,350
Have Fun Pottery	17,350	17,350
MO BETTA	17,350	17,350
Purnam Center For Integralit	17,350	17,350
Auroville Printers	13,880	13,880
Blossoms	13,880	13,880
Kalya's Delight	13,880	13,880
Quantum Research	13,880	13,880

Aurothaima	12,168	12,168
Stone Age Handicrafts	12,000	12,000
RTL Academy	11,763	11,763
Oceans	11,000	11,000
Rainbow Swan Studio	10,761	10,761
AV DZINES	10,410	10,410
Melting Spot	10,410	10,410
ASSA-Wordsmithery	9,096	9,096
Bear & Trout	9,005	9,005
AVARTS*INLIGHT	8,675	8,675
Awareness Research Av	8,132	8,132
Happy Foods	6,940	6,940
Path	6,940	6,940
Anveshan	6,940	6,940
Nomad Art	6,940	6,940
ASSA*INSPIRE STUDIOS	6,940	6,940
AUROSARJAN	6,000	37,500
BEING	5,592	5,592
Kolamandala	5,399	5,399
LEAD-SAVI	5,365	5,365
Information Service	5,205	5,205
Bhojanam Natural Food	5,205	5,205
I and I Connection	5,205	5,205
AUROMODE	5,000	5,000
Kalabhumi Art Studio	5,000	5,000
Saraswati Unlimited	4,020	4,020
Plastic Seasons	3,470	3,470
ATB with Amir	3,470	3,470
ANDREANNE ACTIVITIES	3,470	3,470
LEAD/AV BUDOKAN	3,334	3,334
SoMagic	3,265	3,265
Joy Activities	2,899	2,899
AVARTS-Our Home	2,184	2,184
Kolam Yoga	2,137	2,137
Mohanam Programs	2,034	2,034
Sunshine Network	1,170	1,170
Creativity Hall of Light	902	902
ASSA/Hibiscus Heros	870	870
LEAD-AHIMSA	856	856
Stilelibero	797	797
Candela	758	758
Lead-Inner Body Work	692	692
LEAD*DANCING TREE	687	687
Joy Living Learning	515	515
Lisa Arpi Photography	202	202
AVARTS-Compagnie S.D.F	15	15
La Boutique D' Auroville,	-	6,000
Naturally Auroville	-	36,000
Taste of korea	-17,350	-17,350
Akriti	-24,000	-24,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,75,51,214</b>	<b>9,08,33,409</b>
<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>100%</b>



Services	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	13,60,721	13,60,721
Isai Ambalam GH	8,60,490	8,60,490
Center GH	8,17,635	8,63,235
Gaia's Garden GH	6,91,327	6,91,327
Afsanah GH	6,35,495	6,43,895
Joy Community GH	6,06,957	6,06,957
New Creation GH	5,75,898	5,75,898
Samarpan GH	4,28,891	4,28,891
Arka GH	4,15,260	4,15,260
Sharnga GH	4,11,867	4,11,867
Verite GH	2,38,891	2,38,891
Needam GH	1,82,968	1,82,968
Aspiration GH	1,63,553	1,63,553
Samasti GH	1,56,023	1,56,023
SAIIR-Mitra GH	1,52,917	1,52,917
Atithi Griha GH	1,38,891	1,38,891
Abundance GH	1,32,746	1,32,746
SAIIR-Youth Camp GH	1,30,526	1,30,526
EUU-Sonja & Umberto GH	1,23,368	1,23,368
Swagatham GH	91,012	91,012
EUU-La Maison Bleue GH	88,941	88,941
EUU – Casa Luna GH	85,697	85,697
EUU – Selveraj GH	83,673	83,673
Tanto Far Beach GH	83,280	83,280
Red Earth Black Box GH	81,025	81,025
Tibetan Bodkhang	77,188	77,188
EUU – Transformation GH	73,380	73,380
EUU Moongate GH	65,930	65,930
Rainbow in Auroville GH	65,633	65,633
EUU Siddhartha Forest GH	64,820	64,820
Reve GH	52,820	52,820
FRM-Buddha Garden Coll	44,236	44,236
Discovery GH	42,468	42,468
EUU-Suganya GH	41,000	41,000
EUU-Martuvam GH	40,500	40,500
EUU – Lotus GH	40,000	40,000
EUU-Nishita GH	38,700	38,700
EUU-Ramachandran GH	30,600	30,600
EUU-Harsha GH	29,920	29,920
EUU-Sita Nivas GH	27,680	27,680
EUU-Vasu/Repos GH	27,330	27,330
EUU – Kumar Samasti GH	24,890	24,890
EUU – Creativity GH	24,290	24,290
EUU-Rossella GH	22,000	22,000
EUU – Vikas GH	20,580	20,580
EUU – Kofpu GH	15,566	15,566
EUU – Victor and Galina GH	13,317	13,317
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	12,145	12,145
EUU-3 Roses GH	11,580	11,580
EUU-Nandhanam GH	10,920	10,920

EUU – Douceur GH	10,410	10,410
EUU-Elumalai& Sarasu GH	8,010	8,010
International House	7,816	7,816
EUU-Li Mei GH	7,490	7,490
EUU-Adhi GH	7,400	7,400
Rohini GH	6,480	6,480
EUU – Boomivalar GH Coll	4,760	4,760
EUU-Semanti GH	3,000	3,000
EUU-Angel GH	2,000	2,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>97,12,911</b>	<b>97,66,911</b>
<b>Net Addit. Guest Contrib.</b>	<b>41,47,353</b>	<b>41,47,353</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,38,60,264</b>	<b>1,39,14,264</b>

Services	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	5,80,62,598	6,11,64,531
Visitor Center Parking	50,71,086	50,71,086
Botanical Garden	7,99,835	7,99,835
CSR	4,47,630	4,47,630
CS-Working Committee	2,94,950	2,94,950
Quiet Healing Centre	2,67,190	2,79,190
CS-Pour Tous Water	2,06,289	2,06,289
Soalr & UPS Service	2,00,925	2,00,925
Birth Center	1,66,560	1,66,560
AVAl-Sadhana Forest	1,61,550	1,61,550
AV Arts Service	1,46,472	1,46,472
Visitor Center	1,38,800	1,38,800
CS-FAMC	1,14,510	1,14,510
Citadine	79,810	79,810
Korean Pavillion	79,810	79,810
Electrical Services	76,340	76,340
Auroville Video Product.	76,340	76,340
SAIIR – Foreign	74,000	74,000
CS-Blue Light	61,720	61,720
Auroville Vehicle Service	50,315	50,315
Thamarai	48,580	48,580
50th Anniversary	47,755	47,755
Telephone Service	41,640	41,640
AWS/Water supply	41,640	41,640
La Piscine	41,640	41,640
Red Earth Riding School	41,640	41,640
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	41,640	41,640
FRM-Solitude Farm	41,640	41,640
Auroville Village Action	27,760	27,760
FLOURISH	29,400	29,400
Sewa	24,290	24,290
Child Protection Service	24,290	24,290
Sante	21,000	21,000
Sacgred Groves Care	20,820	20,820
ABC	17,350	17,350
FRM-Ayarpadi	15,615	15,615
New Era Secondary Sch.	10,410	10,410

L'Avenir	10,410	10,410
Pour Tous Distribution	10,410	10,410
Anntara	10,410	10,410
Mattram	5,205	5,205
Roads Service Collection	–	21,85,233
Solar Kitchen	–	28,986
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,71,50,275</b>	<b>7,24,78,428</b>

### Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovilian	1,73,98,382	1,73,98,382
School Participation	29,64,770	29,64,770
Friends of AV	25,05,850	25,05,850
Newcomer	5,63,470	5,63,470
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,34,32,472</b>	<b>2,34,32,472</b>

### External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Government of India for SAIER	1,61,00,483	1,61,00,483
Other GOI	–	–
Other Contributions	–	–
Project Contributions	–	–
Foreign Contributions	4,19,19,458	4,19,19,458
<b>External Total</b>	<b>5,80,19,941</b>	<b>5,80,19,941</b>

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Ambulance (24/7):

- Auroville – 9442224680
- PIMS – 0413 2656271

### Security (24/7):

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

### Health

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

### Mental health 24/7 support:

- Mattram – 9487746051

### India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

- 108

## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS





### Bus Charges

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

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 <b>Auroville TO PONDICHERRY</b>				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite Udayogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Enterance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55
 <b>Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE</b>				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About}	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00