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Auroville Bulletin 83

**AVFO Secretary transferred, AV in Parliament, Leave
India Notice and State Politicians criticize AVFO in
support of AV**

A Summary of Events Happening in Auroville Today

Tuesday, 27th August 2024

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

How can you help?

Urgent actions

- **Sri Ma needs help to prevent erosion:** Srима community is threatened as the beach erodes more and more each day (see Bulletin 82 for more information). Help is needed to install GeoTextile which helps to slow down the erosion. To be informed of timings and calls to action by the Srима team, [join this Whatsapp group](#).
- **Support the RA News and Notes:** As published by [massbulletin on 1st August](#), the RA News and Notes is in need of financial support to continue functioning. If you can, please consider donating by making a transfer to Financial Service account number #252150. To read all issues and subscribe, [click here](#).
- **Support for Maintenances:** The funds collected to support individuals cut off from their maintenances are quickly running out and more help is needed. For more information, please contact the BCC: bccoffice@auroville.services. If you wish to support the Farm or Forest Group as a whole, please contact these groups via evolvingalaxy@gmail.com.

Ongoing actions

- **Assist with documenting tree-cutting and clearing:** In light of the recent Stay Order placed on the NGT verdict it is particularly important to continue with documentation of tree cutting and land clearing. This documentation is a vital help to the legal team bringing information to the court. If you are available to help with documentation, please get in touch with evolvinggalaxy@gmail.com.
- **Financial support for legal fees:** If you can, please 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:** For over 2 years the community has held a 24/7 vigil in the AVC room in Town Hall. This room is the only space in the Town Hall that is used by RA working groups to continue meeting and performing their functions for the community. **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 5:00-6:30 pm.
- **Share information confidentially with the RA WCom via email workingcom@auroville.services.** The RA WCom is collecting information regarding the various interactions with the AVFO and their appointees. This information is necessary in order to protect the RA and will remain strictly confidential.

Editorial note

In this issue

This 83rd issue covers recent news, as well as part of the highlights of Auroville events between March 2024 and June 2024 - a period during which the Bulletin team was on a break. Other highlights from this period will be included in the next issues of the Bulletin.

Errata from Bulletin 82

The article titled “SAIIER takeovers, cuts and closures” which appeared in Bulletin 82 contained a number of inaccuracies. Several projects and units were named as having their budgets cut by SAIIER, however in some of these cases such as Eluciole Circus, Sabrina’s Pottery Studio and Cripa, the cuts in fact came from the AVFO ‘BCC’. Additionally, in the article on the takeover of Dehashakti, it was stated that all the members of the Dehashakti ‘old team’ attended the training assessment. This is incorrect, as in fact only those attending the one year training program took part in the assessment.

The Bulletin team apologises for any confusion caused by these incorrect statements.

What is happening now

AVFO Secretary transferred

On 31st July 2024, a Gujarat Government [transfer notice](#) announced that the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Dr Jayanti Ravi, would be transferred from her current post to that of Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of the revenue department in Gujarat. This move, covered by the press (e.g. [India TV News](#) and [Deshgujarat](#)), ended several months of speculation and rumour as to whether the Secretary would be continuing after her official tenure finished on 4th July 2024. The transfer notice stated that Ravi would be repatriated back to her State Cadre, however no timeframe was given for this procedure and it appears that she currently still retains her powers to sign visa letters. As was shared by the RA WCom in their [massbulletin](#) on 1st August, no information has yet been given about who will replace her, however they expressed the hope “that this change will lead to a new phase of collaboration between the Residents' Assembly... and the Governing Board and Office of the Secretary (AVFO)”.

Allegations against Aurovilians in the Indian Parliament and misleading press

On 5th August and 7th August, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education of the Central Government, responded to two sets of questions on Auroville ([Unstarred Questions no. 2092](#) and [no. 1788](#)) raised by Dr D Ravi Kumar and C. Ve. Shanmugam, both Members of Parliament for the state of Tamil Nadu. The questions asked in both houses of Parliament concerned complaints about land exchanges in Auroville, the criteria and procedures followed by the Auroville Foundation Office for such exchanges, plans to address lack of transparency and consultation in the process, and measures to ensure fairness in future exchanges.

The Minister's response ([here](#) and [here](#)) indicated that various complaints about Auroville had been received and were being investigated by appropriate agencies. The Minister mentioned “alleged offences such as land encroachment, drug abuse and peddling, cybercrimes including data theft and data leak through servers based outside India, violation of immigration laws, circulation of black money, money laundering, raising of donations without registration under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and many more economic offences, besides irregularities in land exchanges.” Additionally, the Minister stated that “representations and complaints dealing with land exchanges have been forwarded to Auroville Foundation to examine the merit of the allegations and place in the Governing Board (GB), being the Competent Authority, to recommend suitable course of action.” In other words, the Ministry of Education has indeed received complaints against questionable land deals and has asked the AVFO and GB to investigate, even though most of these complaints appear to be against the deals approved by the AVFO and the GB.

Several press and media outlets covered the news, such as [Devdiscourse](#), [Daily Excelsior](#), [Times of India](#), [The Indian Express](#), [The Hindu](#) and [Chanakyaa](#). These articles featured sensationalist titles such as “Complaints of drug abuse, cyber crimes in Auroville being probed” which appear to shift the focus away from the land exchange concerns, putting the emphasis on allegations against Auroville in general and its residents.

On 10th August, the RA WCom - through the Auroville Media Liaison - published a [Press Release](#) responding to these articles. They expressed “deep concern over recent misleading statements circulating in media reports” and “categorically refute[d] the sweeping allegations recently published in various media outlets ... These allegations are not only unsubstantiated but also serve to obscure the pressing issue of questionable land exchanges conducted by the current Auroville Foundation administration and Governing Board”. The RA WCom stated that no evidence had been presented to support claims of widespread illegal activities, despite multiple audits. They noted that a report addressing allegations made by a single individual (likely referring to Vikram Ram) had been submitted to the GB and Ministry of Education; and asserted that other allegations appeared to be fabricated to target residents who had questioned recent actions by the Auroville Foundation administration. They also highlighted irregularities in recent land exchanges, expressing concern that the Ministry instructed the AVFO to investigate land exchanges it had itself conducted. Finally, the RA WCom called for an independent external investigation into recent land exchanges, full transparency in future transactions, adherence to established rules and processes, and involvement of the Residents' Assembly and its committees.

The next day The Hindu published a short article titled '[Section of Aurovillians seek independent](#)

The next day, the Times published a short article titled [Section of Auroville seeks independent probe into land deals](#) which highlighted some of the points of the RA WCom's press release.

Auroville resident receives a Leave India Notice

In a [massbulletin](#) on 11th August, the RA WCom reported that Alexander Yafarov (Sasha), a long-time Auroville resident working in Youth Center and Wood Concept, received a 'Leave India Notice' from the FRRO on 16th July 2024. The RA WCom and their resource persons have been working to have this notice “reviewed on compassionate grounds”. “So far, the notice has not been reversed but we are continuing our efforts”, they wrote.

On 5th August, the AVFO 'WCom' published a [circular](#) instructing Sasha's removal from the Register of Residents. According to RA WCom, this removal is invalid, citing the Auroville Foundation Act and the Madras High Court's [interim judgement dated 23/02/2024](#). According to the Auroville Foundation Act, only the Residents' Assembly has the authority to remove residents from the Register; and the court had ordered a halt to any changes in the register pending further orders.

Legal update

Dismissal of Working Committee ‘Quo Warranto’ case

On 1st August, the ‘Quo Warranto’ case filed by the RA WCom before the Madras High Court was dismissed. A quo warranto case is a legal proceeding that challenges an individual's right to hold a public office, demanding that they demonstrate their authority to occupy that role. This case questioned the legitimacy of the AVFO ‘WCom’, asking its ‘members’ (Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi and Tine) to justify on which grounds they were claiming to be the WCom. While the case was dismissed, the written court order has not yet been published, making it difficult to understand the reasons for and implications of this dismissal.

In a [massbulletin](#) on 1st August, the RA WCom expressed that “the dismissal of this case does not legitimize the group of AVFO appointees claiming to be the ‘Working Committee’, as the Madras High Court's judgements of [12/08/2022](#) and [04/09/2023](#) are clear and stand valid, along with the Auroville Foundation Act and the Residents’ Assembly Decisions of [10/05/2022](#), [23/08/2022](#) and [05/02/2024](#).”

Dismissal of perjury case against Hemant Lambha

On the same day, the Madras High Court dismissed a case filed by the AVFO against Hemant Lambha, an ex-member of the RA WCom and the main petitioner in the court case aiming to uphold the voice and authority of the Residents’ Assembly and its Working Committee.

A perjury case is a legal proceeding against an individual accused of knowingly making false statements under oath or in sworn testimony. The AVFO had accused Hemant of producing false statements before the court, a claim which was dismissed by the High Court. In response, the RA WCom [wrote](#): “We welcome this decision, as we have maintained that the accusations were without merit.”

Schools & education in Auroville

Update from Dehashakti

Following on from the takeover of the Dehashakti sports program by the Auroville Physical Education Board (AVPEB), the executives of Dehashakti sent an [email](#) to parents on 28th July 2024. They stated “We are happy to inform you that an agreement between the Dehashakti executives, SAIIER and the AVPEB has been reached. The Dehashakti teachers who have registered for the 1-year physical education program will continue their work in collaboration with the new trainees.” Former Dehashakti teachers who are not registered with the 1-year program are not able to continue their work.

However, one long-standing Dehashakti teacher sent an [email](#) to parents the following day stating the view that it was not a mutual agreement and “The executives seemed to have no option but agree to the decision of AVPEB and SAIIER to continue only with selected teachers as "provisional trainees"". He also shared that the AVPEB & SAIIER apparently intend to shift the place of training from Dehashakti to Aikyam School. A new [Physical Education policy](#) was also released which contained the contact details of the teachers installed by the AVPEB.

Further budget cuts for AV Schools

The Auroville School Board recently shared an [announcement](#) in the AVFO ‘News & Notes’ stating that all Auroville schools (Pre-Creche, Nandanam, Kindergarten, Deepanam, Transition, Last School and Future School) have been given a budget cut that reflects a reduction of around 19% on their allocated maintenances and 14% on their monthly recurring budgets, effective from August 2024 onwards. According to the statement, “the cut originates from [AVFO] FAMC’s direction for higher effectiveness and efficiency; SAIIER was requested to work out the distribution”.

On 2nd August 2024, parents of Future School children were called to a meeting about the school’s financial future. The staff shared that the school’s budget cuts were the equivalent of a 1.5 lakh a month shortfall and they were being forced to consider other avenues of funding and requested parents make monthly donations if feasible.

Afsanah Guest House

The three Aurovilians who have been running Afsanah Guest House since 2022 (Auradha, Rosy and Enrica) have released a [public statement](#) regarding recent events. Despite having successfully managed the guest house for over 2 years and having overseen an increase in income from 54 lakh to 143 lakh, as well as undertaking major refurbishments, increasing staff benefits and successfully repaying long-standing loans, the AVFO 'FAMC' has not responded to the team's repeated requests to become full executives of the guest house and the situation has been left in limbo since Auradha's tenure as interim executive expired in July 2023.

Several attempts have been made to forcibly take over the guest house, such as: "in early 2023 Madhi (AvFO) [security] called to inform Auradha that she had been dismissed and demanded that she 'hand over the keys to the property', or in mid-2023 when the GH email account was blocked by the FO". Recently the Guest House trustees have been withholding funds amounting to 8 lakhs which the team believe is a "direct result" of their recent interactions with the Guest House Trustees.

On 22nd August 2024, the team heard rumours that the AVFO 'FAMC' together with the Guest House trustees had "appointed 3 new executives for Afsanah Guest House, Riju, Arumugam and Shakti". Neither these individuals, nor the AVFO 'working groups' have communicated their decisions with the Afsanah guest house team. In line with their previous experiences, attempts to get information from the AVFO 'FAMC' failed, as all of the members they spoke to claimed that they had no involvement with the decision.

Update on land exchanges

AuroOrchard update

On 18th August, T. Kannan, the new owner of portions of AuroOrchard land, started bulldozing trees alongside the road to build a 1.2-meter wide and 3-meter tall wall. According to a [document](#) compiled by an Auroville resident on 24th August, 10 mature trees have already been felled, and another 40 to 50 mature trees (25 to 50 years old) are at an immediate risk of being bulldozed. Additionally, 80 to 100 palmyra trees are located on this roadside land parcel, which T. Kannan has committed not to cut since they are protected in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Felicity update

In Bulletin 82, it was reported that on 5th July, “the main access to Felicity community was fenced off by the new landowners, leaving Felicity residents without access”. This situation now appears to have changed, as residents of Felicity shared on 31st July that “the access is restored through an alternate route”. They also shared that, according to a member of the AVFO ‘WC’, the Felicity land on which there is a lot of essential infrastructure “has been successfully re-registered”. However, they added: “We haven’t yet seen a paper document.”

Other Updates and Information

State politicians criticise AVFO in support of Auroville

In recent months, several Tamil Nadu politicians expressed concerns with the current management of Auroville.

On 3rd April 2024, Shri M. Chakrapani, member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly of the neighbouring constituency of Vanur, [visited the AVFO](#) and spoke on behalf of the 100 villages he represents. In a [letter](#) addressed to the AVFO Secretary (see English translation [here](#)), he highlighted issues such as unfair treatment of Tamil workers and residents, possible corruption in land deals, and harassment of those who disagree with recent decisions. In particular, he condemned the replacement of local Tamil Aurovilians in working groups, the dismissal of local Tamil workers without sufficient compensation, and delayed visa renewals for those opposed to the current management of Auroville. He cautioned that failure to address these problems could result in a loss of local support and escalating protests against the current administration. This event was featured [in local newspapers](#).

In the following days, the state's Chief Minister M. K. Stalin suggested, in a [speech](#) during his visit to Pondicherry, that Auroville is being influenced by outside groups and called for an alignment with the founders' vision.

On 9th July, Tr Gayathri Srikanth, Puducherry's DMK Women Wing's State Convenor, put out a [tweet](#) expressing concern regarding the dismissal of 100+ Dalit workers from neighbouring villages by Auroville's current administration without due notice or paid gratuity. This was in response to news of a delegation of Tamil Nadu's BJP unit approaching the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and the National Human Rights Commission.

AVFO 'youth' events feature nationalist rhetoric

Since the start of this year, the AVFO helped organise a series of educational conferences for college age students across India. These 'Sri Aurobindo Youth Conferences' with '[chapters](#)' in [7 cities](#) such as Srinagar, Sikkim or New Delhi, focus primarily on topics such as Integral Yoga, Integral Education, nationalism and Indian knowledge systems through the lens of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. These events are co-organised with the Indian Ministry of Culture, and like the earlier week-long spiritual summit organized in Auroville under the government programme called [Ek Bharat, Shreshta Bharat](#) (One India, Great India), such cultural programmes focused on nationalist themes, using Auroville's name, reputation or premises without informing the Auroville community.

In May 2024, the AVFO organised a three-week internship for university students from the Department of Political Science in Pondicherry, and highlights of this event were posted [on Youtube](#) by AVFO's 'Media Interface' (recently renamed "Auroville Official"). On 15th July, Education Development Day was [celebrated](#) at Bharat Nivas' SAWCHU with children from Shri Patcheappane School, Thengaithittu, Pondicherry, featuring a speech by Ms. Swarnambika from the AVFO.

The AVFO has also announced intentions to create an Auroville Youth Camp 2024, where 100 youth between the age of 17 to 30 will be selected to spend 5 days in Auroville in August 2024. This educational programme is free of cost and is funded by the Ministry of Culture as part of the 150th birth centenary celebrations of Sri Aurobindo. Its [promotional video](#) offers the usual fields for which Auroville is known such as sustainability, organic practices, sound healing or community living, as well as 'True Nationalism', Sanskrit, or '*Bharat as Vishwa-Guru*' (India as World Guru). On a similar note, the application form to the [AVFO 'Fellowship'](#) (not to be confused with the Auroville Global Fellowship launched by some residents in February 2024) requests applicants to explain what is their "vision of New India in the [Amrit Kaal](#)".

RA WCom report for May to July 2024

As they informed the community via [massbulletin](#) on 17th August, The RA 'WCom' issued their [latest report](#) covering the months of May-July 2024.

The report highlighted a number of new as well as ongoing issues, many of which are also covered in recent issues of the Bulletin. Other matters covered included;

- False claims made by the AVFO 'FAMC' member Margherita regarding the instructions given by the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General of India). The inaccuracy of the claims was brought to light by a Right to Information (RTI) request.
- A [report](#) made by RA WCom resource persons on the 1000-bed Housing Project and HUDCO Loan. The report showed that the statements made in the AVF Finance Committee meeting minutes were "made without proper feasibility studies or consultations with all involved parties."
- The RA WCom have received several concerning reports that the new AVFO appointed security team were unreachable during emergency situations. There has been no announcement from the AVFO or their appointees about how to get in touch with the new team, it is also unclear who the team consists of.

'Wildlife Art Gallery' in Bharat Nivas



At the beginning of 2024, the AVFO inaugurated a new 'Wildlife Art Gallery' in the Bharat Nivas compound. This 'gallery' features a display of cement and resin replicas of animals not belonging to Auroville's natural habitat on display in an artificially constructed environment, and charges Rs. 30 for entry. This is in stark contrast with the ongoing tree cutting and destruction of the ecosystem in Auroville. This new 'gallery' was featured on Youtube [by a Wildlife channel](#) and [by AVFO's 'Media Interface'](#).

GB meetings

On 26th March, the RA WCom shared its [observations](#) on the 66th GB [meeting minutes](#), held on 13th February 2024. The 66th Governing Board meeting minutes reveal several decisions without proper consultation of the Residents' Assembly. These include the approval of new regulations and standing orders that directly impact residents, such as the Auroville Foundation (Residence Criteria) Standing Order, 2024, which is based on the Admission and Termination Regulations, 2023, that have been challenged in court. The Board also green-lit major infrastructure projects, for example allopathic and Ayurvedic hospitals, educational institutions aligned with Vedic studies, and significant land exchanges without informing or seeking input from the community. Additionally, the minutes show that the Board endorsed the appointment of new executives and consultants for various Auroville services, bypassing existing Aurovilian experts, and approved agreements such as Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) - formal agreements outlining terms of cooperation - with external organizations, for example IIT Madras and the Department of Art & Culture of the Government of Puducherry, without transparency or community involvement.

On 31st May, the GB held its 67th meeting (as showcased in this [short video](#)), however the agenda and meeting minutes of that meeting have still not been released. The GB's 68th meeting is likely planned for 29th August, but there hasn't been any public announcement on the matter.

Creation of 'Auroville Network' on Loomio

On 1st August, the Auroville Council [announced](#) "the creation of an 'Auroville Network' on Loomio, an experimental platform for Aurovilians to simplify how we make decisions together and ensure every resident's voice is heard". This platform, launched in collaboration with the RAS, is open to all confirmed Aurovilians. If you are a confirmed Aurovilian or registered resident of Auroville, and haven't yet registered on the platform, you can either click on the invitation sent to your email address registered with the RAS, or follow the instructions [here](#).

New online Auroville directory

Towards the end of April 2024, Talam handed over several Auroville websites to the Auroville Foundation, including its online directory. In the following days, the directory - as well as several other websites - stopped working. On 21st May, the RA WCom published a [massbulletin](#) announcing the creation of a new online directory, accessible at <https://directory.auroville.services>, which functions with the @auroville.community login (for more information on the @auroville.community login, check [this page](#)). The RA WCom added: *“We are aware that much contact information in the Directory is outdated, but we still felt an urgency to share it with the community as soon as possible since many residents have been impacted by the closing of the Auroville directory. Mechanisms for correcting the outdated information will be developed in the coming months and the community will be updated in due time.”*

On 13th June, the AVFO ‘WC’ published a [massbulletin](#) stating that the AVFO had “not closed the Auroville online directory” and there simply was a “technical issue”. They added that the administration of @auroville.org.in was not unknown, and the @auroville.community domain was “unauthorized”. The RA WCom responded with a [massbulletin](#) on 12th July, stating that “the management of the domain @auroville.org.in and the associated workspace is indeed opaque and secretive. The difficulty in extracting information about the management of the @auroville.org.in administration has been immense”, they wrote, explaining the many legal steps that were followed through the Indian RTI (Right To Information) system to obtain this basic information.

On 26th July, Giri Thirumal, the new AVFO appointee for ‘Auroville Web Services’ [announced](#) the relaunch of the old directory, together with the events and bazaar section of Auroville. To access these, one needs to connect on Auroville with an @auroville.org.in email. No comment was however made on the fact that since the takeover of the @auroville.org.in domain in 2022, several residents have lost access to their email and Auroville accounts without any explanation in what appears to be actions of retaliation.

Miscellaneous news

- **Auroville Radio website offline:** For the past few weeks, the Auroville Radio has stopped publishing new content and [their website](#) appears to be offline. Even the [auroville.org page](#) dedicated to the Auroville Radio leads to a 404 error (page not found). No public announcement has been made regarding the interruption of this service, if you have more information please write to evolvinggalaxy@gmail.com.
- **New members for the RAS:** In a [massbulletin](#) on 29th July, the Auroville Council announced three new members for the RAS: Pala (Invocation), Franclin (Humanscapes) and Vignesh (Humanscapes). The ongoing members of the RAS are Tatiana S. and Peter L. The new members will be on a trial period for three months.
- **'Miracle well' false information relayed by AVFO 'Media Interface':** The Youtube channel "Auroville Official", managed by AVFO's 'Media Interface', posted a [video](#) on 22nd July claiming the existence of a "miracle well" pointed out by Mother to Gerard from AuroOrchard. Gerard denied this information..
- **Tourist bus stop in Matrimandir:** On 1st June, the Facebook page "I love Pondicherry" [indicated](#) that its "Local Tour Bus" now stops in "Auroville Matir Mandir" [sic]. This reflects an increasing trend for tour buses and tourists to enter Auroville directly as part of their sightseeing route rather than going through the Visitors' Center.
- **Auroville units migrating to a new accounting software:** On 16th April 2024, a [mail](#) was sent by the trustees of the Kattida Kalai Trust (KKT) to all unit executives and activity managers under KKT, announcing the migration of the entire trust's accounting and management under a [Zoho](#)-based system. This appears to be part of an initiative for an "Auroville Integrated Common Accounting System" mentioned in the 57th Governing Board meeting. This sudden implementation appears linked to the appointment of an officer from the Indian Civil Accounts Service, approved in the 65th Governing Board meeting (item 30), to "streamline the Accounts Department" in the AVFO and "establish a robust centralized accounting system". It is unclear where the funding for these new digital solutions are coming from while Auroville is subject to many budget cuts.
- **Award to Pebble Garden:** In April 2024, Aurovilian Bernard Declerq from Pebble Garden received the Vanagam Award For Lifetime Achievement in honour of his consistent efforts, along with those of his partner Deepika, to reforest the barren land of Auroville's Pebble Garden (see [Voice of Auroville 6](#), page 26). In recent months, Pebble Garden was under the threat of land exchanges.
- **AVFO Secretary attended "Global Spirituality Mahotsav":** As [reported](#) by the Indian Express, Dr Jayanti Ravi attended a four-day Global Spirituality Mahotsav at Kanha Shanti Vanam near Hyderabad held from 14th to 17th March 2024. This event "hosted 500 of the most prominent heads of spiritual organisations from all faiths and schools of belief from around the world".
- **Creation of an Auroville Global Fellowship:** On 28th February, Auroville's birthday, the Auroville Global Fellowship was announced via [massbulletin](#) by a group of residents. It is an email forum on which national and international Auroville supporters who have significantly contributed to the world in fields related to the evolutionary ideals of Auroville can be informed about and discuss current developments in Auroville, and can serve as a valuable sounding board.

Media & Other Links

- 28th July 2024, **Scroll.in on Youtube**: [Eco India: Meet the tree doctors saving us from a climate emergency](#)
- 29th July 2024, **Instant du monde on Youtube** (French): [Inde #3 Auroville](#)
- 7th August 2024, **NewsJ on Youtube** (Tamil): [குஜராத் மாடல் ஆட்சியில் நூதன மோசடி...!](#) A written translation is available here ([translation](#))
- 8th August 2024, **Auroville Botanical Gardens on Youtube**: [Once Upon a Forest - Documentary Film](#)
- 10th August 2024, **Auroville Media Liaison**: [Auroville Calls for Independent Investigation Amidst Unfounded Allegations](#) (Press Release)
- 11th August 2024, **Auroville Media Liaison on Youtube**: [A musical tribute to resilience: 56 good years. Don't you count us gone.](#) (This video has been removed for now, but will likely be reuploaded soon)
- 16th August 2024, **The Quint on Youtube**: [Tamil Nadu's Solar Promise: Approved and Funded, But Waiting to Take Off](#)
- 22nd August 2024, **Communities Magazine #204** (Fall 2024): [Auroville: A Vision Under Siege - Autonomy vs. Authoritarianism](#) by Viduthalai Ottrumai

Other links:

- August 2024, **Powerpoint presentation on Auroville by Satprem**: read Satprem's [cover note here](#), download the Powerpoint [in English here](#), and the Powerpoint [in French here](#). Instructions on how to unzip the file can be found [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.

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

If you wish to know more, the websites <https://auroville.media/> and <https://standforauroville.org/> contain a great deal of information on the current situation.

Please note that our previous bulletins can be found at this link: <https://linktr.ee/evolvinggalaxy>

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. Also feel free to share with us information, questions or suggestions.

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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