

News & Notes

#897 A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville 20 November 2021



The Ponder Corner

Two birds beautiful of wing, friends and comrades, cling to a common tree,
and one eats the sweet fruit, the other regards him and eats not...

Where winged souls cry the discoveries of knowledge
over their portion of immortality,
there the Lord of all, the Guardian of the World took possession of me,
he the Wise, me the ignorant.

(Rig Veda)

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House of Mother's Agenda

23 December 1961

(Concerning the Sri Aurobindo manuscript, Mother advises against replying to the publisher too hastily, because she sees a possibility that could change the situation.)

Mother: There is something deeper. And within this deeper thing there was: quiet, quiet, quiet, we will wait; and the impression (but vague, distant and uncertain) of some attempt being made to introduce a very good possibility into the atmosphere. I never see on the purely physical plane, you know (it's always on the subtle physical, the plane of possibilities – that's more real to me; the purely physical generally eludes me, but I see the subtle physical clearly), and I was seeing... I don't know, it was like something higher, from above, trying to make someone enter the field of possibilities, a brain that would suddenly be touched by the book and reverse the situation. I don't know who, I don't know what, I don't know how.... Ah, you know that yellow rose I just gave you? It's fringed in pink. Well, what came was like a slender pink fringe winding through the atmosphere of this situation.

It's possible – all is possible!

I can see from the publisher's letter that he has been touched much more than he thinks. His outer mentality may have responded the way it did, but something was vibrating within – I felt it as soon as you read me his letter. And he is violently denying it of course! It would disturb him a good deal, so he defends himself violently; but this just might give him the idea of having others read it – and it could touch someone. I don't know, I am giving you an explanation of what I saw, of the sensation it gave me: "Wait, don't move." And then: "You will be informed when it is necessary to act." So let the first of the year go by, and then we will see.

Well then. And you?

Satprem: Me?... Not much progress (Satprem did not keep the full text of his reply, still under the erroneous impression that his personal questions had no place here).

Mother: Within it is going very well, as you will notice in a while! But it takes time. It takes time and occasionally it takes on bizarre appearances. I can see that this whole peculiar period I've been passing through was a tremendous progress... and I didn't know it. I am not at the end yet, but now I understand what it is. And it's something of capital importance.

Satprem: Yes, I felt you were going through a strange period.

Mother: Now I know the outcome, and that's what I didn't see before. But it will take time. For the moment it seems.... You know, it wasn't pleasant: everything appears useless, impossible in that condition.... But that's very good! (Mother laughs) Very good. But while these things are happening, we shouldn't speak of them. So... nonetheless, we still need a Bulletin!

(For the next "Bulletin," Satprem reads to Mother from "Questions and Answers," dated January 4, 1956.)

"...And so a time comes when one would be incapable of saying, 'This is divine and that is not....'

Oh, that's a wonderful thing – at times it's truly stupendous!... But go on, continue – it would take too long to go into that!

"...Because there comes a time when one perceives the entire universe in such a total and comprehensive way that, in truth, it is impossible to remove anything from it without disturbing everything. And going a couple of steps further, one knows for certain that things which shock us as contradictions of the Divine are simply things out of place. Each thing must be exactly in its place, and what's more, be supple enough, plastic enough, to admit into a harmonious, progressive organization all the new elements constantly being added to the manifest universe. The universe is in a perpetual movement of internal reorganization, and at the same time it's growing: it's becoming more and more complex, more and more complete, more and more integral – indefinitely. And as the new elements manifest, the whole reorganization must be built on a new basis, and thus there isn't a second when ALL is not in perpetual movement. And when the movement is in accord with the divine order, it's harmonious, so perfectly harmonious that it's almost imperceptible.... Now, if you descend from this consciousness towards a more external consciousness, you begin naturally to have a very precise feeling of what helps you attain the true consciousness and what bars the way or pulls you backwards or even fights against your progress. And so the perspective changes and you are obliged to say: this is divine or a help towards the Divine; and that goes against the Divine, it's the Divine's enemy. But this is a pragmatic standpoint, geared to action, to movement in material life – because you haven't yet attained the consciousness surpassing all that; because you haven't reached that inner perfection where you no longer have to fight, since you have gone beyond the field or the time or the utility of struggle. But before reaching that state in your consciousness and action, there is necessarily struggle; and if there is struggle, there is choice; and to choose, you need discrimination."

(Mother remains silent)

(to be continued next week)

— Volume 2. 1961:

Agenda of the Supramental Action
Upon Earth



Townhall Speaks

AVC REPORT

August September and October 2021

The Auroville Council hope that you all had a fine Diwali and are enjoying the best rains we've had in years.

Koodam is dissolving

In August Koodam shared their decision to close the platform after 8 years of service.

For the transition Koodam suggested a rough framework to the Council to enable the arbiter, mediator and facilitator pools to continue to function. The framework consists of

- A coordination team for the arbiter pool,
- A coordination team for the mediator and facilitator pool, and
- A resource team to help the Council with the work involved in holding the different processes of the Conflict Resolution Policy (CRP).

Council has welcomed the suggested framework and begun implementing it. The formation, responsibilities and interaction of these entities is being refined as we go along. This structure is being explored on an experimental basis but so far this is going well.

The coordination teams will continue training and developing the different pools.

CRP3 emergency response team

An emergency response team for CRP section 3 cases (addressing cases involving violence, psychological issues etc.) consisting of Council, Working committee, Security and resource members was recently formed

Internal functioning

As some of the Council members were out for a few months, Elisa was invited to join Council meetings as a general resource person. We thank her for her contribution.

Social Hub/CRP 3 coordination

On 20th October, Council convened the people/groups that were previously involved in conceptualising a Social Hub for Auroville. A hub that would support the working groups in handling psychologically and emotionally challenging cases. Representatives from Mattram, AVCP, Auroville security, Sante, CRP 3 emergency response group, and the mediation & facilitation coordination teams were present.

To follow up on a concept note for the Social Hub, a CRP 3 coordinators team, consisting mostly of resource persons but also Council and AV security, was formed to oversee cases that are not emergencies and to explore how the area of social care can best be nurtured and developed in Auroville.

Land Board Selection Committee & the selection of new Land Board members

The report and the outcome of the LBSC was shared with the community in September 2021. The following names have been selected for the new LB team: Helena, Raja, Satyakam, Venkat and Padmanbhan, and the ongoing members are Rajavelu and Renu. Members from Council and WCom met the new team for an introduction. The new team is now active.

Matrimandir executive selection

A sub group constituted by members of FAMC, WCom and AVC have been looking into the selection process of new executives for Matrimandir. On 23rd September a call for applicants was announced. 19 self-nominations were received and the names have been announced for community feedback.

Community at large member for Housing Board

Iyyappan was selected by the FAMC as the community at large member to the Housing Board after Elaine withdrew. During the two weeks feedback period Council as well as a few members of the community raised the concern of a conflict of interest as Iyyappan is a co-executive, with an FAMC member, of a construction material procurement unit. While addressing this with the FAMC, they proposed to the Council that they will review the membership after a period of 6 months.

FAMC mandate review Task Force

The FAMC Mandate Task Force submitted their work to the Council in July for feedback. They also presented it to the FAMC in August. Council with the support of a resource person has shared some observations on the submitted work which is being considered by the task force.

Reviewing all AV mandates and policies

The Council has formed a subgroup consisting of several Council members and 2 resource persons. As a first step all mandates and policies were listed and categorised. Next this group is approaching all working groups in deliberate order to evaluate and review their mandates. For the final review of specific mandated further subgroups will be formed.

Selection process review

The Council met with RAS to discuss a new selection process review. As the Council would be selected by the same process it was felt best that the RAS hold this review instead of Council. The task force (SPRTF) is being formed of persons from the community-at-large only. With a facilitator they will review the PWG 2020 document, the ITF report recommendations, and all other proposals that were previously presented by the community.

Appeal process review

As most of the resource persons who agreed to be part of the appeal process review group have been TOS it has been kept on hold. Soon the group is expected to start the work again.

RA Decision making process

A new interim RAD proposal was presented to the community for feedback. Much of the feedback was incorporated before it went for an emergency RAD (in consultation with Council) and was eventually ratified. This Interim RAD has been proposed to be used for only 9 months during which time alternatives to the general modus of RAD making will be explored and finally presented to the community.

ATDC Office Order and selection process

A new Office Order (2021) for the ATDC was issued by the AV Foundation which created much unrest in the community. The Office Order issued was questioned by many for it's legality.

Council during their weekly meeting with Wcom discussed this topic to gain a better understanding of the events that lead to this.

After much study and consideration the Council shared their observations with the community in the two separate publications. <https://auroville.org.in/article/86208>, <https://auroville.org.in/article/86077>.

Related to this topic, and much of the reason for the delay and issues with the ATDC selection, are the discrepancies in the 2017 ATDC ratified structure (RA) and the 2019 Standing Order (issued by the AV Foundation). A harmonisation of these 2 documents has been suggested and to will be presented to the Governing Board.

Functioning of ATDC and concerns from community

Some members of the community approached Council regarding the ATDC mandate, its successive Standing Orders (2011 and 2019) and the recent Office Orders (2021). Concerns were expressed regarding the legitimacy of the ATDC members, about the Crown survey and related clearing, the new AVF Secretary's involvement and the apparent side lining of the RA and community approved processes.

Equally some community members sent their letters in support for the work the new AVF Secretary and the present ATDC were doing.

Without any invitation to the Council, many meetings on these topics were organised by the AVF Secretary between the affected residents, representatives from the Wcom, ATDC, AV Youth, and representatives of the varying viewpoints related to Auroville's town planning.

- Recently the Council met with the ATDC members to discuss a broad agenda. Some of the topics were:
- Several issues related to the clearing work for the survey of the Crown corridor (at Centre Field, Darkali and Bliss Forest, and regarding laying of the HT cable at the Youth Centre). We shared concerns received from the community regarding this. We also wanted to better understand the ground reality and ATDC's stance on certain topics.
- Appeal by ReCentre against an ATDC decision
- AV's sludge disposal
- A document sent to Council from the Evolving Galaxy group with their concerns about the present ATDC and a response to this from Universal Town Support group. It was decided that this topics requires an entire follow up meeting.

Guidelines for asking an Aurovilian to change workplace

A subgroup of Council with a member from FAMC and two from Koodam are presently working on this document. The sub group interacted with unit holders, service managers, a few members of the School Board & some Aurovilians who have been dismissed without due process.

A preliminary draft was shared with FAMC and FARG (Finance Asset Resource Group) group for their inputs. The document will soon be shared.

Auronet

Personal accusations and allegations on our public forum, harming Auroville internally and externally, were becoming a matter of concern. It was felt that there is a collective responsibility and we all need to be aware of this. As a mitigating measure Council with Wcom implemented the Auronet guidelines for a trial period of six month.

A call to the community was made to form the moderator support group for Auronet. The group has been formed and will start operating.

Substance abuse

On 6th August, members of Wcom, Council and two representatives from AVSST met to discuss the sensitive topic of growing substance abuse in Auroville and ways to create awareness among Aurovilians. It was felt that there is a real need to face this situation with clarity, efficacy and confidentiality. A campaign of awareness supported by documentation, books or videos was explored.

Inquiry Task Force

The Council has published the report from the ITF in August 2021, <https://auroville.org.in/article/85852>

As some misrepresentations were noted in the report, and the ITF had expressed that it was too late for them to include these observations because they had already disbanded, the Council and Wcom published them separately.

Auroville's growth

ATDC and Housing Board are looking at the long-term housing possibilities for newcomers and Aurovilian youngsters, in collaboration with Entry Board and FAMC. Council has attempted to follow-up but without response from ATDC.

Youth Housing

Ganesh from the Council is part of the Youth Housing which is constituted by members of Housing Service/Board, AV youths, community at large and Council.

The purpose of this group is to support the youth of Auroville to meet their housing needs.

RAS

Manoj Kumar resigned as the RAS member from 15th September onwards. Verena who was working as a RAS resource person for several years has joined as a new RAS member.

We express our gratitude for the service offered by Manoj Kumar and wish him all the best for his future. Council welcomes Verena as a new member.

Discontinuing of FGCT

In mid-August the Farm Group Coordination Team sent a mail to the Council informing us that they would be stepping down from September. They shared their observations and recommendations for the Farm Group. The Council is thankful for their service.

Communication with residents

During these 3 months Council has approached the community through N&N, Auronet and mass bulletin for announcements, feedback and information:

- Interim RAD proposal
- Report of ITF
- Observation on ATDC Standing Order and Office Order
- Appeal process and ATDC
- Outcome of LBSC
- Follow up on ATDC membership observations
- Regarding postings on Auronet
- New Guidelines for Auronet
- Call to form Auronet moderator support group
- Mandate and policy review subgroup
- Selection Process Review Task force (SPRTF)
- Observations on ITF report

Appeal, arbitration & mediation

Cases are now being held in collaboration with the newly formed appeal and arbitration coordination team. A specified resource team to help Council with this work being formed.

ACUR appeal

The appeal body had missed a step in the procedure and met with the Arbiter Coordination team to ascertain the next steps. Council is waiting to hear from them.

African Pavilion appeal

This appeal process is being held by the Wcom as it is against a decision of Council. Council met with the appeal body and generally accepted their recommendations with some input.

Re-centre appeal

ATDC has decided not to cooperate with the appeal process. As the appeal process is a community approved document, Council decided to go ahead with the process. Arbiters are appointed and the process will soon begin.

Appeal about apartment allocation

This is against a decision of FAMC. The arbiters are appointed and the process is in progress.

Procurement unit appeal

This appeal is against the decision of FAMC about starting another construction procurement unit in Auroville. The issue being unresolved in the facilitated meeting will now go to the next steps of the appeal process.

Appeal regarding a balance sheet disclosure

This appeal was filed against the decision of FAMC denying access to the balance sheet of a unit of which the appellant was a manager. The facilitated meeting has not happened as FAMC questions the validity of this appeal. The Council is reassessing the validity of this appeal.

Appeal for Nolly's house

This appeal is filed by the Auroville Health Service against the decision of FAMC for the allocating of Nolly's house. Several appeals were filed against the same decision but Council could only validate the one from the AVHS. Council met with several concerned individuals to hear from them. A facilitated meeting between the two parties will soon be held.

Arbitration regarding Sanjana

This is a very long standing disagreement. Finally the scope has been defined in consultation with both parties and an arbitration body has been formed. The arbitration will start soon.

Regarding the access issue between two Auroville farms

A team of mediators tried their best to resolve this issue. We sincerely express our gratitude for their efforts. As a result of the mediation not being successful, and one of the parties being unwilling to enter into an arbitration, the Council was left with no other options but to impose an arbitration. The arbitration body is being formed and will commence their work soon.

Although the issue remains unresolved the work done by the mediators will help the arbiters in their work.

Conflicts and other issues

There are many conflicts on the table of Council.

- An issue regarding a container is being looked at by a subgroup of Council
- The issue regarding the change made at the main gate of town hall was successfully resolved by Council
- A debt issue regarding an Auroville activity was directed to the Trustees.
- Council is extending further help to related debt issues.
- Amongst many others...

RAS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community, The Council is happy to announce the selection of two new RAS members.

In response to our announcement for new RAS members, four Aurovilians expressed their willingness. After a short round of conversation with these four candidates, the Council with the existing RAS team has chosen Denis Capdeville (Dan) and Giovanni Parrillo as the new potential team members and has suggested Henri and Chloe to become resource persons for RAS for the time being.

Dan and Giovanni will undergo a trial period of three months before being confirmed.

The Council welcomes the new team and wishes them all the best for this new journey.

At Her Service, The Auroville Council

INTERIM RAD CLARIFICATION

Dear Community, It was observed by a member of the community that the interim RAD policy has a slightly misleading sentence:

"If consensus cannot be found, other solutions, which may include voting, will have to be utilized".

Although the RA would ideally make decisions via consensus, RADs have so far always involved voting or a raising of hands. The above clause was an attempt at inviting new and creative ways of making decisions. It was not intended to allow any such new methods of decision-making to be used without first being ratified by the RA. Meaning that in the absence of ratified alternatives voting will be used for RAD processes.

Warm regards,

Auroville Council and the Working Committee

YOUTH OF AUROVILLE

WHO WISH TO BECOME AUROVILIANS

Dear community members, this concerns the Youth of Auroville who wish to become Aurovilians. Please note that there is a process to follow as an adult who wishes to take the conscious decision of joining the community.

Children who grew up in Auroville have to contact the Entry Service anytime after they turn 18 years old in order to be registered as Aurovilians.

Only then your name can be added to the Registry of Residents maintained by the Auroville Foundation, which is mandatory if you want to open a unit or need to renew your visa.

Please contact entryservice@auroville.org.in who will guide you through the process or clarify any doubt you may have.

Warmly,

The Entry Board

OPEN MEETING ON MULTIVERSITY PROPOSAL

As follow-up to our note about the Multiversity that was posted on Auronet, we have arranged an open meeting to receive questions, clarifications and/or suggestions on the idea of a Sri Aurobindo International Multiversity.

The session will happen *next Monday, 22 November 2021, in Unity Pavilion from 4.00pm till 6.00pm.*

We look forward to a healthy, constructive discussion.

All Auroville residents are welcome!

Best wishes,

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

AURONET MODERATION SUPPORT TEAM

Dear Auroville Community, the Council is happy to announce the recently appointed Auronet moderation support team. From the Aurovilians that came forward, offering their help and service for this task, Dan (Denis Capdeville, Prarthna), Julietta (Arati 2) and Martin Littlewood (Samridhi) have been chosen and entrusted with this job.

They will work in collaboration with the Auronet moderators and possibly, in difficult situations, will be supported by the Auroville Council/Wcom.

This is the final step to implementing the new Auronet Guidelines which underwent a lengthy community process. These new Auronet guidelines will be effective from November 24th 2021 for a 6 months period after which they will be reviewed, possibly amended and then sent for an RAD process. For reference here is the link to the document <https://auroville.org.in/article/86521>

Warm regards, for the Auroville Council

Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh K. Meenal, Sai Suresh, Suryan, Shivaya, and Shiva

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 108

Dated: 20-11-2021

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovilian in writing to entryservice@auroville.org.in. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

Dakshani KUMAR (Indian) staying in Mir and working at Auro-Orchard

Nilima BADRE (Indian) staying in Moongate Guest House and working at IPK Activities

Purushothaman ELUMALAI (Indian) staying in Auromode and working at MG Eco Duties



Dakshani



Nilima



Purushothaman

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

Sara BADRE (Indian) Born on 28/07/2009 (daughter of Nilima)

Ekvira BADRE (Indian) Born on 31/01/2014 (daughter of Nilima)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

Cibin THOMAS (Indian)

Sathya ARUMUGAM (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

Alexandre MANGANO (Italian) staying in Auromode and working at Arka

Irene DAOUST (Canadian) staying in Surrender and working at Matrimandir

Seul Ki JANG (Korean) staying in Courage and working at Nowana & Upcycling Studio



Alexandre



Irene



Seul Ki

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Sandhiya PANNEERSELVAM (Indian)

SPOUSE OF AN AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

Bhakkiyalakshmi RAJ (Indian) staying in Inspiration (Spouse of Raj Elumalai)

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).



Bhakkiyalakshmi

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

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

Yours, The Entry Service

APARTMENT FOR HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, one asset is currently available for transfer: **AUROMODEL, AUM032, FAMILY**

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

All you need to do is:

- click on the transfer you are interested in,
- view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer

and if you wish to apply,

- click on the "Apply" button and fill in the online application form.

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

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

Thank you, The Housing Service

K. Venkatesh

Community News

AUROVILLE MATTERS

24.11.2021,

SIDDHI DAY OR THE DAY OF VICTORY

Sri Aurobindo experiences the descent of Krishna into his body.

He explains:

"The descent of Krishna would mean the descent of the Overmind Godhead preparing, though not itself actually bringing, the descent of Supermind and Ananda."



**6 – 6.30am
at the Matrimandir**

Meditation under the Banyan Tree

Entrance from the Office Gate, open from 5.45 am, last entry at 6.15 am. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

5.30pm at the Amphitheatre:

Chanting in Sanskrit from the Bhagawad Geeta with the setting Sun.

Entrance from the Office Gate from 5.15pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

AUM, submitted by John

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

A4A's November 2021 Newsletter

Auroville, "The City at the service of Truth," is a concrete stepping stone for fostering and creating new models for the future.



The Acres for Auroville (A4A) land campaign was created to solidify the needed material base for this emerging City of Dawn. The campaign has inspired a sense of dynamic unity of purpose and generosity from Auroville's friends who actively support the ongoing work of long-time and new Aurovilians. In this newsletter, we are happy to share good news along with showcasing the work – past and present – of those building the City of Dawn. <https://land.auroville.org/a4as-november-2021-newsletter/>

- **A4A Flier** Sri Aurobindo's vision inspires us towards new heights of human possibility and hope. And it is the energy behind Auroville – the site for the foundations of this great collective ideal and practical new effort. In English, French & Tamil. [Click here](#)

- **LFAU Letter** Nobility is the quality that lies at the root of the selfless contributions that A4A has been receiving. We are pleased to present some examples of the aspirations, nobility, and generosity of A4A's donors. In English, French & Tamil. [Click here](#)

- **A New Chairman & New Governing Board & a New IAC!** More eminent people are joining the journey of Auroville with the Government of India's announcement of a new Chairman and Governing Board (GB) and a new International Advisory Council (IAC), opening a new chapter for the development of Auroville. [Click here](#)

- **New Members Selected for Auroville's Land Board** Auroville has recently selected three dynamic Aurovilians to serve as new members on the Land Board, joining the existing and reappointed members. We are happy to share this introduction to the new LB members. [Click here](#)

- **Life in Auroville: Learning About Human Unity!** Claude arrived in Auroville with the second French caravan in 1974 and Abha in 1978. Claude says While from different countries and backgrounds, they have something profound in common, and over the decades they have together helped build Auroville. In English, French & Tamil. [Click here](#)

- **Going from Philosophy to Application in Joyful Living** After a lifetime of exploring personal transformation, consciousness research, and community living, Monique has finally become an Aurovillian. A practicing midwife and spiritual life coach, she shares her rich journey and inspiring values. [Click here](#)

- **Art for Land 2021-2022: Our New Exhibition & Events** Art for Land will hold its new cycle of beauty and solidarity for Auroville's land with an exhibition of over 1500 donated works starting on Sunday, January 30th at the Unity Pavilion – with a myriad of events to follow. Our aim is to create a beautiful gift of resources for the Land. [Click here](#)

- **More Inspiring Quotes – 24th November 2021** Here are seven inspiring quotations of wisdom and guidance from the treasure-trove of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, as collected and presented by MirraBliss – once again with our gratitude for their sharing! [Click here](#)

Please [click here to know the recent changes](#) for making a donation from within India and abroad. And when you donate, kindly inform us at lfau@auroville.org.in so we can immediately track and respond to your solidarity! All donations – small and large – are appreciated with gratitude!

ART FOR LAND



Art For Land announces the beginning of preparations for the upcoming **6th Art For Land exhibition**.

The exhibition will be inaugurated on **January 30, 2022** at the Unity Pavilion and will be on till 6th March.

Alone who stares at the future's covered face, Man lifted up the burden of his fate. Savitri 1.46. A Voice ill – heard shall speak, the soul obey, A power into mind's inner chamber steal, A charm and sweetness open life's closed doors And beauty conquer the resisting world, The truth – light capture Nature by surprise, A stealth of God compel the heart to bliss And earth grow unexpectedly divine. Savitri, 11.46

The above lines from Savitri will be the foundation for ART FOR LAND'S rich upcoming year!

We invite local artists to donate artworks and contribute towards the land. We request you to bring the artworks to Unity Pavilion and register them with the team. Timely reception of artworks helps us in timely preparations. Thank you all for generously contributing.

Request to support Art For Land

Every year the city has come together to make this happen. Requesting volunteers for the following tasks.

Events Manager

- 1 or 2 volunteers needed

As part of a month-long exhibition, there are various events like musical and dance performances, artists talks, art presentations and much more.

The work involves overall organization of cultural events which are curated by the team collectively. Volunteers shall lead the process of scheduling events, communication(emails, calls, posters, content etc), logistics, space and artist management for the events. It is expected to be high on energy and active collaboration and coordination work. You define your schedule as per the tasks in hand.

Duration: December 1st 2021 till 6th March 2022; starting sooner will be great

Time commitment: Full/Half day every working day or as mutually agreed

Artwork Framing and installation

- 4 volunteers needed

We receive artworks from local artists as their contribution to support buying of the missing lands of Auroville. These artworks are framed and displayed for sale in Unity Pavilion and other. Work involves mounting artworks on paper and framing them in simple available framing systems in various sizes as per the curation. Training and demos will be done, so dont worry about having not done framing before:) It is a carefully hand done process that requires some precision and patience. For some in the past, it has been a quietening experience. Consistent presence is needed.

Duration: December 1st 2021 till 30th Jan 2022;

Time commitment: Full/Half day every working day or as mutually agreed

Artwork storage Books

- 2 volunteers needed

Many paper works received need care in terms of storage. We have already created albums/books in which we need to insert the artworks. Help is needed to insert about 1200+ artworks.

Duration: Urgent requirement, 2 to 3 weeks in November/ December 2021

Time commitment: Full/Half day every working day or as mutually agreed

Please write to artforland@auroville.org.in for more information and to express your interest in volunteering.

Regards, Silky Arora (on behalf of Art For Land team)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHILD IS BORN

We are very glad to inform you that our daughter Nandhini Manikandan is blessed with a baby boy named Tarun on 5th November in Nallam Clinic.

We thank Paula, Krishna and the Morning Star Team for their support and care.

Kumar & Sumathi (Fraternity)

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 2

The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds

Monday, 22 November 2021, 4pm, Savitri Bhavan



Duration: 40min.

Canto 1-4: The World-Stair, The Kingdom Of Subtle Matter, The Glory And The Fall Of Life And The Kingdoms Of The Little Life

Aswapati sees that all worlds and planes of existence are arranged hierarchically, mounting up from the base of Matter and ascending into the unknowable summits of the Spirit: the great WORLD-STAIR wherefrom the Spirit descended in the course of Involution and which the Soul has to ascend in the course of Evolution.

All the worlds are interconnected in a great chain and influence each other. This stair of the gradations of Being and Consciousness is within each of us. It links the lowest levels of Inconscience with the highest levels of Superconscience and makes possible the return journey of the human soul from its adventure of birth in the world of matter. The World of SUBTLE MATTER is the closest to our own earthly existence. Aswapati finds it to be a realm of wonder and delight. But although delightful on its summits, its lower levels are dangerous. The unconsciousness of earth-matter has originated from there.

Entering the domains of LIFE, he finds endless seeking and a spirit of adventure which cares only for variety, regardless of danger, fall and pain. But Aswapati is also shown that LIFE's true native home is divine and full of Bliss. He is shown the beautiful worlds of griefless life: their heavenly joy and love, their innocent youthfulness, their dynamism, and endless delight.

Then in the domain of THE KINGDOMS OF THE LITTLE LIFE, he finds an uncertain and unsure world; it has been born from the meeting of Life with Matter. Aswapati sees Life as a little light born in a great darkness, not knowing where it has come from or where it must go.

Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri* describes the progress of our soul's journey, and The Mother proclaimed that: "*Savitri is a Mantra for the transformation of the world*".

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

In the beginning there is also a short video of Huta speaking about her work with The Mother.

Duration: 5min.

AUROMODE HIVE OPEN HOUSE

Fridays, 19 & 26 November from 10am to 5pm.



Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House. We will have some biscuits and free internet! All are welcome to try out our coworking space free of Charge!

- Open from **9am to 5pm** on All Days Except Sundays
- Fully Air Conditioned, Clean & Quiet, Professional Coworking Space
- Two Fully-Equipped Conference Rooms with Projector
- Reliable **High-Speed Internet** Facility
- **Colour Printing** and Scanning Facilities up to A3 size
- Small Self-Service Kitchen, Restroom & Outdoor Zone
- Easy access to Auromode Guest House, Dining
- 24/7 Power Backup and Security, Parking
- Aquadyn Drinking Water.

For Further Queries contact us:

- ✉ auromodehive@auroville.org.in
- ☎ 70921 97375
- 📷 [auromode_hive](#)
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Please Follow COVID-19 Regulations

Auromode HIVE Team

MIDWIFERY AND WOMEN'S WISDOM

Also for the KIDS of Auroville! Listen, Snack and chat



From the 18th to the 21st November a very experienced midwife, who has studied in the UK and is working in Hyderabad, by the name of Inderjeet Kaur, will be visiting Auroville.

Indie loves to share and contribute to the City of Dawn during her visit. We have therefore arranged a presentation. Kids, Teenagers, Women, Mothers, Fathers, Everyone welcome!

Saturday, 20th November, 10am at Sanjana community

- 10 – 11 am (mainly for the Kids and Teenagers of Auroville)
- Introduction to the profession of midwifery and its significance for each one of us as well as for the world. Q&A
- 11am snacks for the kids
- 11- approx 12 noon
 - a. Do Babies choose how they are born? – Different ways to start Life.
 - b. Light on the prenatal connection of mother and baby.
 - c. Traditional and Modern ways of rites and preparation for Birth.
 - d. Lock and Key: How mother and child work perfectly together in Birth. (Subtitle: Here is How YOU ARE BUILT TO BIRTH!)
 - e. Special: A little History of Waterbirth and the way it changed how we look at Birthing.
 - f. Q&A
- 12.30 am light snack and chat

Indie also loves to connect with the wonderful midwives of Auroville and we are looking forward to their sharing among each other at another place and time.

For further info and ideally prior registration kindly contact **Ulrike Uvasi: ulrike@auroville.org.in, 04132622906**

NEXT HANGOUT

Saturday 20 November, 2.30 – 5.30pm.

Our next Hangout will once again be at Center Guest House, weather permitting.



You and your friends and family can come by any time and stay as long as you want, it's totally informal. Whether you want to play games, or just chat with friends, or meet new people of all ages please do come on by and join in.

We will have some juices, coffee, tea and cookies for which you will either need to please make a *modest donation*, or just *bring some snacks* to share with all.

We look forward to seeing you,
Don 9159900709 & Veronique

GREEN COLUMN

Making sense of COP 26



COP26 (the UN Conference Of Parties talking about the climate crisis), opened in Glasgow, Scotland, on 31 October, seeking new global commitments to tackle climate change. It closed last Saturday with a 'compromise' deal. After extending the negotiations an extra day, nearly 200 countries adopted an outcome document that, according to the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres "reflects the interests, the contradictions, and the state of political will in the world today. It is an important step, but it is not enough. We must accelerate climate action to keep alive the goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees."

The full article [you can read in the Appendix 2](#) of this issue.

VISIT ECO SERVICE



Dear Community, it is requested of all of you, that if you need to visit the Eco-Service to pick up something or to know about the Eco-Service, please give a call to either Kali or Palani or pass by between 10 to 11 in morning and 3 to 4 in afternoon.

The Eco Service has been getting visitors practically at all times, everyday, and due to time crunch, unfortunately many of the visitors could not be adequately attended to by us.(Kali and Palani)

The Eco Service is glad to have things reused, recycled and upcycled and we would like the community members to be able to make use from the things we have, but we cannot attend to visitors at all times of the day.

Please help us serve you better by giving a call or following the time prior to visiting the Eco-Service.

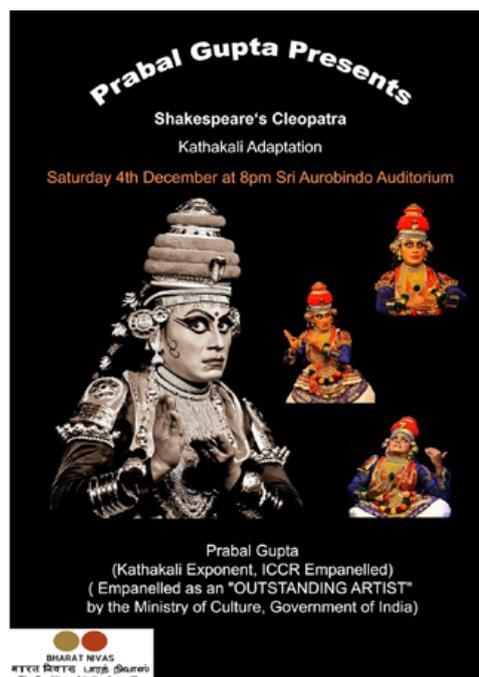
Thank you all in advance for your support, cooperation and understanding.

Best regards
Kali and Palani

Eco-Service, Kottakarai Auroville
Ph: 9443535172 or 9443090114

THE ARTS

SHAKESPEARE'S CLEOPATRA



TAXI SHARE

17 November, Bangalore



Hello, I would like to find a sharing taxi from Bangalore to Auroville Wednesday 17 November, thanks. 8754765529

Isabella

LOST & FOUND

Found a set of EnField Keys

To be claimed at N&N Office. Roy

LOOKING FOR

Full Time Amma

Looking for a full time amma. Area of work is Parialmudichawadi. Please call 04132623515.

Satish

Looking for a House Sitting



Dear community, we are a couple of swiss french volunteers looking for a housesitting from mid-December until end of March. With much care, love and gratitude.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Chloé and Sébastien

sebastien.leseigneur@gmail.com

whatsapp +41762076199

Needs a Home



I'm newcomer ending my process and looking for a house sitting simple for single person to make a contract of 1 year to become Aurovilian.

Thanks, Bernardo,
WA 9626384416

HELP NEEDED

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!

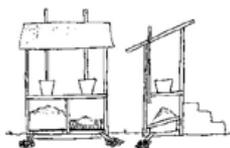
Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day at 7am, and have a vegan breakfast at 8.45. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking.

If you would like to contact us please email sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or call 8525038274.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

*The Sadhana Forest team
Warmly, Shek*

TERRASOUL NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Dear community, TerraSoul farm is facing toilet issues. As you may know, the 7 acres of land has quite a few buildings in varying conditions. There are currently 3 houses in good condition. In addition to these buildings, there is one community kitchen (we just repaired the thatch/keet roofs), one windmill and one bore well.

To host our volunteers we have 2 individual huts; 1 females dormitory with 3 beds and 1 males dormitory with 5 beds. Volunteers have access to 3 outdoor showers and only 1 dry/compost toilet. It's existing for quite a long time and needs a lot of repairs, which means that we don't get enough commodities for the volunteers. Juan has offered some of them to use the toilets from his own house as a temporary solution. But some potential volunteers prefer not to join the farm because of this situation. After Monsoon, we'll be starting a new growing season with a lot of work and we urgently need to host volunteers in a proper way.

The use of flush toilets constitutes a huge waste of clean water and nutrients. That's one reason why dry/compost toilets are very important in the flow of the land. Grey waters are useful for bananas, papayas etc. Organic matter is collected for Biochar to enrich the quality of the soil. After a year the compost becomes clean and rich and fertile. This compost should only be used in the food forest, not in the vegetable garden. It is safe to use after a composting period of about 12month in the tropical climates depending on right mixture if carbon and nitrogen, moisture and heat.

That's why there is an urgent need to build a new dry/compost toilet in TerraSoul, it would totally make a difference. But we can't afford the amount of 80'000 INR that is needed to build a proper installation.

As many Aurovillians, TerraSoul residents are struggling with their own individual daily living expenses right now and are not in a position of financing this expense.

So we ask for your help. If some of you are willing to give us financial support to buy these toilettes we would be most grateful.

Please send your donations to TerraSoul A/C number 105205. Label your transfer as "TerraSoul dry toilettes"

If you wish to make a donation but you don't have an Aurovillian account number please write us an email, we will send you information how to send directly from a bank account to Auroville.

We thank you very much for your support,

*Terrasoul community
Juan: +91 94434 34182
terrasoul@auroville.org.in*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

PHYSICS TEACHER

New Era Secondary School NESS



Science Teacher needed at New Era Secondary School NESS (Aspiration) urgently needs a Physics teacher with the following qualifications:

MSc (Physics), B.Ed with senior secondary level teaching experience (CBSE or equivalent board).

Interested persons can send their resumes to nesstrust15@auroville.org.in as soon as possible.

Abha P. on behalf of Ness Trustees

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

We, at Auroville Online Store, are looking for a Social Media Coordinator and content creator for the website and our social media accounts.

You will be responsible for creating original texts for the website and social media, creating video content, managing posts and responding to followers.

As a social media coordinator, we expect you to be up-to-date with the latest digital technologies and social media trends.

You should have excellent communication skills and you should be able to handle our social media presence ensuring high levels of web traffic and customer engagement.

You can write to us at contact@auroville.com

*Warm regards,
Auroville Online Store Team*

AVAILABLE

Huge Discount Clearance Sale at The Colours of Nature



To make space for the new, artisanal world renowned Natural Dyes unit The Colours of Nature is clearing stocks.

Come pick up your bargain naturally dyed garments. Open every day from 8.30am until 6pm, until stocks are gone.

Please follow Covid protocol.

*Kind regards, Petra Mo
8098958679*

Furniture: Corner shelves



We have 3 shelves of different sizes (a set to be taken together) to be installed in a room / bathroom corner. Vintage style, rounded edges, plywood hand-painted by Emanuele;-) (blue).

Height of each shelf: 21 cm.

Width of each shelf 22cm. Sizes from corner to side: 21cm, 40cm, 60cm. Contribution requested.

*Yvelise and Emanuele, Sukhavati
2623407 (8.30am to 5.30pm)*

Rubber wood cupboard

We are letting go of a rubber wood (light yellow colour) cupboard (on wheels), frosted glass doors custom made 5 or 6 years ago, designed for storing clothes.

Good condition, 1 door missing, easily replaceable (we kept the right "screws" and handle).

Dimensions: Height 91cm (with wheels), Width 40 cm, Length 180 cm. Contribution requested.

*Yvelise and Emanuele, Sukhavati
2623407 (8.30am to 5.30pm)*

Beautiful Hut Available



Hello dear Auroville friend's I am Balu from Azhagu Bhoomi forest next Nine Palms north green belt area, I have a very beautiful nice hut house available in our Community, So anyone looking for long time house in Auroville please contact me at this number: 9786807071 (or) email: baluveera.av@gmail.com

Thank you, S.Balu

Flat Screen plus Tata Dish

LG 32 inch flat screen plus Tata dish available.

Please contact 9486475457

Frederick

Voices and Notes

Poem of November

The tender small rain – steps
Walking my night
Caressing the border of my eyelash
Bringing You to me
Softly
Calmly.

Poema de Noviembre

Los tiernos pequeños pasos de la lluvia
caminan mi noche
acarician el borde de mis pestañas
TrayéndoTe a mi
Suavemente
Calmamente.

Anandi-a 2020

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

[Savitri, B. X, C. IV, Part 4](#) (Integral Yoga)

[Karpathu Tamil-Ep.6 “சித்தர் பாடல்கள்” \(Siddhar Songs\)](#) (Tamil culture)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.115 “Sharing Joy in Andamans”](#) (Wellness)

[Audible Weed Walk – ep.64 “Can we eat ourselves OUT OF extinction?”](#) (Food education)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter – ep.116 “A Relationship is Like the Weather”](#) (Wellness)

[Workshop – Gurukulam based on Indic Knowledge System](#) (Education)

[Workshop – Yogic Neuroscience and First Person Research](#) (Education)

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

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

Peace and Love

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

CARPENTRY BASICS WORKSHOP

25 – 27 November, 2021



Carpentry workshop is developed by Auroville Consulting by partnering with Walter at Pitchandikulam.

During the 3-day event, from 9am to 4.30pm, the participants will get introduced to the basic methods and techniques such as wood carving and wood-turning. You will also be introduced to interesting concepts like tensegrity and joinery. We welcome Aurovilians, New-comers, and registered guests to participate, minimum contribution required. Please write to us at: register@agp-workshops.com

With best regards, Priya, +91 413 2622 571

Kalpana, Crown Road, Auroville

www.agpworkshops.com

AURINOCO WEBINARS PRANAYAMA WITH JV

3 Evening Session Pranayama with JV



6.15pm – 7.15pm

26 November (Friday),
27 November (Saturday)
28 November (Sunday)

“It is in good health that the way to transformation is found”. The Mother

This workshop introduces you to an integrated Yoga practice consisting of

- Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility
- Eight simple but powerful Pranayama practices
- Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge your inner batteries

It can be practiced by people of any age. Pranayama improves lung capacity and lung efficiency. The practice improves mood, vitality and wellbeing and reduces the deleterious effects of stress. It is one of the best options to manage wellbeing during the pandemic and the emerging new normal. Sustained practice reduces the breathing rate – the key to retarding the aging process and promoting longevity.

Intended outcome

- You will gain confidence to practice on your own.
- By practicing for about thirty minutes per day, you enjoy a new level of wellbeing.

In the spirit of Auroville, this is the 85th free and open to all Pranayama event. No registration is required. Please do share with others who could be interested. On the days of the webinar, please avoid eating after 2PM and avoid drinking anything after 5:30pm. If you can sit on the ground, it would be nice to have a (Yoga) mat and cushion. Otherwise, you can sit on a chair for pranayama and lie down on a bed or sofa for deep relaxation.

To make it enjoyable for all, please join in time, [Join Zoom Meeting with this link](#)

Meeting ID: 998 697 7258 Passcode: wellth

About JV I was diagnosed with four incurable diseases in 1987 and the medical opinion was that I may not live beyond the age of 50. I am now 75, and enjoy excellent health and wellbeing; thanks to Yoga. I lived in Auroville from 2007 to 2016. I have been facilitating workshops and retreats in Auroville since 2008. For more, please see www.wellth.org.in

Aurinoco Webinars is an initiative to leverage the internet and fiber optic network of Auroville to create a new window for making Auroville belong to the whole of Humanity through borderless participation.

JV Avadhanulu

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING WORKSHOP

New Creation Dance Studio



Free Class, (to book a place please Whatsapp Mike on +447515377896 or email michaelsokolin@gmail.com)

Whether you're interested in building up your speaking confidence when speaking in front of others, or you're a

performer/ actor interested in developing more stage presence, come join us!

The classes are really beneficial for those interested in building their confidence, whether for ordinary, professional life or performance.

If you struggle with stage fright, a fear of public speaking, performance anxiety or social anxiety please join us.

We will be exploring how to be our authentic true selves in a social setting; practicing being who we are, instead of trying to be who we think we need to be.

In these workshops we will explore what it means to be sincere to ourselves in public and how this can help us to connect to our own individuality, to others and to audiences.

A lot of emphasis in this workshop will be about embracing our vulnerability, instead of hiding it.

When we are sincere and we drop our guard, we communicate in a way that truly connects to others.

These classes will combine a mix of improvisational games, public speaking techniques, theatre exercises, movement and mindfulness practices.

Oh and expect lots of PLAY J

A little about our philosophy

The conventional way of looking at confidence follows an approach of "fake it till we make it". In these classes we will explore something different, which isn't about trying to conceal your fear, but daring to reveal it. We believe if there is nothing to hide there is nothing to fear. Learning how to be vulnerable is at the cornerstone of developing true confidence. We'll encourage our participants to go beyond their 'learned personas', we invite them to take off their 'masks'.

Our society celebrates extrinsic success; confidence is presented to be smooth, slick, suave and charismatic. Because of this we neglect parts of our personality: certain feelings, our idiosyncrasies, our uniqueness, our quiriness and ultimately our vulnerability in pursuit of becoming confident, according to what society deems as confidence.

However, we risk becoming 'well-rehearsed robots' and not sincere individuals, who aren't afraid of expressing their humanness. Our approach offers a non-conventional way of building confidence, one that is directly associated with how willing you are to be truly seen in your totality. Totality meaning, not just learning how to present one side of yourself, i.e. your polite, happy side, but also sharing your other qualities that so often we conceal, like our sadness, shyness etc.

A little about the facilitator

Mike Sokolin

- Founder and senior coach @ www.schoolofconnection.org.
- Trained theatre actor (Cockpit Theatre, London).
- Experienced in Meisner technique.
- Improvisational theatre training.
- Public speaking training & national championship finalist in the London International public speaking contest organized by Toastmasters International 2018.
- Lead role as John Smith in a London production of Ray Cooney's: 'Run for Your Wife' in Baker Street London: Rudolf Steiner Theatre 2017.

AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



ALL: Schedule Of Classes as of 09.11.2021

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	Complete Beginners!	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10.00am – 11.00am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate Group 2	10.00am – 11.00am	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate (on hold)	03.00pm – 04.00pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate/Advanced	New cycle in December! Inquiries Welcome!	
French	NEW Beginner	To be determined! Inquiries Welcome!	
German	A1.1 Beginner	04.00pm – 05.30pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	A1.1 Beginner Online	08.00am – 09.00am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner (on hold)	10.00am – 11.00am	Wednesday & Friday
Tamil	New Batch Spoken Beginner	09.30am – 10.30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner	04.30pm – 05.30pm	Monday & Thursday
Spanish	NEW Beginner	02.30pm – 03.30pm	Tuesday & Friday
	Intermediate	03.30pm – 05.00pm	Monday & Friday
	NEW Conversation	02.00pm – 03.00pm	Wednesday
Japanese	NEW Beginner	10.00am – 12pm	Saturday

*More detailed information about the Language Classes and Tomatis Listening Tests and Consultations please see in [Appendix 1 of this issue](#)

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday – Friday:

9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

TRANSFORMATIONAL YOGA WORKSHOP

Five days: Tuesday, 23 – Saturday, 27 November

Time: 8am – 9.30am

Hello dear Friends, come and join this Intensive workshop to purify the mind, body, emotions and prana. We will practice asanas along with Pranayama, Raja & Mantra yoga and Meditation. Designed for those who want to work on the self-discovering & inner Progress

You will learn:

- hatha yoga asanas
- how to breathe
- achieve clarity, peace and stillness
- improve balance
- boost positivity
- stabilise emotions
- self-love, self-esteem and self-compassion
- to be present
- deepened relaxation
- greater self-esteem

For registration please contact Lakshmi:

8489764602, LakshmiPrem369@gmail.com

Under Synthesis activity of ASSA, Lakshmi Prem

COMPASSION IN ACTION

If at times you end up feeling stuck in relating to your loved ones or people you just want to get along with, as all avenues of communications seem to be blocked – then here you can find strategies to speak your truth, creating bridges to overcome such seemingly hopeless deadlocks.



All are welcome to experience these down-to-earth principles that can in many different ways generate sparks for reconnection. In this forum, we will work with real-life situations of conflict and disconnection so as to discover the often unexpected abundance of possibilities to walk into conflict with (more) ease. Come and try it out!

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

Next dates: Saturdays, 27/11, 11/12, 01/01, 2.30pm to 5pm

Venue: Hall of Light, Creativity Community

Contact: stefangebert@gmail.com for any further information

INDIC KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS



Bharatiya Jnana and Vijnana, with its foundation in the interplay of spirit and matter, have a great potential in transforming the learning capabilities of students, inculcating values, bringing emotional balance and enhancing health and happiness.

On November 15, 2021 we had organised two sessions with Shriman Adinarayanan and Shrimathi Smrithi, founders of Anaadi Foundation. The first one was on Gurukulam and the second one was on Yogic Neuroscience. Recordings of both the sessions are available on aurovilleradio.org

As a follow up, we are forming a group of learners in Auroville who are interested in integrating wisdom from Indic Knowledge Systems into their lives and in schools. This will include gaining knowledge of Sanskrit language and practical applications in various spheres like Ganitha, Ayurveda, Yoga and Dharmashastras, Nakshatra Vidya etc.

There is also an **online workshop scheduled on November 25-27 from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm** that will support in integrating Indian Knowledge Systems into School Curriculum. More details are available on <https://anaadi.org/iksedu>

If you would like to join this collective learning journey, please write to us on devabhasha@auroville.org.in

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team

CINEMA

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

Schedule of Events

16.00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16.30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18.00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18.30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20.00 Dinner is served

21.30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a **full tour of Sadhana Forest** and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 267 7682

****Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00:)

Friday 26 November

The Year The Earth Changed

2021 / 48 minutes / Tom Beard

A fresh new approach to the global lockdown and the uplifting stories that have come out of it. People all over the world have had the chance to engage with nature like never before.

The Sadhana Forest team

Warmly, Shek

AUROFILM AT MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM

(MMC, Town Hall)



Reminder

Friday 19 November – 7.30pm, "Paper Moon"

Directed by Peter Bogdanovich, USA, 1973

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2021, 7:30pm

"BOYHOOD"

Directed by Richard LINKLATER, USA, 2014

Stars: Ellar Coltrane, Patricia Arquette, Ethan Hawke

Synopsis: Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, "Boyhood" is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason who literally grows up on screen before our eyes. The film charts the rocky terrain of childhood like no other film has before. Snapshots of adolescence from road trips and family dinners to birthdays and graduations and all the moments in between become transcendent, set to the period related soundtrack spanning these years. With Boyhood Richard Linklater with his particular style and method of filmmaking and his loosely structured narrative, received universal acclaim from critics and many nominations and Academy Award, like his previous films "Before Sunrise" and "Before Sunset".

Original English version, with English subtitles

Duration: 2h45'

Covid 19, please follow the current SOP.



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 22 November 2021 to 28 November 2021

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

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

Indian – Monday 22 November, 7:30 pm
THALAIVI (Leader)

India, 2021, Dir. A.L. Vijay w/ Kangana Ranaut, Arvind Swamy, Nassar and others, Biography-Drama, 153mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Albeit drawn from reality, this fictitious story begins with that fateful day on March 25, 1989, when Jaya is abused — on the floor of the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly. She makes a vow — she will step foot in the place only as a chief minister. This incident offers the set-up to narrate the roller coaster life of an iconic figure, capturing the journey of how a young actress in a male dominated world, through grit and intellect turn into a determined politician, and emerged as the leader or thalaivi. The powerful cast and storytelling make it a good watch.

Interesting – Wednesday 24 November, 7:30 pm
SUMMER OF SOUL (...OR, WHEN THE REVOLUTION COULD NOT BE TELEVISED)

USA, 2021, Dir. Questlove w/ Dorinda Drake, Barbara Bland-Acosta, Darryl Lewis, and others, Documentary-Music, 118mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

This is a part historical record created around an epic event that celebrated Black history, culture and fashion. Over the course of six weeks in the summer of 1969, just a hundred miles south of Woodstock, The Harlem Cultural Festival was filmed in Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). The footage was never seen and largely forgotten-until now. The film shines a light on the healing power of music during times of unrest, both past and present. The feature includes never-before-seen concert performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Sly and the Family Stone, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Mahalia Jackson, B.B. King, The 5th Dimension and more. *Screening of this film was cancelled; now being rescheduled. Here's your chance to watch!*

International – Saturday, 27 November, 7:30 pm
RUBEN BRANDT, COLLECTOR

Hungary, 2018, Writer-Dir. Milorad Ksrctic w/ Ivan Kamaras, Csaba Marton, Gabriella Hamori, and others, Animation-Action, 96 mins, English-Hungarian-Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

A psychotherapist suffers violent nightmares inspired by legendary works of art. Four of his patients, expert thieves, offer to steal the works since he believes that once he owns them, the nightmares will disappear. He becomes a wanted criminal known as "The Collector". Who will dare to catch him and his gang?

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 28 November, 4:30 pm
ARTEMIS FOWL

USA, 2021, Dir. Kenneth Branagh w/ Ferdia Shaw, Lara McDonnell, Josh Gad, and others, Fantasy, 95mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Artemis Fowl, a young criminal prodigy, hunts down a secret society of fairies to find his missing father.

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

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

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Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations:
Tuesday 3pm



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

- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

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

 Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE				
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Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / 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

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PIMS – 0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

Auroville Safety & Security Team – 9443090107

Auroville Police Station – 0413 2677318

Kottakuppam Police Station – 0413 2236148

Vanur Fire Station – 0413 2677368

Health

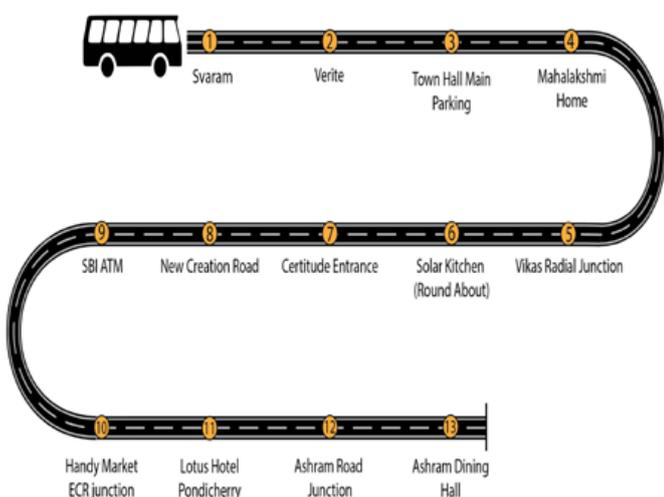
Health Center – 0413 2622123

Santé – 0413 2622803 / 0413 2623937

Farewell – 8903836246

India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

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APPENDIX 1

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

Mobile Phones @ The Lab!

Please ensure mobile phones are either on Airplane Mode or switched off when entering the building! We maintain a wireless-free space to avoid disruptions to Tomatis & language classes. Thank you for understanding!

Cashless Transactions:

The Language Lab has already been pretty much cashless & working only with online transfers since quite a while, as most Aurovilians use the Financial Service for their transfers. This was extended to non-Aurovilians (e.g. Auroville employees, guests, etc) once we got our UPI payment option several months ago.

Anyhow, this is a reminder that there will be absolutely no cash payments accepted at the Lab. Thank you!

AV Employee Status

For all Auroville Employees who would like to join a course at the Lab, we kindly request that we receive a letter from the Employer (a registered unit/service), or the Employer must email us (at all@auroville.org.in, giving the name & phone number of the employee) on their Employee's behalf. In the case of ammas, gardeners, etc of Auroville Communities & homes, we ask that the Aurovilians where they are working should send us an email, or provide a handwritten letter to their employee, so that we can then provide the Employee Rate.

New Language Courses!**Beginner Spoken Tamil, with Saravanan**

Saravanan started a new batch for Beginner Spoken Tamil, on Tuesday 16th November, following a booklet, Fun With Tamil, an ongoing project by the Auroville Language Lab. The booklet & course covers:

- Introduction to Phonetics
- Introduction to useful everyday phrases
- Spoken grammar (Pronouns, Verbs & Conjugations, Tenses, etc)
- Basic vocabulary
- Building conversational confidence

This 3 months long course is held in person every Tuesdays & Fridays, 9.30am to 10.30am

Interested students are most welcome to join this new course by 23rd November!

Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil, with Murugesan

Murugesan is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil in November.

This 3 months course will feature:

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

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

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

Tamil for kids with Murugesan

Murugesan will also teach a new Tamil class for children in the age group of around 8 years.

We need three more students to start this class. So contact us immediately.

German Update

We are collecting enquiries for a new online German Group Course, Level A1.2 with Verena! A compact course, 3 months long, of a 90-minute classes a week, Saturdays, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. If you have a basic knowledge of German speaking, reading, writing and listening, then you are welcome to this A1.2 German class. Intended for learners who are autonomous, & who are ready to invest some time outside of the classroom for their learning progress. Learners will be assessed continuously throughout the trimester, or on the basis of testing in between the chapters. They will receive a participation certificate outlining their hours of learning in the four skills (reading, writing, listening & speaking).

Kindly inform us if you would like to join this course!

German Beginners A1.1 Online

Verena is to start a new Online German Beginners group (A1.1 level). The course is 3-months long, of 3 hours per week (3 x 1 hours).

Classes will be held online Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8:00 am – 9:00 am. The first class will be on Thursday 2nd December. No previous knowledge of German is required.

Assuming regular attendance & independent study, you should be able to do the following in writing & in speech by the end of this course:

- Meet & greet a person, & state your personal details,
- Exchange simple information about your family, work, outings, plans, holidays, home, etc,
- Introduce yourself in a simple way, & introduce someone else,
- Talk about your everyday activities & your hobbies,
- Ask & answer questions in a simple way about ordinary things: shopping, restaurants, cafés, etc.

Since the course is online, we have chosen the morning hour of 8-9am, so that people can attend the class and then go to work! Please let us know if you are interested!

Total Beginner English

Rupam will start a Total Beginner English course for 3 months. This is for people who absolutely do not know how to read, write or speak English at all. We know there are several people, especially women, in Auroville, in that situation. The students of the previous pre-Covid lockdown group were very happy with their progress.

A new group is starting, so, if you know anyone who could benefit, of any nationality, please ask them to contact the Lab ASAP. Priority will be given to Aurovilians, Newcomers, Family of Aurovilians, & Auroville Employees.

Beginner Hindi!

Rupam is ready to re-start a group for Beginner Hindi in November! This course will take place in the mornings, Wednesdays & Fridays.

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

- In this 3-month course, the content is:
- Building confidence in conversation
- Introduction to grammar
- Exploring Navarasa (the 9 emotions)
- & Singing & relishing the beauty of the Hindi language.

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

Tomoko started a new Beginner Japanese Course!

The course started on 30th October and it will take place every Saturday, from 10:00 to 12:00 pm. It is a 3 months course with the following contents:

- Basic Japanese Conversation on various topics
- Introduce yourself in a simple way and introduce someone else
- Exchange simple information about your family, work, outings, plans, holidays, home, etc.
- Alphabet, Phonetic & Numbers
- Basic Japanese Grammar & Vocabulary

Apart from the above, the teacher will address particular doubts or requirements, if any, of individual students. Saturday 20.11.21 is the very last day new students can join the course. But you would need to contact us asap to bring yourself up to speed on the three classes you have missed.

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

Please Note:

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

Tomatis

Huge and deep apologies to all those who have done their Listening Tests but not had their Consultations. We will get back to you this week. As for those who made requests for Tomatis programs, but didn't receive times for their Listening Tests and Consultations, we have noted all requests so far: we will get back to you one by one, and hopefully we will be able to accommodate everybody.

Thank you so much for your patience. Please feel free to send us a reminder so we can make sure we didn't miss anyone. New requests can be sent by email to Tomatis@aurovillelanguage-lab.org.

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguage-lab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguage-lab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBM-lywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>



APPENDIX 2

GREEN COLUMN

Making sense of COP 26

COP26 (the UN Conference Of Parties talking about the climate crisis), opened in Glasgow, Scotland, on 31 October, seeking new global commitments to tackle climate change. It closed last Saturday with a 'compromise' deal.

After extending the negotiations an extra day, nearly 200 countries adopted an outcome document that, according to the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres *"reflects the interests, the contradictions, and the state of political will in the world today. It is an important step, but it is not enough. We must accelerate climate action to keep alive the goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees."*

The UN chief said it is time to go "into emergency mode", ending fossil fuel subsidies, phasing out coal, putting a price on carbon, protecting vulnerable communities, and delivering the \$100 billion climate finance commitment.

"We did not achieve these goals at this conference."

To young people, indigenous communities, women leaders, and activists his message was: "I know you are disappointed. But the path of progress is not always a straight line. Sometimes there are detours. Sometimes there are ditches. We are in the fight of our lives, and this fight must be won. Never give up. Never retreat.

Keep pushing forward". What does it mean that the head of diplomacy sympathises with grassroots movements, but neither seem able to push for system change?

What was in the agreement?

The outcome document (aka **Glasgow Climate Pact**) calls on 197 countries to report progress next year, at COP27, set to take place in Egypt. However, COP26 President Alok Sharma struggled to hold back tears when in a last-minute change to the pact, China and India softened language about "the phase-out of unabated coal power and of inefficient subsidies for fossil fuels". This was revised to "phase-down" coal use. Mr. Sharma apologized for "the way the process has unfolded" and added that he understood many would be "deeply disappointed". He quoted Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley stating "two degrees warming is a death sentence."

On the thorny question of financing from Global North to Global South (targeted at \$100 billion per year) not much progress was made. Thus far promises made at previous summits have not yet been fulfilled, and the UNEP calculated that adapting to climate change could cost the Global South \$ 300 billion a year by the end of the decade...



Other key COP26 achievements

Beyond the political negotiations, COP26 brought together 50,000 participants online and in-person to share ideas, solutions, attend cultural events and build partnerships and coalitions. The conference heard many announcements:

- One of the biggest was that leaders from over 120 countries, representing about 90 per cent of the world's forests, pledged to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030.
- There was also a methane pledge, led by the United States and the European Union, by which more than 100 countries agreed to cut emissions of this greenhouse gas by 2030.
- Meanwhile, more than 40 countries "including major coal-users such as Poland, Vietnam and Chile " agreed to shift away from coal, one of the biggest generators of CO2 emissions.
- In the private sector 500 global financial services firms agreed to align \$130 trillion "some 40 % of the world's money " with Paris Agreement goals.
- Regarding transport, 100 governments, cities, states and car companies signed the *Glasgow Declaration on Zero-Emission Cars and Vans* to end the sale of internal combustion engines by 2040 worldwide
- Other commitments include one by 11 countries which created the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA). Ireland, France, Denmark, and Costa Rica, as well as some local governments, launched an alliance to set an end date for national oil and gas exploration and extraction.

On the trajectory of existing commitments, carbon emissions are set to rise 13.7% by 2030. The Climate Action Tracker shows that the world is heading for a rise of 2.4C above pre industrial levels by the end of this century.

Dramatic movement in the opposite direction is needed if the goal is to limit global heating to 1.5C. Targets include a 45% emissions cut by 2030, and net zero by mid-century. But one big Elephant in the room is: aren't economies actually supposed to SHRINK rather than grow?

What was not in the agreement?

Flying to the COP and back, global leaders are in a rush to rebuild their economies "back to normal" after the pandemic. However, scholars advocating for Degrowth tell us that humanity needs to reduce resource use by a factor 10 if we are to stay within planetary boundaries. What should be on the COP agenda is: what does this mean for both North and South? In the North it is likely that almost all present industries must be shut down (or reduce resource use by 90%). Their workers must somehow be shifted out of normal offices and factories into lifestyles and systems which enable them to live well without doing any of the resource-intensive producing and consuming they are doing now. How is this conceivable? How could it possibly be done in economies which are completely dependent on not just maintaining present levels of production and consumption but constantly increasing them?

In the South it is likely that climate compatible lifestyles can be more easily achieved, but how to do so if globalised consumerism is still pushed as the only story of progress?

Meanwhile in Auroville...

The world has been following COP26 and its outcomes as every person on Earth is -or will be- affected by the unfolding crisis. Was there any interest in the proceedings in Glasgow?

Did Auroville make any local commitments or pledges? Unfortunately not. But there was one Aurovilian on stage in Glasgow: Suhasini, who received the Green Solutions Award for her housing project Humanscapes.

The HUMANSCAPES HABITAT is a demonstration project to set standards in habitat development. Besides being sustainable it also wants to address the issues of skill development of construction labor, who are mostly distressed migrants in India, to improve their economic condition and reduce construction waste. A few salient points:

- Material use: passive solar building design, efficient space layout, low embodied energy building materials and construction techniques with low operational energy.
- Resource flows: zero-discharge of water, recycling of solid waste, landscaping using local species, and urban agriculture.
- Mobility: reducing travel by integrating work and living spaces, IT infrastructure for work-at-home, e-vehicles for local transport.
- Human ecology: Co-housing facilitates interaction among neighbours and allows for over 20% in built up space reduction while the inhabitants can interact actively while working in the gardens and collective management of the food production and waste recycling.

The Green Column appears bi weekly in the News & Notes and on Auronet and discusses green issues in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you avgreencenter@aurville.org.in

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Suhasini Ayer, a renowned architect from Auroville, received the Green Solutions awards during the COP26 summit in Glasgow on November 10th, 2021