March is Women’s History Month
Who Are These Women?
(see p. 11 for more)
TO BE VIGILANT

To be vigilant is not merely to resist what pulls you downward, but above all to be alert in order not to lose any opportunity to progress, any opportunity to overcome a weakness, to resist a temptation, any opportunity to learn something, to correct something, to master something.

- The Mother

Words Of The Mother, vol.3, p.202
Advice for Aurovilians regarding the Corona Virus Pandemic

Introduction:
This is a response to the possibility that the coronavirus may infect some Aurovilians especially if they come from countries where the disease is established. While the risk is not that great because the Indian Government has now prevented re-entry from countries which are regarded as carriers, we are obliged to coordinate a plan within the Auroville community. The 3 health providers (the Health Centre, Santé and AVHS), the AV ambulance team and AV security services have agreed to the following plan:

Action Points
1. If you have cough, fever or breathing difficulty DO NOT visit the Health Centre, Santé, the pharmacy, or any alternative therapists.
2. If you come you will be requested to go home directly and phone your GP.
3. During office hours ring your usual health provider and ask the doctor to return the call as soon as possible. In the evenings, ring the AV Ambulance Service who will inform Dr. Amarnath to phone the patient to assess them. Alternatively ring the National Advice Helpline 011-23978046
4. Please stay indoors till you have been contacted by your GP.
5. The doctor or advisor will make an assessment over the phone and will advise one of 3 options
   a. Self-quarantine for 14 days.
      b. Visit PIMS hospital and have the test carried out to see if you have coronavirus. The AV Ambulance can guide you in this regard. The test result takes 24-48 hours so be prepared to stay in the quarantine ward until then.
   c. Make an appointment with your usual doctor via the phone.
6. Any deterioration in health, especially breathing difficulties, will require an immediate admission to hospital in Pondicherry.
   The patient should ring the AV ambulance service on the number below.
7. You may visit https://sante.auroville.org.in/additional-resources/ for more information including ways to boost immunity.

Contact Numbers: AV Health Centre: (0413) 2622803 AV Health Services: (0413)4036954 Santé: (0413) 2622803
AV Ambulance: (+91) 94422 24680 National Helpline:011-23978046
National advice email: nccv2019@gmail.com

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See these links to other websites for more information. FAQ WHO; Putting things in Perspective

From AV Health Center - Covid 19 recommendation: Serious undesirable events connected to the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine have been reported in patients affected by COVID19, confirmed or possible cases. We remind that the treatment of a poorly tolerated fever or pain in the COVID19 context or for any other respiratory viruses, rely on Paracetamol, with a maximum of 60mg/kg/day and with a maximum of 3g/day. Anti-inflammatory NSAIs (ibuprofen, ketoprofen, diclofenac, etc.) must be banned! On the other hand, patients taking steroids or any other immunosuppressive for chronic pathology, should not stop their medication, unless otherwise specified by the doctor following their pathology.

From SANTÉ: For alternative treatments for flu-like symptoms: https://auroville.org.in/article/78231
In light of the Coronavirus situation, Santé will only be receiving Aurovilians, volunteers and registered guests (with an Aurocard). No cash transactions will be taken. All contact therapies (shiatsu, physiotherapy and massage) will be suspended till a later date. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Our doctors are available as usual and therapies in acupuncture, ayurveda, homeopathy and psychotherapy will continue for now. Midwifery services will be home-based until further notice. Contact Paula via email (paulamurphy@auroville.org.in) or Whatsapp her on (+91) 7598611950.
It is highly recommended to avoid visiting Santé at present unless it is an acute or urgent case or for emergencies, especially in the case of the elderly and those with low immunity. If you are concerned or in doubt, telephone consultations with a doctor will be available. Call Santé on (0413) 2622803. We ask for your patience and your understanding in these interesting times. Rules and guidelines are changing on a daily basis. We will continue to update you regularly. Be well! Keep joy and calm in your heart.

Joint advice from AV Health Centre Pharmacy and Sante - How to use a mask safely to protect yourself and others
Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
1. Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.
2. Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
3. Dampen the mask to remove the new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks.
4. Remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Important information about Matrimandir closure: Matrimandir is closed to visitors from Tues., 17th March - Mon, 30th March. The booking services by phone and at the Visitors Centre will remain closed from Monday 16th March to 29th March 2020. Booking Services will reopen from Monday 30th March. The Visitors Centre and the Viewing Point will remain open to the public as usual. Timing for Viewing Point visit: 9.15 am to 4.30 pm, Sundays 9.15 am to 1 pm. Sunday afternoons closed.
Tiffin Service from Visitors Centre Cafeteria - The Visitors Centre Cafeteria and Dosa Corner are remaining open to serve only Aurovilians, Guests and Volunteers with FS account numbers and Guest/Volunteer Aurocards. In the present situation, we are offering an extended Take Away Tiffin service provided you bring your own tiffin with your name and community written on it. For people in need of home delivery, we will coordinate with Auroville Health Services. The VC Cafeteria will publish its weekly menu of items available for the Take Away Tiffin service on Auronet. Orders for this service will need to reach us daily before 10am either through email or together with the tiffs. In service, -Cafeteria and Dosa Corner teams.

Tanto will try to stay open only for Aurovilians and Aurocard holders in Auroville Main Road. In Pondy and ECR we are open with extra caution. If you come in the restaurant please keep distance from other customers. Maximum hygiene in the preparation will be taken. Delivery is preferred. We will deliver vegetarian items at low cost:. Melanzane parmigiana (eggplant lasagna), Lasagna, Pasta al forno (oven baked pasta), Pasta pomodoro or pesto, Margherita large or Marinara (vegan), and Risotto veg will be at 150 rupees delivered to your house. (You can choose to pay normal price.)

List of Closures (very partial) - Assume your activity is cancelled unless you call to confirm!

- All Schools
- Auromode Yoga Space
- AV Bakery Café
- AV Budokan
- Auroville Language Lab
- Auroville Radio office
- Children’s Library
- Cinema Paradiso
- Cripa
- Delicious Bites restaurant
- Entry Service/Aspiration Team
- Goyo Korean Restaurant
- Goyaloc Kitchen
- Gozo
- La Piscine
- Pitanga
- Sakura Sushi (deliveries only)
- Verite
- Well Café
- Youth Centre

Corona Virus, Sri Aurobindo and The Mother on Influenza and Epidemics

- For whoever finds it useful: You can read and download a file, Sri Aurobindo and The Mother on Influenza & Epidemics here: https://auroville.org/contents/4933
- You can watch an Interview with Dr. Pachegaonkar by Narad on Corona virus on YouTube on the “MotherAnd SriAurobindo” channel: https://youtu.be/qVYi1XueKY
- Further reading: Sri Aurobindo Ashram Online Library: http://library.sriaurobindoashram.org Here you can download and read collections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother’s works.
- The Incarnate Word: https://incarnatetword.in
  “Here you can search for Sri Aurobindo and The Mother’s works on specific topics.

All these and more resources, inner and outer, are accessible to all in Auroville, Ashram and all over the world. May Faith and Peace reign over fear and panic.

In humanity, - A resident of Auroville

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Talk by Alok Pandey on the Corona virus: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQPUghn1Q9c&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0Zd89WSMChN4klJRAoKgZRqvNqS3zYYDmAmM_70xyEGBcBLnlUl1gkXQ For audio only: http://auromaa.org/

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"When one is in a normal state of equilibrium and lives in a normal physical harmony, the body has a capacity of resistance, it has within it an atmosphere strong enough to resist illnesses: its most material substance emanates subtle vibrations which have the strength to resist illnesses, even diseases which are called contagious—From the ordinary point of view, in most cases, it is usually fear—fear, which may be mental fear, vital fear, but which is almost always physical fear, a fear in the cells—is fear which opens the door to all contagion.

... But when one can eliminate fear, one is almost in safety. For example, epidemics, or so-called epidemics, like those which are raging at present—ninety-nine times out of a hundred they come from fear: a fear, then, which even becomes a mental fear in its most sordid form, promoted by newspaper articles, useless talk and so on." -The Mother

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Once upon a time there was Disease going around. It was taking a few people here and there. It was coming to the mayor of the city and told him that it would have to take 10 lives in this city. Sighingly, he agreed. After one month, 100 people had left their bodies. When the Disease came back to the mayor, he was very upset and asked why it did not keep its promise. The Disease said that it did take only 10 lives as promised but Fear, Worry, Ignorance and other things took the rest ...

Let’s live a happy and healthy life with Mother as our guidance! - submitted by Ulrike Burghardt
From the FAMC: Proposed Code of Conduct

“Be entirely selfless, entirely scrupulous, exact, careful in detail, a good trustee; always consider that it is Her possessions and not our own that we are handling. That what we receive for Her, we lay... before Her; and turn nothing to our own or anybody else’s purpose.”

-Sri Aurobindo

The Code of Conduct for Units and Trusts (COC) sets out the basic intention and procedures necessary to help us to grow and protect our economy and work towards fairness, transparency and accountability. The FAMC, following its mandate, has been working on draft amendments to the current COC. It has undertaken this lengthy task because since 2017, when the current COC was implemented, we have seen a substantial need for its improvement both in terms of the principles it expresses and embodies, and in the processes it sets out. We are happy to share the draft with the community at large for feedback before the COC’s final document is put before the RA for ratification.

This draft is a product of the consideration of extensive feedback from a wide pool of Aurovilleians. As the COC impacts all the sectors of our economy, we feel the need to form a Feedback Committee composed of 12 members and 1 facilitator, as follows:

- AV Service/Non Profit Trust - 2 members to be (nominated by those relevant Trusts: AV Service Trust, Auromitra, Village Action Trust, Bharat Nivas, CSR, NESS, SAIER, Palayam Trust, Udhavi School, Health and Healing Trust nominated by them)
- Surplus Generating Trusts - 4 members (from all Trusts not mentioned above);
- FAMC - 2 members (to provide relevant background information);
- Community at large - 2 members;
- BCC - 2 members;
- Facilitator - 1.

The responsibility of the Feedback Committee shall be to:

- Collate all of the feedback that shall come from the Community;
- Analyze all feedback received; and, where appropriate
- Give suggested amendments, to the draft COC for the FAMC and the feedback committee to consider with a view to coming up with a finalized draft for ratification by the RA.

Timeline:

1. Feedback on the draft COC is invited by the FAMC from 14th of March for a period of three weeks i.e. until the 4th of April 2020. This feedback shall be gathered via a dedicated email address set up for this purpose: coc-feedback@auroville.org.in. Hard copy feedback may also be given to FAMC Admin at the office on the 2nd floor in Town Hall.
2. The proposed COC 2020 (with the draft amendments) is available on Auronet and in hard copy at the FAMC Office and at the Auroville Library.
3. The Feedback Committee shall be constituted by the 4th of April 2020 by the FAMC and the Auroville Council.
4. From the time it is constituted (on the 4th April) the Feedback Committee will have 6 weeks to complete their work.
5. Feedback obtained from the Feedback Committee shall be considered jointly by the Auroville Council, FAMC and the Feedback Committee within a period of three weeks in order to elaborate a final document.

6. The RAS shall conduct the RAD process with the final document arrived at.

Here is the link to the proposed Code of Conduct 2020 for your perusal.
https://auroville.org.in/file-download/78220/29076
The current Code of Conduct (2017) is available online:
https://auroville.org.in/file-download/65015/21324

In appreciation of all the work done by all Aurovilleians engaged in various sectors of Auroville that contribute towards its growth. - The FAMC

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE GREEN GROUP
FEBRUARY 2020

1. GREEN GROUP ADMINISTRATION; the group discussed a number of issues with a view to seeing how the group could better and more efficiently promote relevant green issues in Auroville, particularly with regard to planning. This included looking at; the regularity of monthly reports, membership, the yearly budget, communication with other working groups, taking up a space in the Town Hall and various projects that the group could do which would help protect small plots of land in the Greenbelt.

2. HOUSING:

a. Youth housing; The Green Group will soon be making a statement about this which will include both Forest and Farm Group perspectives. The Green Group is very happy about this initiative from the Housing Board.

b. Housing Board mandate - the Green Group representative on the Housing Board will bring us the updated mandate for discussion when it is ready.

3. GROWING INDIGO - Colours of Nature have requested land to grow more indigo. Since this crop doesn’t require extra water to grow this would be good to put on plots of un-stewarded land. It was agreed that Colours of Nature should be asked to come to the next meeting to discuss the setting up of a pilot project.

4. BUILDING REQUESTS FROM THE FARM GROUP - There were five building requests from the Farm Group. During the discussion it became clear that the information required for submission of requests to the Green Group needed to be clarified in the light of changes to the building application process and to make the form easier to follow. The Green Group information paper will be updated in the light of these concerns.

Feedback to: greengroup@auroville.org.in

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closure of the Matrimandir Inner Chamber for visitors/guests and the video room of the Visitors’ Centre from 17th March for 2 weeks.

A meeting took place on Friday March 13th w/ members of the Working Committee, Auroville Council, Residents’ Assembly Service, MM Executives, Matrimandir Coordination Group, Visitors’ Center executives and representatives of the Health Centre and Santé. The topic was the spread of the Corona (Covid-19) virus, and if it would be necessary to temporarily close the Visitors’ Centre and the Matrimandir for visitors.

There was a long discussion with diverse views expressed. Some individuals stressed the need to trust in the protection of The Mother and to not panic or be guided by fear; on the other side, others gave medical views and stressed the need to take precautions and provide a safe environment. The majority of those present finally agreed to close the Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir for visitors/guests only and to close the video room of the Visitors’ Centre, for a period of 2 weeks from Tuesday 17th March onwards. The Matrimandir will remain open as usual for residents. The public will be informed of these precautionary measures.

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Saturday Kids Classes @ Pitanga cancelled until further notice

Call for “community-at-large” representation on the Code of Conduct Feedback Review Committee

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The FAMC is forming a Feedback Committee composed of 12 members and 1 facilitator. This committee will review the feedback received from the community and give suggested amendments to the draft Code of Conduct to the FAMC to consider with a view to coming up with a finalized draft for ratification by the RA. The FAMC has asked the Auroville Council to identify two volunteers representing the community at large to serve of this committee. If you are interested, please write to the Auroville Council, and you will be considered for this work.

- The Auroville Council
- Enrica, Ganesh K, Martin, Mita DG, Selvaraj and Shivaya

Auroville Service Trust invitation to a presentation: ‘The Future of Pour Tous’:
Friday 3rd April, 4:30 - 6:00 PM @ the Unity Pavilion

Dear family,

During the 7th March General Meeting called by the FAMC to talk about the future of Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS), the Auroville Service Trust read out a statement that included contemplation for a long time about the future of Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS) and these Aurovilians who have 2 options different from the FAMC. They are as follows:

1) With the present management team PTPS reverts to being a service realigning itself fully with the values of a service activity. It will not accumulate income at the cost of Aurovilians

2) If the present executive and manager are not ready to accept the realignment and required changes, the present executive & manager would discontinue their management. Aurovilians in harmony with a service orientation will take up the work, including the creation of a purchasing service for Auroville.

It was also mentioned that there is a group of pioneering Aurovilians who have contemplated for a long time about the future of PTPS, and these Aurovilians want to share with you their vision and aspirations for the future of Pour Tous in a 20 minute presentation followed by a question & answer session.

Please plan to attend a talk given from the perspective of some Auroville services. Everyone is warmly welcome.

From SEWA:

We hereby wish to inform you that, from Wed. 1st April, 2020, SEWA (Small Employees Welfare Administration) will be functioning from Town Hall. The SEWA Office is located in the former printing room of the News & Notes, which is next to the Vehicle Service and behind the Blue Light Office.

For assistance, do not hesitate to contact us at 0413-2622709. You can write to us at sewa@auroville.org.in.

- Nolly, Saravanan & Lata for SEWA

Postponed - JOI Anitya Open day

Due to the corona virus situation, the Joy of Impermanence - Anitya Open day that was scheduled for 21st March is postponed until further notice. Thank you for your understanding. Love and light, -The JOI-Anitya team

(Andres, Ion, Mathilde, Mira, Serena, Michael and Nikethana)

Goyo, Korean silent restaurant in Luminosity will be closed from 19th March due to Covid 19 and summer break. We hope to accommodate you again in July. Thank you for all your good responses and supports. Gratitude. -Won ja

A4 recycled paper - Bulk order - Savi office will place an order for A4 recycled paper from: https://saahaszerowaste.com/waste-recycled-products/

If you’d like to try out this paper, we could place a bulk order together to reduce transport impact. Cost is Rs. 384 for pc 500 A4 paper (Rs 74 more than the standard white paper). Please contact us directly at study@aurowilge.org.in by March 26th if you want to join the order.

Hindustani Classical Music: Auroville Art Service presents: Indian Classical Raga Music by Michael (Bansuri) and Dee (Tabla), every Sun & Tue 6pm at Dharma Swasti, Auroville Main Road. Details at www.the-sound-of-bamboo.com.

WELL Café - This is to inform you that Well Café had to close in advance of last week’s announced date of 28th March. The Café is now closed!

The Transformation Game and Oracle Card readings are now available, by appt only. See Regular Activities addendum FMI. Carmen: 853-101-7772; carmen.palinckx@gmail.com

Documentary Film-making Workshop in Ladakh as part of Bi-annual Exchange Program 18th May to 21st June 2020

Auroville Film Institute is thrilled to announce the very first of its kind Bi-annual Student Exchange Program between Auroville Film Institute and Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh, facilitating cinema-centric learning journeys that can emerge from and lead to a more comprehensive cultural confluence and knowledge sharing.

As part of this Bi-annual student exchange program, we are beginning with a Documentary Filmmaking Workshop in Ladakh in May-June.0

In the spirit of Student Exchange, we will have 6 seats reserved for participants from Ladakh; 4 seats reserved for participants from Auroville and bioregion; and 10+ seats open for participants from all over India and abroad. This is a call for youth of Auroville and Bioregion - if interested, please apply. If you know anyone you might be suitable for such an exposure/ education/ cultural exchange, please share. We will be happy to grant limited scholarships / fee waivers to Auroville youth based on their application form and personal interview. Here is the application form:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKMKmNRbUI1Nc9OkKHbzw2zqjKAA6tFevLbYJ0R4UJ0PyJivity/form

Link to the Website for more information: www.hial.edu.in/documentary-film-making-workshop/ www.filminstitute.auroville.org/.../documentary-film-making/

WELCOME

Entry Service & Aspiration Team - Closed to the Public: Our offices are closed to the public until 1st of April (may be extended as required). All Letter of Recommendation, B-Form signing & meetings with the Secretary are on hold until further notice.
FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 032 - 14-03-2020

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville, 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.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
- Iuliia MAYORSKIIKH (aka Yulia) (Russian) staying in Nine Palms and working at Botanical Garden
- Udhyalakshmi RAMACHANDHIRAN (aka Ramya) (Indian) staying in Udavi School staff quarters and working at Udavi School

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
- Zoia BORDUNOVA (Russian) Born on 17/09/2011 (Daughter of Iuliia MAYORSKIIKH)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:
- Alessandra ARGENTI (Italian) staying in Shanti Community and working at The Learning Community (TLC)
- Anwar AMINUDIN (Indonesian) staying in Kriya and working at Marc’s Coffees
- Suresh Babu VEDHANARAYANAN (Indian) - staying in Savitri Bhavan and working at Savitri Nursery & Auroyali
- Vivekkumar VISVANADHAN (Indian) staying in Arc-en-Ciel and working at UTS & Cholai Farm

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
- Pujasree BURMAN (Indian)
- Rekha SATHYAN (Indian)
- Victor GUERRIER (French)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:
- Jean Christophe MARZO (France) & Line MARZO (France)
  Jean Christophe and Line have been connected with Auroville for over 30 years and are actively involved with AVI France. They are also engaged with the French Pavilion and the Centre D’Art when present in Auroville.

NOTE:
- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been completed and returned. Be aware that the duration of the process cannot exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- An Aurovillian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Resident (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation (AVF) Office.
- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovillian is official only once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form. An Aurovillian’s name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.
- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

ENTRY SERVICE IS CLOSED UNTIL 1st APRIL

OBITUARY

Jayram
It is with shock that we inform the community of the sudden passing of Jayram (Jayaraman Ramalingam) of Arka who, complaining of chest pains, was taken in the evening of 17 March by his family to Nallam Clinic and from there to General Hospital, where he left his body around 9pm due to a heart attack. On investigation it was discovered that he must have suffered various silent attacks before. He was 38 years old.

Hailing from Kuliypalayam, Jayram attended New Creation School where he got to know Maria Grazia, who was teaching there at the time. Subsequently he followed an electronics course, worked at New Creation’s swimming pool and always remained in touch with Auroville. At the age of 25 he officially joined and started working at Arka, eventually becoming its manager and executive. Many of our guests will remember him for his ultra-patient, friendly and gentle way of managing things, in a seemingly roundabout way but always having things in strict order.

These last years, Jayram and his wife Ramana lived in Realization with their little son Sanjit going to Nandanam School. His passing is a terrible loss for them, as well as for Arka’s Krishnan and Maria Grazia, who have taken them up as family. Our heartfelt condolences go out to them and other family members in Auroville. Jayram’s body remained at his brother’s house in Kuliyapalayam near Auroville Bakery during Wednesday 18th, and was cremated at 5pm at Kuliyapalayam’s mandappam. Farewell Jayram, Auroville and many of its guests will remember you and salute you. OM~

THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to Auroville Consulting, for the magic on the public road! – Celestine

Thanks a lot! - The Divine Flowers Team wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude once again to the Community and all the people who made a big contribution towards creating our offering of this year’s Flower Exhibition and Children’s Activities.

- Naren, Poonam, Rabi, Ramachandra, Shanthi and Surendra

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the EMF Awareness Group: There are scientists and experts who make a link between the corona virus issue and the roll out of 5G facilities. See this article, which is very detailed and written by Paul Doyon. It is thought-provoking, but even the present levels of wireless transmissions can influence our own electro-magnetic field and immune system. Here is a documentary to watch: https://youtu.be/9mK93gHF

Resonance: Beings of OBU

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Dear friends,

Mother's Symbol and Her Powers now in 30 languages

Since many kids (big and small) are home from school, I'm sharing an awesome list of ideas from a parent who homeschools.

**Online resources:**
- BrainPop
- Curiosity Stream
- Tynker
- Outschool
- Udemy
- iReady
- Beast Academy (Math)
- Khan Academy
- Creative Bug
- Discovery Education

**YouTube Channels:**
- Crash Course Kids
- National Geographic Kids
- Free School
- Geography Focus
- TheBrainScoop
- SciShow
- Science Max
- Kids Learning Tube
- Geek Gurl Diaries
- Mike Likes Science
- SoulPancake

Lots of board games, library books (and Kindle), tinkering/upcycling with household junk, etc.

Some resources to help with kids at home:
- Scholastic has created a free learn-from-home site with 20+ days of learning and activities:
  https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html

*Pretend to travel the world... Go on a virtual tour of these 12 famous museums: https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractios/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours

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**More awesome free learning websites that we like to use**
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- Finally time to tell stories:
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  - https://www.storylineoffline.net/
  - https://pbskids.org/

For times you are stuck at home and want to see the vastness of enriching museums: https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractios/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours

Finally time to tell stories: https://storyweaver.org.in/lists/22072-wordless-stories-for-beginner-readers

[* Ulrike definitely wins the prize for “constructive response to a challenging situation” this week! Bravo! - eds.*]

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Mother's Symbol and Her Powers now in 30 languages

Dear friends,

Mother’s symbol has been translated into 30 languages, including the four languages of Auroville, i.e. Tamil, French, Sanskrit and English, as well as indigenous languages and those used across the world, including Amharic, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian,
ITALIAN, JAPANESE, KANNADA, KOREAN, MACEDONIAN, MARATHI, NEPALI, NIUGINI, PORTUGUESE (SYMBOL TO BE DESIGNED), ODIA, RUSSIAN, SPANISH, SWEDISH, TELUGU (SYMBOL TO BE DESIGNED), TIBETAN, UKRAINIAN. AVAILABLE FOR READING AND DOWNLOAD: THE MOTHER’S SYMBOL IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES
https://auroville.org/contents/4891

HAVE IT IN YOUR LANGUAGE? - IF YOUR LANGUAGE IS NOT ON THE LIST ABOVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE IT TRANSLATED INTO YOUR MOTHER TONGUE AND/OR OTHER LANGUAGE(S) OF PROFICIENCY BY VOLUNTEERING YOURSELF OR RECOMMENDING SOMEONE ELSE? PLEASE WRITE TO ANANDI ZHANG AT SYMBOL-IN-TRANSLATION@AUROVILLE.ORG.IN.

MOTHER’S SYMBOL EXHIBITION - EXHIBITION OF MOTHER’S SYMBOL IN A GROWING NUMBER OF LANGUAGES IS ONGOING AT INTERNATIONAL SPACE, SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, BHARAT NIVAS.

CELEBRATING OUR UNITY IN DIVERSITY. GRATITUDE TO HER GRACE AND TO ALL WHO INSPIRE, HELP AND PARTICIPATE.

INTEGRAL HEALTH
Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy child care
We are providing alternative health care for Aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers since 2001.

Information on the 200 years experience of homeopathic treating epidemic diseases on Saturday 21 March, 2 PM. All are welcome.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available. Please contact us if you like to learn how to use homeopathy for First Aid.

Okoubaka to alleviate complaints after exposure to pesticides sprayed on the Cashew trees, as well as PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Bloodpressure etc. are available. Harmony and Samata, remedies related to Sri Aurobindo.

All remedies are available 24-7 at our remedy box, in the waiting area. Just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and Tamil and are free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and long term volunteers.

First Aid Kits and PC remedies are available daily Mondays to Fridays 9 - 12.30 a.m. except Thursdays.

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

Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669; Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigridlindemann.com Aditi, 9428429642; Malar malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

Digital Learning in Auroville
Thank you for all your response and in-depth feedback for my post last week. I’m reposting this message for those who may have missed it.

As we all witness, the revolution of online learning systems around the world not only helps us connect with each other but brings access to learning through digital mediums from wherever we are. We, at Sangili, would like to connect Auroville and resources working on Digital learning systems. For that purpose, we are starting research to know more about Auroville units and services who offer Digital Learning Programs. We will explore the possibility of using a common platform for all course providers in Auroville.

This research is made by Sangili, an upcoming activity of Auroville whose mission is to connect Auroville and the world. As the first step for this research, we would like to know more about the courses provided in and/or outside of Auroville. I would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill out the form here or share your thoughts on the same. I’ll be happy to meet you and discuss further if you wish. sivakumar@auroville.org.in; What's app: +91 9655531301. Much appreciation for your cooperation!

APPEALS

We are conducting a 6 day SUMMER CAMP on May 4th to 9th at our premises. For this we are looking for some volunteers who could help or offer some fun and constructive activities or programs to our participants. We welcome all your innovative ideas and support to our program. Please contact us for more details: 984-319-5290 or kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in. Any of your generous offerings are also very much appreciated! Our A/c No is: 102609. Hoping for your kind cooperation,

Kuilai Creative Centre, next to Auroville Bakery, Auroville Main Road
https://kuilaicreativecentre.org/

DISCIPLINE FARM CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - Come and volunteer while having fun and learning something new.

You can learn about:
• Vermicompost—a fertilizer used for plants and trees. This is produced by worms that eat compost;
• Basics of tree care — identify parasite plants and pruning them off;
• Seedlings — seed conservation, placing seeds in pots, transplant them;
• Harvesting farm produce — rucola, tomatoes, lettuce, pineapples, star fruits, papaya, tamarind, etc.

Come help out in a beautiful organic farm and reconnect with nature. 904-709-7812; gino@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR

Ironing Board - If someone has an ironing board idly standing around, I could surely use it. Possibly other Mahalakshmi residents will use it as well. Mauna., or 9443168323 Thanks!

Auroville Music Education - Child portraits - For the AV internal new google website on ‘Paths for Music Education in Auroville’, I want to exchange the ‘dummy’ with real portrait photos of Auroville children, 13 and under. This site is meant for Auroville students & parents, for general classroom teachers, and for mentors. The site is accessible only by invitees. To support and to benefit from ‘Music Education in Auroville’, please choose a beautiful portrait photo of your child, indicate the age, and email the image in PNG-format. You will then be invited to visit the website. Thanks!

Gundolf gundolf@auroville.org.in

Keyboard with USB connection - My laptop has a problem with keyboard. If you have or know of an unused one with a USB connection, Roof Studio would very much appreciate having it, and offer a painting in exchange. Contact: Ivana 709-434-4154 or ivana@auroville.org.in
Ear candles - If anyone here has extra ear candles they are not using (used to clean ears of excess wax) please do let me know. Thanks, -G. sattvig@gmail.com; +91840797970

Cell Phone - If you have an extra cellphone which sooner or later you will send to the landfill because of no use, please, don’t do it. I need one and will appreciate very much to have it. My contact-phone is 262-2970. Claudine

Long term housesitting - We are an Aurovillian family looking for long term house sitting in free standing house. We have been staying in Angiras Garden for the past 4 years and are used to maintaining a house. We love animals and would be happy to take care of them. We are committed to taking good care of the house we stay in and energize it with love. Prem Shakti, Pari (7) and Soham (2). premshakti@auroville.org.in or 948-924-4823.

Housing - My name is Angel and I am an “Auroville youth” without a place to live at the moment. I’m looking for house sitting options or a flat/house share option to move into by the end of the month. I can pay a low rent if needed (note: I’m on a half maintenance) but I’m happy to do a bit of work in exchange. I’m in Auroville indefinitely and working part time while taking up other side projects. If you can offer or suggest something email me at angeliearley@gmail.com or call/whatsapp (+91) 9655-688-952. Big love to all!

Housing - Hello! We are Yuliya and Zoya (8 years old) urgently looking for any housesitting opportunity. We are going through the Newcomer process at the moment. We are interested in something for minimum 2 weeks, beginning now. We are calm and neat. I work in a botanical garden, and my daughter attends Depanam School. Yulia Majorskikh, +91 90471 05174 or yuliamajorskikh@gmail.com.

Temporary housing - I’m Meera, working in Dana community. I’ve just applied for Newcomer status and am searching for housing. 827-040-3560 or methukumaranavy749@gmail.com.

A Housesitter - Seeking an Aurovillian or Newcomer to housesit a small single place in Auromodele from May 2020 to beginning of February 2021. Looking for a super clean woman. Expenses will be discussed when we meet. Contact Yen @ 827-055-5836.

Available

18-year old young lady from Bommapalayam who has finished her 12st standard of schooling, is looking for work as an amma. Contact Pushpa ph# 78269 04622.

Tamil school teacher - I am Priya from Kottakarai. I’ve been looking for a school teaching position in Auroville for a long time. I have an MA Tamil and Dted degree and have very good experience for school teaching work. If interested, 962-686-6446 or ppprabaindira@gmail.com

Work Opportunities

Work opportunity - Store Merchandiser
You are creative, a self- motivated organizer and like to interact with new people. You have a flair for fragrance and an eye for detail to a body care advice. You are good at communication (fluent and efficient in English; any other language will be additional help), have a motivating and positive attitude and enjoy to interface with both the work team as well as daily clients. Open for Aurovilians & Newcomers. Full time work. Maintenance provided. Contact: maroma@maroma.com or +91-413-262-2126

Job Opportunity: FAMC Finance Secretary
FAMC is looking for a finance secretary who is willing to do finance secretarial tasks, such as taking care of CAG Audit Co-ordination, support the consolidation of Auroville Foundation Balance Sheet, study the balance sheet and report back to FAMC & BCC whenever requested, and be a part of Centralized Accounting System with whole Auroville Foundation.

What we need from you:
- Be present: Monday - Saturday 9.30 - 4.30 are the office timings.
- Have clear communication skills - we expect you to inform the rest of the team in advance of any changes in your work routine. We expect a commitment of at least 1 year after a one month trial period.
- Be self motivated and driven: nobody will check your office timings, but we expect you to be proactive and get the work done.
- Ability to work in a team
- Be accountable: we expect you to organize your work transparently and report on deliverables / outcomes, and take the initiative to ask for help when you need it.

Required skills:
- Educational skills minimum under or post graduates in Finance and Accounting.
- Good computer skills (incl Tally ERP and Excel)
- Good Accounting and Financial skills (reliability and responsibility)
- Minimum Experience of 3 to 5 years
- Intermediate English

What can you expect?
- A maintenance or salary.
- The current team will train you on the tasks involved, most of which are recurring, so you will get used to them soon.
- If you need mentoring on specific tasks FAMC and/or secretariat members are available to guide you.
- Growth potential towards higher levels of responsibility

Please contact: famc@auroville.org.in with a motivation letter and a recent CV.

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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.

Customer Care and Website Maintenance - You are fluent in English, have good communication skills and will take care of our customers. You update our website and you have an interest in the technical aspects of this work. Full-time, maintenance provided.

Administration and Accounting - You take care of our accounting, MIS report, invoicing and stock entries in Tally. You keep a good overview of our E-Commerce activities. You have good administrative skills and speak English well. Tamil would be a plus. Full maintenance available.

Secretary for our Organization - You will do administrative work (MS office, emails, meeting organization and notes, basic accounts, database entry, google drive) for our organization, you have very good spoken and written English language skills. You are regular, a good team player and familiar with Auroville. Part time (in the morning), maintenance available after a probation period of one month.

And other positions (please inquire about details):
- System Administrator
- Project Management
- Social Media Manager (part time)
- Volunteer for Women Empowerment Project
- Farm Development and Support
Teacher (Mechanical Engineering)
Chief Operating Officer
Volunteer for Film Scanning
Experienced Gardener
Dental Assistant
Administration and Production Supervision
Field Research Assistant
Administrative Assistant Position
Production Management

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. hr_hub@auroville.org.in

From Our Cover: As March is Women’s History Month (and wanting to honor something other than the virus), we take the opportunity to highlight a few “women of substance” who may not be widely known. Here (briefly) are who appears on the cover:

Sugathakumari (1934 - ) - This octogenarian poet and environmental activist shot to fame in 1973 when she successfully led Save Silent Valley - a nationwide people’s movement to protect some of Kerala’s oldest natural evergreen forests from being submerged by a proposed hydroelectric project. Sugathakumari served as the secretary of the Society for Conservation of Nature in Thrivananthapuram and was the first recipient of the Indira Priyadarshini Vrksha Mitra Award from the Government of India for her contribution to environmental conservation. She continues to be a strong voice against development projects that threaten the wetlands, forests and people of her home state.

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“If women be educated for dependence; that is, to act according to the will of another fallible being, and submit, right or wrong, to power, where are we to stop?”

In 1972, Mary Wollstonecraft’s call for equality and her advocacy of women’s rights struck 18th century society like a bolt of thunder splitting a tree in two. Thankfully we now live in an age where feminist thought is considered [more -ed] the norm - we have the likes of Caitlin Moran, Lena Dunham and Germaine Greer to applaud for that - but in the late 1700s, Wollstonecraft’s suggestion that men and women should be considered equal as rational beings was about as revolutionary as Joan of Arc galloping on horseback with her sword drawn. The publication of ‘A Vindication of the Rights of Woman’ in 1792 is considered one of the earliest examples of feminist philosophy. It didn’t take long for a backlash to occur and it wasn’t reprinted until the mid 19th century. A true revolutionary, Wollstonecraft’s spirit still endures. (1759-1797)

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Kenyan environmental and political activist Wangari Maathai (1940-2011) was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. An outspoken environmentalist, Maathai was honored in 2004 for standing at the “front of the fight to promote ecologically viable social, economic and cultural development in Kenya and in Africa,” according to the African American Registry. Maathai earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at American universities before completing her doctorate and founded the Green Belt Movement, the largest tree-planting campaign in Africa. She has been recognized as Time Magazine’s “Hero of the Planet.”

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Edith Cavell (1865-1915) - “I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.” Found guilty of treason, sentenced to death and shot by a firing squad at the age of 49, Edith Cavell’s courage was heavily punished in her lifetime. The British nurse used the Red Cross hospital she was working at to save the lives of soldiers from both sides of the First World War, without any discrimination, as well as smuggling over 200 Allied soldiers from German-occupied Belgium. She is known for saying, ‘I can’t stop while there are lives to be saved’. One could wonder how this gets someone shot for treason ...

Hi Auroville!

In this very difficult and unusual moment, Auroville Radio stops the regular programs but we continue to improve the tool as radio is for the whole community Until further notice Auroville radio office is closed to the public.

If you want to take part in our editorial/production team or you want to volunteer please write to radio@auroville.org.in.

These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio:

Rossa Agenda - La nave sopramentale (in italiano) 12
Ogni settimana Janaka legge una conversazione di Mère integrandola con alcune righe tratte dall’opera di Sri Aurobindo. In copertina un dipinto di Agni.

Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi (en Français) - 320
Chaque semaine Gangalakshami sélectionne un extrait des oeuvres de Sri Aurobindo et de Mère en accord avec les vibrations qui correspondent à l’histoire d’Auroville.

Journey to the Soul - Day Two, Through The Vital Planes
Today we travel through the universal vital planes and through the human vital planes. When we go with Savitri, we see her experience of the energies which affect all people.

Developing a water vision for Auroville - Presentation by Paul
Developing a water vision for Auroville - Presentation by Giulio
Developing a water vision for Auroville - Presentation by Aditi
A pilot Citizens’ Assembly began in Auroville on Sunday 8 March, to consider the topic: Developing a water vision for Auroville and ways to implement it.

Exit Policy RA General Meeting - We recorded the Residence Assembly General Meeting on the 3rd of March in Bhumiika Hall discussing the Exit policy.

Elia Re concert at Yc - On the fifth day of Endangered Craft Mela week a nice concert was held by Shalini, Lisa, Marius & company on the main stage of Youth Center.

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovilleradio.org

Ascent to the Overmental plane of consciousness

According to the Vedic System of Existence, there are only seven planes of consciousness in the Universe. Mind is considered as heaven. The upper regions of the mind, where gods live, come under overmind. Men on earth live in the lower regions of the mind.

Man is characterized by the presence of intellect in his mind. The intellect perceives in the mind sensations, feelings, ideas etc., and forms initial perception of things and events which later becomes final perception of truth after subjecting it to the act of human reasoning. This mental truth is finite and
limited in scope and therefore man seeks to get greater truth like overmental or supramental truth which would save him from the struggle and suffering in life.

Some architects in Auroville did not approve of The Mother’s idea to install twelve pillars in Matrimandir chamber. The Mother insisted that twelve pillars should be there and added, ‘They represent Thousand Pillared Home (Aiyirangalmandapam) in the overmental plane of consciousness.’ The Mother thinks that twelve pillars would inspire Aurovilians to ascend to the overmental plane of consciousness and that there they would strive to conquer and possess the overmental truth.

Aditi, the Mother, has created the plane of overmental consciousness in the Universal Existence. This is followed by the creation of the overmental plane of consciousness. The mind is made silent and the consciousness of the soul of man is one with the Overmental.

Overmental gods are created on the overmental plane specially to help humanity to realize the overmental truth, by which they could tackle their life problems. Sarama, Saraswathi and Ila are the overmental goddesses who help Dakshina, another overmental goddess, in formulating overmental truth. Intuitive truths from Sarama, Words of Inspiration from Saraswathi, and Revelations from Ila are put into logical reasoning at the overmental level by Dakshina, who formulates overmental truth. The soul (jvatma) in overmental plane of consciousness observes these activities of goddesses and is aware of the overmental truth. When the soul returns to the mind, the mind also is aware of the overmental truth as the soul is inherent in it. Ultimately the mind has to express the overmental truth, instead of mental truth, in life.

The Mother has seen ‘Thousand Pillared Home’ in the overmental plane of consciousness in one of her journeys towards higher planes of consciousness in the Universe. In 1910 the well-wishers of Sri Aurobindo asked him to leave Pondicherry immediately because he might be handed over to the British Government on sedition charges. Sri Aurobindo referred the matter to the self (Satchitananda) of the overmental plane of consciousness and received an ‘Adesh,’ the Divine command, ‘Don’t leave Pondicherry.’ Sri Aurobindo implicitly obeyed the command from the Divine; he refused to leave Pondicherry. It is a very good illustration to understand the activity of inspiration at the overmental level.

Ascent to the overmental plane of consciousness is within the reach of Aurovilians. They can do it either in Matrimandir chamber or anywhere in Auroville.

The following was picked up by N&N editorial, not at the request of its author - eds.

A dysfunctional world order as the underlying basis in the planning of the International Zone?  by Suhasini

I have often expressed my disquiet that the basis of the international zone in Auroville should be the output of a geopolitical ideology arising out the 17-18 century Western Europe. This world view has gifted the world colonialism, two major world wars, cold war with proxy states propped up by the superpowers, the post cold war collapse with civil wars in the ex-proxy states, unbridled exploitation of natural resources and human beings....not to talk of the social - political stress brought on by climate change issues and the inability of the citizens of so-called- “democratic” nations to face their role in the disaster unleashed on this planet. They rather elect simple-minded demagogues who promise to cover them in glory and/or riches.

And yet an entire zone is divided into territories based on a dying phase of human social -political evolution? How much more retro can the city of the future get? Instead of seeking a ‘unified theory’ that assimilates all life not just the diversities of the human world, we spend our time in Auroville recreating the borders and demarcating territories in the international zone and then are truly shocked that groups of people are ready to battle over their plot that is legitimized by lines drawn on a map.

Lines drawn on the maps of this subcontinent have cost millions of lives, fragmenting the people into countries that will forever be in conflict externally and internally; India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan. As we stubbornly refuse to learn from the past, I suppose it is not surprising that we never build up the momentum to boldly spring into the future either!

How Does Learning Happen in Auroville?

Auroville Campus Initiative, as a follow up to the Confluence (https://confluence.auroville.org) set up a co-creative art installation on Re-imagining Auroville as a Univers-city - a campus for higher education. At the art installation, more than a 100 Aurovilians mapped their learning journeys through knitting threads that they used to connect the most unique aspects of their learning journey in Auroville. Each one chose 8 keywords out of 28 keywords to represent their learning journey.

The 28 keywords were derived from several community gatherings, including the Confluence (http://confluence.auroville.org) & the Bridge (https://thebridge.auroville.org); core documents of Auroville; as well as semiotics research by Aiyana Gunjan on Auroville’s culture (https://www.slideshare.net/AiyanaGunjan1/semiotics-of-auroville-by-aiyana-gunjan).

The installation was set-up in front of Pour Tous (PTDC) in Auroville on Feb 26 and Feb 27, 2020. The installation gave a glimpse of how unending education takes place. It is often difficult to see how learning takes place for an outsider, since there are no degrees, titles and positions here! However, when we starting making the invisible factors visible, acknowledging them, verbalizing it, becomes apparent that the process of learning in Auroville is very real and it is indeed an educational Campus!

During the installation, we also took sign-ups from Aurovilians who said they would be interested in mentoring students interested in long-term serious study. Some said they would be interested in mentoring students about a specific skill or domain knowledge-base; others said they would be interested in mentoring about life in general; and yet a few more said they would be interested in mentoring in both areas - life in Auroville & a subject/domain. If you are an Aurovillian interested in signing up to be a mentor, please take 30 seconds to fill in the following form: https://forms.gle/9peDRhZLBj8Avmwg8. Please note that this is only an initial sign-up sheet. As a follow-up, we will be sharing a Google form over mail, that will allow Aurovilians to fill more details about their profiles, their expectations from students, their availability etc. We may also have a follow-up in the form of a presentation/workshop to this.
Now, let us explore a little of our findings from the co-creative art installation! It was actually also a mini-research project, for it revealed the most significant contributors to our learning in Auroville as well as the least significant. The top three clusters of the most significant contributors to our learning in Auroville were found to be:
1. **Inner Work**: Silence, Intuition, Aspiration, Self-discovery
2. **Outer Work**: Learning by Doing, Experimentation
3. **City**: Nature, Beauty, Matrimandir

The areas, however, where we scored relatively less are:
1. **Aurovilians**: Peer-to-peer learning, collaboration, brotherhood
2. **Cultural Education**: Universal culture, learning from the cultural diversity
3. **Engaging with Global issues**: Addressing global challenges, global citizenship

Perhaps these findings have something to tell us about where we are doing great and the areas where we need to focus.

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**Experienced during our PTPS Meeting, 7.3.20**

It was a mighty encounter, a hardly contained shock of views and emotions from all sides. But suddenly in a great calm within I found myself above all the tumult. I saw from up there how easily this seeming chaos could become the wonderfully harmonized Symphony of utter Diversity that Mother wanted Auroville to be. If only each one would look at the others with that truer look from above, each would at once discover the complementarity of all those views with one’s own, and the mutually enriched Oneness that all together they express. We were all the various talents needed for a great team, or even big Orchestra. Why go on wasting this fantastic collective energy against each other, down in this disturbing, divisive Mental consciousness in which every truth seems to contradict each other? We only had to use the very same fantastic Inner Power of sincere Aspiration in all of us, united at last together into one great collective Leap Upward, and we would find ourselves up, up together into that New Consciousness of Unity in Diversity: the Auroville that the Earth needs, and that the Earth will fund so that it can grow, once it is truly and visibly established among us the pioneers.

In the experience we were almost there: the sounds of the clashing opinions were like waves back and forth, waves of powerful Music - still quite discordant, but which could so easily come together as a magnificent Harmony...

The sheer Power that was there, enabling us to leap into that Harmony above, was that of a special kind of Divine Delight, or Ananda, felt by the Mother as entering Living Matter on Feb. 29th, 1964, and which she identified on 7.3.64 as the ‘Ananda of the Power of Progress in Life’: it was the huge, tremendous Power (and Delight) of Progress that had propelled the great Apes towards the next step in terrestrial evolution: the Human form... And just as irresistibly, the same Ananda of Progress was again there, this time propelling us, human beings, towards the Next Species and its higher, truer Consciousness. ‘It was triumphant.’ Mother added. And repeated: ‘Triumphant’. (Submitted by Bhaga)

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**The End of Money** - by Olivier Barot

Like the proverbial fish that doesn’t know what water is, we swim in an economy built on money that few of us comprehend. And what we don’t know is hurting us.

As Thomas H. Greco wrote, ‘There is without a doubt a mega crisis that we are facing in the coming years and the big elephant in the living room is the money problem. Unfortunately, most people who are active in the sustainability or environmental movements don’t understand the nature of this problem: we are not going to make any significant headway with sustainability or restoration of the environment until we solve the money problem.’ The End of Money and the Future of Civilization

This statement, which will sound surprising to most of us, is widely developed in the movie "The Money Fix". It explores the subjects of money, banking and finance by tracing historical landmarks and important evolutionary shifts that have changed the essential nature of money in the last 300 years, for the worse. It also provides some innovative solutions that can liberate us from the current grip of centralized money power and eventually help us to build a new kind of society based on mutual cooperation, prosperity and unity. A world without money? Is that really possible? How? What would it change to our very life? And in which way is it relevant to Auroville? The Money Fix: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwmMSN6hiE

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**GREEN MATTERS**

**Water Saving Tip of the Week!**

Leaky faucets that drip at the rate of one drop per second can waste up to 10,000 litres of water each year. Be sure that there are no leaky taps in your house or your community. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in

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**Water Words: What can I do?**

We often get the question: how can I help with the water situation? There are many ways to get involved, but today’s answer, inspired by the upcoming World Water Day March 22, focuses on informing yourself. Take it upon yourself to learn: where does your water come from? Is it metered? How much water do you use each day or month? How much does your community use? Where does your wastewater go? If it goes to a sewage treatment plant, is it functioning properly? Is there a septic tank, and when was the last time it was emptied? If you’re willing to take the next steps, you can invest in a water meter to monitor usage (we can begin to conserve what we can measure), fix a leaky tap or tank that overflows, or call Pour Tous Water to have your septic tank emptied. We encourage you to look at how you and your community fit into the overall water scene and how you can improve the situation at the most local level. Need help or support? Write us! Water Group (Tom, Tency, Satprem, Ing-Marie, Giulio, Evgenia, Eric Chacra) watergroup@auroville.org.in www.aurovillewater.in

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**March Water Talks: Update**

Please note that the Water Talk originally scheduled for March 23, entitled, “Envisioning a Blue-Auroville”, is cancelled. We hope to reschedule it for a later date. The final talk of the month, however, is still on schedule (see below). Thanks! -

March 30th, Darkali, 3:00pm -

Exploring Water Works at Darkali - Join Darkali community members on a walking tour to explore its water catchment

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**MATINGRIND**

Matrimandir Access - Timings revised

_for Aurovilians and Newcomers_

Every day: 6 to 8.40 AM & 4.30 to 9 PM,
Sundays also from 12 noon to 2 PM

- Collective Offering
  Sunday, 22nd March, 3.30 - 4.30 PM

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends,

You are invited to participate in the collective offering of our work. We will gather under the Banyan and work in silence. Please note that this is an invitation to work only.

The tasks range from collecting leaves to other simple tasks in the gardens that need to get done.

- The Matrimandir Team
systems and erosion control work done in the canyon and the forest/park. You will also get to see the dry garden and perhaps be inspired to create your own. Talk given by: Darkali community members. (Please enter through the main Darkali gate, which is the green gate along the paved road to Ganesh bakery opposite the turn-off to Vérité/Afsaneh guesthouse. There is a ‘Darkali’ sign on the gate.)

We do not know at this point whether these walks are still allowed to take place, so keep an eye out for the most recent communiques from the WC.

**Sunday walk**

**Farms & Forests**

Sunday, 22nd March, 10AM - Siddhartha Farm w/ Herbert - contact 948 886 6332

Siddhartha Farm is located in the traditional rice growing area surrounding the Irumbai Tank, an important ancient eiry. i.e water storage body that normally gets filled with the monsoon rains and provides water for farming during the dry season. Siddhartha Farm grows mostly rice, sugar cane and black gram, in rotation with other crops such as green gram, groundnut, sesame, millets and dalh. The Farm makes use of renewable energies (solar,biogas) and processes some of its crops, such as sugarcane into jaggery as well as cashews and groundnuts for use in Auroville.

**Directions:** From Visitors Center, 25 minutes cycling - Follow the outbound road, take a right on the T-junction, follow the tar road til you reach Kottakarai village. Then take a sharp left and follow the road in the direction of Edyanchavadi village. You will pass a small temple on your left; continue until you see the large Irumbai Ishwaran temple on your right. In front of the temple is the meeting point with Herbert and the start of your walk

Sunday, 29th March @ 10 AM - Fertile Field w/ Jan & Jana - Meet Jan @ the Dana/Baraka Gate

contact: 93457 18694

**Description:** The forest at Fertile is young. Started 22 years ago, it began as 20 acres of open land with no tree in sight and has now grown into a beautiful thick forest. Jana, who studies insects, planted the front part of the forest with trees that support butterfly life as a special project. More areas have been purchased in recent times by Auroville in what is mostly cashew lands. These are being gradually rehabilitated, reforested, and integrated into the existing forest by Jan and Jana.

How to get there; From Solar Kitchen, a ~25 min cycle ride. Go straight past Library and Sante, past Kalabhumi toward Transition School. Past the upturned car, turn right into the Greenbelt Road, past TLC on your left and then you’ll arrive at the entrances to Baraka on your left and Dana on your right. Jan will wait for you there (so be sure to come on time!)

If we can keep going with these Sunday Walks, there are 4 more scheduled for the month of April: Evergreen, Udumbu, Windarra-Terrasoul and Aranya. (See this space in News and Notes and the Events on Auronet.) For AVgreencenter, - Lisbeth, Gijs & Appie - avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

**MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE**

**GO GREEN WITH KINISI**

If you want to enjoy silent, emission-less and dust-free independent mobility while in Auroville, you can rent very good electric bicycles at KINISI. They have reasonable prices, degressive according to the length of your rental period. Please reserve well in advance to make sure you have one for your entire stay. You can book online at http://kinisi.in, write to kinisi@auroville.org.in or call +91 8300460679 / +91 8300460680 / +91 4132622277. They are located inside the CSR gate, a 10 minute-walk from Town Hall. Open from Monday to Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:00-4:30pm. Thank you for choosing sustainable mobility while in Auroville!

**City Transport Shuttle Service**

Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service within the city area or nearby, free of charge, operating with 2 EV vehicles - quiet electric 7 passenger vans

Where: from Visitors Centre Main Gate or on call.

When: daily 9.30am to 6.00pm.

How: call landline (best) 0413-262-2611 or 9487650951 (driver).

**Bicycle Rental @ Visitors Centre**

9.00am - 5.30pm;

Available from the Kiosk, near Dreamer’s Café.

**Daily/Weekly/Monthly rates** - ph: 0413-262-3034

**Cycle Kiosk, Solar Kitchen area - Mon-Sat, 9AM-4:30 PM**

Where: Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen

How: drop in

We are happy to help you with puncture repairs, part replacements, minor fine-tuning, as well as full refurbishments - even repainting! Free air! too

We are also happy to receive any donation of unwanted or underused cycles, which we can fix up and find new homes for. If you have a cycle that you would like serviced, or one to donate, but you find it difficult to get it to the Cycle Kiosk then call me and we will arrange to pick it up. Happy Cycling! - Chris, +91 89401 15240

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**ITS**

**Integrated Transport Services**

To find out how ITS can support your transportation needs in an eco-friendly way, please visit us at our office opposite Solar Kitchen.

We are open from 9AM to 5PM. You can also write to us - its@auroville.org.in or call us on any of these numbers: +91 8098776644 | +91 9442566256 | 0413 403 6913

**eRishkshaw for Community Transport** - ITS has recently added an eRishkshaw to our collective mobility fleet. It is currently being used for pickup/drop services, delivery services and packing and moving services. To know more please visit us at our office.

**What we can do for you at ITS**

- **Electric scooter rentals**: Try out our exciting new electric scooters that promote quiet and sustainable mobility in Auroville

- **Scooter purchase services**: ITS can help you with access to the best electric scooters in the market for your long term needs.

- **Local pick up/drop services**: Need a ride to ECR, Kuyilapalayam, Pondy or anywhere in Auroville? ITS has the sustainable solution through our range of electric rickshaws and scooters.

- **Shared taxi services**: Shared Transport Service (STS) is now ITS. Share a taxi, save money and the environment.

- **Vehicle repairs & maintenance**: Tired of travelling all the way to Pondy to get your electric vehicle fixed? Now bring your e-vehicle to the ITS workshop opposite Solar Kitchen.

- **Courier/delivery services**: Need something to be picked up or dropped off? A parcel, groceries, a cheque... Let ITS do it for you.

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- Courier drops from Amazon and other e-tailers: If you are tired of giving directions to delivery guys, you can get your couriers dropped off at ITS and pick it up from here or we can drop off at your house.
- Charge your EVs: We have plenty of charging points so please feel free to charge your electric vehicles at ITS main office (opposite Solar Kitchen), the Town Hall, Ganesh Bakery, the Tibetan Pavilion and Tanto’s near Kullapalayam.

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Inside India -

We are located at Kalpana office 2 (Opposite to Library)
We are open from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 18:00
Our New Whatsapp insideindia phone: 852-493-3783

Please everyone check with us in advance regarding changed flight schedules of airlines. Now many airlines have or will change their flight schedules and offer re-booking under various conditions. If you require assistance please bring your flight ticket, passport and, if you booked online using your credit card, bring that also.

Information you can also find at: https://pandemic.internationalsos.com/2019-ncov/ncov-travel-restrictions-flight-operations-screening

Insurance: We highly recommend to carry Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

Visa: We assist to obtain Visa's for all individuals who require one for their foreign travel.

International Flight Ticket and Hotel bookings - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in
Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Visa / Travel Insurance - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com
Tours and Domestic Hotel bookings: 0413-262-2047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

Concerned about the damaging impact of your air-travel?
Your donation to Green Acres is an investment in the pioneering environmental work and research necessary for an enriched sustainable way of living in Tamil Nadu and beyond. Your donation will help to secure and regenerate greenbelt land. Auroville’s success in ecology, afforestation and organic farming is one of the most visible signs to the world of its progress, evolution, and contributions to modelling sustainable community. Today 60% of the Greenbelt surrounding the City still needs to be purchased. Your donation will help make it happen!

Green Acres is part of the LFAQ-A4A-GA united action for Auroville’s missing land. WEBSITE https://land.auroville.org/
Contact us! greenacres@auroville.org.in, 0413 2622657

FOOD/DINING

M&M Cheeses Shop open for Aurovillians and registered guests ONLY
We will try our best to continue our duty making cheese and some food for the community only, as usual.
Lasagne: Cannelloni Parmigiana
Tiramisu: Strawberry ricotta mouse
Pizza on Saturday ONLY, Open Mon–Sat., 9:30am to 2:30pm. Eat well and stay healthy! Love and Gratitude
M&M Cheeses Team Info/Booking 0413 2669580: 9159674499

M&M Cheesese Team open for Aurovillians and registered guests ONLY

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STILL ON, but attendees are requested to wear a mask and avoid physical contact!

Flu Prevention Demonstration using local herbs.
Tuesday March 24th, 10 to 11am
Martuvam Healing Forest
Annainergar, Next to Ritam.
Open to Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers
Even if the Corona virus is not a major threat for Auroville, there are other seasonal flues in Tamil Nadu. Since prevention is the best medicine, you are invited to a free demonstration on how to make your own remedies using locally available herbs to strengthen your immune system. Contact: 9345454232 or martuvam@auroville.org.in

EXHIBITIONS

CULTURAL EVENTS
Dear Community,

According to the information received from the health department of Pondicherry, different measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus that have been communicated by the WC. In light of that, we are postponing the Auroville Art Camp 2020. It will most probably be rescheduled in September. We will keep you informed. Be well.- The Auroville Art Camp team

**CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

**Auroville Art Camp 2020 is POSTPONED**

**Introduction to Large-Scale 3D Printing**

Sat., March 21st, 9am @ Terrasoul

Come learn how to make 3D printed mud walls and sculpture. Anyone interested in design, construction, architecture and/or art is welcome. This is a hands-on practical activity, so bring hat, comfortable clothing, sunglasses and a laptop if you have one. Contact Jorge at 9786296441 or minyayu@gmail.com for details.

**Afternoon of Mindfulness w/ Jass (Opposite Center Guest House)**

Wed., March 25th, 2.30 to 5 pm

Mindfulness is the art of opening up to the present moment, embracing all that is alive within us and around us. It enables us to enjoy life deeply and cope with life’s challenges in a skillful way. It helps us to stop and slow down, understand the deeper meaning of things and align ourselves with our true aspirations.

We will do different mindfulness practices inspired by the style of Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh. During this afternoon we will explore some basic mindfulness exercises together and connect as a group. The program will be as follows:

- 2.15pm: Welcome
- 2.30pm: Sitting meditation + reading
- 3 pm: Walking meditation
- 3.30pm: Mindful movement
- 4 pm: Sharing circle
- 4.30pm: Tea & cookie meditation

This activity does not require advance registration (yet it is better to let us know), it is on donation basis and it is suitable for both complete beginners and experienced practitioners. If you need more information and register, you can contact directly Jass by phone (+91 7339594252) or write to joycommunity@auroville.org.in.

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**YogaNidra for conscious evolution** - 22nd March, 9-5pm w/ Egle, venue in Auroville TBA

Yoga Nidra, the Yoga of Conscious Sleep, is said to be the deepest meditation possible. It is an ancient tool to enter deep states of relaxation (even to Delta brain waves state), while keeping awareness. In this altered state of consciousness it is possible to have deep experiences, learn, explore, heal, transform and use the subtle-inner senses, leaving aside the limitations of physical and mental perception. Yoga Nidra is a technique to experience our energy body and the energy centres, developing the subtle physical body & subtle inner senses, out of body experience, as well as a preparation for the moment of physical death, conscious sleep and more. Trainer Egle Borchardt has been working with Yoganiyada for 20 years.

www.contact@auroville-jiva.com; Whatsapp 9626006961

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**Postponed to 2nd-6th April:**

“The Sufi Way” - 20-24 March at Unity Pavilion - a 4 day workshop in Sufi whirling, Zikr, Gurdjieff movements, active meditation and more with Nirupam Sufi Gyan, sharing the Sufi Way since more than a decade. Sufi techniques, Zikr & whirling, Gurdjeff movements, active meditation, breathing exercises... all to bring you closer to an open heart and a fresh and still mind. Experience stillness in motion with Sufi Whirling. Nirupam Gyan is a highly experienced facilitator, and friend of Auroville, sharing the best of his decades of work in bringing the Sufi Way to people in India and abroad.

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**Integral Studies Online Programme**

**Foundations of Integral Yoga, Psychology & Education**

4th May - 28th June 2020 (*Apply by April 6*)

Whether you are interested in working on yourself, carrying burning questions in your heart about fundamentals of life, intrigued by what integrality is or willing to explore your emotions, thoughts, energy & habits deeply, we invite you to follow the call. https://svadhyaya.auroville.org
Important information about News & Notes

Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm
FOR THE ISSUE to be published that SATURDAY. (though the
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Please try your best to send your announcements, reports,
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that is ready for printing (i.e. Word shows you typos, extra
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We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays and
Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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

Visiting hours: Mondays & TH-F-SAT mornings 9-12

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**Activities Summer 2020**

Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in - Landline: (0413) 2623993
Web: joy.auroville.org - www.facebook.com/joyauroville
Joy Community is located opposite Center Guest House

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**COUNSELLING** (by appointment only)

Bach Flowers Remedies and Psychosynthesis Counselling

Hypnosis Counselling

Stefania (+91 9486363442)

Lhamo (+91 9565524237)

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We would like to let everyone know that our activities will be done in open spaces and a minimum distance of 1 meter among participants will be kept. Surfaces, cushions and mats are constantly sanitized. We hope to uplift the spirit of the very few participants in a safe environment for everyone. The situation is changing continuously and in case the Tamil Nadu State Government or Auroville Working Committee decide to stop any interaction amongst people, we’ll also comply and suspend all activity.