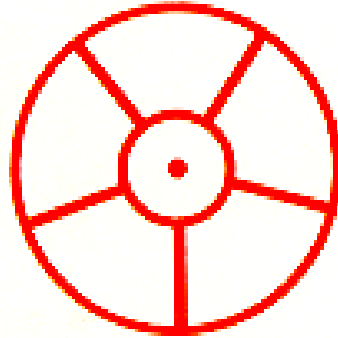


# AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

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Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board



Hybrid mode

2022



12-07-2022 AT 11-00 AM

## **AUROVILLE FOUNDATION, AUROVILLE**

**Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting (hybrid mode) held on**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**The following persons were present:**

1)	Honorable Shri. R. N. Ravi Governor of Tamil Nadu	Chairperson
2)	Honorable Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan Lt. Governor of Puducherry	Member (Joined Online)
3)	Prof. Nandana G Basappa	Member (Joined Online)
4)	Dr. Nirima Oza	Member
5)	Prof. R. S. Sarraju	Member
6)	Prof. Goutam Ghosal	Member
7)	Shri. Aravindan Neelakandan	Member
8)	Smt. Darshana Dabral, JS &FA Ministry of Education, New Delhi	Member
9)	Smt. Neeta Prasad, Joint Secretary Ministry of Education, New Delhi	Member
10)	Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi	Secretary
11)	Dr. G. Seetharaman	OSD

Honorable Shri. R. N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman, Governing Board, Auroville Foundation, Auroville delivered the opening remarks of the 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board.

Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Secretary, Auroville Foundation, Auroville welcomed the Chairman and the Members to the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board.

Then, the Agenda Items were taken up for discussion. The following were the decisions taken in this Meeting:

**Note:**

MoE and Integrated Finance Division (IFD), New Delhi have sent their comments on the said agenda points before commencement of the meeting and the comments were considered.

<b>Item No 60.01:</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board, held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
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The Minutes were circulated to the members. Members of the Governing Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

<b>Item No 60.02:</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee</b>
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The members approved the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee.

<b>Item No 60.03:</b>	<b>Secretary's Report</b>
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The various activities were carried out by the Secretary, AVF after the 59<sup>th</sup> Governing Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 have been discussed.

- Each Working Group has taken up one or more action items for implementation. Some Working Groups have taken the help of resource persons.
- The Working Committee, ATDC, FAMC and SAIER have prepared presentations with the highlights of progress made thus far and the plans ahead.
- SAIER presented the details regarding the proposal of Multi-versity as proposed Deemed University and a hub for the Digital university.
- Temporary recruitment has completed and permanent recruitment will be conducted by end of this year and before that AVF has to get the approval from MoE regarding the recruitment rules for the sanctioned posts.
- Installation of Sub-Station is proposed in the alternate land.

- The FC has recommended for the Environmental Clearance for Auroville Universal Township, establishment of Auroville Integrated Information System (AIIS) to integrate all the units of Auroville.
- CPWD has started the crown road works by identifying the contractor as per NIT procedures.
- Retired DRO's appointed by AVF have started acquiring the lands in the crown area by negotiating with the land owners either through exchange or purchase.
- Honorable Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya visited Auroville on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022. He has participated the Yoga session at Matrimandir and joined the cycling rally along the crown road. Also he met the working committee and health care resource people. During the meeting the proposal submitted regarding the starting of an integral medical institute synthesizing allopathy and other alternate medicine practices at Auroville.
- As per the NGT order, joint committee members such as Shri. D.Mohan, Collector, Villupuram and Ms. Anjali, IFS officer appointed by the Principal conservator of Forest, Chennai have visited the place Darkali on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. As per the directions of the committee, their teams have started working on the field from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to till date.
- Honorable Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Lt. Governor of Puducherry, has discussed and motivated the vision of Mother to Tamil Aurovillians. Also inaugurated tree plantation drive from Swagtham guest house on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and interacted with press and media at Auroville.
- Smt. N.Padmasri, GST Commissioner from Puducherry visited Auroville on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as a part of the iconic week celebrations by the Ministry of Finance and participated in the cleaning process at Udavi school and other areas in joint collaboration with office of GST and Auroville foundation under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

- Secretary, AF has conducted open meetings with international residents on Wednesday and all other residents on Tuesday by every week to hear them out, for greater collaboration & collective aspirations to take the spirit & mission of Auroville for ahead. This meeting helps the resident's members to interact with the Secretary, AF to clear their doubts and moving with friendly nature to clarify facts & avoid the unnecessary rumours or fears.
- The process audit is carried out in Auroville as per the approval of GB in different units and office. Also the cyber-crime related issues with hacking of servers and emails are carried out by the team of process audit. The detailed report may be submitted in couple of weeks.

<b>Item No 60.04:</b>	<b>Action taken report on the Minutes of 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board</b>
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The action-taken report on the decisions of the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board was noted by the Board.

## APPROVAL ITEMS

<b>Item No. 60.05</b>	<b>Approval to get Environmental Clearance for Auroville Universal Township</b>
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The Board approved to get the Environmental Clearance for Auroville Universal Township as per the National Green Tribunal judgement, under Item 8 (b) of the EIA Notification, 2006 with the support from ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited, Chennai and to follow GFR guidelines for the estimated cost of Rs. 44/- lakh.

<b>Item No. 60.06</b>	<b>Approval to establish Auroville Integrated Information System (AIIS) to integrate all the units of Auroville.</b>
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The Board considered and approved the plan of Auroville Foundation in establishing a Auroville Integrated Information System (AIIS) to strengthen the E-Governance System and to secure and integrate data in Foundation Office, various working groups and other services using latest technologies.

The Board approved the joint collaboration between Auroville and IIIT Tiruchirappalli and issue an order for the period of 2 years.

Further, the Board suggested, Dr.G.Seetharaman, is the overall principle investigator for the implementation of AIIS and to take the full responsibility of Data security and preventing any data losses.

<b>Item No. 60.07</b>	<b>Approval for the installation of Sub-Station in the alternate land</b>
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The Board deferred the reimbursement of expenses to be paid to TANGEDCO regarding the constructed Sub-Station building.

Further, the Board suggested to discuss this agenda in the next meeting.

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.08</b>	<b>Programme Proposals on the Birthday week of Sri Aurobindo in August'22</b>
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The Board approved the approximate budget of Rs. 38/- lakhs for the following activities proposed in principle and to provide the same from the 'General Grant' OH-31 in addition to the grant of Rs.14.65/- Crores from the Ministry of Culture for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo has already been allocated.

Sl.No.	Activity	Estimated cost in Lakhs
1.	Installation of Sri Aurobindo's statue in Pondicherry Beach Road opposite to the Secretariat building	18/-
2.	A musical flute program by Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia on the cultural week	5/-
3.	A short film on Sri Aurobindo's poem, 'Who I am'	5/-
4.	A summit / symposium has been organized with the high level committee members of Sri Aurobindo Birth Anniversary	10/-
Total		38/-

Further the Board suggested the following activities to be carried out by weekly either on-line and off-line in Auroville.

- To conduct various spiritual programme to promote the Sri Aurobindo philosophy and The Mother vision to acquire more piece and knowledge for the purpose to stay in Auroville.
- To conduct various Competitions, Cultural programmes, Sound & light show, Dance programme and Cycle rally to create the awareness of Sri Aurobindo philosophy and The Mother.
- To invite literary experts from various places to Auroville to deliver lectures
- To promote *Sri Aurobindo philosophy and The Mother vision* among the Scholl children's and Colleges by showing short films, issuing brochures, and books to attract more visitors for Auroville.



- Honorable Shri. R. N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman, Governing Board, Auroville Foundation, Auroville suggested to organize meeting in ***Raj Bhavan, Chennai*** well in advance with Vice-Chancellors and Directors of various higher educational institutions to promote the suggested activities.

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.09</b>	<b>Budget for the Financial year</b>
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The board approved the approximate budget for the financial year 2022-2023 as stated below.

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme/ Sub Scheme	Revised Budget in Crore (Rs.)
1.	GIA for Creation of Capital Assets (OH-35)	280.0
2.	GIA General (OH-31)	123.2
3.	GIA for Salary (OH-36)	10.0
	Total	413.2

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.10</b>	<b>Approval of Smart city proposal jointly with C-DAC, Bangalore</b>
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The Board approved the Smart City proposal of AVF and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) with the support from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

This collaboration would lead to a new wave of infrastructure development in the city that would amalgamate the aspirations of the citizens with the benefits of technology to open up a new window of services and resources & technological capabilities including supercomputing facilities, Modelling and simulation, Pollution monitoring, IoT, Cyber security as well as language technologies.

Further the board approved Mr.P. Hari Babu, Associate Director & HoD, IoT Group, C-DAC, Bangalore and Dr.G.Seetharaman, IIIT Tiruchirappalli are the point of contacts and the principle investigators for the implementation of Smart City project at Auroville.

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.11</b>	<b>Endorsement of the Standing Order for the reconstitution of the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) dated 01-06-2022</b>
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The Board approved and endorsed the Standing Order for the reconstitution of the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) dated 01-06-2022, as per the Clause 3 (d) of the Regulations of Standing Order of January, 2011.

**REPORTING ITEM**

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.14</b>	<b>Status of Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021-2022</b>
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The Board noted the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021-2022 which is under preparation.

Further, the board suggested to circulate the revised accounts as per the SAR issued by the Principal Director (CAG), Chennai for the Financial Year 2019-20.

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.15</b>	<b>Details on appointment of Contractual Staff</b>
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The Board noted the following appointments on contract (purely temporary basis).

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Designation	Salary (Rs.)
1.	Mr. A. V. Mathi (Retired ASP)	Chief Security Officer	[Number]
2.	Mr. Ponnambalam (Retired DRO)	Special Officer (R) I	[Number]
3.	Ms. C. Meenakshi (Retired DRO)	Special Officer (R) II	[Number]
4.	Mr.Dev Mohanty	Consultant	[Number]
5.	Ms. R. Pavithra	Receptionist	[Number]

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.16</b>	<b>Legal Issues Update</b>
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The Board noted the current updates on the following legal issues related to NGT, Writ Petitions, Land related cases.

All the legal issues are completely tracking with senior advocates by the AVF with the help of team members.

<b>Item No.</b> <b>60.17</b>	<b>Organization and Governance Committee</b>
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The Board noted the following information on Organization and Governance Committee.

- Review of the 57<sup>th</sup> & 58<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting recommendations on Governance, Economy, etc.,
- Preparation and review of the Register of Residents (RoR) for a complete and pertinent information gathering
- Collating of summary minutes of all the previous Governing Board minutes as resource to review for systemic to Auroville and also endemic issues for working groups for bringing about a directional change for governance & organization
- Review of the Admission & Termination Regulation to streamline the welcome of aspirants to join Auroville and criteria to continue participation and carry on furtherance of Auroville development as per the Charter
- Key changes instituted in the following working groups:
  - Auroville Town Development Council
  - Funds & Assets Management Committee
  - Land Board
  - Integral Information Service
  - Archival service with widened scope of work including digital expansion
- Review for a Welcome Group to accelerate entry of new aspirants to Auroville

- Consolidate Entry group, prepare Entry criteria for acceptance into Auroville based on Charter, ideals of Auroville
- Add proper Termination or continuation to live in Auroville criteria
- Setup a focused Human Resources Service, Volunteers and prepare proper procedure for staffing of the ATDC, FAMC and their subgroups

**Item No.  
60.18**

**Proposal for construction of 1000 persons studio model flats**

The Board approved the proposal in principle for the construction of 1000 person's studio model flats ranging from 1 BHK to 3 BHK to start multi-iversity to attract people from various countries to enhance the spiritual activities.

**It was decided to have the next meeting of the GB in October 2022.**

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Honorable Shri. R. N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman and other Members proposed by the Secretary.

Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi  
Auroville Foundation, Auroville  
(Secretary)

**//APPROVED//**

Shri. R. N. Ravi  
Governor of Tamil Nadu  
(Chairperson)