

Community and Team

Pitchandikulam Forest is a community found in the green belt of the Auroville International Township in coastal Tamil Nadu, South India. Its name derives from a traditional healer (Vaidya) named 'Pitchandi' who resided here hundreds of years ago and who made the pond 'kulam' which is found in the middle of the new forest. It is a peaceful sanctuary of self-generating forest where over 800 species of plants can be found in the grasslands, nursery and ethnomedicinal forest.

Pitchandikulam currently has a small resident community of 10 people, with long-term visitors and volunteers often staying in the guesthouses. The Pitchandikulam Forest team is made up of over 100 people from Auroville and the surrounding areas who come each day to work at the Bioresource Centre, the artists studio, as well as in one of the many community projects Pitchandikulam runs.