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with you what we've
been doing with

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**Permaculture
Gardens**

@

**Town Hall,
Auroville.**



The Permaculture gardens @ the Town Hall aim at creating community around the most fundamental need of our society - a relationship with where our food comes from.

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The circle garden is a simple permaculture module that can be made by four or five people in under two hours.

Raised beds, trenches full of organic matter and diverse variety of crops - short, medium and long durations.

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An introduction to
permaculture and
circle gardens.

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Our vision is to have circle gardens all over Auroville: schools, public spaces and homes and the exploration of how we can manage these gardens on a collective level.



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Mulching - When we start recognising the value of the bio-resource all around us, such as: Leaves, branches, twigs, grass, weeds etc returning this valuable organic matter back to the earth slowly but surely creates a diverse and healthy soil ecology, the corner stone of any healthy society.



INTERCROPPING
Banannas, Pappayas,
Gourds, Beans, Ladies
Finger, Spinach,
Tomatoes and Brinjal

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Planting into heavy mulch reduces soil temperature, and evaporation, suppresses weeds, returns organic matter and protects the soil from heavy rains.

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By having these gardens in the townhall people are exposed to the beauty of permaculture while bringing smiles to many faces.

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Heirloom varieties of
bottle gourd hiding in
the bushes

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Greg taking care - spot
weeding

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it's so natural.

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Selvi, harvesting
Red Rosella.

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Bananas, papayas and fruit trees will soon create some shade, bringing a microclimate that will encourage even more diversity.

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We envisage a group of four or five aurovillians taking care of one of these circles with support from solitude and other permaculture projects in Auroville.

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Volunteers from
the Urban Farming
project harvesting
Cherry Tomatoes.

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These Cherry
Tomatoes grow like
weeds!

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver metal bowl filled with numerous small, round, yellow cherry tomatoes. The tomatoes are piled together, some showing green stems. The background is filled with large, green, serrated leaves of a tomato plant. The right side of the image is partially obscured by a solid green overlay containing text.

Fresh Harvest!

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Ponnakanni spinach,
Chicken Spinach,
Basil, Lemon Grass,
Tomatoes, Bottle
gourd, Raddish,
Brinjal and Corn.



The success of these gardens depends on the engagement of our community with them. There are many ways to engage people, offering the harvest for free at the townhall is one of them.



SOLITUDE ORGANIC FARM
presents

Another idea we had
to involve people
was to create a
permaculture festival
at the townhall
around the gardens.

- 3:00 pm: Circle garden permaculture workshop
- 3:30 pm : Community art project with Krupa Devi on "where does our food come from?"
- 4:00 pm Cooking workshop (green smoothies)
- 5:00 pm Talk on permaculture (as the ted talk given by Krishna McKenzie)
- 6:00 pm Emergence live
- 7:00 pm Localicious food to share

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Everyone welcome!



Festival getting started.

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As an educational module; these gardens are easy to recreate anywhere.

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Without people we
can't do anything.
How to bring people
together?
- Tasty local food.

Deepa and Manju
teaching how to make
Millet biryani.

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community
refreshment.



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FOOD MANDALA
Kripa Devi bringing
community art
together with
permaculture.

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EMERGENCE LIVE
Music and celebration
at the Auroville
Permaculture festival.



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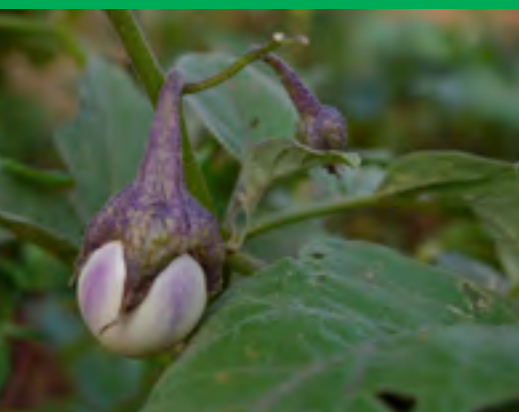
People Food Music

The permaculture gardens at the town hall are an ongoing project.



As well as maintaining and developing the gardens there is also educational work and outreach aimed at getting the community involved and building our relationship with where our food comes from.

Like the project in Chinna Mudaliyaar Chavadi we recognised that having a public space permaculture garden at the Town Hall in the international township of Auroville, would be a powerful educational tool in itself, showing people the value of local food.



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A group of people are gathered in a field of tall, dry grass. On the left, a man in a wide-brimmed hat and a woman in a tank top and shorts stand. In the center, two people are sitting on the ground, one wearing a white cap. To the right, another person stands with hands on hips. A red plastic chair is visible in the background. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sky.

**Many thanks
for your support and
patience in receiving this report.**

The new EP really is on it's way!

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