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Auroville Bulletin 34

Emergency RAD: Last day to vote tomorrow

A Summary of Events Happening in Auroville Today

August 21st, 2022

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Please find a glossary of acronyms and terms used in this bulletin [here](#).

Hot topics

One more day to vote in the Emergency RAD

Tomorrow (22nd August) is the last day to vote in the Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision making process. Voting will close at midnight on 22nd August. You can read the full text of the proposal [here](#). There is a video explaining why you should vote in this RAD [here](#).

This RAD has been called by the rightful Working Committee as affirmed by the Madras High Court and it is states that

“[The Residents Assembly], as one of the authorities of the Auroville Foundation as affirmed by the honorable Madras High Court, reject the Office Orders, Standing Orders and any other form of orders that have been made and may be made in future by the Office of the Secretary and her appointees without consultation with or approval by the Residents' Assembly” The resolution also directs the Wcom to “assist the Residents of Auroville in the process of the updation of the Register of Residents in strict compliance with the AVF Act and the AVF Rules” (see below for more details).

This RAD process has been uniquely challenging because recently the RAS have been blocked from their google workspace by the still unknown administrators of the auroville.org.in domain. This means that it is impossible for them to communicate directly with anyone still using their auroville email id and prevents them from sending a personalised voting link. Despite a widespread campaign asking residents to change their email IDs with the Residents' Service, it seems that many are still using their unsafe auroville.org.in email addresses. This means that most of the Working Groups of the RA are unable to contact a number of residents.

To help counter this there will be an extended period of in-person voting on the final day:

Monday 22nd August: 12 - 7pm

Solar Kitchen area

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answer questions and queries from residents.

Illegitimate 'Working Committee' sends misinformation to the community

On 19th August, one day after the Emergency RAD was announced, the group of Aurovilians illegally claiming to be the Working Committee sent an unsigned massbulletin to the community that contained threats and misinformation. The announcement was later [posted](#) on Auronet. Although the communication is unsigned it is possible to see that Anu made the post from her personal Auronet account.

The post claimed that the call for a RAD was “a flagrant contempt of court; as the recently passed order very clearly states - that no such activities are to be pursued until the completion of the RoR” and additionally made the threat that there would be “some very serious consequences on all those participating in it [the RAD]”

The Working Committee has circulated a [response](#) to the post, clarifying that the message was not sent by them and stating that “We have consulted our lawyers and received a clear opinion that the Residents' Assembly (RA) can work normally and hold meetings and pass resolutions relating to its day to day functioning”.

For a full legal clarification about the validity and legitimacy of the Emergency RAD please see [here](#). The findings of the Madras Court stated that ‘no policy decision’ should take place before completion of the update of the Register of Residents’ (RoR). As the emergency RAD does not fall into the category of a policy decision, it is

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necessary. Please see here for the statement in [English](#) and here in [Tamil](#). Some FAQs about the RAD are also answered [here](#).

Updating the Register of Residents

Part of the Madras High Court judgement stated that “no policy decision can be taken” by any of the three authorities of the Auroville Foundation “...till the Register of Residents is updated by the Secretary of the foundation after giving wide publicity.” It is therefore crucial that all community members who have not yet done so, must complete the form as soon as possible. If you do not wish to complete the [online form](#), then paper copies are available from the Working Committee’s office (currently in Koodam).

Action needed

- **Vote in the Emergency RAD** : If you have not received your personalised voting link, please contact the RAS raservice@auroville.services - only from a non-auroville.org.in email ID. In person voting is possible - details as above.
- **Update your details in the RoR** : If you have not already done so, please update your details using the Google form, or on paper - details above.
- **Update your email ID with the RS**: If the Residents Service still holds your auroville.org.in email ID as your main contact email then the Residents Assembly Service (the RAS receive their information from the RS) will not be able to contact you regarding this or future votes. Please contact the Residents Service as soon as possible.
- **Call for financial support**: Legal cases are continuing. If you would like to donate towards legal and delegation fees please email evolvinggalaxy@gmail.com.

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Media & Other Links

- [YouTube Video](#) of the Light Mandala & Sacred Fire 15th August event held at the Inuksuk

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 evolvingalaxy@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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