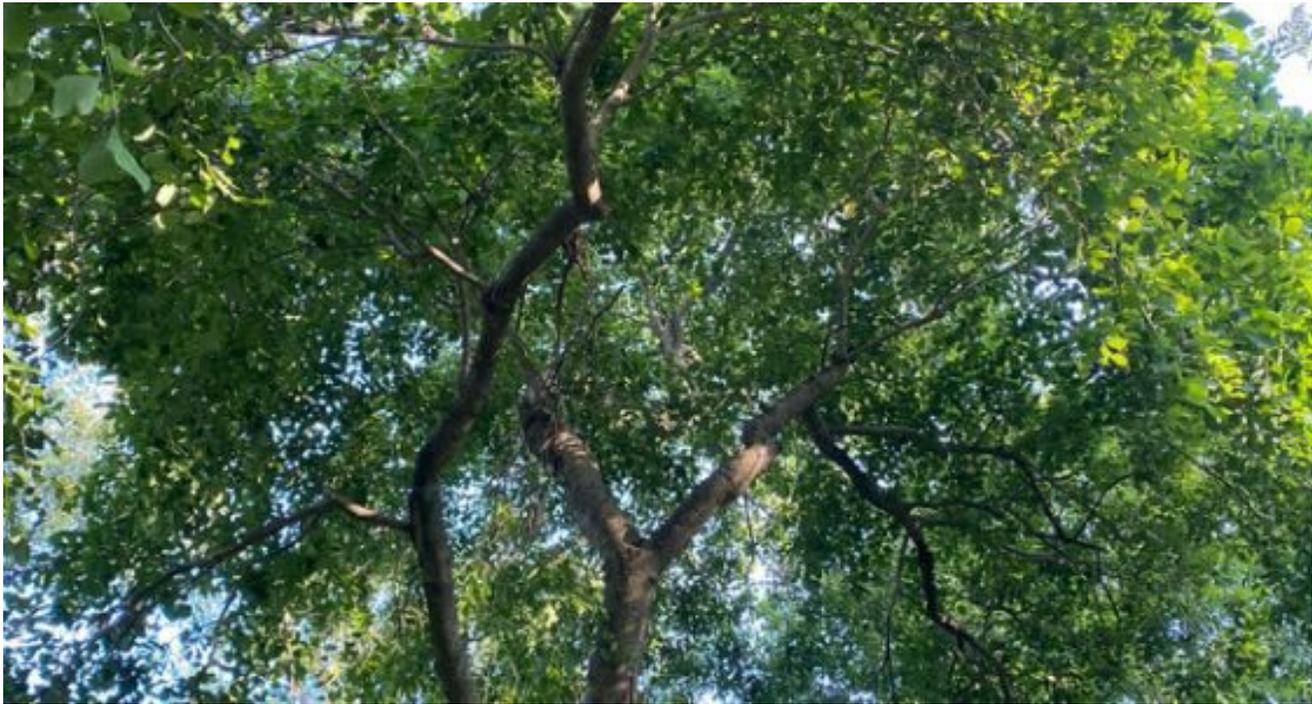


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Youth Centre Fair, Nominations open for the next selection process, RA WCom report

A Summary of Events Happening in Auroville Today

December 17th, 2022

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Urgent actions needed

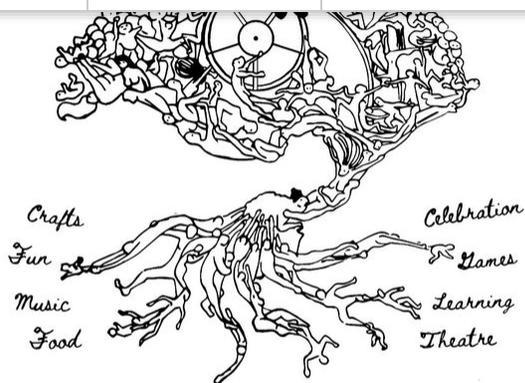
- **Nominations are open for the next Selection Process:** Please see below for more information.
- **BCC calls for support for Aurovilians on bridging maintenances:** 25+ Aurovilians have been moved onto a bridging maintenance without warning, while they are still working for Auroville. Please see [here](#) for more information, and email BCC on bccoffice@auroville.services or bccauroville@gmail.com.
- **Financial support for legal fees:** If you can 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 AVC room vigil :** Please participate! For nearly 5 months the community has held a 24/7 vigil in the AVC room in Town Hall. **More people are needed** to ensure the round-the-clock presence. Please contact avcouncil@auroville.services, WhatsApp 94430 03617 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.

Hot topics

Youth Centre 'Find Yourself' festival

The annual Youth Centre fair began yesterday & continues today & tomorrow. Full information about the program of events is below.



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Auroville International Youth Center
16th, 17th, 18th December 2022

Day 1:
Lose the Self
Day 2:
Find Yourself
Day 3:
Express Yourself

Inviting the community
to come together to
celebrate in a safe, joyful
and playful space for the
realisation of human
unity!

An eco-friendly
Zero Waste Fest
@Youth Center
From 10am to 10pm

10 - Inauguration
11 - Sound bath with Svaram
12 - Yummy lunch + activities
2 - Capoeira
3 - Open mic
4 - Auroville Chanting group
5 - Music performance by Sargam
6 - YC Documentary screening
8 - Jam session

10 - Games
11 - Presentation of units
12 - Yummy lunch + activities
1 - Find yourself game
2 - Auction of products
3 - Folk dance with Lison
4 - Find yourself game
7 - Music concert

Stage program



+ MANY FUN GAMES!

Foosball tournament, Floor is lava, Bowling, tug of war,
musical chairs, face painting, mask making, pottery
workshop...

18th Decembre 2022
(Open to Auroville community)
EXPRESS YOURSELF

10 - games
11 - Mascarade
12 - Yummy lunch + activities
1-3 - Games + Laughter yoga
3 - Auction of services
4 - Belly dance performance
6 - Play 'Get lost! Like Hansel and
Gretel'
7 - Mirco Music Player

WCom November report

The RA WCom released its [November report](#) highlighting several important issues. Despite having called attention to many of these issues with the Secretary's office & the GB, they have not been acknowledged.

Amongst other points, the report highlights that:

- Land exchanges are actively being negotiated or have already happened, without following any proper processes.
- Approximately 130 new Aurovillians are waiting to be entered into the Register of Residents (RoR). The Entry Service has records of 90+ such individuals, however they estimate the higher figure as some data was lost when their google workspaces were taken over by the AVFO. Entering new Aurovillians into the RoR is one of the key jobs of the Secretary's office and it is unclear why it is not being completed.
- The RoR update is still not complete, despite the announcement from the AVFO that they would be carrying out an update- which was the pretext for the 'suspension' of all community processes - around 6 months ago.
- Against all precedents, the meeting minutes for the 60th & 61st Governing Board meetings have still not been shared with the community despite requests from the WCom.
- Cases of 'harassment' from the AVFO's 'Housing Service' have been reported to the RA WCom. Community members who have been impacted are urged to contact the relevant RA Working Groups - housingboard@auroville.services and famc@auroville.services.

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working with the Secretary on the 'visa issue' saying that "that everyone in Auroville will get a 1-year visa which will allow time to work on 5-year visas". Another IAC member, Gabi Gillesen, described how she felt that "Auroville is being demonized. In the first letter the IAC received from the Secretary there was more than a page of what is wrong with AV – drugs, financial mismanagement etc, and only a few short mentions of Auroville's huge achievements". Additionally, it was disclosed in the meeting that IAC members have also not received GB meeting minutes and inputs given by IAC members have not been acknowledged by the GB.

You can read the full report, which includes many more updates, [here](#).

Nominations open for the latest selection process

As shared by the RAS [on Auronet](#) and other platforms, the nominations process for the latest working groups selection process (SP) is now open. **Nominations will close on 24th December** and the SP itself will take place on 29th January 2023.

There are currently vacancies in the following working groups:

AV Council (2 vacancies)

Entry Board (3 vacancies)

RA FAMC (6 vacancies)

It is important, now more than ever, to strengthen the RA working groups - especially since the legitimacy of some of these groups is now being fought for in Court. If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate in the process then please use the online [nomination form](#), or for in-person nomination please use a printed nomination form, available from the RAS office in Town Hall. Once you have completed the form, it can be given to RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS office) every Thursday between 10am and 12pm. When nominating another person, the approval of the nominee must be sought beforehand.

RAS are also looking for resource persons for their Organisational Team. If you can help, please contact them on raserviceauroville@gmail.com

Deep Dialogue with Raghu update

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Bridget, Deven, Devi N, Helen, Jean-Yves L, Jyoti K, Min, Naveen V, Sehdev K, Suzie, Tom L) took place on 3rd December. All of the documents related to the process so far can be found [here](#).

Synthesis Auroville [announced](#) that Raghu feels that “the conditions don't seem ready yet for the various Working Groups to sit together along with GB, IAC and Foundation team and engage in a deep dialogue. However, there are several Auroville residents who are willing to engage in a deep dialogue process for healing and shared understanding”. This process, now named “Heartweaving” would involve a series of conversations between “a small group of willing residents”. The first conversation was held on 14th December but a report has not yet been released.

In response to the announcement, the RA working groups sent an email to the Synthesis team, Dena Merriam, and Raghu, which they later [shared](#) with the community. They highlighted that a recent survey to gauge how the community feels about any possible restorative process has yet to be reported on, therefore it would be “inappropriate” for the working groups to engage with a process such as this at the present time. They also emphasised that “any individual exploration and dialogues with you can only be seen as the views of those individuals, and outcomes or proposals from those explorations would need to be brought to the wider community for feedback and suggestions before, as a community, any kind of agreed-upon action could be considered for implementation”.

Other Updates and Information

Legal update

Madras High Court - FAMC case: On 7th December, the FAMC case filed by Namrita Gautier came up in the Madras High Court. The court had a choice to admit the case or to dismiss it outright. As it was allowed, the court directed the AVFO to file the counter argument. The next hearing has been set for Wednesday, 21st December.

Tindivanam Court - Abri/Ami/Evergreen land grab: PKS, the person claiming the land, allegedly has lobbied the DRO in Vanur to reverse the earlier order. It remains to be seen how this affects the case, which will be heard in Tindivanam on Monday, 19th December. It is puzzling that while the ownership of the land is being disputed in court by the Land Board, the AVFO has placed the same land on a list of lands to be

AVFO's 'FAMC' November report

The AVFO's 'FAMC' released their [November report](#) including a statement regarding the withdrawal of maintenances to Aurovilians, most of whom are members of the RA-appointed working groups. Despite the AVFO groups having been set up in contravention of all precedents, they claim that it is the RA groups who are a “parallel governance” which Auroville’s economy cannot afford. They ask if Auroville “should be funding its own resistance to the ‘City the Earth Needs’ and its Master Plan”, and claim that they had “no other alternative” but to withdraw the maintenances.

The RA Wcom & FAMC released a [response](#) in the News & Notes clarifying that “the ‘resistance’ is not against the 'City the Earth Needs' but against the take over and the destruction of the values on which the 'City that the Earth needs' is founded and to be built”. They also raise objections to the withdrawal of the maintenances to Aurovilians who are still working for Auroville.

Banners appear around Auroville

Banners denouncing the current situation in Auroville appeared in early December, on and around the anniversary of the Youth Centre action.



Media & Other Links

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[AV Media Liaison Service: A Year of Crisis](#), a video showcasing the events that happened in Auroville since December 2021.

- **Reporterre, le média de l'écologie:** [En Inde, une cité utopique menacée par l'État](#) (French)
- **Youtube video:** [One Year Later gathering 04.12.22](#)

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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