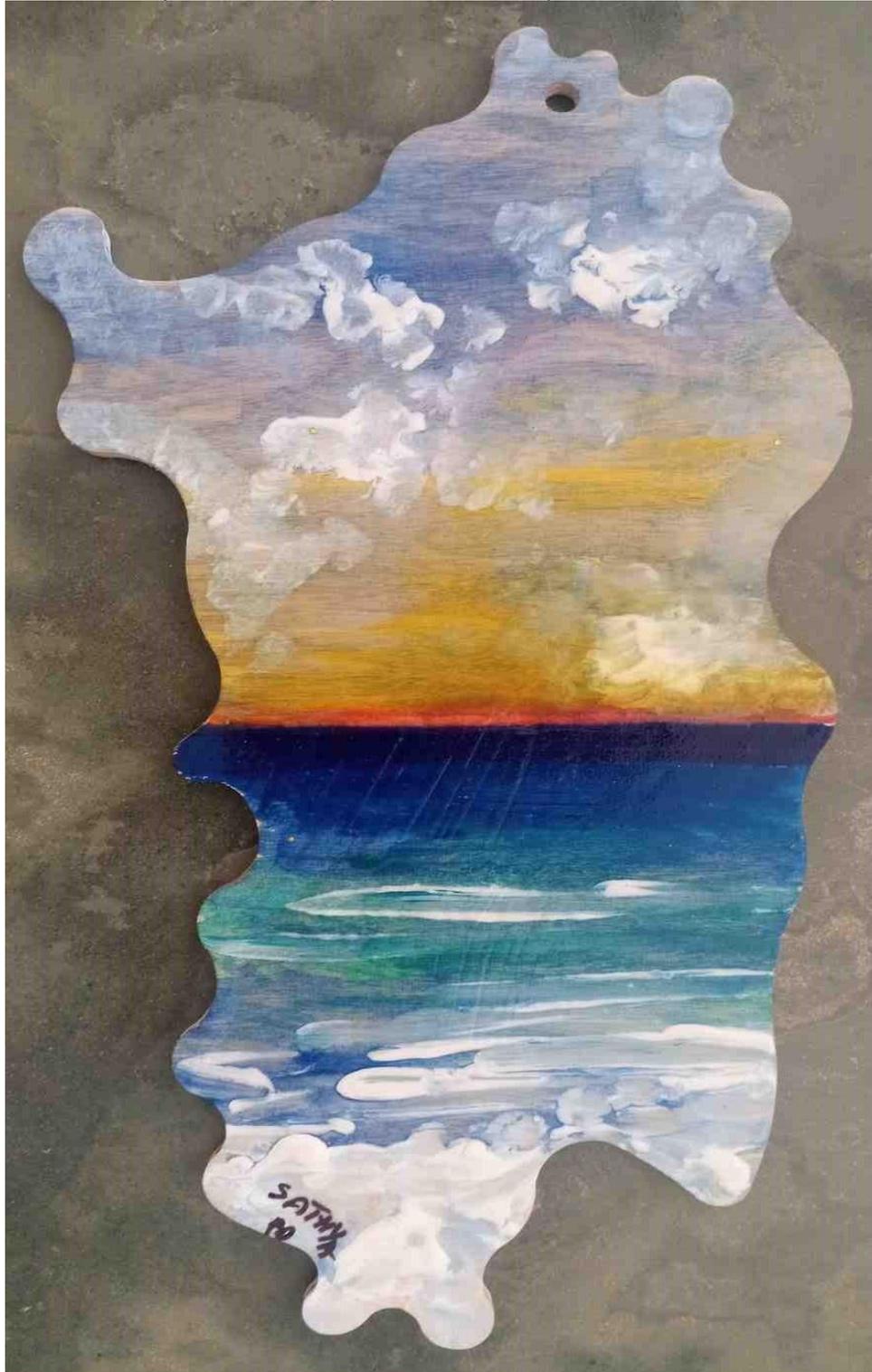


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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



The Cellular Contagion

This Matter...

The place of the greatest obstacle is certainly the place of the greatest discovery – as always, the obstacle is a door onto a greater power, it is an old way of being or an old rut being undone to give way to... something else. We have not ceased living that throughout Evolution. Under the formidable Pressure of this inrush of Energy which appears like the death of our way of being “alive”, the cell does not cease telling us its immortality, its cosmic sense.

But immortality in this Prison? In this armature of limestone, with all the residual needs of the old animal evolution? When the old reptile became a bird, it was certainly an “airing” of its system (!), but how many millennia and pains did it take to turn these fins into legs and wings?... It hurts a lot in an old skeleton – you can also notice it when this Energy comes and crushes the walls of your old prison. But here, in the case of the current evolutionary specimen, it is not a question of growing wings or some other organ that would still be an extension of the old machine, with different limitations, not a question of broadening or amplifying the powers of the same old thing – and certainly not a question of becoming more “saintly” (horror!) or more “intelligent” (though that would not be so bad in view of the rampant blindness), for the body has the whole cosmic intelligence which we lack under our various clothings. It is the very *substance* of this Matter, the very organization of this Matter, its brittle and wearing rigidity that must change. We die not only of our own foolishness and our own animal darkness – and that is a boon, seeing what would be the frightful horror of the immortality of the reigning fakery and showmen – but we die of this very Prison of matter: any slightly enlightened, refined, purified being thirsts for a way out, and has always done so; as soon as he ever so slightly touches that heaven above, he feels like stretching out there, melting in that great eternal Rhythm, in that unwallied Light. But this sort of concentration camp below... and that “liberation” is not meant for one lone spirit. That spirit comes back – it comes back again and again because the true Law of this world is not to be forever in this never-improved concentration camp. There is a Spirit of the world, a cosmic Spirit that *wants* its Law. And none of these false laws, illusory or momentary, and cruel. In one of his *Aphorisms*, Sri Aurobindo said with his ever-present touch of humor: “*For my part, I think I have a right to insist on God giving Himself to me in the world as well as out of it. Why did He make it at all, if He wanted to escape that obligation?*”

Then, in this cosmic perspective, He clearly wants not only consciousness to change, but this Matter to change, too – this abominable concentration camp, which may have been very harmonious and orderly in the age of birds, even of reptiles, and of all the little species that preceded us, but which is no more that at all, and is now wholly dying for that reason, dragging all species along in its devouring madness.

Our misfortune is perhaps also our chance – our last chance to get out of this mad hybrid species, instead of going around in circles.

So this very Prison, this very Matter – or what it appears to be – must change. There were past attempts, and the Vedic Rishi spoke of a “body of light”, *vyotirmaya deha*; later there were great beings like Ramakrishna, whose body was enveloped in light, and some traditions spoke of a “glorified body”, but all that lies in uncertain regions of life, and the body was generally regarded as an instrument to be given up once spiritual “realization” had been attained – which is not Sri Aurobindo’s opinion:

“While this conception of the role of the body in our destiny is suitable enough for a sadhana [yogic discipline] that sees earth only as a field of the ignorance and earth-life as a preparation for a saving withdrawal from life... it is insufficient for a sadhana which conceives of a divine life upon earth and liberation of earth-nature itself as part of a total purpose of the embodiment of the spirit here. If a total transformation of the being is our aim, a transformation of the body must be an indispensable part of it; without that no full divine life on earth is possible.”

That is what Sri Aurobindo wrote at the end of his exploration in the body, in 1950, after forty years of work.

It may seem quite mad or impossible, but if you say that to a cell, it smiles – and searches for the solution. As always. In another of his *Aphorisms*, Sri Aurobindo said:

“The most binding Law of Nature is only a fixed process which the Lord of Nature has framed and uses constantly; the Spirit made it and the Spirit can exceed it, but we must first open the doors of our prison-house and learn to live less in Nature than in the Spirit.”

That is what happened when, under the irrepressible inrush of that Energy, the cells of one earth specimen opened their doors and became aware of the Law – which can change all other laws. A cell is the most unsophisticated thing in the world. It is not “drugged” like the rest of our superstructures (although our entire false system tries to drug it in innumerable ways, and cruelly). Besides – and most importantly – it is perfectly cosmic in its simplicity (all beasts and plants know that) and instantly communicates everywhere, with none of our illusory walls. And right now, it is sending everywhere its signals or its extraordinary vibration to all our little puppets of bodies that bustle about on the surface. With her humor too, Mother said, “*I’ll soon be spreading a dangerous contagion!*” It is the entire Earth which subterraneously, invisibly for our day-blind eyes, is catching the contagion of the new Life – the same one that is “dangerously” disorganizing the shadows we are peopled with. When the moment comes, all the plants of a same species pass the word around and come into bloom together. If they are alone, they wither. And all the polar migratory birds fly off to their exact destination. We may be reaching the Moment of our destination after millennia of journeying, and the blooming of the great Law. It is the contagion of the New World and the New Earth that is catching us in spite of ourselves. Even the volcanoes underneath seem to be accelerating their spasms.

In 1918, while he was still undergoing that “ceaseless rush of tremendous force”, Sri Aurobindo looked at the post-(but always pre-) war era, and in his body saw or felt “[*the*] mangling of the desire-souls of men and nations, crash of many kinds of thrones and high-built institutions and strong up-tearing of the old earth of custom which man has formed as a layer over the restless molten forces of evolutionary Nature.”

(to be continued next week)

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



Covid Updates

The Auroville Bakery Cafe will be open for breads and some croissants during the full lockdown. **Those who have regular orders can pick it up from Bakery Cafe from 6 am to 10:30 am.** We will take orders for birthday & full cakes only. You can order one day in advance so we can have it ready the next day and it can be picked up from the Cafe. The Cafe will serve 'take away' only. Please wear mask, keep social distance and sanitize when you come to pick up your orders. We're trying our best to serve the community. Stay safe. - Auroville Bakery Team

Foodlink Operations

- Store: Like all grocery stores, Foodlink store will be closed.
- Milk Supply: As per the government notice, this will be allowed. There will be no sale from the store. Foodlink cannot do milk delivery to homes. Only ordered milk will be supplied (which can be taken from Fridge at Foodlink). We strongly recommend placing a regular order with us for your milk needs. ALL orders can be picked up till noon (12 pm) from a fridge outside Foodlink.
 - a. Regular milk orders: Your order will be in the outside fridge. Please do not come inside.
 - b. New milk orders: We can supply milk, if ordered 1 day beforehand. Please email foodlink@auroville.org.in and specify the following:
 - i. Type: Fresh or Pasteurized
 - ii. Quantity: ½ litter or 1 litter
 - iii. Name and FS Account Number
- Fresh/pasteurized milk, milk products, farm produce via Foodlink will also be available from PTDC and can be gotten through PTDC's basket delivery.

We trust that you will follow Covid-19 safety norms when picking up your milk order. This includes sanitizing hands before opening the fridge. Thank you, The Foodlink Team

Clarification re: Workers

We have had some questions about whether or not domestic workers, gardeners and other labor are allowed to work. The government guidelines do not make specific mention of these so as indicated already by the Working Committee two weeks ago, workers may come as per our internal advice, but if they are stopped by the police then they should get paid leave. If workers are prevented from coming to work by the police and they are urgently needed for valid reasons, such as caregivers for the sick and elderly and other essential needs, a pass can be requested from the Working Committee and see if it works.

Please ensure that any workers who come to work are respecting all precautionary measures of wearing masks, maintaining distance (such as at tea and lunch times) and frequently washing or sanitizing hands, and if anyone has symptoms they should be asked to stay home.

- The Working Committee

Moderna vaccination campaign for European nationals through French Consulate

The French consulate is organising a free vaccination campaign with Moderna for the French Nationals. Should there be extra doses, they propose to extend their offer to European nationals. If you are interested, please send ASAP your full name, surname, date of birth, nationality, passport number, email address, Auroville address & phone # to kripa@auroville.org.in, who will coordinate and inform when doses become available. Please pass the word around. Thank you, Kripa

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

From the BCC: Increase in City Services Maintenance

We are happy to announce a 6% increase on City Services Adult Maintenances, as of June 1st. This will bring the total amount of a - Full Time Maintenance to Rs. 17,000 (from Rs. 16,020)
 - Half Time Maintenance to Rs. 8,500 (from Rs. 8,010)
 - Care Package to Rs. 4,250 (from Rs. 4,020)

All Maintenance components will be transferred at the beginning of the month. See details below:

	Care Package	HALF TIME	FULL TIME
CASH	-	3,000	6,000
KIND	-	1,250	6,750
LUNCH	2,050	2,050	2,050
HEALTH FUND (HF)	500	500	500
IN KIND SCHEME (IKS)	1,700	1,700	1,700
Total	4,250	8,500	17,000

If you get two Half Time Maintenances, the allocation will be:

	1st Half	2nd Half
CASH	3,000	3,000
KIND	1,250	5,500
LUNCH	2,050	-
HEALTH FUND (HF)	500	-
IN KIND SCHEME (IKS)	1,700	-
Total	8,500	8,500

- The lunch scheme has been increased by 10%
- The Health Fund contribution is increased from Rs. 450 to Rs. 500 monthly
- The remainder of the 6% overall increase has been allocated to the Kind portion of the Maintenance.

The Kind portion of the Maintenance is a Rs. credit that can be used anywhere within Auroville, but cannot be withdrawn as cash. The purpose of this is to uphold our internal, communal economy - something that is all the more important in this critical time. Let's continue to support each other and to move towards the realisation of The Mother's vision of an Auroville economy in which basic needs are met with no exchange of money. With care,
 - Your BCC, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Inge, Mahi, Rathinam, Suryamayai

UPDATE on Solar Kitchen temporary closure from JUNE 1st

Thank you to Koodam (Niva and Nikki) for facilitating two meetings between the FAMC/BCC/WCom subgroup and the Solar Kitchen executives, Angelika and Thushita. We came to an understanding of collaboration for the next steps needed to bring the Solar Kitchen back into service as soon as possible.

The Subgroup asked the SK management to step down, as they want to put a new team in place. They also asked the SK management to help with the transition. The subgroup decided the following steps:

- The temporary closure from June 1st to allow the setup of a fully new team.
- An additional announcement will be sent out to guide tiffin users to other outlets during the transition period.
- The Aurovilians, as well as the employees, are taken care of -- legally, socially, and in full respect to their long-term service given to our Solar Kitchen.
- The subgroup will ask the FAMC to look into the allegations, expressed by the Aurovilians working in the Solar Kitchen and take it up as a priority to clear them.
- Angelika has agreed to step down from her position as an executive and has offered support during the transition.
- Thushita requests that the unfounded allegations against her are clarified before any decision will be taken regarding her position.

More details will be shared at the end of the week.

Love and Gratitude,

- Solar Kitchen subgroup formed from FAMC/BCC/WCom

Please see post under For Your Information for lunch tiffin options for June!

March 2021 FAMC report

Introduction / process: The newly constituted FAMC met for the first time in the last week of February and spent that week looking at transitional arrangements between former and new FAMC members, reviewing processes, accesses and login arrangements; maintenance allocation the interface between FAMC members and the admin team (secretariat); allocating internal roles such as chairperson and working group liaisons; strengthening internal subgroups such as the Application Review group, GOI Grant group, etc.

It was also decided to give, at least for the beginning, concentrated attention to the working relationships with the Land Board, BCC, and the Working Committee. This was done in weekly and bi-weekly meetings and regular liaison interactions. We look in the future to strengthen our relation with ATDC, AV Council, and other groups and sectors.

The below are either completed or ongoing issues from the current FAMC agenda and former FAMC work plan (updated November 2020).

COMPLETED TASKS

Units and Trusts:

- 1) FAMC approved Aqua Dyn's request to move to Auromode Trust.
- 2) FAMC provided guidance for the split up of funds and assets of the activity Indi Surf Boards.
- 3) Tree House Community is a newly registered unit, under Kattida Kalai Trust. The executives are Mr. Philipp Klingspies and Ms. Priya Dunn.
- 4) Auroville Papers, a unit under Artisana Trust, appointment of new executive Mr. A. Arumugam, approved.
- 5) Cafe Le Morgan, a unit under Free Flow Trust, appointment of a new executive Ms. Odil Ipcar, approved.
- 6) Mitra Auroville, a unit under For All Pour Tous Trust, expansion of the scope of work, approved.
- 7) FAMC agreed to the migration of Centre Guest House, Samarpan Guest House, Gaia's Garden Guest House, and Isai Ambalam Guest House from Guest House Trust to Hospitality Trust.

New activities approved:

- a) **Dynamic Creations**, an activity under LEAD (Hospitality Trust). The manager is Ms. Nadja Akcadurak (Nadia)
- b) **Ahimsa**, an activity under LEAD (Hospitality Trust). The managers are Ms. Camilla Trombetta and Mr. Jean Reboul (Juan)
- c) **Sangili**, an activity under LEAD (Hospitality Trust). The managers are Mr. Sivakumar Sundaram and Ms. Sophie Hauser-Baldwin
- d) **Aurora Eye Films**, an activity under ASSA (ArtisanaTrust). The manager is Ms. Serena Aurora
- e) **Timber Art**, an Activity under AVA (Kattida Kalai Trust). The manager is Mr. Himel Jaiswal
- f) **EMS Mushrooms Products**, an activity under AFA (Artisana Trust). The managers are Mr. Igor Drobot and Mr. Juergen Puetz
- g) **Anlo Fresh**, an activity under AFA (Artisana Trust). The manager is Mr. Sankar Kuppusamy
- h) **Mat Jip**, an activity under AFA (Artisana Trust). The manager is Mr. Kibum Lee

Resignation or reappointment of unit executives, and Trust trustees approved:

- a) The resignation of Ms. Namritha Gautier as trustee of Kalki Trust
- b) The official resignation of the trustee Ms. Roma Hira (due to her death), and the appointment of Mr. Alok Auroville as new trustee in Aravinda Trust
- c) The resignation of executive, Ms. Dorothee (Dodo) Betscheiderof of Quiet Healing Center a unit under Health and Healing Trust
- d) The resignation of the executive Mr. Rajesh Dhatchanamoorthy of Pitanga Cultural Center under Health and Healing Trust
- e) The reappointment of the executive Ms. Christine Quentin, of Aqua Dyn
- f) The reappointment of executive of Samasti Guest House, Ms. Srijita Roy
- g) The resignation of an executive of Le Morgan, Mr. E. Ganesh
- h) The reappointment of the trustees of Auromitra Trust, Mr. Jurgen Putz, Mr. Paul Blanchflower and Mr. Joss Brooks
- i) Resignation of Mr. Emanuel Scanziani as trustee of GNP Trust
- j) The executive reappointment of Mr. Karna and Ms. Uma of Discovery Guest House a unit under Guest House Trust

Guest houses and hospitality issues: There is an ongoing review of Exploration, the umbrella unit for small guest houses, under Guest House Trust.

Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) related: FAMC approved the temporary emergency maintenance budgets for January and February.

Working Committee (WC) related: The FAMC and WC have been meeting on a regular, weekly basis to talk about matters such as the Government of India grant, reorganizing Auroville structure (ie units & Trusts), non-Aurovilians living in Auroville housing assets, the tamarind tope in Kulapalayam, etc.

Interim Town Development Council ((iTDC) aka L'avenir d'Auroville) related: L'avenir d'Auroville made a presentation to members of the FAMC about Auroville Town Development Council's vision, with a strong and clear emphasis on future housing for all.

Land Board related: The FAMC and Land Board, along with the WC have been meeting regularly, on a weekly basis to review and approve land purchase matters, and talk about land protection, for example.

Policy and Guidelines: The FAMC in collaboration with the Auroville Council finalized the Housing Mandate.

Appeals: As a first step in the Roma's Kitchen appeal for the newly constituted FAMC, a subgroup met the arbiters and heard their feedback on the selection process. This appeal has been resolved. You can read about it on the Aurnet [<https://auroville.org.in/article/84338>].
Housing Service (HS):

Youth Housing: Some members terms had ended and HS requested to approve new members under the same conditions as the previous team: that members of the Youth Housing Selection Team are preferably second generation and youth of Auroville who are directly connected to young people, to provide the needed feedback. The list was approved and Lisa from FAMC joined the Youth Housing thereby completing the needed number of members for this group. As Jonas (agreed to join before joining the FAMC) and Lisa (present FAMC member) are both part of the Youth Selection group the role of the FAMC in youth housing allocation is fulfilled.

FAMC also clarified that according to the policy it is the Youth Housing selection group that ultimately decided the allocation of apartments which fall under Youth Housing. As stipulated in the policy, Housing Board is only consulted in exceptional cases and additionally has the right and responsibility to review or cancel the allocation under certain conditions or circumstances, those conditions also being mentioned in the policy.

Housing Board: The Housing Board sought to clarify the 'legal' standing of the house built by Paulo Tomassis. It was not certain it was built on Auroville land. Research revealed that it is on Auroville land and is therefore an asset under the Auroville Foundation.

Income Tax matter: A new subgroup was constituted to follow up the income tax appeals: the subgroup may bring resource people as and when needed. They followed up the matter and met the Chartered Accountant Prabakaran.

Work Plan: The FAMC members reviewed the former FAMC work plan, which had been updated in November 2020 in preparation for a presentation by the ongoing members. This was followed up with a special session led by Elvira, in mid-March, to explore a work plan for the new FAMC. This exploration is not yet completed.

CAG Audit: CAG audit commenced. This was closely supported by the FAMC Finance Secretary and a subgroup of the FAMC. The subgroup assessed CAG audit points, addressed these audit points as needed, or referred audit slips to a specific working group or Trust.

Miscellaneous:

- 1) The new FAMC reached out to various groups to set up regular meetings or to assign new liaison members to be the first point of contact for queries, assistance or common topics.
- 2) Proposed and agreed-upon advisory subgroup for units and Trusts. Stephan and Jonas volunteered to be the liaisons to this group and to initiate the process of forming the group.

3) Concerning linking the outstanding medical debt of Roger Harris to the house exchange, the FAMC agreed that the debt being a 'community' debt and not the 'responsibility' of the Housing Service. The house will be reallocated as proposed by the Housing Board.

AV Council Report - February, March & April 2021

The new Auroville Council group - We express our gratitude towards the community for excellent attendance to the selection process. Nine members were selected for the AVC, of which one selected member, Riju, decided to resign and instead offered herself as a Resource person. We thank her for all her valuable participation during her interim term. We also thank the outgoing members for their work.

The renewed Auroville Council initially invited & met with different groups to understand & strengthen the collaboration.

RAS & Pausing of RAD

- The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) announced on the 24 Feb, 2021 their wish to pause all Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) processes until a review is made of the existing decision-making policy and the RAS mandate.

- A meeting with RAS was called jointly with the WCom to understand the challenges that they have to face & to discourage them from pausing the RAD process.

- The topic of reviewing the RAS mandate as well as the RAD process has been on the joint agenda of the WCom and Council for some time, and now that the groups have started to function with the new membership, the RAS was assured that this would be taken up with a deadline of 3 months.

- Following this a joint sub group composed of Council and Wcom members has started to review & focus on the present RAD process in order to restart all pending RAD processes soon, while also initiating an overall study on how to find better ways of arriving at community decisions.

- To harvest feedback and ideas on an entirely new RAD process and on the reformulation of the RAS mandate, an open invitation to bring ideas and feedback was published in the N&N, Auronet and via mass bulletin.

- The Council received about 20 mails with varying and diverse input. A subgroup of WCom and AVC will now look into the feedback received.

Auroville's Growth: Entry process closed due to lack of Housing

- Identifying the directions of growth and development priorities for 2021 - 26 was presented at the meeting called by AV council with BCC, FAMC, WC and TDC. AV council invited the consultant Suhasini to present this work as part of their ongoing investigation on Auroville's population growth, entry and housing. The study commissioned by ATDC is to provide the required data for preparation of the Detail Development Plan for Auroville

- Next TDC presented their work on Auroville's residential zone as well as related policy suggestions to the aforementioned working groups including FAMC. Those interested can find these presentations on the Auronet by visiting the below Link.

- <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1BFPazmpg4AW4qd009iASnSwXYIQG3iy>

- TDC was requested to form a subgroup with HB/S, FAMC, and other interested people who had attended the meetings, to look at the multi-pronged approach required to fix the situation. The task was to remove roadblock to the implementation of housing projects and not to only look at previously considered projects but to consider new and creative housing solutions.

- Besides the limited choices of new housing projects, the biggest challenge is to house the Newcomers with limited or no means when they have completed their Newcomer year.

- BCC/ AVC: AV Economy during Covid. It was observed that frequently newcomers ask for maintenance/emergency support at a very early stage of their stay in Auroville.

Finding/ providing work for poorly skilled/educated people (Newcomers and Aurovilians) has become a real challenge for HRT hub.

- Communication of the present challenges and open questions to the Auroville Community. This sub group intends to bring its learnings to the community through a GM at a later stage to initiate the way forward collectively. Due to the present Covid situation some creative communication solutions will have to be found.

- This sub group is equally exploring the possibilities/ conditions of re-starting the Entry process, hopefully soon.

Selection Process for new Land Board members: In March 2021, the Land Board approached the AVC for the selection of new members for their team, as the term for four members was ending in May 2021. Jointly with the Working Committee, AVC decided to apply the same process as had been followed last time in 2019. <https://auroville.org.in/article/74522>), https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10qKdOVRhQmVuuWCzljPDLp7Bt4u_F64J.

The first step of forming the Land Board Selection Committee (LBSC) was initiated early April. Soon there will be call to the community for nominations for the Land Board.

Data Collection: With an aim to consolidate and update the list of residents that can satisfactorily serve the RAS for RAD processes, the previous Council with RAS & Talam had begun the data collection. Now the new team has taken this up again to finish the task.

Selection Process 2021: No doubt the Selection Process of 2021 displayed a remarkable energy of collective interest. But an untoward incidence of ballot box tampering created upheaval and raised concern/regret and a lot of questions in the community.

The Council together with WCom have formed the Inquiry task force to look into the tampering of the last WCom Selection process. This is an independent body that is looking into the matter. <https://auroville.org.in/article/84128>. The Council and Working Committee invited the community <https://auroville.org.in/article/83933> to share their experiences and grievances of the last Selection process that could help improve the coming selection process. To our big surprise, even after an extension to the feedback period, not a single response was received.

Design Evaluation Panel for the Matrimandir premises

In December last year, on request from Matrimandir executives a process was started to create a team that could evaluate proposed designs, in various fields, and give an authoritative assessment to raise and widen the level of design expertise at Matrimandir. After receiving nominations from interested candidates, a participatory community selection process was initiated and the result has been announced to the community. <https://auroville.org.in/article/84770>

Mandates & Policies

Housing mandate: The Council has been involved in assuring that the community feedback on the Housing Mandate was looked at and integrated to some extent. We are grateful to the newly selected FAMC for their openness to revisit this Housing mandate together with us and arrive at a mutually acceptable version. The final mandate was published to the community.

The process to select new Housing Board members has begun. A call to the community was made for nominations for community at large representatives.

FAMC Mandate: The assigned Task Force has reviewed the FAMC mandate 2016 and presented their work to the Council. The Council is in the process of taking further steps.

RAS mandate & RAD Policy: Following the decision declared by RAS regarding pausing RAD an urgent need to review the RAS mandate & the RAD process is being undertaken by Council & WCom. Bearing in mind the input from RAS, the community was invited to share their feedback & suggestions for revising the present RAD process. We express our gratitude for all the valuable responses we received.

Due diligence, a protocol for dismissing an Aurovillian from the workplace - In the last 3 years the Council has had to deal with many situations where a unit/service/AV activity or school had to ask an Aurovillian to discontinue their work. This prompted the Council to formulate a set of guidelines to be followed by the work places before the final dismissal of an Aurovillian from their work. The document had been shared with FAMC and later also with Koodam. Presently it has also been sent to ABS and ABC and the schools to collect feedback.

Conflict Resolution Policy (CRP): Amendment of Section 3 (Exceptions) - The Council together with Working Committee initiated a reflection/study of this particular paragraph (Chapter 3. Exceptions: extreme cases, like physical violence or sexual abuse) via a subgroup that consisted of members from Council and

WCom, AV Security, AV Child Protection (AVCP) and members of Koodam. The aim of the study was to analyze cases and to see what improvements could be made in the policy itself but also in how the 2 working groups respond and work with such incidents. Several improvements have been suggested to Section 3 of the CRP. The changes will be presented to the Community in due time.

Additionally, a set of guidelines/protocols, which will help the Council and Wcom tackle such difficult situations in a more professional, efficient and effective way, were the result of this in-depth study and reflection process. Helene and Vikram Mani as facilitators were instrumental in this review. We thank them for their dedicated commitment to this work.

A pool of resource people will also be necessary to hold these kinds of delicate processes, who will have to be carefully chosen for their aptitude.

As with these sorts of cases people are often drawn toward involving the police it makes things all the more difficult and complex. Auroville hopes to be able to deal with as many of these cases as possible internally. But therein also lies a responsibility to tackle them appropriately by being very sensitive toward the needs of the affected and certainly without turning a blind eye to any implications.

Appeals/Arbitrations/Mediation

Roma's Kitchen - The appeal body on Romas kitchen declared the decision of FAMC invalid. However, as both other parties that had been in the final selection round withdrew their interest the appeal body asked the FAMC to newly appoint Gumssoon and Thulasingham.

African Pavilion - One of the managers of the African Pavilion has contested the Council's decision to revoke their management responsibility by placing an appeal. The Working Committee is holding the appeal process in this particular situation as the appeal is against a decision made by the Council. The first step of a facilitated meeting between the 2 parties has taken place. The request of the appellants to reconsider the decision made and annul the decision was declined by the Council.

Sanjana Housing complex - Due to conflicts that arose during its construction it has so far not been possible to define the costs of the individual units/apartments. Therefore, the Housing Service could not finalize the actual cost and the stewardship agreements. At the same time there are concerns regarding the construction quality of some of the roofs.

It is hoped that the arbitration between the Architect and the Sanjana project management team will soon begin now that the bills and calculations are ready.

Morning Star project Appeal - In the facilitated meeting, the first process step, the Morning Star team understood the issues/doubts that had prompted the FAMC not to give permission. They withdrew the appeal and are presently reworking their project of building up a Birthing Center for Auroville.

Sundar Rajamani/ Balaji Appeal against TDC decision
The facilitated meeting took place that gave both parties an opportunity to better understand the project and the issue in regard to Town planning. As a consequence, the appeal was withdrawn.

ACUR - Recently, in April, an appeal was placed against the FAMC decision to reject the unit/activity application for the Town Hall canteen.

Padmanabhan/Jacques - Housing complex in Auromodel - TDC
The facilitated meeting took place.

Pending appeal: Kalpana- FAMC

Discipline Farm/Community - Over the past 3 years there is an ongoing conflict between Discipline Farm and the Discipline community. It is in regard to assets and stewardship of the farm. In December 2020 an effort to make a proper assessment of the Farm and Infrastructure was initiated. The Discipline Farm assessment team, facilitated by Anita and Elisa, and constituted by members of Green Group, FAMC, AVC, Farm Group, and Disciple farm representatives convened and started their work.

Siddhartha Farm & Buddha Garden - This is a long-standing conflict between SF and BG regarding access to BG. In March the Council with Koodam formulated a status quo to stabilize the situation prior and during negotiations. Unfortunately, there were

serious violations of the status quo and an unexpected delay with the intended negotiations. Koodam had begun a negotiation between the 2 sides but SF pulled out not trusting the process. Therefore, Koodam had recommended arbitration but SF were not willing because they did not trust the process. This brought the situation almost to a stale mate where the Council had to intervene as SF had insisted now on not allowing BG any access through the front gate because they had lost all trust. SF asked that BG only use the back (southern) access which it is not a proper road, its distance to VC is further and considered by BG to potentially be dangerous for women to use.

At this point Koodam stepped back and the Council took the lead. We managed to get BG and SF to agree to a process of negotiation but new temporary access measures had to be agreed upon.

After several meetings with both sides, some facilitated by Vikram Mani, AVC by good fortune was able to lease the neighboring plot for a period of 6 weeks to allow BG access via the northern side. Because many Council member fell sick with Covid and because of the lockdown the negotiation could not begin. As the zoom meetings have started after the recovery the Council has taken up this topic at a high priority.

Interpersonal conflicts - In January there was a violent incident in Kriya community that involved 2 Aurovilians. The Aurovilian respondent was asked by AVC to temporarily leave his home in Kriya after the other involved expressed concern about the safety of his family. Subsequently, in February, a police complaint and case registration were made against the same Aurovilian resulting in him spending a few days in jail. Post release he insisted that he would like to go back to his home to Kriya. AVC in collaboration with Housing, moved the other Aurovilian family to Djaima so that he could return back to his house in Kriya.

INVITATION TO VIRTUALLY WITNESS SELECTION OF 5 MEMBERS TO THE LAND BOARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Working Groups would like to announce that four members of the community and one outgoing Land Board member will be chosen to become a part of the Land Board Selection Committee (LBSC) (<https://bit.ly/34d3eYD>), along with four already representatives from the Auroville Council, Working Committee, FAMC and ATDC.

As per the LBSC selection procedure (<https://bit.ly/3bRCOQk>), the Residents' Assembly Service is assigned to execute this task. Due to the COVID situation and restrictions, the RAS is going to organize the selection in an open space following all relevant Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs). The process will be live-streamed via Zoom, so all residents are welcome to witness the selection of 5 members to the selection committee. You are kindly invited to virtually participate in the event on:

FRIDAY, MAY 28th, 9:30 - 10 AM via ZOOM
<https://bit.ly/3fMRgdq>, Meeting ID: 899 3771 4058
Passcode: 016500

Random Selection Process: The selection will be made by the RAS, in the presence of a member from Blue Light - Daniel or Bharathy (as proposed by the Auroville Council) to witness the live event in person, using a random selection method. All 16+2 names will be written on slips of paper and placed in a box. RAS members will then take turns selecting names at random from the box until 1 of the 2 outgoing Land Board members' names is chosen, and 4 community names (from the 16) are chosen.

Four names will be chosen from a list of 16 residents who have agreed to be available for the work of selecting the new Land Board:

1. Achilles (Baraka)
2. Angad (Kottakarai)
3. Bunty (Auromodele)
4. Divya L. (Kalabhumi)
5. Fabienne (Sukhavati)
6. Judith (Sunship)
7. Mahalingam (La Ferme)
8. Min (Maitreye)
9. Rathinam (Douceur)
10. Sacha (Grace)
11. Sanjeev Agarwal (Udavi school)
12. Sigrid (Sve Dame)
13. Tejaswini (Prarthna)

14. Tine (Aurogreen)
15. Tomas (Annapurna)
16. Vikram Mani (Dana)

Outgoing Land Board members - One name will be chosen from the outgoing Land Board members:

1. Banu (Mango Garden)
2. Yuval (Eternity)

The four already chosen members from the working groups are:

1. Saravanan (ATDC)
2. Shiva (Auroville Council)
3. Ranjith Kumar (FAMC)
4. Srimoyi (Working Committee)

FMI: If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at raservice@auroville.org.in. - Warmly,
The Auroville Council, Working Committee, Funds & Assets Management Committee & Auroville Town Development Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Taxi share - To Chennai airport, 28th May, leaving Auroville at 6:30 am. Praveen - pravsing@gmail.com

APPEALS



Safety & Security Team Needs Cell Phones

The AVSST uses old fashioned cell phones (not smartphones) for its daily work. We are constantly repairing them and need to acquire new ones regularly. If you have such a phone lying around unused but in working condition and are willing to offer it, please contact us (0413 2623 400) and pass by our office (next to Gas Service) between 9AM and 12PM. Regards,
- The Auroville Safety & Security Team

WELCOME

Entry Service continues to be closed to the public.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES083 - 29.5.2021

The following people have left Auroville on his/her own:

- Richard PRESLEY (USA)
- Ulrike STRASSMANN (German)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – All about FOOD!

Tiffin Alternatives

Many of you may be concerned about where to get your lunch if Solar Kitchen closes for a while. There are various other eateries offering tiffin meals in the Lunch Scheme. They are open for new bookings. Alternately, you can request that the Lunch Scheme gets added to the In-Kind Scheme. The In-Kind Scheme is redeemable in the given month only and at specific locations - HERS, PTPS, or PTDC (members only).

See the table below for eateries in the Lunch Scheme, number of new lunches possible and contact information.

Eatery	Possible new lunches	Contact information
Annam	100	8903049770 or annam@auroville.org.in
Aurelec Cafeteria	40	04132622416
Cafe Le Morgan	35	04132622832 or cafele morgan@auroville.org.in
GP Cafe (Athma Thirupti)	40	9442126230 or avgaje@gmail.com
Neem Tree	50	9486750671 or neemtree@auroville.org.in
Solitude Farm Cafe	20-25	04132622068, 9843319260
Sustenance Farm	60	04132623463, 9443385663 or avsusten@gmail.com
Visitors Center Cafeteria	45	cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in or 04132622248
La Terrace	20?	0413 262 2665 or laterrace@auroville.org.in

Please contact the eatery of your choice to start your lunch scheme there and then inform us at nutrition@auroville.org.in and copy to bcc.care@auroville.org.in so that we can make sure the Lunch Scheme money goes to the right place.

Sincerely, Tiffin support group
Hemant (WCom), Mahi (BCC), Rathinam (BCC), Srimoyi (WCom)

We are pleased to announce the **new basket ordering services offered by Foodlink for AV farm produce**. We hope this delivery service can help meet your needs during this lockdown period and beyond. Our priority is to distribute all the fresh farm produce, so none goes to waste! We will keep this Auronet page updated with the latest stock and order details: <https://auroville.org.in/article/85063> You can sign up to our mailing list here: <https://forms.gle/8aQZ165Bot8g9tAJA> and the WhatsApp group here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jk2ZBLLWuxyBRGrbDerH1>.

Warmly, FG Group Coordination Team & Foodlink

Lunch Scheme at V.C. Cafeteria

The Visitors Centre Cafeteria serves organic and Auroville produced food wherever available. Take-away & deliveries available every day including Monday evening. We are running out of eco-friendly food boxes and are now relying on banana leaves and glass jars packaging so please bring your containers!

Breakfast 8 - 10 AM, Lunch 12 - 3 PM, -Dinner 6 to 8.30 PM.

Breakfast: Organic idlys, vadais & dosas, omelettes, & juices.

Lunch and Dinner: Soup, Veg Kurma, Palak Panner, Panner Butter Masala, Salads, Momos, Lasagna, Pies, Korean dishes, Chicken dishes, Juices, Cakes and Homemade Kulfis.

At lunch we also serve Mini Meals (simplified rice meal with brown rice & salad options) and Healthy Plate. FMI visit Auronet's Food Takeaway Places Overview that provide a link to our takeaway menu or join our Whatsapp group.
Orders welcome on Whatsapp 8903963137

Lunch Scheme/Monthly Scheme: Mini Meals and Healthy Plates are available under the Lunch Scheme (with a surcharge for the Healthy Plate). Bookings welcome for full or half month on email to cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in

Announcing Ubuntu Foods/ I & I Connection Food Delivery

We are happy to inform you that we will now deliver immunity boosting energy products to your door, for people who like to be at home and safe due to the covid pandemic. We are part of a registered Auroville food activity.

These are our food products:

- Kombucha and kefir (different flavors) Iced tea
- Tahini Peanut butter Almond butter
- Cashew butter Pesto different kind of juices

All are organic.

We hope that people will be happy and feel safe with delivery service especially in this current lockdown time.

FMI: +91 9345315894 or +919384460764.

Marc's Café is now open Mon to Sat, 8 -10 AM & 12 - 3 PM

We serve as usual coffee beans & powder, bread, bakery items, gelato and cold desserts. Check out our specials. Call/WAapp +919944921378 to order. We deliver! Thank you, Marc's Cafe team

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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

Available positions (please inquire about details):

- Volunteers for Auro Orchard
- Volunteer for a Marketing Position
- Management, Promotion and Fundraising
- Digital Communication & Community Manager
- Senior PHP developer
- Electromechanical Engineer
- Administrative Position

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

We are looking for a new blogger!

As you might know, auroville.com houses not only [the Auroville Online Store](http://theAurovilleOnlineStore) but also our new(ish) blog, The Auroville Adventure (<https://adventure.auroville.com>). The Auroville Adventure was created to fill an online information gap on the reality of living in Auroville, our celebrations and challenges. We have posted about two blogs a week since the launch last November, with most of our content based on interviews with Aurovilians.

As our content writer is leaving us at the end of July, we are looking for a new team member to help populate the blog! In time, we hope this person can take over the full creative process for the Adventure, meaning content creation, editing, and making sure the blog is accurate and in the spirit of Auroville. For now, the team will still function with our in-house editor, Henrike, working in the background to support on these aspects. Preferred capacities include:

- Ability to function in a team but able to be self-directed;
- Good English language skills;
- A good grasp of text, ability to write in an engaging way;
- An understanding of and love for Auroville, combined with a critical gaze;
- A sense of aesthetics and ethics as they apply to online content.

We can offer a half-time or full-time position, maintenance included. If you are interested, please reach out to Henrike at connect@auroville.com to discuss what fits you and us best.

LOOKING FOR

iPhone 7 or 8 or SE - looking to replace my stolen smartphone. If you have something in good condition that you're willing to pass on, I can contribute for it. Contact Rishi at 934-214-2480.

Carpentry workspace - We want to build furniture (tables & shelves) using reclaimed wood & recycled plastic. We have the raw materials but no place to assemble them. The workshop may have workbenches, clamps & vises, basic tools, power tools, etc. We can contribute for maintenance, and more if required. Please reach out to Ricky: 96325 51408 or Rishi: 934 214 2480.

AVAILABLE

Electric Scooter - Brand new & still has the plastic covering. I just bought it and it's great but I would prefer to shift to an electric bike. I would be happy to sell it at a discount. Please contact Nandita - nandita@sharan-india.org or text/WA 94884 83286.

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip

Retrofit your taps with aerated one. You can find these in Pondi, look for the Jaguar brand. The water savings can be up to 60%!

watergroup@auroville.org.in / www.aurovilwater.in



Your favorite radio hopes you all stay well and safe! Stay tuned!! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). [Here](#) you can see on-air schedules. Last published podcasts:

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[Edible Weed Walk - ep.42 "No need for GM" \(Food education\)](#)
[Soul Tracks - The Mayfly Sessions, ep.3 "A Free for All" \(Music\)](#)
[Suryamay's PhD on Auroville - chapt.6 "Spirituality and Precognitive Politics in the Auroville Context" \(Research\)](#)
and more! on www.aurovillradio.org. FMI: radio@auroville.org.in
Peace & Love!

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

AVI Belgium is organizing an exhibition in Bruxelles the 19 & 20 June from 11am to 6pm, on the Mother's Flower Messages.

Those in Europe are most welcomed to come and enjoy the beauty of flowers, get reminded of their messages, and meet AVI and Auroville Friends in a beautiful, peaceful atmosphere.

Please share this info with your friends, relatives who could be interested. For those who cannot come, AVI Belgium members will do short videos and photos, the perfume of the flowers will of course be missing, as well as sharing with Auroville friends in this very special atmosphere.

FMI: Gwendoline_13@hotmail.com or 047 987 4409 Enjoy!

-Vani, for AVI

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS



Free Fundraising Training for Auroville Units

Over the past year, we at AVI-USA have been focusing our fundraising efforts on supporting Auroville City Services (BCC), which covers shared services like infrastructure, roads, maintenance, schools, the ambulance, and the covid response team. As a result of our focus on BCC, we have not been able to respond to specific requests from units for support. We know that many units are struggling right now with little or no reserves and tight budgets. And we want to help.

So we have decided to offer free fundraising support for any units that are interested. Our Board President Matthew Andrews has extensive experience in fundraising, and will be offering one group training and one individual coaching session for any units that want to learn and increase their fundraising potential. This training will focus specifically on developing a group or reliable recurring monthly donors to support your ongoing operations.

The only requirement is that you have someone who can spend about 8 hours per week for 2-3 weeks on getting your fundraising infrastructure set up. After that, your fundraising machine should be able to run with as little as 2-4 hours per week of work.

Are you interested? Then go to www.aviusa.org/units and fill out the short survey before June 1. I will email all respondents by June 4 with the date for the group training and more info about individual sessions.

Please share this info with anyone that you think might be interested.



Auroville Language Lab

Since the lockdown has been extended, we still won't have physical classes at the Lab.

TAMIL CLASSES

However, the first gathering/meet-up for the new Tamil classes with Murugesan was meant to be on the 27th (Thursday). We will be holding this Meet-up Online using GoogleMeet. All those who want to join either the Beginners or the Intermediate Tamil class, please use this link to join:-

TAMIL - Beginner & Intermediate courses: **Thursday, May 27 · 2:30 - 3:30.** Google Meet joining info Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qay-dnxv-mni> or dial: (US) +1 614-948-6249 PIN: 885 933 795#. More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/qay-dnxv-mni?pin=7449279843352>

This will be a drop-in class to help the teacher evaluate the levels of the students and to divide into two groups... and to set times for the regular classes. The actual classes will be an hour each, twice a week. The program/syllabus has been previously announced.

AU REVOIR ET A TRES BIENTOT, CHER MIKO! Our dear Miko, long-term volunteer, and Aurovilian at heart, has to leave for about six months, back to the USA to care for a friend. Polymath Miko will be back to continue his classes in English, Esperanto, Philosophy & Astronomy. We are really going to miss him and his cheery presence, but we are happy to welcome Anoushka, from the UK, who will take over his English classes. Vatsla and Rupam will continue their English classes as well.

In case the lockdown is extended even further, we will take almost all our classes online. A new Online German class with Verena will start in June. Do contact us if interested.

In case you haven't seen our film on the Language Lab building, please do! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEXGZ6YM5IQ>
Stay safe and happy! -Auroville Language Lab Team.
info@aurovillelanguage.org and 2623661/4036920/22

FILMS

changeNOW



Ever Slow Green at changeNOW summit May 27 - 29, 2021

Thanks to the referral of Roland from AVI France, Ever Slow Green has been selected as one of five films to be screened during the upcoming changeNOW summit out of Paris: <https://www.changenow.world/film-festival-details/>. Sign up for a free discovery online pass (click on "tickets" at above link) and

get access to all films, presentations, discussions and exhibitions of the summit.

Apart from this the film is now available on prominent pay-per-view platforms* like iTunes/Apple TV, Google Play & Cinematrepreneur. Find details and links on Ever Slow Green's website: <https://www.brainfever.in/ever-slow-green/>.

*30% of all revenue generated with the film is donated to the Auroville Forest Group.



AUROVILLE ART SERVICE shares

Asia-Pacific Section of the International Federation of Film Societies (IFFS) presents an Online Film Festival from 24th to 31st May 2021. All films are with English subtitles. Any viewer from any part of the world can access the films from 24th May to 31st May 2021 by clicking the respective links.

1. An Irrelevant Dialogue, India, Short Fiction, 2019, 32M. By- Moinak Guho. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553442797>
2. Anahita's Law, India, Short Fiction, 2019, 21M. By- Oorvazi Irani. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553457909>
3. Monitor, India, 2018, Short Fiction, 20M. By- Hari Viswanath. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553460949>
4. Nooreh, India, Short Fiction, 2020, 22M. By- Ashish Pandey Link: <https://vimeo.com/553461863>
5. The Stitch, India, Short Fiction, 2018, 08M. By- Asiya Zahoor. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553462594>
6. Posharini, India, 2018, Short Fiction, 27M. By- Sreecheta Das. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553463468>
7. Mamatva, India, Short Fiction, 2018, 30M. By- Kirti Singh Link: <https://vimeo.com/553464300>
8. Batikbabu, Bangladesh, Short Fiction, 2020, 20M. By- Ziaul Hoque Raju. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553467835>
9. Ghor, Bangladesh, Short Fiction, 2020, 12M. By- Saiyeed Shahjada Al Kareem. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553472448>
10. Manush, Bangladesh, 2020, Short Fiction, 11M. By- Sahil Rony. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553476820>
11. The Dogs illusion, Bangladesh, Short Fiction, 2020, 8M. By- Mashroor Parvez. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553480608>
12. Do Rahi, Afghanistan, Short Fiction, 2020, 4M. By- Noorullah Husainy. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553483262>
13. Hasht Jabr, Afghanistan, Short Fiction, 2020, 3M. By- Shari Mehrad. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553485451>
14. Maryam, Afghanistan, Short Fiction, 2020, 3M. By- Kobra Nader. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553485768>
15. Red Paper, Afghanistan, Short Fiction, 2020, 3M. By- Omar Farahmand. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553486234>
16. Silence Scream, Afghanistan, Short Fiction, 2020, 3M. By- Nasren Husainy. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553631779>
17. The Lady in Red, Afghanistan, Short Fiction, 2018, 7M. By- Bijan Siayamak. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553632075>

18. Good Boy's Land, Sri Lanka, Short Fiction (Animated), 2014, 7M., Rahul Ratnayake. <https://vimeo.com/553632544>
19. It's Not Tall Short Thing, Sri Lanka, Short Fiction, 2020, 15M. By- Shalini Divyanjalee. <https://vimeo.com/553632643>
20. The Judgement, Sri Lanka, Short Fiction, 2015, 10M. By- Rahul Ratnayake. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553632860>
21. Where's My Route, Sri Lanka, Short Fiction, 2018, 12M. By- Sudath Abeywardana. <https://vimeo.com/553632981>
22. From Khovrino, Russia, Short Fiction, 2020, 7M. By- Daria Elena Dashunina. Link: <https://vimeo.com/553633472>
23. Water, Kazakhstan, Short Fiction, 2017, 19M. By- Aizhan Kassymbek, Link: <https://vimeo.com/553633705>
24. Samshaya, Nepal, Short Fiction, 2020, 22M. By- Ganesh Rawa, Link: <https://vimeo.com/553645014>
25. Bare Trees in the Mist, Nepal, Short Fiction, 2019, 15M. By- Rajan Kathet, Link: <https://vimeo.com/553645530>
26. Aina, Nepal, Short Fiction, 2020, 23M. By- Krisha Chaulagain, Link: <https://vimeo.com/553880963>

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In a memory behind our mortal sense
A dream persists of larger, happier air
Breathing around free hearts of joy and love,
Forgotten by us, immortal in lost Time.



- Sri Aurobindo

Savitri, Book II, Canto VI, p.199

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FOR THE ISSUE to be published that SATURDAY
(though the digital version generally goes out on Thursday)

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Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm. Please do your best to submit copy that is ready for printing (i.e. Word shows you typos, extra spaces, punctuation errors, etc - don't make us do all the work!).

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

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

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