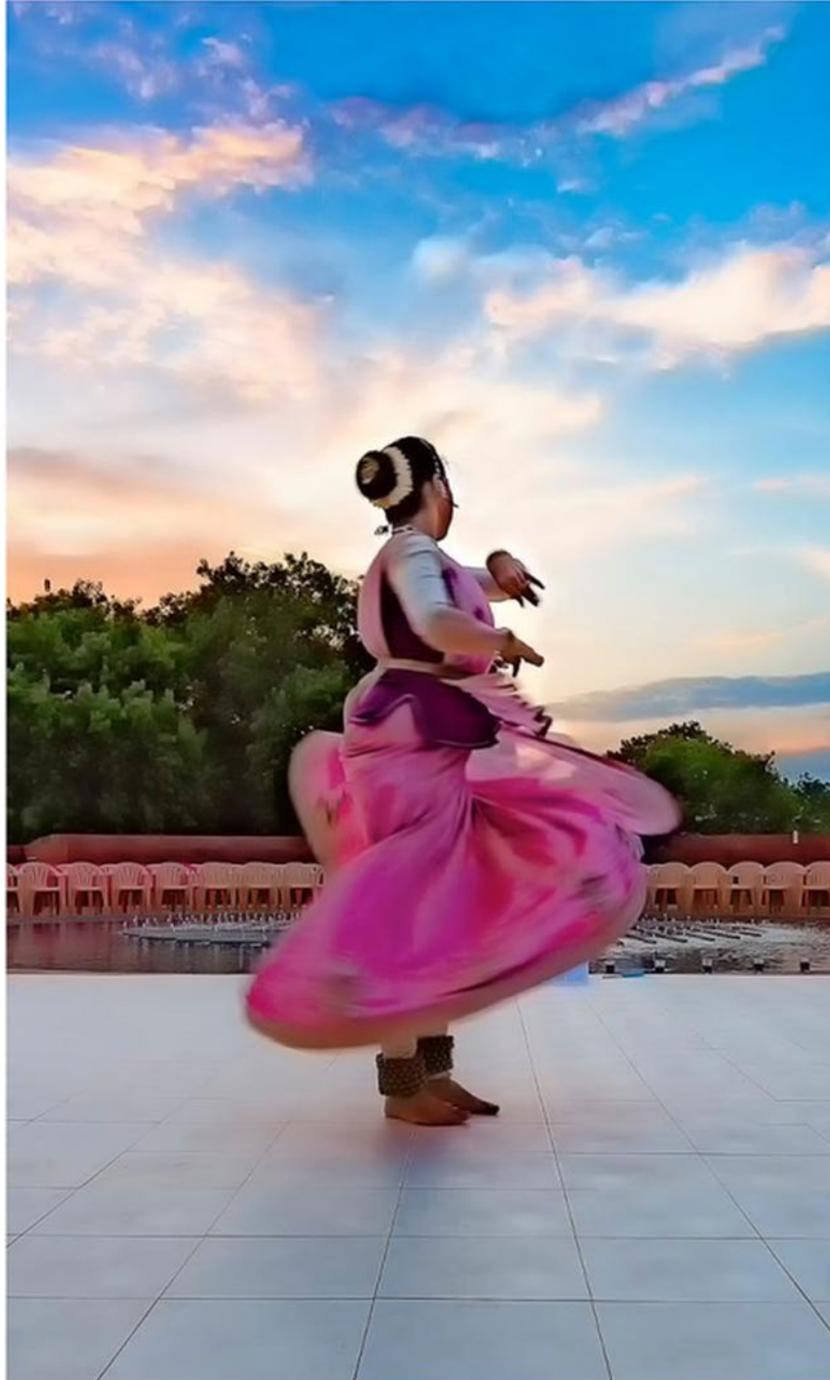


# News and Notes

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A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

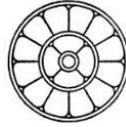
26<sup>th</sup> June 2021



Rehearsal before performance at mini-amphitheatre in Matrimandir on 15.08.2019

Photo: Piero Cefaloni

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



(continued from last week)

## The Primeval Inconscient

“Beneath the feet” is obviously the soil we have emerged from. From there, this extraordinary dense Fire or dense substance rose through the body to rejoin its source, then to descend back and pound its base – it is as if animal Evolution had come full circle: the Beginningless has rejoined the Beginning. It is not clearly in order to die once more at the end of three and a half billion years. It is in order to be what is. In order for the whole world to be what it is. The “*grand solution*” to this riddle, said Sri Aurobindo – the sublime Contradiction which has made use of all our disasters to reach the point It wanted to reach. And what It wants is clearly not one more disaster, a total one this time.

We started off from the Inconscient, or apparent Inconscient: that mire of plasma and steam, that rock... which produced a certain number of species all the same, ours included. But all that contained a seed. There is a well-known hymn of the Rig-Veda, the “Hymn of Creation”, and we will not stop wondering at the extraordinary knowledge of those Rishis of seven or ten thousand years ago – certainly five thousand years before Sophocles and Buddha. How could they know all this? With what “I”?

*Then existence was not nor non-existence,  
the midworld was not nor the Ether  
nor what is beyond.  
What covered all? where was it?  
in whose refuge?  
what was that ocean dense and deep?  
Death was not nor immortality  
nor the knowledge of day and night.  
That One lived without breath by his self-law,  
there was nothing else nor aught beyond it.*

Then the Beginning took place, our beginning.

*In the beginning Darkness hidden by darkness,  
all this was an ocean of inconscience.  
When universal being was concealed by fragmentation,  
then by the greatness of its energy  
That One was born.  
That moved at first as desire within,  
which was the primal seed of mind...*

And the Rishis of yore, even before those who later left their hymns, told their own discovery:

*The Master of Wisdom found out in the non-existent  
that which builds up the existent;  
in the heart they found it by purposeful impulsion  
and by the thought-mind.  
Their ray was extended horizontally;  
there was something above,  
there was something below.*

Such is our starting point: the Inconscient, with a seed of That One – *Tad Ekam*. And... “*something above, something below*”. We are in this horizontal world. It is our field of experience. Or of un-coveyry.

(to be continued next week)

– Satprem . The Tragedy of the Earth - from Sophocles to Sri Aurobindo . The Victory Over Matter



There is only needed the perseverance to go on till this resistance breaks down and the psychic which is not absent nor unmanifest is able to dominate others. Sri Aurobindo, Letters on Yoga P 798



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Covid Bulletin 20<sup>th</sup> June 21:** The Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has issued a press release extending the full lockdown until 28-06-2021 at 6-00 am (see [link](#)). There are no particular changes regarding how our internal distribution outlets can function; parcel service from eateries can now operate from 6am to 9pm.

There are, however, a few general relaxations that are listed below:

- Separate/standalone grocery, vegetable, meat and fish shops will be allowed to operate from 6.00am to 7.00pm.
- Pedestrian stalls selling vegetables, fruits and flowers will be allowed to operate from 6.00am to 7.00pm.
- In hotels, restaurants and bakeries, only parcel service is allowed from 6.00am to 9.00pm. All E-commerce companies that distribute food through E-commerce will be allowed to operate only at the above times.
- All other E-commerce service companies can operate from 06.00am to 09.00pm.
- Shops selling sweets and snacks items will be allowed to operate from 6.00am to 9.00pm.
- All other shops and stores, including those selling vehicles, are allowed to open from 9am to 5pm.
- Travel to Nilgiris, Kodaikanal, Yercaud, Yelagiri, Courtallam areas will be allowed with an e-pass for emergency reasons.
- Travel for weddings will be allowed with an e-pass between 27 districts.
- All essential government departments will be allowed to operate with 100% staff.
- Other government offices will be allowed to operate with 50% staff.
- Sub-Registrar's Offices will be allowed to function fully.
- All private companies will be allowed to operate with 33% employees.
- Export companies, input manufacturing companies for export companies are allowed to continue to operate with 100% staff. Other factories will be allowed to operate with 33% employees. Relevant SOP's must be followed.
- Shops selling electrical goods, bulbs, cables, switches and wires are allowed to operate from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.
- All types of construction will be allowed, while following relevant SOP's.
- Administrative work related to student admission will be allowed in schools, colleges, universities and training centers.
- Permission to operate sports training boards from 6.00am to 5.00pm.
- From 6.00 am to 5.00 pm, open air games will be allowed without spectators.

Please remember to continue to apply all due precautions of wearing masks and maintaining distance when interacting with others and in public spaces/facilities, and regularly washing hands or using sanitiser.

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**New MERA team:** Dear community,

Some of you may be aware that MERA (Management of Emergency Responses in Auroville) is a unit that was created in June 2020 under the Health and Healing Trust, set up as a channel for receiving funds for emergency responses to any crisis. The MERA resolution states that its scope is "To receive and disburse funds during an emergency in an accountable fashion; to approve projects to relieve said emergency".

Executives for MERA are appointed for one year, and drawn from the FAMC, BCC and Working Committee. The new executives, appointed by the FAMC as of June 2021, are Suryamayi (BCC), Stephan (FAMC), Rathinam (BCC) and Hemant (Working Committee). Nilen Jha will continue to administer and review the disbursements of MERA funds. You can reach us at [mera@auroville.org.in](mailto:mera@auroville.org.in)

The new MERA team has established two categories of projects for use of MERA funds:

- Immediate emergency relief for the crisis.
- Recovery & Revitalisation support to address longer term effects of the crisis.

(See our complete Guiding Principles document attached on Auronet)

Some of you had generously donated to the MERA this past year, and these funds were disbursed to the BCC for Temporary Emergency Maintenances, and to services such as Sante, the Covid-19 Task Force, the Auroville Ambulance, Auroville Health Service and Foodlink (see previous MERA reports on Auronet).

While the MERA funds were used up as of April 2021, the BCC has continued to support on-going emergency budgets. Now two donors have come forward who wish to support Auroville units and services that are struggling due to the economic impact of the pandemic. We will soon be publishing details of the funding criteria and how to apply for / contribute to this relief fund, which will be administered by MERA.

In support of Auroville,

MERA Executives  
Hemant, Rathinam, Stephan and Suryamay

**AVST update on Pour Tous:** Dear family,

We apologize that you haven't heard from us for a while. The implementation of the RAD in September 2020 is very much in progress. This is a short update.

Recently the Transition Team has finished its detailed and hands-on work and made its recommendation for new executives to the Service Trust. We immediately met with the individuals proposed. After much deliberation, and reaching a consensus, we have accepted the Transition Team recommendation. All of this still needs to be presented to the FAMC for a final approval, as is the normal process for executive appointments.

We are also spending time in talks with Kala and Kumar about the next steps in an actual transition at Pour Tous in Aspiration.

We are happy to share that there is now a subgroup of the Service Trust and FAMC to start the process of creating the Pour Tous Management / Advisory Group. More news and details about that will be in the N&N and on the AuroNet in the coming weeks.

We ask for your continued patience and understanding, taking into consideration that the situation at Pour Tous has developed over 12 years and we've been consistently working towards the RA requested change only since mid-September. And in all of this we, as the trustees, have approached the situation, and will continue to, with respect and regard for the people involved with the aim of facilitating as smooth a transition as possible.

Warm regards,  
Auroville Service Trust  
Ponnusamy, Joseba, Anne, Amy and Prabhu

## APPEAL

**A call for testimonials:** Covid on our spiritual path

Recently I have received two testimonials that reveal a spiritual experience and/ or challenges among the common Covid symptoms. Now, the time might have come to tackle the individual experiences of Covid from the spiritual angle. Since Auroville is a unique spiritual experiment in the world, it is possible that Covid may also have manifested here through specific spiritual parameters.

If you have experienced Covid, this post is a call for your testimonial on how you were challenged by it on your spiritual path.

- Before, during and after your Covid experience, were there any challenges directly connected to your spiritual path?
- While your body was fighting the virus, did you experience any specific battles that were directly related to your spiritual growth?
- Were there any occult experiences that you would like to share?

Once the testimonials are collected, I am planning to compile them anonymously in a document and pass it to the archives. This collection may also reveal spiritual 'key-practices' that could be helpful in the future. Please, send your testimonial by email to [dan@auroville.org.in](mailto:dan@auroville.org.in)

## WELCOME

**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 087**

**Dated: 26-06-2021**

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovillian and Friend of Auroville status confirmation, for Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville two weeks and for Aurovilians and Returning Aurovilians one month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to [entryservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in).

Balaji SUBBARAJU (USA) staying in Vikas and working at AV Consulting  
Olha BONDAR (aka Olga) (Ukrainian) staying in Humanscape and working at Matrimandir & To be Two  
Sriranjani BOOBALAN (Indian) staying in Djaima and working at New Creation Child Development & Sunrise Taxi Service  
Vijaya SAMPATH (Indian) staying in Protection and working at Tanto Restaurant & Guest House (Srima)  
Zhengrong ZHAO (aka Lhamo) (Chinese) staying in Humility and working at Joy Community

**SPOUSE / PARTNER / CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER OF AN AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:**  
Nithya VELU (Indian) staying in Inspiration (wife of Velu)

**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.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Eating out(in?):** Coffee Break is open from Wednesday 16th June for take away from 8am to 1pm. We offer: spinach quiche, cheesecake, our regular sandwiches with focaccia bread, taco wraps with chicken or vegetables of your choice as well as regular menu items.

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Aurosoya is happy to announce that we have started selling vegan and gluten free goodies. We have vegan cheese, vegan ghee, mock-meats, gluten free cookies, gluten free pastas, jackfruit curries and lots more. The selection is thoughtfully curated and sourced.  
Drop by at our unit in Udhogam (behind Verite) between 8:30a.m to 4:30p.m.."

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**Travel:** To get a ticket departing India is easy.

Mr. Ganesh works as consultant for ticketing. Billing and payments are done as usual via Inside India. You can contact Mr. Ganesh directly for issuing, rescheduling. for all kinds of ticketing and travel insurance by phone or / and by WhatsApp: +91 9894598686 by e-mail: [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in)

The return depends on the regulation at that time and can't be predicted today. Below is a link to the LH website which gives current Information how to travel from Frankfurt to India. Conditions starting from other countries using different airlines will be similar.

<https://lufthansa.travel-regulations.com/route-info?origin=FRA&destination=MAA&search-enabled=true>

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Marketing position

You will craft marketing strategies for all our projects, ensure that our brand message is strong and consistent across all channels and marketing efforts (events, email campaigns, web pages, promotional material), identify opportunities to reach new market segments and coordinate sales and marketing efforts to boost our brand presence. You have experience in the field, in the clothing industry and in communication technology. Full time, maintenance available.

### Electromechanical Engineer

You have knowledge in electro mechanics and hands-on experience in repairs (building infrastructures, water/electrical/ac systems). You will repair (hands-on) medical equipment, take care of planning of repair works, write the instructions for the use and maintenance of the equipment. You will make sure that all the equipment is in good working condition ensuring the smooth functioning of the unit. Part time, maintenance provided.

### Layout and Communication

You have experience in layouting and also a very good command of spoken and written English. Part or full time, maintenance provided.

**And other positions (please inquire about details):**

Volunteers for Auro Orchard  
Digital Communication & Community Manager  
Senior PHP developer

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 [hriauroville.org](http://hriauroville.org) or [hr\\_hub@auroville.org.in](mailto:hr_hub@auroville.org.in)

## VOICES and NOTES



Your favourite radio is going to be active again, more programmes this week! Stay tuned!

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

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

Last published podcasts:

[Soul Tracks - The Mayfly Sessions, ep.7 "Steely Dan, Back & Forth, In & Out!"](#)

(Music)

[Audible Weed Walk - ep. 46 "Get to know some wild weedy C4 plants"](#)

(Food education)

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

For more information write to [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

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### Numbers' Language

According to the numerology, Sri Aurobindo's number is five - power and perfection. The Mother's number is eleven - realisation of inner power.

The Vedas tell us about two birds with beautiful wings, close companions, clinging to one common tree. One of the two eats the sweet fruit of the tree, the other doesn't eat but watches his companion. If we follow the Chinese philosophy, Sri Aurobindo and the Mother were in an ideal balance: Yin and Yang together make a perfect system.

Sri Aurobindo arrived in Pondicherry in 1910, the Mother (second time) in 1920. They created a spiritual community, the Ashram, according to the Divine Command. Sri Aurobindo lived in Pondicherry for 40 years, the Mother for 53. In 1968 Auroville was born for the realisation of their ideas: International city where people from all the continents live.

For a numerologist, the Ashram's number is eight (spirituality), and Auroville's nine (intelligence, spiritual teacher, Guru).

In 1875 the French writer and prophet Jules Verne published the book "L'île mystérieuse" (The mysterious Island). He wrote in it about the Indian prince Daccar, but it seems to me that the prophet had opened the third eye and saw the future, Sri Aurobindo's life.

According to Jules Verne, prince Daccar received the western education but in 1857 he became the leader of the sepoy's (sypahes in French), riot against Britain's asuric power. The riot was defeated and the prince lived afterwards in exile. The book was translated into all the languages of the world. In my childhood I read the Russian translation (in Russian its title is "Tainstvennyi ostrov"). Not long ago I took it from the Auroville library, the issue of 1984. Aurovilian Victor Plotnikov brought it from Moscow and presented it to our library.

Jules Verne lived from 1823 to 1905. He published many books. They are very popular. He predicted a lot of events on the planet. Evidently he liked India. His hero prince Daccar hated and admired Britain. England tried to occupy France from 1337 to 1453. In India France and Britain confronted each other in 1746 - 1763. Sri Aurobindo was 38 years old when he fled from Calcutta (British colony at that time) to Pondicherry (French city at that time) to avoid being arrested by the British.

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## AVAILABLE

Hybrid Tamarind shelled with seeds Rs. 70.-/kg. Shelled and deseeded Rs.180 /kg. Contact Diego 9487061008 or Mani 97873 98595 or either 262239

# LOOKING FOR

An unused iPhone: WhatsApp me on 9843319260. Love, Krishna McKenzie.

A part-time job: I have worked as a babysitter and also as a waitress at Bread and Chocolate. I am a hardworking and trustworthy 19 year old girl, Sanjeevika. Contact me if you have any work opportunity for me. Email: [sanjeevikasanjeevikrishna@gamil.com](mailto:sanjeevikasanjeevikrishna@gamil.com). Phone: 9080474022.

**News from Auroville Language Lab:** With the on-going Covid situation, all in-person language classes & the mediathèque remain closed for another week, with the hope that everything will resume from July!



## ALL: SCHEDULE OF ONLINE CLASSES as of 22.06.2021

| LANGUAGE                                 | LEVEL         | TIME                | DAY         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|
| German<br>(started 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun) | A1.1 BEGINNER | 04:30 pm - 06:00 pm | Mon & Wed   |
| Tamil<br>(started 31 <sup>st</sup> May)  | BEGINNER      | 03:15 pm - 04:15 pm | Mon & Thurs |

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**FOR THE ISSUE to be published that SATURDAY**  
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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 5pm. Please do your best to submit copy that is ready for printing (i.e. Word shows you typos, extra spaces, punctuation errors, etc - don't make us do all the work!).

**We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.**

**Articles for the Notes section** should ideally be no longer than 500 words.

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