

Auroville Bulletin 12 : A Summary of Events Happening in Auroville Today

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Recent events update:

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED AT THE RA MEETING ON MONDAY 4th APRIL!

- **Residents' Assembly Meeting on the Working Committee:** The RAS [has recently announced](#) that a first Residents' Assembly Meeting on the topic of the Working Committee membership will be held on **Monday the 4th of April, 4pm, at the Unity Pavilion**. The topic of this meeting is: *"Vote of no confidence in / call for a new selection of the current Working Committee team, given their failure to 'assist' and 'represent' the Residents' Assembly as stated in their mandate"*.

To invite participation at this meeting, the petitioners' coordination team have released a video which shortly presents the topic. This video is available in [English](#), [Tamil](#) and [French](#).



To know more about the motives of this RAD process, you can read the "Short overview on the concerns of the petitioners" which is available in [English](#), [Tamil](#) and [French](#). You can also read a more detailed overview on the extensive background document, which is available in [English](#), [Tamil](#) and [French](#).

As a response to this meeting announcement, four members of the Working

Committee (Anu, Arun, Partha and Srimoyi) [have posted on Auronet](#) that “though selected by the Residents Assembly, [they] are equally responsible not to damage the Greater Will of Auroville”. It is concerning that these four residents appear to believe themselves to be in direct contact with the truth of this “Greater Will” over the rest of the community, and are ready to dismiss any view which would be different from theirs. They also seem to place the Master Plan at the same level of importance as the Charter of Auroville, which is questionable when one considers that the Charter is a set of ideals handwritten by the Mother, while the Master Plan is a ‘policy framework’ that was conceived in 1999 and then amended by the Governing Board.

- **Vote on a new Selection methodology for working groups:** The second Residents’ Assembly Meeting on this topic was held at the Unity Pavilion on the 28th of March. A report of the meeting can be found [here](#). Following this second meeting, the RAS will soon call for a vote of the Residents’ Assembly on the new proposal. Residents will be invited to vote through their personalized voting links (received via email) or in person. The voting period will run for two weeks. If you do not receive your personalized voting link in the coming days, please contact raservice@auroville.org.in
- **Dreamweaving final presentation, exhibition and survey:** According to its [latest Auronet announcement](#), the Dreamweaving team will hold its final presentation to the community, including the outcome of the works having been done, on **Saturday the 2nd of April at 3pm in Bharat Nivas**. The exhibition will remain open Sunday and Monday 9am - 6pm. The Dreamweaving team has also designed a community survey which will be included in the final report. The survey will be open from the 3rd of April to the 10th of April, and can be accessed at the following link: <https://bit.ly/Crown2022>
- **Threat of authoritarian rule of Auroville:** A web-conversation titled “Auroville: The Way Forward” with Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Doudou Diène (ex-IAC), Dr. Vladimir Yatsenko (Director of La Grace) and Marc Luyckx Ghisi (ex-IAC) was held on Feb 26, 2022. An edited version was posted [on YouTube](#) on Mar 27, 2022. In summary, the conversation is a worryingly escalated stance on using on-ground authoritarian actions and violence for a ‘spiritual’ and ‘noble’ purpose. It includes outrageous proposals from Dr. Jayanti Ravi, such as her suggestion of creating a rehabilitation facility within Auroville for those who disagree with her. Although many of us still hold out hope for a process to come together in our diversity, this conversation makes it clear that not all people see the value in that when Vladimir states that they “don’t need reconciliation” but instead they “need victory”. The Secretary has also stated that “even if hypothetically the entire community were to vote for something which is against what has been laid down in Mother’s vision”, then “they have to leave”. A piece responding to the video with an overview of the spoken points can be found [here](#). A transcript of the Youtube video can be found [here](#).
- **ATDC update:** Lieve has written [an update for the TDC](#) informing that they are restructuring the TDC without the input of the wider community. Among other points, they foresee themselves as “a professional office having effective technical teams” and inform to “have engaged many people for the technical team both from inside and outside Auroville”. This indicates that the TDC has no plan to respect their

mandate nor to have members selected by the community. A pertinent list of questions for the TDC has also been [posted on Auronet](#). On a side note, the ATDC has announced the start of “Crown urban design installation projects” located “opposite Kalpana and Humanscapes”. More information can be found [here](#).

- **Update on the Pitchandikulam trespassing and destruction:** The Land Board has posted a report on the events [on Auronet](#). It appears that they are still waiting for clarification from the Auroville Foundation Office on the matter.
- **Taskforce on the ‘deselection’ of working group members:** The Auroville Council [posted on Auronet](#) an open call to residents who would like to be part of a task force looking at a ‘deselection’ methodology for working group members, among other points. If you would like to be part of such a task force, you can contact avcouncil@auroville.org.in by Wednesday the 6th of April.
- **Understanding the legalities of the AV Foundation Act:** Recently on the Aware forum (a Whatsapp group mainly populated by individuals siding with and assisting the Office of the Secretary and the ATDC), a resident shared his layman’s thoughts regarding the Auroville Foundation Act in the context of the NGT court case. Since his thoughts included a great deal of inconsistencies and assumptions, and these misconceptions could be shared by others, it has received the response of an expert legal analysis. Both can be found on [this document](#).

Action needed:

- **Residents’ Assembly Meeting on the Working Committee:** Please come to the meeting on Monday the 4th of April, 4pm, at the Unity Pavilion!
- **Dreamweaving community survey:** From the 3rd till the 10th of April, you can participate in the Dreamweaving community survey which is accessible [here](#).

Media & news articles:

- **‘Facts vs. Fictions’**, a video from an anonymous source, shows footage from the aggressions that took place on December 9th along with the Secretary’s speech on the topic. This video shows the gap that exists between the words used to legitimize these actions, and the reality of those who were present at that moment.
- **Auroville as a Yantra:** Following the information in the last bulletin on Yantra regarding the crown road, for those who would like to view the original discussion during the Dreamweaving session, it can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yowLz0LSWFw>. For your convenience the Yantra discussion begins at 3:29.

- **Paragraph in “Inexploré”:** A few words on Auroville’s current crisis figure in the 54th issue of the French magazine “Inexploré”. A scan of this paragraph can be found [here](#).

Changing the narrative:

“Aurovilians who are not condoning the recent actions by the Office of the Secretary and the ATDC do not want growth and development of Auroville”.

This is a narrative that is still being spread despite it being untrue and continuously refuted. In an attempt to again make it clear that there is no opposition to development, three Working Committee members (Chali, Hemant and Sauro) recently posted a [brief statement](#) on Auronet.

About us

We are a group of Aurovilians who are actively involved in understanding the current crisis situation in Auroville in order to find a way forward together.

We stand for:

- Respecting our community processes for decision-making
- A collaborative approach in developing Auroville using integrated methods such as the Dreamweaving initiative
- Transparency and fairness in the organisation of Auroville
- Creating unity with our diverse voices

Please note that the website <https://standforaurovilleunity.com/> contains a great deal of information and a detailed timeline.

With regard to future actions, those who have particular skills such as writing, social media, film editing etc - you are welcome to write to evolvingalaxy@gmail.com.

We hope this has been helpful. Let’s keep working to find a way to bring us closer together to the beautiful dream of human unity in Auroville. We can do it... together.