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Auroville Bulletin 18

Auroville Foundation Office attempts to take over all electronic communication within Auroville. Threats of more demolition of assets in Centre Field

A Summary of Events Happening in Auroville Today

17th May, 2022

Hot topics

Communication within Auroville

The AV Foundation Office has demanded administrative access to all of Auroville's electronic media due to a 'complaint' about 'anti-government activities'. The email below was received today, 17th May, by AuroNet Admins as well as Sysop & Blue Light, the administrators for all of the @auroville email IDs.

"To Sysop team, Blue Light, Auroville

Dear Sysop Team

We would like to thank you for the services you've rendered over the past years towards the upkeep and maintenance of Auroville's email system through Google apps for Educational Institutions.

We would like to inform you that the Auroville Foundation office is in receipt of a complaint regarding the rise of anti-government and anti-national activities in Auroville through all forms of electronic media, as well as other means. Therefore the Auroville Foundation office requires to take over the administration of the Auroville's email/ Gmail service effective immediately; and you are hereby requested to submit the administrative console's credentials to the Foundation office by return email asap.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Regards,

Under Secretary"

Similar mails were received by the AuroNet Admins.

It is exceptionally concerning that the Auroville Foundation Office (AVFO) is attempting to take over Auroville communication systems in this way. In addition to the concerns regarding the threat of censorship or barring access to accounts without grounds, Aurovilians are also deeply concerned that their private information and correspondences could be made public.

The recent concerns raised by the residents of Auroville regarding the actions of the AVFO and the Crown Road are considered an internal matter and therefore do not constitute 'anti-government' activities. These concerns have been addressed by the Residents Assembly by following legitimate processes in line with the AV Foundation Act. It also appears that the AVFO have breached protocol by acting without first consulting the relevant Aurovillian bodies, the FAMC & Working Committee, which is

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FAMC responded quickly to the demands, by sending an [email](#) to the Under Secretary and the AVFO stating that ‘We would like to remind you that the credentials of AuroNet and Auroville.org. and [Auroville.org.in](#) are assets of the Auroville Foundation, and as such, the FAMC has to be consulted before any decision as you propose is to be implemented’

More bulldozing planned in Centre Field and Darkali

TDC has contacted stewards in the Centre Field and Darkali area announcing plans for the demolition of a storeroom and the removal of a structure in Serendipity (Joy Guest House), to occur this Wednesday and Thursday morning. These actions by the ATDC continue to show that they do not respect the RAD to pause development on the Crown until a community approved design is found. No detailed development plans, annual plans, consideration of the Dreamweaving process, or designs from the Vastu Shilpa Foundation have been created or considered in these actions. As Auroville faces a housing crisis, the TDCs focus on destruction of homes and structures on the Crown, rather than constructing or approving new plans and NOCs for homes is disheartening.

The email exchange between the Serendipity Stewards & ATDC can be viewed [here](#).

Other Updates and Information

- **Errata from Bulletin 17:** In the last bulletin it was stated that the declaration form & the new ‘checklist’ from the AV Foundation must be signed by Newcomers to become Aurovilian. However, the forms are required by the AVFO in order for non-Indians to receive an Entry Visa which is required in order to start the Newcomer process. Apart from this there is no requirement for these forms to be completed as part of the entry process.

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- **Peaceful Presence** : A Peaceful and supportive presence may be needed in Centre Field and Serendipity area on Wednesday and Thursday 18th & 19th May if ATDC goes ahead with their planned demolitions.
- **Call for financial support:** If you would like to donate towards legal and delegation fees, please email evolvinggalaxy@gmail.com

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. are welcome to write to evolvinggalaxy@gmail.com.

Please also share your thoughts and suggestions by replying to this email.

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

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