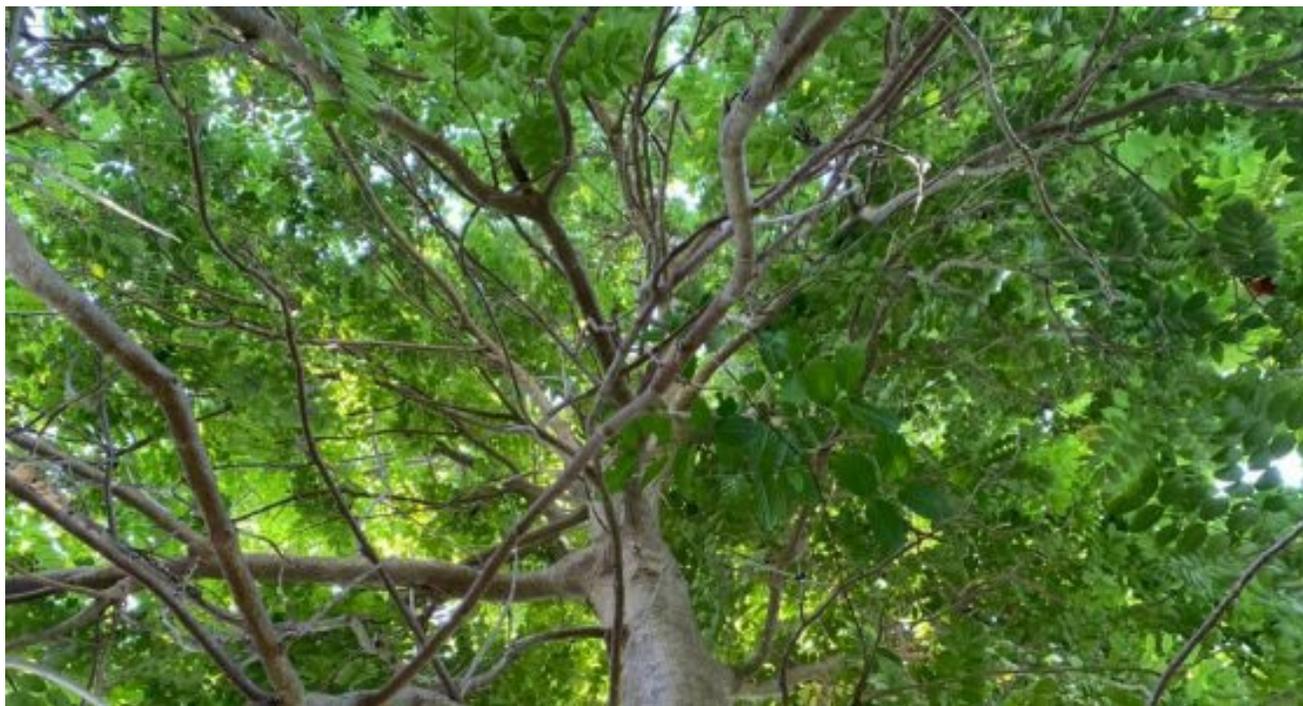


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Auroville Bulletin 47

Reports of land exchange in AuroOrchard, Raghu deep dialogue presentation & collective letter to the Chairman

A Summary of Events Happening in Auroville Today

November 23rd, 2022

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

Urgent actions needed

- **Sign the letter to the Chairman of the GB:** Please sign the [collective letter](#) to the Chairman of the GB, before 11.59 pm tonight. Please note that only the numbers of signatories and not the names themselves will be shared.
- **Join the collective meditation at AuroOrchard:** Tomorrow, 24th November at 5pm, there will be a collective meditation to protect Auroville's lands at the Ganesh Temple in AuroOrchard. Please see below for more details.
- **BCC calls for support for Aurovilians on bridging maintenances:** At least 20 Aurovilians have been moved onto a bridging maintenance with no warning, while they are still working for Auroville. Please see [here](#) for more information, and email BCC on bccoffice@auroville.services or bccauroville@gmail.com if you can help with financial aid.
- **Financial support for legal fees:** If you would like to donate towards legal and delegation fees, please email evolvinggalaxy@gmail.com. Please see [here](#) for more information about why further financial assistance is necessary.
- **Help with the AV Council room vigil :** Please participate! For nearly 5 months our community has held a 24/7 vigil in the AV Council room in Town Hall. **More people are needed** to ensure round-the-clock presence. Please contact avcouncil@auroville.services, or WhatsApp [94430 03617](tel:9443003617) to sign up. See [here](#) for more information.
- **Join the Wednesdays for Auroville meetings:** There is a weekly community meeting held at the Tibetan Pavilion, every Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm. Poster is [here](#).

Hot topics

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A concerned resident of AuroOrchard recently shared [a note](#) on several communication platforms, in which they report having heard “that up to 7 acres of prime roadside land of AuroOrchard were going to be exchanged with 9 acres in the city, to consolidate lands in the Master Plan area”. The land that has been earmarked for exchange was one of the few lands blessed by the Mother, who tasked AuroOrchard with growing food for Auroville. AuroOrchard is Auroville’s oldest, and one of the most productive farms. It was purchased by the Mother in 1965. Gérard, who was given the care of it by the Mother in 1969, has lived there and looked after the land for the last 53 years as the steward. He was neither officially informed nor consulted about the proposed exchange.

The note further mentions that “last month 1.5 acre of Auroville land on the Highway was exchanged with 2.15 acres in the city area, which according to present rates is a loss of around Rs. 6 crore for Auroville. In a similar exchange in 2017 the ratio was 1:10, when 1.03 acres on the Highway was exchanged with 10.37 acres in the Master Plan area”. This seems to indicate that an exchange of 7 acres along the road for 9 acres in the city center would amount to a huge financial loss for Auroville. According to the note, these exchanges “are highly unethical and set a dangerous precedent for the future of Auroville’s land acquisitions”. You can read the full note [here](#).

The AuroOrchard team has called for a collective meditation to protect Auroville’s lands. The meditation will be at 5 pm on Thursday 24th November at the Ganesh temple in AuroOrchard. The entrance is from the last gate on the Edayanchavadi road just before the highway. All are invited to join.

Collective letter to the Chairman - please sign!

There are just a few hours left to sign the open letter to the Chairman of the Governing Board which was presented and agreed at a residents’ meeting on 14th November. The RA WCom shared a [massbulletin](#) to the community regarding the letter. The names of the signatories will not be shared, just the number of people who have signed.

Signatures will be collected **until 11:59 pm today, Wednesday 23rd November**, and the letter will be re-sent to the Chairman & GB members with the updated number of signatories tomorrow.

Translations of the letter are available in [Tamil](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Italian](#), [Russian](#) and [Korean](#). The link to the google form to sign is [here](#).

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Tindivanam Court - Abri/Ami/Evergreen land grab. The case was listed for Friday 18th November, but the judge was on leave. The judgment has been adjourned until Monday 28th November.

Madras High Court - ATDC Office Order: The petition challenging the ATDC Office Order was dismissed on Thursday 13th October. The court order has now been posted and [can be found here](#). Please read it carefully as various problematic interpretations are currently being shared on social media and elsewhere.

Update from the RA Working Committee on legal developments:

The RA Working Committee sent out [a massbulletin](#) on Saturday 19th November, noting that “very reductive statements were made recently on social media and other communication channels by those supporting the takeover by the Secretary's Office.” They note that simplistic statements on legal matters are often biased, and they ask the community to stay centered and patient since “legal processes take time and there will be ups and downs”.

Other Updates and Information

Presentation of Raghu A.'s analysis of the current conflict

In August, [Raghu Ananthanarayanan](#) started a series of dialogues with [some community members](#) in an effort to understand the current situation and to see if a harmonious way forward could be envisioned. His effort was instigated by Dena Merriam of the IAC and supported by the Secretary. After presenting his findings to the Governing Board and IAC last week, he shared his presentation to the Residents' Assembly in an open meeting on Monday, 21st November. This presentation was organised by members of 'Synthesis Auroville', an informal group of residents who state their intentions for a “harmonious collective aspiration”. About 130 people attended, in person and online.

Raghu employed the lens of the Mahabharatha to see how different archetypal energies are represented in the current Auroville conflict. To understand these archetypes better, you can read [his background document here](#). Raghu outlined his analysis of the situation by identifying areas of tension between the different

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based on each archetype.

The full recording of his presentation will be made available through Auroville Radio shortly, and the 'Synthesis Auroville' group have said they will share a report in the coming weeks.

Council room vigil update

On 1st July, the AV Council received an email from the AVFO's 'ACUR' (Town Hall) management ordering them to vacate the AV Council meeting room with less than 24 hours notice. Since then, the space has been continuously held by a group of approximately 35 Aurovilians who have committed to keeping the space available for the working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly and Auroville as a whole.

In that time, there have been threats of police cases against the vigil-keepers, an instance of [aggression](#) against the AV Council secretary and the electricity supply to the room has been limited. Despite this, the space has become a place of friendship, sharing and community with several ongoing events centred around the room. Keeping the space has also become highly symbolic as the AVFO groups have taken over the other Town Hall spaces.

However, for the vigil to continue **more people are needed** as the small number of people who have been maintaining the space cannot continue forever without larger community support. Please contact avcouncil@auroville.services or WhatsApp [94430 03617](tel:9443003617) for more information.



Keeping Town Hall for Auroville

Our presence in the Council Room is important for all that Auroville stands for – symbolically, practically, energetically, legally.

More of us are needed to keep this community action up seamlessly!

If you can give even an hour or two per week, it will help.

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to quietly relax
to get a massage
to study and learn
to recharge batteries
to share one's dreams
to exchange workshops
to experience solidarity
to celebrate together
to unleash creativity
to share some food
to watch a film
to hatch ideas
to meditate
to dream
the new
coming
AV...

If you are looking for a space for a meeting or any other small group event then the Council room can be ideal.

A great space to work, relax, meet old friends and make new ones. WiFi access, refreshments & meals available.

It's joyful, enriching, and contributes to building Auroville...

100+ days and nights...
100+ people...
5000+ hours of presence
In solidarity

Contributions by archivist Gilles Guigan

Archivist and scholar on the Mother, Gilles Guigan, has created two new compilations. One shows Mother's wishes for Auroville and its residents on some of the more subtle aspects of Auroville, such as how to deal with rules and people bringing in 'undesirable' traits. You can read [the full document here](#).

The second document is named 'On Planning Auroville – some misconceptions which need to be corrected', and lists some common misconceptions regarding the history of the City and its plan. You can [find this document here](#).

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.

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- 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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