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# The Land Issue Also Matters

In a country in which land stands out as one of its most scarce of resources, one would have expected the government - present and previous ones as well -- to monitor carefully and meticulously the use to which it is being put. On the one hand, we have a recurring problem of squatters. On the other, real estate and property development for the so-called 'smart cities' and other IRS/ERS for richly endowed foreign nationals, which has become a bonanza for those who are endowed with land, has crowded most of the younger generations out of the land and housing market. When the opportunity knocked at our door to do something serious and in the public interest about the issue of land, we failed to make optimum use of it as it was well illustrated by the poor - and questionable - handling of the Illovo lands.

The all-inclusive land area of Mauritius is about 1860 square kilometres. Mauritius currently has a permanent population of 1.3 million; we also have annual visitors of more than 1 million from the rest of the world, mainly tourists and businessmen. The number of hotels and their room capacity has accordingly been on the increase.

Most of our agricultural land is under sugarcane plantation but total sugar production which used to be in the region of 700,000 tonnes at the peak in past years has dropped to around 300,000 tonnes per annum in recent years. This means that the land surface under sugarcane cultivation has been decreasing. Besides abandoned plots of land by small planters due to falling sugar prices, large tracts of land have increasingly been ceded over to the construction and sale of luxury villas to foreigners under the IRS and other similar schemes, so that part of the land which was or could have been devoted to agricultural production has been occupied by those villas.

There are at least two more claimants of land in terms of our future needs.

One is the need for land to expand the physical infrastructure, which plays a critical role in the facilitation of efficient economic production. We witnessed how the Jin Fei project in the north requisitioned land for the project itself as well as for the accompanying infrastructure. Hotel and the 'smart city' projects are also land-hungry. The inevitable development of wider roads now and in the future will, in the face of an unplanned relentless expansion of vehicles on the roads, claim more land.

The other major future claimant of land is the new generation. No doubt, the allocation of land to specific public development and private sector projects has the effect of lifting several-fold land

prices in the area in the immediate proximity of such projects. As erstwhile sugarcane lands have been getting increasingly converted to residential or commercial use, or both, land price has been irretrievably shooting up. Much higher land prices have put land virtually out of reach of the younger members of our population aspiring to have a house of their own.

This kind of acceleration of the price of residential land should have been accompanied by public policies to safeguard future access to land by those for whom the land was getting out of reach as property development was allowed to proceed apace. One measure, which fell on deaf ears despite repeated recommendations, was for government to recover a reasonable part, not a token amount, of the windfall gains arising from conversion of land from agricultural to non-agricultural use in the context of the IRS and other property development projects. The amount so recovered could have constituted a large enough fund for launching various public sector-sponsored housing programs for different groups and professional levels of the population in need of affordable homes in the future. Another measure would have been for the government, not land speculators, to constitute a land bank for pursuing social housing programs consistently with a plausible scheme for food security; even willing members of the private sector could have been induced to join in under public sector supervision. We have had none of that.

That is why the problem of genuine squatters is surfacing up from time to time. It will keep emerging again and again unless someone makes a holistic study of the whole matter and policy focus is shifted from purely market-driven to social objective-driven as well. Successive governments have failed to guide themselves by the examples of other countries which have been more careful in handling their land management policies. It may not be too late to take the necessary initiative which goes beyond the sheer objective of a cadastral plan and collection of taxes.

It is indeed a major problem and a pity that the land issue, which ought to receive the continuous and serious attention of policy makers is being sidelined by issues of bungling of public funds or of the environment which claim an overhyped attention. Important though they are, it cannot be denied that the land issue is a fundamental one that concerns the very existence and viability of the country - reason enough for it to claim the priority attention of the powers that be, now and in the future.

## The Conversation

# Will increasing fines make people comply with coronavirus rules?

*What makes us comply with the rules? Behavioural economics holds some clues for how to enforce coronavirus measures*



In economics, there has been a sustained interest in the effects of sanctions on behaviour since at least the late 1960s. In particular, the literature on compliance in paying taxes, which has interesting parallels with the domain of health.

Three parallels between paying tax and complying with coronavirus measures are noteworthy:

1. The action taken (paying taxes, staying indoors, wearing a mask, washing hands) is costly for the individual.
2. Compliance benefits society as a whole.
3. Both individual and societal benefits are hard to observe.

This last point is particularly important. When benefits are hard to observe, our perception of them becomes critically important for the question of whether we comply. For some, the perceived benefits are high, perhaps higher than the actual benefits accrued to society and the individual. For others, the perceived benefits are low, perhaps lower than the costs they must pay to comply.

From here, it is relatively straightforward to see that for some, the perceived benefits are high enough to outweigh the costs of compliance, and hence these people choose to comply. For others, the perceived benefits of compliance are lower than the costs, and hence they do not. So to increase compliance, the perceived benefits of doing so need to increase.

The problem is that perceptions are hard to shift, and require high degrees of trust and consistent communication from those asking you change your behaviour. Instead, policymakers have traditionally focused on enforcement and deterrence, effectively raising the costs of non-compliance.

### Why deterrence doesn't work

To see why simply increasing fines may not be the best way to change behaviour, let's follow the literature and distinguish between two aspects of compliance:

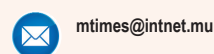
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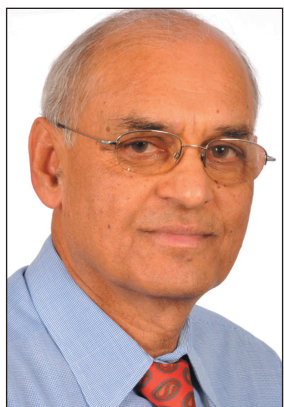
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**Mahatma Gandhi: 'There is no way to peace. Peace is the way'**

**M**a h a t m a Gandhi's birth anniversary is an occasion for us to reflect on the message that his saying reproduced above conveys. To my mind, it is of particular relevance at this time, because the world is facing many ongoing threats of a violent nature, such as street protests with political upheavals in several countries, conflicts and military wars, trade wars, terrorism, ethnic cleansing and genocides among others. Along with these there has come climate change which scientists have said is a threat to the very survival of humanity.

As if all these were not enough, the Covid-19 pandemic has sprung upon us, with social, economic, cultural and political impacts that have thrown all peoples and countries off balance. These impacts are provoking a real struggle for the survival of the world as we know it through the disruptions that they are causing in all spheres of activity concerned with decent and comfortable living, affecting supply chains of food and other essentials such as medicines and health gear, trade, business and leisure activities and all the associated occupations and professions, as well as educational institutions and so on. Inevitably tensions are rising both within and in between countries as national authorities face the brunt of the burden of coping as well as the criticisms being levelled for perceived shortcomings, which make temperatures rise further – at a time when what is needed is cool and rational thinking, and a peaceful atmosphere that does not irritate frayed nerves any further.

Unfortunately, in the world as we know it, peace does not seem to be our default state, and so from as far as we can remember, being at peace has always been an uphill task. And unless we are at peace, we will always be wasting away our positive energies and the negative ones will predominate. Whether this takes place at country or at global level, the will for cooperation and collaboration to jointly solve the common problems we are facing weakens and threatens our existence even more.

We do not need to go farther than our own respective countries to realise this truth. A starting point to reflect on



“We have always talked here about *'la fragilité du tissu social'* (fragile social fabric). However, we must not pretend as if this fragility comes out of a vacuum. Far from this being so, it is our actions at both the individual and the collective levels – in different forums: lay, professional, community, religious, cultural and so on -- that add up to forge the notorious *'tissu'*. It is without doubt of our own making, and whether its integrity is maintained or it gets torn apart depends entirely upon *all* of us...”

peace can be this extract from the *Brihadaranyaka Upanishad*-, a sacred Hindu text, as follows: 'As a person acts, so he becomes in life. Those who do good become good; those who do harm become bad. Good deeds make one pure; bad deeds make one impure. So we are said to be what our desire is. As our desire is, so is our will. As our will is, so are our acts. As we act, so we become.'

We can therefore ask ourselves the question: What do we as a people desire? To live in peace or to be perpetually at each other's throats? To sink deeper into spiralling violence or to prepare ourselves and create opportunities of development that are badly needed at this critical juncture of the country, as we begin to open it up to more arrivals – with apprehension by everybody that there may be a surge in Covid cases.

True, this is a specific situation, but on the other hand, we have always talked here about *'la fragilité du tissu social'* (fragile social fabric). However, we must not pretend as if this fragility comes out of a vacuum. Far from this being so, it is our actions at both the individual and the collective levels – in different forums: lay, professional, community, religious, cultural and so on -- that add up to forge the notorious *'tissu'*. It is without doubt of our own making, and whether its integrity is maintained or it gets torn apart depends entirely upon *all* of us.

And off-heard also is the refrain that 'we are condemned to live together' – something that I have never accepted personally because we have consciously decided to live here, or return to live here when we had

opportunities to settle elsewhere. Ironically, this idea has suddenly acquired an eerie reality because of the pandemic. The last thing that should happen in such a volatile context, which threatens the very foundation of the country, is for responsible citizens to play the blame game or to look for convenient scapegoats.

What is expected instead is an objective, mature and collective approach in an attempt to understand the proper dimensions of the ills confronting us so that we can devise the appropriate remedies which are required to cope and literally to survive: every country is facing the same dilemma. There is nowhere to run away to, and no readymade solutions. We therefore have to work out our own, and it is even superfluous to state that this has got to be a joint effort across the board, for we shall sink or swim together.

And for that, as the Mahatma said, **peace is the way.**

Nearly two decades ago, well-known New Age advocate Deepak Chopra's was inspired by Gandhiji's quote to set up a mission 'Alliance for the New Humanity', which was also the title of his then latest book launched in December of 2003, meant to create a 'global community of peacemakers,' which counted among its supporters many prominent business leaders, spiritual thinkers, celebrities, and artists.

On that occasion he was interviewed, and below are the first two questions and answers:

*'You write that we are on the verge of a global shift in consciousness that will lead the world toward peace. One indicator you cite is that one*

*third to one half of Americans accept some form of New Age values. What are New Age values?*

- New Age values are conscious evolution, a non-sectarian society, a non-military culture, global sharing, healing the environment, sustainable economies, self-determination, social justice, economic empowerment of the poor, love, compassion in action, going beyond religious fundamentalism, going beyond nationalism -- extreme nationalism, culture.

*The first thing you mentioned, conscious evolution -- what is that?*

- Well, evolution is a process in the universe that is ongoing; otherwise, our children wouldn't be smarter than us, which they are - and there wouldn't be any progress in the world. So the universe is constantly moving in the direction of higher evolutionary impulses, creativity, abstraction, and meaning. Conscious evolution is the ability of human beings to consciously participate in that process; we are a species that is conscious of our consciousness. We can actually accelerate the process through meditation, through the ability to *find stillness through loving actions, through compassion and sharing, through understanding the nature of the creative process in the universe and having a sense of connection to it. So that's conscious evolution.*' (italics added)

What about us making a serious attempt at 'conscious evolution?' Imagine what this would do for peace and progress in the country.

# Singapore topples Mauritius in FPI race aided by growth in equity assets

Singapore has pipped Mauritius to become the number two jurisdiction, only behind the US, for foreign portfolio investments (FPI) into India, aided by steady growth in equity assets, as well as a string of regulatory setbacks to Mauritius over the past two years, reports Business Standard.

Total assets under custody (AUC) routed via Singapore to India at the end of August stood at Rs 3.46 trillion - a 13.7 per cent rise over the previous year. About a third of these were debt assets, including investments through the voluntary retention route (VRR), which comes with a three-year lock-in. Total assets from Mauritius dipped 15.8 per cent to Rs 3.41 trillion over the same period.

Singapore, which adopted a new fund framework earlier this year, traditionally had a stable fund management regime. The nation's Variable Capital Companies Act (VCC) is aimed at providing fund managers with greater operational flexibility and cost savings.

Mauritius has been hobbled by a string of regulatory reversals. It was included in the grey and blacklists put out by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the EU, respectively, this year. This, market players say, has created a negative perception among large institutional investors, such as pension and endowment funds.



Mauritius, a world-class international financial centre

"That Mauritius is yet to become FATF-compliant may have influenced fund managers' decision to prefer Singapore over the island nation. Although its VCC model is yet to gain traction, South Korean and Japanese funds managers increasingly prefer Singapore to Hong Kong for routing their investments to Asian countries. The growing economic substance of Singapore has also added to the confidence of FPIs, although the cost of set-up and management are still higher than Mauritius," said Viraj Kulkarni, founder, Pivot Management Consulting.

The renegotiation of India's tax treaties with Mauritius

and Singapore in 2016 and the introduction of General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) in 2017 have also benefited Singapore indirectly.

Equity investments made on or after April 1, 2019, are taxed at 10 per cent for investments for more a year, and at 15 per cent for those of shorter periods. So, a sizeable chunk of equity investments, once routed through Mauritius solely to avail of treaty benefits, now prefers to come via home jurisdiction. GAAR requires entities seeking treaty benefits to show sufficient commercial substance, which is easier to establish in Singapore than in Mauritius because of the availability of a large workforce there.

Mauritius has faced other setbacks, too. Back in 2018, it was included in the list of 25 high-risk jurisdictions by global banks acting as custodians for offshore funds. In 2019, about 80 per cent of the FPIs from Mauritius was pushed into category II after the re-categorisation of FPIs. These issues dragged on for a while before being resolved.

Notably, Singapore surpassed Mauritius in foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2018-19, with an aggregate investment of \$16.22 billion versus \$8.08 billion from Mauritius. In 2019-20, India attracted \$14.67 billion in FDI from Singapore against \$8.24 billion from Mauritius.

## Germans embrace fresh air to ward off coronavirus



Angela Merkel says the government's AHA guidelines (distancing, hygiene and face coverings) will be extended to include ventilation. Photograph: Kay Nietfeld/AFP/Getty Images

Ventilating rooms has been added to the German government's formula for tackling coronavirus, in refreshing news for the country's air hygiene experts who have been calling for it to become official for months, reports The Guardian.

The custom is something of a national obsession, with many Germans habitually opening windows twice a day, even in winter. Often the requirement is included as a legally binding clause in rental agreements, mainly to protect against mould and bad smells.

But while some people may dismiss the method as primitive, "it may be one of the cheapest and most effective ways" of containing the spread of the virus, Angela Merkel insisted on Tuesday.

The German chancellor explained that the government's guidelines to tackle the virus, encapsulated in the acronym AHA, which stands for distancing, hygiene and face coverings, will be extended to become AHACL. The "C" stands for the government's coronavirus warning app, and "L" for Lüften or airing a room.

"Regular impact ventilation in all private and public rooms can considerably reduce the danger of infection," the government's recommendation explains.

## Babri mosque: India court acquits BJP leaders in demolition case

A special court has acquitted top leaders from India's governing party for their alleged role in the demolition of a mosque in 1992.

Former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani, and BJP leaders MM Joshi and Uma Bharti, had denied charges of inciting Hindu mobs to demolish the 16th century Babri mosque in the town of Ayodhya.

Wednesday's verdict acquitted 32 of the 49 people charged - 17 had died while the case was under way.

The court said there was insufficient evidence to prove the demolition had been planned.

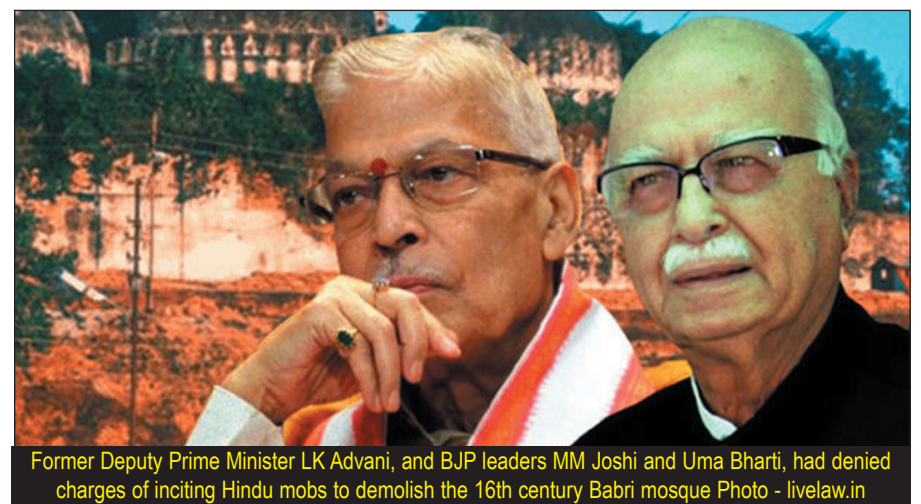
It is both a historic and contentious verdict in a case that also implicated former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who died in 2018.

And it comes nearly a year after another historic judgment over the site of the mosque. Last year, the Supreme Court gave the land to Hindus, ending a decades-long legal battle. It gave Muslims another plot of land in Ayodhya on which to construct a mosque.

In August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a Hindu temple at the site - a core promise made by his BJP.

### How was the verdict greeted?

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board said it would appeal against the ruling in the high court. "There were police officers, government officials and senior journalists



Former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani, and BJP leaders MM Joshi and Uma Bharti, had denied charges of inciting Hindu mobs to demolish the 16th century Babri mosque Photo - livelaw.in

who appeared as witnesses. What about their testimony? The court should have said whether these eyewitnesses were lying," the board's lawyer, Zafaryab Jilani, told the BBC.

Mr Advani, now 92, said he "wholeheartedly welcomed" the verdict. Mr Joshi, now 86, said it was "a historic decision" that proved that "no conspiracy was hatched" to bring down the mosque. Neither they nor Ms Bharti, 61, attended court - they watched the verdict by video.

Iqbal Ansari, the petitioner in the case over the ownership of the disputed site, said, "It's good that this is now over".

"Let's all live in peace. Let there be no fresh trouble of this nature. Hindu and Muslim have always lived in peace in Ayodhya."

## US squeezes China's biggest chip-maker SMIC



ASML is the largest supplier of lithography semiconductor manufacturing machines. Photo - bbc.com

The US Department of Commerce has written to American suppliers of China's biggest chip manufacturer, warning them of "unprecedented risks" that their products could be used by the Chinese military. The letter reminds the firms they must apply for licences to ship controlled items to Shanghai-based SMIC, reports BBC.

But it does not appear that Washington has decided whether or not to add the firm to a trade blacklist.

SMIC has denied any military links. And it said it had not received any formal notice of new restrictions from the US.

But the latest action caused Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation's shares to drop about 7% in Hong Kong trade.

The fall followed a steeper decline earlier this month when the Pentagon first revealed it had proposed tougher restrictions against the business, including adding it to the government's Entity List. That would prevent any company selling goods or services to SMIC that involved US intellectual property without first getting special permission.

Such a step has already been taken against SMIC's biggest client - Huawei - which has caused major disruption to the telecoms kit-maker's business.

Chinese state media had previously reported that SMIC was among many companies that had requested a US licence to continue supplying Huawei. But one industry analyst suggested the latest move indicated the US was increasingly focused on SMIC itself.

"Denial of US semiconductor manufacturing equipment would put SMIC at a severe disadvantage, because most of that technology comes from American sources," explained Jim Tully.

"China could aim to become self-sufficient in these technologies over the longer term, but it seems to me that it would take 10-plus years to do so.

This has led to speculation that SMIC's survival may now be at stake.

## World's first patient cured of HIV dies due to cancer 13 years after recovery

Thirteen years after he became the world's first person to be cured of HIV, 54-year-old Timothy Ray Brown died after relapsing with cancer, reports India Today.

News of his death was shared by his partner, Tim Hoeffgen, in a Facebook post. "It is with great sadness that I announce that Timothy passed away...this afternoon surrounded by myself and friends, after a five-month battle with leukaemia," he said in the post, adding that Brown was his "hero" and "the sweetest person in the world".

Timothy Ray Brown was born on March 11, 1966. As per reports, he had a unique type of bone marrow transplant.

He became known as the 'Berlin Patient' after his HIV was cleared by treatment there in 2007, Reuters said in a report on his demise.

As per the report, his recovery from HIV "fascinated" and "inspired" a generation of doctors working on HIV. He also inspired patients infected with the virus that causes AIDS as his recovery offered them a hope that doctors would be able to find a cure and end the AIDS pandemic.

"We owe Timothy and his doctor, Gero Huetter, a great deal of gratitude for opening the door for scientists to explore the concept that a cure for HIV is possible," Adeeba Kamarulzaman, president of the International AIDS Society (IAS) was quoted as saying by Reuters.

It was in 1995 that Timothy Brown was diagnosed with HIV. At that he was living in the German capital, Berlin.

Eleven years later, in 2006, he was also diagnosed with a type of blood cancer known as acute myeloid leukaemia.

While Brown remained clear of HIV for more than a



Timothy Ray Brown. Photo - AFP

decade after being treated in 2007, he had suffered a relapse of the leukaemia in the past year, Reuters reported.

It is learnt that his doctors said the blood cancer had spread to his spine and brain.

Meanwhile, speaking about Brown's death, Dr Huetter, the German doctor who looked after him in 2007, said Brown's case was a "shot in the dark".

The treatment involved destruction of Brown's immune system and the transplanting of stem cells with a gene mutation called CCR5 that resists HIV.

"Only a tiny proportion of people - most of them of northern European descent - have the CCR5 mutation that makes them resistant to the AIDS-causing virus. This and other factors made the treatment Brown had expensive, complex and highly risky," Reuters reported.

However, most experts say it could never become a way to cure all HIV patients, since many of them would risk death from the procedure itself.

Globally, more than 37 million people are currently infected with HIV, and the AIDS pandemic has killed about 35 million people since it began in the 1980s.

## Brexit: Blow to UK car industry in search for EU deal



Lord Frost (left) and EU negotiator Michel Barnier. Photo- reuters.com

Britain's car industry risks losing out even if there is a post-Brexit trade deal with the EU, according to documents seen by the BBC.

Car parts from Japan and Turkey used in the UK will not be treated as British, so some exports may see higher tariffs.

In a letter, Britain's chief Brexit negotiator says the UK has failed so far to get the car parts deal it wants,

and "obviously cannot insist on it".

Having enough parts sourced within the UK and EU is key to a free trade deal.

In a letter to the car industry, seen by the BBC, chief negotiator Lord Frost says one of their key priorities - that parts and components from Japan and Turkey count as British in any deal - has been rejected by the European Commission.

This risks some UK automotive production attracting taxes on trade, known as tariffs, when exported to the EU, even if there is a "zero tariff" trade deal struck with the EU.

A separate draft legal text, also obtained by the BBC, lists the UK's request for manufacturing of electric cars, batteries, and bicycles to be treated leniently, and count as British, even if the majority of components come from elsewhere.

Both documents refer to the need, even in a deal, for UK manufacturers to prove that UK-exported goods are actually British-made, with a specified threshold of British parts, expected to be around a half.

Lindsay Rivière – Journaliste

# «Un Pouvoir ne s'écroule jamais comme une papaye mûre. L'ordre constitutionnel voudra toujours s'affirmer»

**T**oute manifestation publique ou manifestation de rue représente une action collective en vue de signaler un problème important à la classe politique. Ce genre d'action sociale permet de manifester ouvertement, de crier en public ses angoisses, ses craintes, ses envies et ses désirs pour son pays. Mais qu'advient-il si les participants pensent qu'une manifestation est une fin en elle-même et apportera tous les résultats escomptés mais tel n'est pas le cas dans la réalité? Lindsay Rivière, journaliste apporte quelques éclaircissements.

**Mauritius Times :** Est-ce prématuré de parler de gouvernement d'alternance comme l'a fait Paul Bérenger lors de sa conférence de presse, samedi dernier, lorsqu'il a évoqué la nécessité pour le MMM, le PTr et le PMSD de présenter une «alternative crédible, solide, qui provoquera le départ de Pravind Jugnauth» quatre ans avant les prochaines élections générales? Ou est-ce un ballon-sonde lancé pour jauger le 'mood' de l'électorat dont le sien en particulier?

**Lindsay Rivière:** Totalemment prématuré. Mais pas totalement surprenant : Paul Bérenger est connu, depuis toujours, pour être le premier à s'élancer de la ligne de départ, à abattre trop tôt ses cartes et à ainsi laisser deviner ses stratégies politiques – ce qui a souvent permis à ses adversaires et alliés potentiels de le voir venir à des kilomètres, avec tout le temps voulu pour s'y préparer en conséquence !

Je ne crois pas qu'il s'agisse là d'un ballon-sonde électoral mais d'une nouvelle manifestation de son impulsivité et de sa fâcheuse tendance à s'enthousiasmer pour un scénario pas encore tout à fait rodé, sans vraiment mesurer l'impact de ses propos préliminaires sur la suite des événements. Si on suit de près la politique, on lit désormais en Paul Bérenger comme dans un livre ouvert.

Je pense que, ces jours-ci, après le succès des manifestations de rue du mois d'août, Bérenger craint surtout d'être débordé par la rue, d'être laissé sur le carreau et de voir son électorat être drainé par les nouveaux 'players' que sont Laurette et ses amis. Il lui faut donc d'urgence reprendre l'initiative, détourner quelque peules esprits, ramener la lumière sur l'Opposition parlementaire et moins sur l'Opposition extra-parlementaire, créer une certaine dynamique autour d'une proposition de 'Shadow Cabinet' de l'Opposition constituant une vraie 'alternative' au Pouvoir actuel mais dans le système actuel. Il espère ainsi reprendre le contrôle du jeu que les chefs de partis de l'Opposition ont perdu depuis août.



«La politique est une jungle où dominent de dangereux carnivores et qu'elle n'est pas un territoire pour les rêveurs et les naïfs. Il est clair pour moi que nous vivons dans les années '20 mais que nos chefs politiques sont tous restés figés dans les carcans des années 90...»

«Le MSM post-électoral d'aujourd'hui est très différent du mode de gestion plus réfléchi, plus apaisé d'avant les élections. Pravind Jugnauth lui-même, avant les élections, voulait paraître comme un innovateur, un PM moderne et à l'écoute des jeunes, un réformiste. Il apparaît malheureusement aujourd'hui de plus en plus comme un conservateur, un homme mal entouré, un chef de parti d'abord...»

On notera que jusqu'ici, Paul Bérenger employait des ruses de Sioux pour parler «d'entente» mais surtout pas «d'alliance» de l'Opposition, d'autant plus que, sauf gros imprévu, le Gouvernement a encore quatre ans pour redresser sa situation et aller aux élections. Il change aujourd'hui de langage. Subitement, le leader MMM passe à la vitesse supérieure. C'est qu'il doit bien sentir le tapis glisser sous les pieds de l'Opposition parlementaire et que celle-ci peine à contrer l'activisme de Laurette et autres, et le nouveau populisme actuel.

On peut comprendre ce souci du leader du MMM de provoquer un sursaut dans les partis traditionnels. Le problème, toutefois, c'est qu'en prenant ainsi les devants en proposant dès aujourd'hui une alliance formelle PTr-MMM-PMSD et en dégageant déjà une vision de celle-ci, il force la main de ses partenaires...

**\* Crée-t-il ainsi une situation embarrassante pour ses partenaires?**

D'après moi, il les embarrasse sensiblement.

Je ne suis pas sûr que Navin Ramgoolam et Xavier Duval aient bondi d'enthousiasme à la perspective d'une négociation d'alliance dès cette année. En fait, Navin Ramgoolam a besoin de temps pour constituer une 'alternative hindoue' à Pravind Jugnauth et, dans cette perspective, il n'a peut-être pas besoin de se retrouver coincé dès aujourd'hui dans une alliance avec deux partis reposant surtout sur les minorités et, avec Paul Bérenger en permanence à ses côtés, connaissant l'allergie d'une partie de son électorat à Bérenger et au MMM.

Navin Ramgoolam doit même penser que tout ceci fait peut-être le jeu de Pravind Jugnauth dans les régions rurales alors que depuis dimanche à Kewal Nagar, il sent comme un retournement. De toute façon, la situation est loin d'être clarifiée au PTr, où le retour en force de Ramgoolam coupe les jambes à Arvin Boolell.

**\* A bien voir, l'agenda principal ou le programme politique de « l'alternative crédible et solide » tel que proposé par Paul Bérenger, il s'agit de provoquer le départ de Pravind Jugnauth. Faut-il pour cela une alliance conclue sur la base d'un programme gouvernemental et surtout sur la répartition des responsabilités dans un gouvernement d'alternance, non ?**

Maurice vit désormais à l'heure des symboles. Toute alliance ou proposition d'alliance est, en effet, dans la répartition des responsabilités au sommet de l'Etat. Le reste (programme, etc.) est largement secondaire. Navin Ramgoolam ne s'intéressera à la conclusion d'une alliance formelle de l'Opposition que s'il la dirige ! C'est là une certitude.

A voir, en effet, les derniers événements internes au PTr, il est clair que

# 'Navin Ramgoolam ne s'intéressera à la conclusion d'une alliance formelle de l'Opposition que s'il la dirige!'

☞ Suite de la page 6

- (i) Ramgoolam n'a absolument aucune intention de se retirer du leadership rouge avant les prochaines élections ;
- (ii) il tient solidement les rênes du parti, au niveau des activistes et des instances officielles du PTr ;
- (iii) irrité par la ligne Boolell de « dialoguer de manière civilisée avec le PM quand il le faut », Ramgoolam entend bien traiter Arvin Boolell désormais comme il traitait hier Shakeel Mohamed quand celui-ci était le leader parlementaire du parti mais quand le vrai siège du pouvoir Travailleiste était à Riverwalk, et enfin
- (iv) que le PTr se voit déjà comme la locomotive de toute future alliance de l'Opposition et qu'il n'est pas question pour Ramgoolam de servir sous nul autre leader. L'orgueil de l'homme est incommensurable, et il veut sa revanche en 2024 et même s'il le faut en 2029!

« Le soutien populaire au régime semble s'être évaporé en quelques mois. On pourrait arguer que quelques dizaines de commentaires sur Facebook ne sont pas le reflet de tout le pays mais c'est un fait : le Gouvernement glisse, son image se dégrade de mois en mois. On en connaît toutes les raisons : arrogance, intolérance, autoritarisme... »

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A entendre Bérenger, cette fois lors de ses conférences de presse (au cours desquelles il a sorti le bout de l'oreille), il semblerait que le leader MMM, après tant de propositions d'alliances originales élection après élection, s'apprête à sortir une autre de ses formules politiques 'magiques' de son chapeau, dans la perspective de toute alliance de l'Opposition : proposer, cette fois, comme Premier ministre, et d'un commun accord, une personnalité politique nouvelle (sans doute hindoue) qui soit un nouveau visage et qui ne soit pas alignée sur l'un des trois partis, donc éventuellement un Premier ministre «au dessus» des trois partis. Il s'ensuivrait que les trois leaders serviraient alors sous ce nouveau venu ou cette nouvelle venue.

\* **Qui serait cet oiseau rare, selon vous?**

Le temps et Bérenger nous le diront. Mais cette idée me semble déjà légère et irréaliste. Vous voyez le tableau? Un ou une néophyte politique venu(e) de nulle part, sacré(e) PM assis(e) face aux trois grands fauves politiques que sont Navin Ramgoolam, Paul Bérenger et

Xavier Duval et menant l'action du gouvernement alternatif? Et les trois servant sous lui/elle? Ce néophyte se ferait bouffer cru par ces chefs à l'égo extraordinaire! J'ai envie de voir jusqu'où peut aller cette proposition mais j'anticipe déjà des sourires embarrassés!

D'autre part, verrait-on l'électorat MMM accepter une nouvelle collaboration avec Ramgoolam sans faire le jeu de Laurette et autres? Verrait-on l'électorat rural réagir positivement à la perspective d'un autre rapprochement PTr-MMM qui, en 2014, a échoué lamentablement?

Je crois que, concernant la future proposition de Bérenger, il y a loin de la coupe aux lèvres et que Navin Ramgoolam ne doit pas être content à Riverwalk devant la tournure que prennent les choses.

**\* Ce qui paraît évident cependant, c'est que Paul Bérenger a autant besoin d'une alliance que Navin Ramgoolam pour que chacun assure sa survie politique et son leadership, que ce soit au sein du MMM ou du PTr. Une alliance entre ces deux leaders mettra-t-elle fin aux ambitions des prétendants de ces deux partis?**

Sans doute Bérenger, Duval et Ramgoolam ont-ils tous les trois besoin d'une alliance musclée pour faire partir Pravind Jugnauth, mais si le principe des alliances est souvent rapidement acquis, ce sont presque toujours les modalités pratiques et la sincérité des acteurs qui les font le plus souvent capoter. Or là, il y aurait de gros macadams dans la chaussure.

Boolell se laissera-t-il faire? Déjà Ramgoolam (qui veut d'un PTr dur, sans pitié pour les Jugnauth) croit le Leader de l'Opposition trop poli, trop 'gentlemanlike' envers le Premier ministre et pourrait bien lui interdire toute rencontre avec Jugnauth pour quelque raison que ce soit. Déjà certains Travailleistes penchent plutôt pour la recherche d'un rapprochement avec le MSM aux prochaines élections, estimant que Navin a fait son temps et qu'il faut rebattre les cartes en 2024. La situation interne au PTr pourrait bien être elle-même un obstacle.

D'autre part, le problème d'une alliance MMM-PTr n'a jamais été que Bérenger serve sous Ramgoolam. Le leader MMM a intériorisé cette donnée depuis 1990 quand il a proposé à Navin Ramgoolam de rentrer au pays de Londres pour prendre la tête du PTr de Sir Satcam Boolell, puis former une alliance avec le MMM et servir enfin comme Premier ministre en 1995. Bérenger a toujours servi les plans de Ramgoolam et cela a toujours été son principal différend avec quelques leaders d'opi-

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nion.

On l'a aussi vu en 1995, quand Bérenger avait servi comme PM-adjoint ; puis encore en 2014 quand les deux associés se retrouveraient ensemble au pouvoir dans une nouvelle répartition des rôles.

Le problème réel, toutefois, est : Comment faire le peuple MMM accepter Ramgoolam comme Premier ministre et comment faire le peuple Travailleiste accepter Bérenger quelque part au sommet de l'Etat? Tout est là. Quant à la sincérité de la démarche, l'épisode 'Gros Requin' de 2014 a déjà répondu à la question.

**\* D'où la recherche d'une personnalité politique nouvelle, comme vous le disiez auparavant, mais qui ne paraît pas tout à fait «workable»?**

Concernant la formule «Tous servant sous un PM de compromis», je demande à être convaincu par cette formule. Navin Ramgoolam a été sans équivoque à Kewal Nagar l'autre dimanche. C'est lui, a-t-il dit, qui chassera Pravind Jugnauth du Pouvoir et il en fait la mission du temps qu'il lui reste et c'est lui qui remettra ensuite «le pays sur les rails». J'ai toujours dit que Ramgoolam ne partira que quand il le voudra, lui, et pas face aux pressions des uns et des autres. Après cela, vous le voyez servant sous un nouveau venu?

On m'a souvent accusé d'être un rabat-joie cynique ; mais j'ai toujours pensé que la politique est une jungle où dominant de dangereux carnivores et qu'elle n'est pas un territoire pour les rêveurs et les naïfs. Il est clair pour moi que nous vivons dans les années '20 mais que nos chefs politiques sont tous restés figés dans les carcans des années 90.

☞ Suite en page 8

# 'La politique est une jungle où dominant de dangereux carnivores... elle n'est pas un territoire pour les rêveurs'

☞ Suite de la page 7

**\* Ni l'un ni l'autre n'a l'intention de céder aux pressions exercées au sein du MMM et du PTr pour débarrasser le plancher, comme vous l'aviez dit à maintes reprises dans le passé?**

Je le maintiens. Quoi qu'ils disent, ils n'ont aucune intention de partir. Voyez-vous Navin « build up » actuellement Arvin Boolell ? Voyez vous le MMM « build up » Johanna hors de son champ d'activité préféré, l'écologie ? La politique est la respiration, la raison de vivre des politiciens. Il ne faut pas les blâmer pour cela, c'est humain. Il faut seulement le constater et l'intérioriser !

**\* On parlait de ballon-sonde tout à l'heure pour jauger l'humeur de l'électorat. Pensez-vous que le sentiment anti-Gouvernement est suffisamment fort pour que l'électorat travailliste et militant passe l'éponge sur les expériences pénibles qu'ont suscitées les alliances du passé entre le PTr et le MMM?**

Beaucoup de données ont changé depuis trois mois.

Tout se mélange désormais dans un flou général : Laurette et ses amis veulent-ils entrer en politique? Veulent-ils le départ de Bérenger, Ramgoolam et Duval également, outre le départ de Pravind Jugnauth? Si oui, pour les remplacer par qui? A la faveur de quels événements? Comment conçoivent-ils que s'effectue une transition au pouvoir? Veulent-ils une alternative qui soit dans l'Opposition extra-parlementaire?

L'électorat MMM est clairement attiré par la récente contestation de rue mais celle-ci n'est pas structurée. L'électorat Travailliste, lui, ne veut pas de Jugnauth, mais veut-il pour autant du MMM? Que pense cet électorat de Laurette, des manifestations de rue et du slogan «Sel solution, révolution!»?

Il y a encore énormément d'inconnus dans cette affaire. Il y a aussi de multiples loyautés en présence, de multiples intérêts en jeu, parfois se rejoignant, parfois s'affrontant dans la même contestation de la gouvernance MSM.

Attention de sauter à des conclusions trop hâtives. Il faut clarifier encore plusieurs positions.

**\* Si l'on se fie aux commentaires publiés sur les réseaux sociaux et certains éditorialistes, l'actuel Gouvernement aurait battu le record de l'impopularité en si peu de temps depuis son accession au pouvoir – malgré les milliards de roupies distribuées dans tous les sens et en grande quantité aux**



**employés du privé, les 'self-employed', et aux business. Qu'est-ce qui explique cela, selon vous?**

Effectivement, le soutien populaire au régime semble s'être évaporé en quelques mois. On pourrait arguer que quelques dizaines de commentaires sur Facebook ne sont pas le reflet de tout le pays mais c'est un fait : le Gouvernement glisse, son image se dégrade de mois en mois. On en connaît toutes les raisons : arrogance, intolérance, autoritarisme, accaparement de l'Etat, frustrations accumulées non abordées, incompétence de plusieurs nouveaux ministres MSM.

Le Gouvernement a gagné «seul contre tous» aux élections de novembre dernier, mais il a oublié qu'il n'a remporté que 37% des suffrages. Il gouverne comme s'il jouissait d'une popularité considérable. Au lieu de rassembler une nation traumatisée par la Covid-19 et la crise économique qui se déroule sous nos yeux chaque jour, il antagonise en permanence de larges couches du pays. Au lieu d'assurer l'unité autour d'un Etat neutre et au service de tous, il se comporte comme si les institutions et le MSM se con-fondaient en une grande entité.

Pour moi, le MSM post-électoral d'aujourd'hui est très différent du mode de gestion plus réfléchi, plus apaisé d'avant les élections. Pravind Jugnauth lui-même, avant les élections, voulait paraître comme un innovateur, un PM moderne et à l'écoute des jeunes, un réformiste. Il apparaît malheureusement aujourd'hui de plus en plus comme un conservateur, un homme mal entouré, un chef de parti d'abord au lieu d'être le PM 'de tous les Mauriciens' qu'il dit vouloir être. Il a un grand 're-thinking' à faire. De très nombreux Mauriciens se sentent aujourd'hui abandonnés par l'Etat, marginalisés, désespérés.

Pravind Jugnauth dit «écouter» le

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pays, mais il «écoute sans entendre» les cris de la rue pour réformer audacieusement la société mauricienne et pour calmer la souffrance sociale terrible qui se manifeste actuellement avec la crise économique. Il lui faut non seulement écouter mais entendre les manifestants et tous les patriotes de ce pays, entendre la presse, entendre l'appel de Mgr Piat pour tout changer. Ecouter et entendre, ce n'est pas la même chose!



« Après le succès des manifestations de rue du mois d'août, Bérenger craint surtout d'être débordé par la rue, d'être laissé sur le carreau et de voir son électorat être drainé par les nouveaux 'players' que sont Laurette et ses amis. Il lui faut donc d'urgence reprendre l'initiative, détourner quelque peules esprits, ramener la lumière sur l'Opposition parlementaire et moins sur l'Opposition extra-parlementaire... »

**\* Mais internautes et éditorialistes, autant passionnés soient-ils dans leurs sentiments anti-Jugnauth, ne font ni ne défont un gouvernement à Maurice, n'est-ce pas?**

Bien entendu. Il y a un 'ordre constitutionnel' qui doit prévaloir et ceci, même de nombreux opposants de Pravind Jugnauth le comprennent et le disent. Le Cardinal Piat lui-même, malgré la sévérité de ses propos vis-à-vis du Gouvernement vient d'affirmer dans «Week-End» qu'il est vigoureusement opposé au slogan «B... li dehors!» Ce n'est pas rien !

D'après moi, le Gouvernement n'a aucune intention de changer grand-chose à ce qu'il fait. Il est sur la défensive mais ne semble pas comprendre la profondeur des frustrations sociales. Nous allons vers une autre 'situation bloquée' que je

déplore sans arrêt. Nous vivons un dialogue de sourds!

**\* Avez-vous noté une certaine temporisation dans le mouvement de Bruneau Laurette ou pensez-vous que le soutien au mouvement est en train de s'effriter?**

C'est normal. Dans toute entreprise humaine, une certaine fatigue s'installe. Il faudra voir la prochaine manifestation, tout en sachant que désormais l'Opposition unie ne lèvera pas le petit doigt pour 'gonfler' les rangs de la contestation de rue.

**\* On ne sait pas ce que donnera en fin de compte ce mouvement, dont les appuis restent inconnus jusqu'ici, mais il semblerait qu'il faudra finalement toujours compter sur les partis traditionnels - en particulier le PTr et le MMM - qu'ils restent «bloqués» ou «en déphasage» avec ce que les Mauriciens recherchent ou non. Qu'en pensez-vous?**

La vie politique partout dans le monde, depuis des siècles, s'articule autour des partis, traditionnels ou pas. Oui, nos grands partis auront toujours un rôle à jouer. Au moment venu, aux élections, ils mobilisent des centaines de milliers de

Mauriciens. Si on veut descendre dans l'arène, il faut se structurer en parti et cela vaut même pour les partis extra-parlementaires d'aujourd'hui.

**\* Le changement ou la sortie de crise devra se faire par moyen démocratique et non par des révolutions de rue, c'est ça?**

Bien sûr ! La démocratie parlementaire est au cœur même de notre société et un Pouvoir ne s'écroule jamais comme une papaye mûre. L'ordre constitutionnel voudra toujours s'affirmer.

Les élections sont un passage obligé, sinon c'est l'anarchie et le chaos ; et personne ne veut de cela à Maurice. Il faut d'urgence réformer l'île Maurice de manière profonde mais de façon calme, réfléchie, sérieuse. Sinon nous finirons par la révolution.



# Your personal data is the currency of the digital age

*Consumers also have the right to wonder if they are becoming the product*

The commodification of the internet in the early 1990s brought western societies into the digital age and has changed the way consumers interact with commercial enterprises.

The digital industry companies have one thing in common: the use of the user's personal data through technology to gain competitive advantage.

Spotify, Amazon, eBay, Apple, Google Play: these corporations have reached a level of product and service customization never seen before. Spotify's algorithm, for example, offers you artists and playlists based on your age, gender, location and listening history.

Management researchers are interested in these new forms of commerce for two main reasons: they mark a break with conventional business models and tend to do better during crises.

## New business models

Recent research from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology indicates that in June 2020, at the height of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, digital firms had an average return on investment of 10 per cent, while traditional firms were still negative at -14 per cent in August. The authors' conclusion is unequivocal: 21st century organizations must adopt these new business models at the risk of perishing.

However, this business model is not without risk for the consumer. I have been writing about this phenomenon for a little over five years. My research has led me to propose a new model for generic management of this new industry and to look at the consequences that users face.

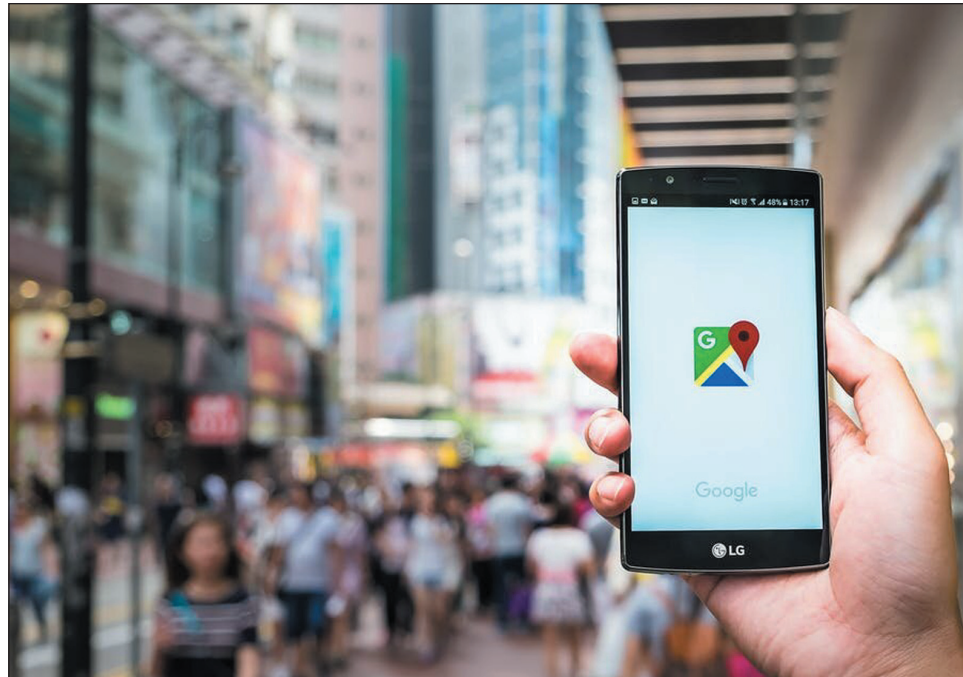
The new business models propose a fundamental break with those typically taught in business schools. Whereas the industrial age placed capital (and mainly money) at the centre of all transactions, the digital age favours information as a source of liquidity.

This disruption of the medium of exchange in a commercial transaction is particularly salient in certain industries. Readers of a certain age will surely remember printed maps. To get updates such as street name changes, you had to buy a new map. Google, for example, offers its users GPS functionality updated in real time for free.

## A personalized experience

Some firms use dual monetization in their product or service. This is particularly true in the mobile gaming industry. For example, some games use a freemium approach based on monetizing user data and then inserting paid elements. In short, the best of both worlds!

This type of model is not bad in itself and even has advantages for the con-



sumer, including the personalization of their experience and access to free offers and trials.

For example, when you search for a restaurant on Google Maps, you hope to get results based on your location, and when you shop online, products are suggested based on your purchase history.

## The customer is the product

These benefits to the consumer can also backfire. Several researchers note an increase in the complexity of the customer relationship. Studies have shown that the overload of information available in the Canadian telecommunications industry can be used as strategic leverage by the seller.

For example, a user may be required to create a Pinterest account - recording personal information such as name, email address and birthday - in order to view the site's content. Other sites will deny access to content if the user has blocked cookies or trackers for advertising.

Consumers also have the right to wonder if they are becoming the product. For example, Google uses AdSense to collect the personal data of their users in order to monetize them to third parties, generally for advertising purposes. Similarly, Google benefits from offering services at no cost, because the more consumers use its services, the more information it collects about them.

It is in Amazon's best interest to encourage us to browse its site - even if we don't buy anything. The history of items viewed, keywords used or time spent on a page can all be monetized.

The market for targeted online advertising is very lucrative. According to the annual Interactive Advertising Bureau 2017 report, online advertising generated revenues of US\$88 billion in the United

States alone in that year.

## Reducing your digital footprint

It's hard to be totally invisible in the digital age! Indeed, it is rare that an individual is not part of any social network, does not have a cell phone or does not use the web on a daily basis. What's more, the erosion of privacy has been so gradual that most people are not aware of the amount of information they reveal every day. Nevertheless, solutions exist to reduce one's digital footprint.

Before entering their data, consumers may ask themselves if they really need the product or service, even if it is free. Is it really essential, for example, to create an account to consult a document or view an image on a site to which you will never return?

Firms that collect consumers' personal information must first obtain their consent. These consent forms are often very long and written in jargon. Most people simply

click on "I agree" without worrying about the implications.

In extreme cases, this simple gesture authorizes the firm to install spyware on your device. Sites like Terms of Service; Didn't Read provides an overview of user agreements and identified the elements that could have a negative impact on the user.

## All requested information?

When the consumer creates an account, they must also question the relevance of giving all the information requested. Although it is important to indicate an actual birth date on a credit application, is it really necessary to give this information on a discussion forum?

It is also important to avoid using the same username (often email) and password for different accounts. Some firms use modules to collect data that link several services. Even if information is missing from one of the accounts, the module can cross-reference that account with those registered with other providers. In addition, if there is a data leak, it becomes easy for fraudsters to test the email and password combination on different platforms.

The provider promises to secure the personal data of its user. Unfortunately, several cases of recent leaks show us that this is not always the case.

Websites like Have I Been Pwned lists data leaks including email addresses and other information that may have been leaked. If your address has been leaked, it is strongly recommended that you change your password and check your accounts using the same address.

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# Ahimsa – Supreme Duty of Mankind

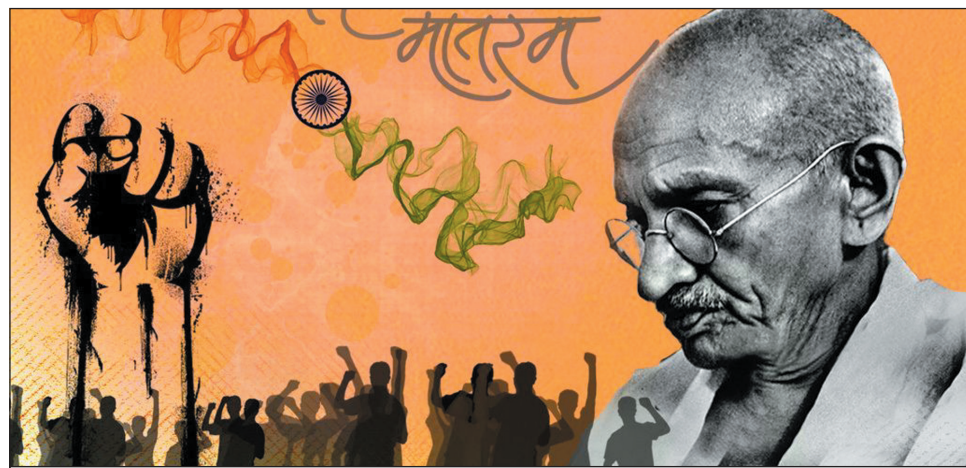


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**T**he word Ahimsa (non-violence) means one should not be a reason for another's distress. Ahimsa is abstaining from harming any living-being by word, deed, or even by thought. As we celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's 151st birth anniversary, it's opportune for us to reflect on his principle of non-violence.

"Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man. Destruction is not the law of humans," said Mahatma Gandhi.

Notable world leaders including Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Ho Chi Minh, Abdul Ghaffar Khan and Dalai Lama have drawn inspiration from the Gandhian model of 'ahimsa'.

At this time of violence triggered by great powers, prevalence of war, and of unrest in many parts of the world, it is vital to stand together to instil a culture of peace by spreading compassion, kindness and hope.

### The highest virtue of life

"Ahimsa Paramo Dharma" (Non-violence is the highest virtue of life), says Mahabharata. Our Vedic texts advocate ahimsa as the fundamental discipline.

In the Gita, Lord Krishna says "*ahimsa samataa tushtistapo daanam yashoyashaha bhavanti bhaavaa bhootaanaam matta eva prithagvidhaahaa*". Here, Krishna lists ahimsa as one of 20 qualities that emanate

from Him.

In Bhagavatha Purana, the Lord says "*ahimsa satyam asteyam asango hrir asancayah astikyam brahmacaryam ca maunam sthairyam ksamabhayam*". Here, The Lord advises Uddhava on non-violence, truthfulness, not stealing, detachment, realising one's mistake, belief in God, moderation of the senses, silence, steadfastness of mind, patience, fearlessness – and these fundamental disciplines constitute *yama* (the ethical code of conduct).

### Concern for all living beings

Ahimsa extends to all forms of life. Cruelty caused to animals by any means viz animal testing, hunting, or animal sacrifice all lead to accumulation of sin. Hunting or harming animals is not permitted as they cause distress to the people.

Whilst lying on the death bed of arrows, Bhishma surrounded by Krishna, Pandavas, and Duryodhana, advised Dharmaputra on ahimsa and vegetarian diet. When Dharmaputra questioned about physical strength for the Kshatriyas (warriors) on vegetarian diet, Bhishma clarified that warriors draw physical strength from self-discipline, and says that he himself (the mightiest warrior) is a vegetarian. In addition, Bhishma advises on the greatness of creating and preserving water bodies. He says that one who plants trees reaps benefits for 21 generations.

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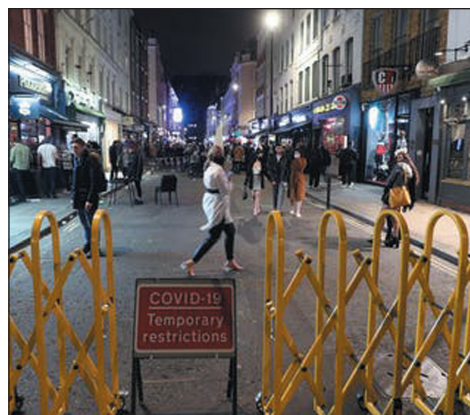
## Will increasing fines make people comply with coronavirus rules?

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- 1. Voluntary compliance.** This is where we follow the rules even in the absence of enforcement mechanisms. This represents a high degree of cooperation and is the level of compliance that governments typically aim for.
- 2. Enforced compliance.** This is when we comply with a rule solely to avoid fines. Enforced compliance typically increases adherence to only those rules that are observable and enforceable. This represents a low degree of cooperation.

To increase enforced compliance, the government has three options: increase monitoring, increase fines or to increase both. Increasing monitoring is very expensive as it requires, for example, extra policing. Increasing fines is the cheaper policy option, and can allow for additional monitoring over time if necessary.

But there are drawbacks to both these approaches. The first is that they generally apply to easily observable phenomenon such as wearing a mask at a store, but not to washing hands at home. This means that the range of behaviours you can target with



Governments often turn to high fines to get people to comply with policies.  
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enforced compliance strategies are limited. The second drawback is that these strategies can backfire and actually reduce compliance, particularly if the fines are perceived as unfair. Studies of tax payers in Chile, Argentina and the US state of Minnesota have all shown that increased auditing can have the unintended effect of decreasing the amount of tax paid.

In a recent paper, my coauthors and I used data from 44 countries to show that, when it comes to paying taxes, if citizens

believe authorities can detect and sanction behaviour easily, enforced compliance increases because of the fear of being found out. In the same vein, if people believe the authorities are working in the best interest of citizens, voluntary compliance increases.

### Compliance and coronavirus

In the absence of a vaccine, voluntary compliance remains our best defence against COVID-19. Yet recent protests in the UK against the regulations show that there is a lot more that needs to be done to get people on board.

Research carried out over the course of the current pandemic has shown that people are more likely to voluntarily follow the rules when their perceived risk of catching the virus is high, and when they believe that compliance is effective in avoiding COVID-19.

So beyond the new coronavirus fines, the government should focus on getting people to do the right thing because they want to, wherever they are. The way to do this is to focus on communicating guidelines clearly and taking steps to gain and retain citizen trust.

Communication of the dangers of non-

compliance needs to be clear and consistent, something that has not always been the case so far. The Dominic Cummings scandal – in which the senior government adviser was revealed to have broken the rules by driving to Durham from London during lockdown – badly damaged trust in the government. Confusion over whether the government and its scientific advisers actually supported the idea of herd immunity at the start of the pandemic has also muddied the waters significantly.

Fines for failing to follow the rules may bring some people into line for fear of being found out. But to really get everyone involved in preventing coronavirus by washing hands, physically distancing and wearing masks, the government needs to communicate better and try to restore trust.

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# Kasturba: From the Shadows to Satyagrahi

*Despite the heavy influences of Tolstoy and Thoreau's philosophies of transcendentalism, Kasturba was more advanced than Gandhi as she lived through the experiences*



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**K**asturba, very often overshadowed by the heavy presence and activism of M.K. Gandhi mostly remained unknown to the outside world. Despite her female existence within the silences of her husband's voice and public appearances within the highly patriarchal Indian society, Kasturba not only failed her husband's attempts to exert his domination upon her, but rather

"began to exert very gently and in a dignified manner her authority and won the respect and cooperation of everyone", writes Vinay Lal, historian, adding that "she was a subtle detractor", who "never acceded to her husband's wishes easily" (2000).

Though uneducated, she maintained the accounts accurately. She was extremely self-disciplined and soon became everyone's mother or "Ba". Kasturba dismantled the systematic male-oriented ideologies right at an early age when she revealed her resilient personality. She imposed herself as well as marked her female presence in her tacit manner. Later, Gandhi in his autobiography 'My Experiments with Truth' revealed that Kasturba displayed "tenacity and independence of judgement, and the sharp disagreements she came to have with him when, in the first two decades of their marriage, he unreasonably sought to bring her under his control" (2000). The strength of her character was stamped in her codes of conduct.

Very often, when the Mahatma's South Africa (mis)adventures are referred to, Gandhi remains the focal point of the narrative. Kasturba's stay in South Africa is an untold story. It's one of exemplary female courage and fearlessness like when she helped her husband to flee from a white mob, menacing and ready to lynch him, and acting spontaneously to move her sons to a safe place. She also revealed her ability to cope with any predicaments - living alone in Phoenix's wilderness, while Gandhi was away; she ensured that a cheerful and peaceful atmosphere reigned within the settlement.

These trying moments revealed her female zeal to stand by her husband, family and society at large. Kasturba demonstrated an indomitable determination to take the lead during her husband's absence. Unearthing the life of Kasturba, Aparna Basu (2000) reveals that "she had great courage, both physical and moral as can be seen from the grave illnesses she suffered and overcame, the hardships of her early days in South Africa and during her imprisonments. In fact, she was a source of strength to her fellow women prisoners". Kasturba's inner moral, physical and emotional strengths are visible in her South Africa experience.

The headship of Gandhi always blurred and overshadowed Kasturba in multiple ways. She stood as the support system and the unwavering pillar of Gandhi's life right from his legal practice days to his transformation into a social activist and freedom movement public figure.

Kasturba was only superficially mentioned in the accounts of the Gandhian movement. However, history reveals an unknown side of the story whereby Ba evolves from the patriarchal domination and silences to be 'the first individual' who shared a privileged proximity with her hus-



**"While Kasturba experienced and lived Truth, Gandhi merely experimented with it. On her death, Gandhi confessed: "She helped me to keep wide awake and true to my vows. She stood by me in all my political fights and never hesitated to take the plunge. In the current sense of the word, she was uneducated; but to my mind she was a model of true education." Photo - sahistory.org.za**

band and would most likely be the 'only person' who would oppose him, going to the extent of listing his mistakes. While Gandhi was acclaimed as the Father of the Nation, Kasturba was not only his wife and mother of his children but went far beyond these assigned roles attributed by Indian patriarchy. She was his 'Arhangini' (better half), the pillar of his existence to later turn into his representative.

The backbone of Mahatma Gandhi's activism for justice, Kasturba appeared as one of the first dissenters commonly called 'Satyagrahis', given that Gandhi would urge passive and non-violent resistance for 'dharma' at Transvaal in South Africa following the nullification of non-Christian marriage proclaimed by the colonial government. Gandhi, in his autobiography, acknowledged and acquiesced that the essence of Satyagraha was bequeathed to him by Kasturba. Despite the heavy influences of Tolstoy and Thoreau's philosophies of transcendentalism, Kasturba was more advanced than him as she lived through the experiences.

In 'My Experiments with Truth', Gandhi states that "I

learnt the lesson of non-violence (Satyagraha) from my wife. I tried to bend her to my will. Her determined resistance to my will on the one hand, and her quiet submission to suffering my stupidity involved on the other, ultimately made me ashamed of myself and cured me of myself and cured me of my stupidity in thinking that I was born to rule over her; and in the end she became my teacher in non-violence."

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It's said that behind every successful man, there is a woman. For M.K. Gandhi, however, there was not one, but two inspiring women as the pillars of his life. In his letter to Dr Julian S. Huxley, Director-General, UNESCO, Paris, dated 15th June 1948, Gandhi's strong filial bond with his mother was expressed when he wrote:

"I learnt from my illiterate but wise mother that all rights to be deserved and preserved came from duty well done. Thus the very right to live accrues to us only when we do the duty of citizenship of the world. From this one fundamental statement, perhaps it is easy enough to define the duties of Man and Woman and correlate every right to some corresponding duty to be first performed. Every other right can be shown to be a usurpation hardly worth fighting for."

The statement emphasizes the great respect for and proximity to his mother and wife respectively. They were his guides from his birth (the mother) till the last phases of his life.

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The Lord pervades all of His creation. Therefore, all life is sacred and should be loved. In addition, the Law of Karma teaches that whatever we do through word, thought, or deed will return to us. If we cause injury in any way, it will eventually come back to us in an equivalent or amplified intensity.

### Prerequisite for practising yoga

Ahimsa plays an important role in bringing the mind under control and enable a life of peace and happiness. If the diet is pure the mind will be pure. In the Yoga Sutras, Pantanjali emphasizes on vegeta-

## Ahimsa – Supreme Duty of Mankind

rian diet as a prerequisite for a yogic living.

Patanjali sets out his definition of yoga in the Yoga Sutras as having “Ashtanga” (in Sanskrit “Ashta” means eight and “Anga” means limbs). The eight limbs of yoga are *yama* (abstinence), *niyama* (personal discipline), *asana* (yoga postures), *pranayama* (breath control), *pratyahara* (withdrawal of the senses), *dharana* (concentration), *dhyana* (meditation) and *samadhi* (state of bliss and realization of God).

The eightfold path of Patanjali's yoga consists of a set of prescriptions for a moral code and purposeful life, of which *asanas* (yoga postures) form one of the eight limbs.

### Ahimsa in speech

Ahimsa is more than just killing. Cultivating ahimsa in speech is as vital as refraining from causing physical harm. “To utter harsh words when you have kind words is like plucking an unripe fruit when there are ripe ones,” says Thiruvalluvar

(Tamil poet and philosopher).

We have to incorporate lovable, truthful and harmless speech in our day to day life.

“Even when whatever besides you are left unguarded, guard your tongue; otherwise errors of speech and the consequent misery will ensue.” Thirukural 127.

“For me, non-violence was not a moral principle but a strategy; there is no moral goodness in using an ineffective weapon,” said Nelson Mandela. On this day, let us take oath to walk the path of truth and non-violence as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Niranjana KarthigaiRajan



## COMMUNIQUE

### INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX e-FILING SEASON 2020 ELECTRONIC FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (e-FITA)

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) wishes to inform individual taxpayers that a new facility, **e-FITA**, has been put in place in view of assisting them to file their income tax return electronically.

**e-FITA** has replaced the traditional FITA (Free Income Tax Assistance) which was organised previously in various schools in Mauritius and in Rodrigues.

To avail yourself of the e-FITA facility you need to have a smartphone, an internet connection and the WhatsApp mobile application already installed on your smartphone.

#### How does e-FITA work?

##### a. Reserving an available time-slot convenient to you

Make a reservation with the MRA on its website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu). Click on the e-FITA banner on the homepage and insert either your **Tax Account Number (TAN)** or your **National Identity Card number (NID)**, and your **mobile phone number**. Choose the date and time of your online interactive session with a MRA Tax Officer, at your convenience.

A **One-Time Password (OTP)** will be sent by SMS on the mobile phone number provided by you. Insert the OTP on the MRA platform and confirm your reservation.

##### b. On Appointment Day – e-filing of your return

1. An SMS with a **link** will be sent to you around three minutes prior to the start of the virtual interactive session.
2. Click on the link provided.
3. You will be in communication with the MRA Tax Officer via WhatsApp Video Call. The MRA Officer will assist you in filing your Income Tax Return.

The MRA advises taxpayers who wish to avail themselves of e-FITA to have all the necessary documents handy, such as their NID, their statement of emoluments and their Bank details prior to the virtual meeting.

The MRA reminds all individual taxpayers that the last date to submit their income tax returns and effect payment (if any), electronically, is **Thursday 15 October 2020**.

For further information, visit MRA website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu), or phone the MRA Helpdesk on **207 6000** during working hours.

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## CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting of **Children Foundation** will be held on Saturday 17 October 2020 at 10:00 hrs at 9, Britannia Park Vacoas.

### AGENDA

1. Reading and Approval of Last Minutes of Proceedings
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Approval of Audited Annual Accounts 2019
5. Approval of Budget Estimate and Expenditure 2020/2021
6. Approval of Future Projects/Investment
7. AOB

Secretary

## ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN

The Annual General Meeting of Alliance for Children will be held on Saturday 17 October 2020 at 11:00 hrs at 9, Britannia Park Vacoas.

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## NOTICE FOR PERMISSION FOR LAND USE

Take notice that I, **Mr Thakoorduth Baucha** will apply to the **District Council of Flacq** for a Permit for the Installation of following Industrial engines for the purpose of construction of a building to be used as automotive workshop (mechanical and electrical) (mechanical/electrical) including car washing activities and wheel alignment at Royal Road, Mare d'Australia.

- 1 Electric two-post lift - 3hp (2.24 Kwatt)
- 1 Screw machine - 2hp (1.5 Kwatt)
- 1 Air Compressor - 5hp (3.73 Kwatt)
- 1 Wheel balancer - 1hp (0.75 Kwatt)
- 1 Vulcanisation machine - 3hp (2.24 Kwatt)
- 1 Wheel mounting machine - 1hp (0.75 Kwatt)
- 1 Water pump - 1hp (0.75 Kwatt)
- 1 Vacuum cleaner - 1hp (0.75 Kwatt)

Now take further notice that you being the owner of the contiguous property may, within fifteen days from the service of this notice upon you, if you deem fit and proper, object to the granting of the said permit/ authorization in writing to the Chief Executive of the above-named council.

Dated this 30 day of September 2020

# A Strong Message to All Ladies

A few years ago, my friend had just crossed age 50. Just about 8 days later she was struck with an ailment... And she died swiftly.

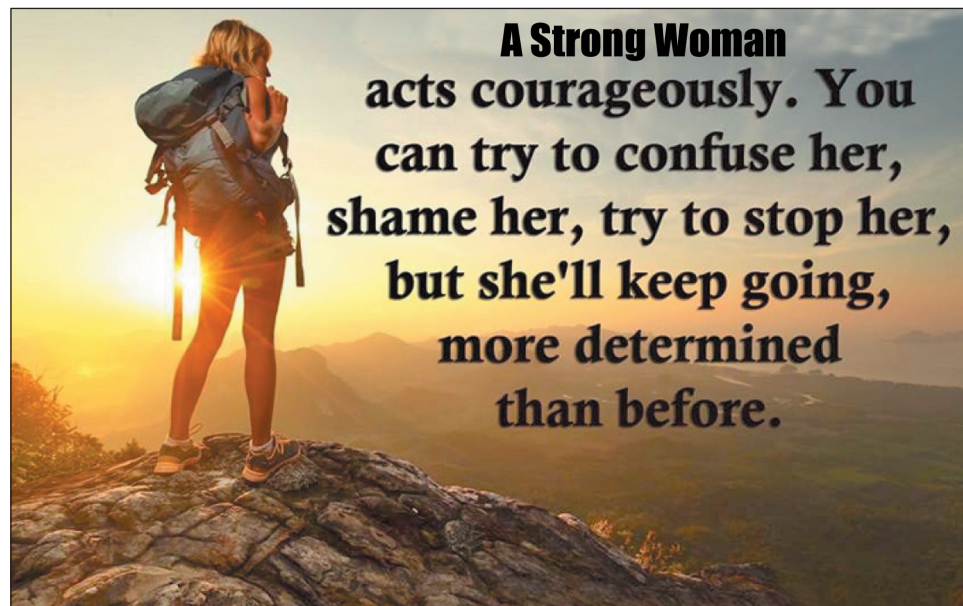
In the group we received a condolence message that read: "Sad .. she is no more with us... RIP."

Two months later I called her husband. A thought crossed my mind - he must be devastated as he had a travelling job. Till her death she would oversee everything - home, education of their children, taking care of the aged in-laws, their sickness, managing relatives... everything, everything, everything.

She would express at times: "My house needs my time, my hubby can't even make coffee, tea, my family needs me for everything, but no one cares or appreciates the efforts I put in. I feel they all take me for granted."

I called her husband to see if the family needed any support, as I felt her hubby must be feeling lost to suddenly have to handle all the responsibilities, for everything... aging parents, kids, his travelling job, loneliness at this age. How must he be managing?

The cell phone rang for some time. No response. After an hour he returned the call. He apologised that he could not answer my call as he had started playing tennis for an hour at his club and meeting friends, etc. To ensure he had a good time.



He even took a transfer to Pune. So as not to travel anymore.

"All well at home?" I asked,

He replied, he had appointed a cook; he paid her a little more and she would buy the groceries and provisions. He had appointed full time caretakers for his aging parents.

"Managing well... kids are fine. Life is returning to normalcy," he said.

I barely managed to say a couple of sentences and we hung up.

Tears welled up my eyes. My friend

remained in my thoughts... She had missed the school reunion for a minor ailment of her mother-in-law. She had missed her niece's wedding because she had to supervise the repair work in her house.

She had missed so many fun parties and movies because her children had exams; she had to cook, she had to take care of her husband's needs... She had always looked for some appreciation and some recognition, which she never got.

Today I feel like telling her: No one is indispensable. And no one will be

missed... it is just the play of our mind.

Perhaps it is the consolation. A symbol of our understanding if you would like to call it that. That's the problem of putting others first.

You have taught them that **you come second.**

Reality bites: After her death two more maids were hired and the house was in order. We only measure our respect and our value. Ain't that true? Then do enjoy life. Remove the frame of mind that I am indispensable and without me the house will suffer.

## My message to all Ladies:

Most importantly make time for yourself, the ME time, the time for the self.

Get in touch with your friends... Talk, laugh and enjoy.

Live your passion, live your life.

Once in a while do things that you love to do.

Don't look for your happiness in others, you too deserve some happiness because if you are not happy you cannot make others happy.

Everyone needs you, and you too need your own care and love.

Women should come forward to help and guide other women who are unable to handle their personal stress and give them a hand to uplift their confidence.

Let us help ourselves and make this life worthwhile, we all have only one life to live.

## In a light vein

# This is why we love children

**1. Nudity:** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

**2. Opinions:** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

**3. Ketchup:** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

**4. More nudity:** A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

**5. Police # 1** While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school,

I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?'

'Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report.

'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?'

'Yes, that's right,' I told her.

'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'Would you please tie my shoe?'

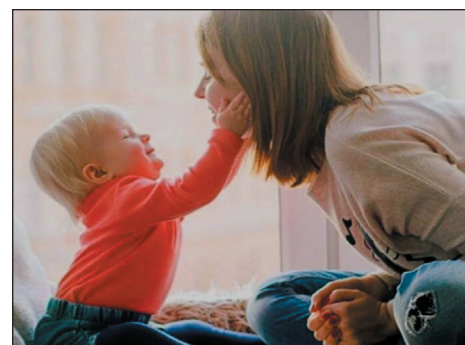
**6. Police # 2:** It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What did he do?'

**7. Elderly:** While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day



I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

**8. Dress-up:** A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.'

'And why not, darling?'

'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

**9. Death:** While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had

found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton wool, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)

**10. School:** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

**11. Bible:** A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

*Now if this didn't brighten your day, go back to your work at hand and forget it.*

# Things you \*don't\* need to have in common with your future spouse

*Relationship experts say these differences don't matter as much as you might think*

The hope is that you and your future spouse will see eye to eye in certain important areas: your feelings about monogamy, your spending habits and whether or not you want to have kids, to name a few.

However, there are other qualities, interests and points of view that people assume they need to share with their life partner that actually aren't necessary ingredients for a long and happy marriage.

"Expecting our life partners or spouses to be and think just like us can often lead to a sense of disappointment or failure once we actually find out that our partners think, act and react differently than us," sex therapist Douglas C. Brooks told HuffPost. "Many couples who believe they share so much in common often become bored in the relationship."

Relationship experts name some of the things that are not necessarily important to have in common. When it comes to compatibility, they say, you don't need to have the same...

## \* Hobbies and interests

"We are socialized to believe that it's important to share common interests with our spouse. And many couples enjoy bonding through playing a sport together or sharing a variety of hobbies. But there are plenty of couples whose interests diverge. As long as a couple prioritizes spending time together on a regular basis, it is reasonable to pursue completely different interests.

In fact, the ability to passionately pursue independent interests reflects a strong sense of an individual self on the part of both partners in the relationship. And a strong sense of self is conducive to a healthy level of intimacy. Interestingly, couples with different interests may surprise themselves to discover and develop a shared interest (like hiking or bird watching) later in life."

-- Elisabeth LaMotte, therapist and founder of the DC Counseling & Psychotherapy Centre

## \* Sexual turn-ons

"You don't need to have the same sexual kinks in common with your partner. As long as you have a healthy emotional foundation of trust and have addressed past traumas, working through this difference requires an openness to learning what each person enjoys and a willingness to indulge them in ways that can be comfortable for you both.

You can do this by each creating a list of turn-ons, turn-offs and maybes. Try to keep your turn-offs to a small number you can be certain of. Then communicate about your preferences beforehand and come up with a safe word in case something gets uncomfortable in order to keep things consensual. The main thing is to engage in playfulness. And, who knows, maybe next time your partner asks you to wear a Chewbacca mask during sex, you'll be open to it."

-- Kari Carroll, couples therapist

## \* Taste in movies, music and TV

"I'm often struck by how many people believe they've found 'The One' because they've met someone who likes the same TV shows, bands and movies as them. Yes, this is a pleasant surprise and will give you easy initial topics to discuss, but the long-haul success of a relationship will



be based on much more significant topics, like what you value, how well you communicate, and your expectations about loyalty, alone time, vulnerability and expressions of love, for example. You both may really love Kesha and "Arrested Development," but if you have wildly different expectations about children and your approach to parenting, problems in your future are inevitable."

-- Ryan Howes, psychologist

## \* Cultural, religious or racial background

"For couples sharing the same religion, race and culture, certain aspects of raising children will feel more familiar and may involve fewer compromises or negotiations. And these couples are less likely to face resistance or pressure from their respective sets of parents regarding their lifestyle and parenting decisions. However, the process of exposing children to different views, perspectives and traditions can be quite beautiful, and both parents often learn and grow through the process of navigating religious, racial and cultural differences."

-- LaMotte

## \* Capacity for socializing

"People don't need to have the same desire to socialize in order to get along. In fact, many couples work well because one partner is more of a homebody and holds down the fort while the other socializes more frequently. As long as both partners respect the other's social tendencies, and neither mocks or dismisses the other's perspective, introverts and extroverts often have very successful marriages."

-- Samantha Rodman, psychologist and dating coach

## \* Preferences for cleanliness and organization

"It is not a requirement that you and your partner have the same level of cleaning attentiveness. In fact, this is often not the case. The couples who work through this in my practice tend to first acknowledge they likely have had different upbringings around cleaning responsibilities and try to meet in the middle. Some partners need to learn to help out with managing tasks more often and tidying up regularly, while others need to learn that their partner is not going to do things a certain way so they should let go of perfectionist expectations in order to enjoy time off from

the routine. The dishes may not always be put away in the right place, but this is how people learn and, over time, everyone really does win."

-- Carroll

## \* Sense of adventure

"There are many happy, healthy couples who have different goals regarding travel and adventure ? and this isn't necessarily a deal-breaker. They first need to make peace with the fact that they aren't the same and agree to make sacrifices for one another -- which typically results in the adventurer doing their Indiana Jones thing alone or with other friends. I've known many couples who don't travel together and still have strong relationships because they communicate well and accept these differences. They enjoy their time together to the fullest extent, and the homebody feels secure enough to let their world traveler partner explore the reaches of the Earth on their own.

They will need to take steps to keep their relationship strong in their absence through frequent FaceTiming and texts, but if this connection can withstand the distance, different levels of wanderlust aren't always a bad thing.

Each can enjoy their comfort zone and the relationship can stay strong despite the distance."

-- Howes

Kelsey Borresen of HuffPost

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## Iron Mask trailer: Jackie Chan and Arnold Schwarzenegger's epic face-off promises to be a visual treat for all action movie lovers



The two-most loved action heroes of all-time, Jackie Chan and Arnold Schwarzenegger promises to take you on an adventurous ride with their upcoming action-fantasy film, *Iron Mask*. The makers have just dropped the promo and needless to say that the mind-boggling action sequences will leave you stunned. Directed by Oleg Stepchenko, the film also stars Jason Flemyng, Yao Xingtong, Anna Churina, Yuri Kolokolnikov, Martin Klebba, Charles Dance, Rutger Hauer and Christopher Fairbank in key roles. The film will be available on demad and on digital from November 20.

BL Verdict: The blockbuster combo of Jackie Chan and Arnold Schwarzenegger is the USP of this mega-budget action adventure fantasy film.

## 'I joke that I attract love triangles,' says Ananya Panday

Ananya Panday will be next seen in *Khaali Peeli*, which also stars Ishaan Khatter in a lead role

After entertaining us with *Student of the Year 2* and *Pati Patni Aur Woh*, Ananya Panday is gearing up for the release of *Khaali Peeli*, which will stream from tomorrow on a digital platform. Interestingly, this is the first project, where she is a solo heroine. Talking about it, the actress jokingly told Mumbai Mirror, "I joke that I attract love triangles. Even this film is a love triangle between Ishaan, me and a taxi. But I don't mind sharing Ishaan or rather Pooja doesn't mind sharing her Blackie with Chhamiya." Speaking about her character Pooja, she asserted, "It was so liberating playing her. I could get away with anything. Now, I hope a small part of me will always be like Pooja."

In this film, Ananya has done a lot of action sequences but revealed that earlier she was nervous to perform it. "But Parvez (Shaikh, action director) bhai's team made it a smooth ride, helping me at each turn. Now, I have a 'chaska' for doing stunts and want to do a full-fledged action film soon," said the gorgeous lady.

Talking about her costar Ishaan Khatter, Ananya said, "We had a lot of fun, both on and off screen. He was my partner-in-crime and we were constantly pulling each other's leg. I lucked out getting Ishaan as a co-star because he brought out something new in me. The two of us, along with Mak (Maqbool Khan,



director), were an amazing trio, not just during the filming but doing everything else together as well." While concluding, she spoke about the lockdown effect and asserted, "The lockdown has made me more patient and I've realised that I don't need much. I'm happy with the smaller things that life has to offer. It has given me double the energy to get back to work. I know I won't be taking another break for a long time."

### YOUR STARS

#### Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Your professional and material life will meet with a beautiful expansion. Lucid and realistic, you'll manage your business very well; you'll be able to improve your material situation thanks to these skillful operations and safe investments.

**Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 7, 14, 19, 35**

#### Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

Significant evolution of your professional life or your social situation. A favourable week for your matters of the heart; probability of love at first sight. You'll find the necessary arguments for convincing your boss to give you a raise.

**Lucky Numbers: 9, 14, 15, 18, 27, 30**

#### Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

You'll succeed in galvanizing your close relatives and obtaining from them all the necessary help that you need to achieve your great projects. Don't despair: you'll surely manage to bring your children back to reason.

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 14, 18, 21, 26, 30**

#### Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

You'll have a hard time coping with boredom; indulge in some kind of hobby that you have a passion for. The stars will give you the opportunity to affirm your ambitions and to achieve some of your projects; thus, don't hesitate to dash ahead while taking moderate risks.

**Lucky Numbers: 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 27**

#### Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

You'll glow with freshness and vitality; your energy will be at a climax. Concerning love, try to free yourself from the past and to enjoy the present fully. Superb social life in view: it'll be animated, varied, and full of pleasant surprises.

**Lucky Numbers: 6, 7, 14, 20, 22, 23**

#### Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Your financial situation will prove to be better than you thought it was. On the other hand, grant your children more time, otherwise after a while they could feel deserted and profit by the situation to commit the silliest things.

**Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 9, 25, 31, 36**

#### Gemini: May 21 - June 20

You'll manage to lead your beloved one by the tip of the heart; don't slacken your efforts in the maintenance of a warm atmosphere between the two of you. You'll manage your affairs roundly and will carry out some lucrative financial deals.

**Lucky Numbers: 7, 14, 20, 25, 26, 30**

#### Cancer: June 21 - July 22

You'll make a charming encounter, which will open new horizons to you. The stars will encourage you to devote a maximum of time to the management of your material assets; only beware of the advice one of your close relatives.

**Lucky Numbers: 8, 15, 16, 20, 29, 31**

#### Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

Ideal moment to deal with an important business matter, seek an engagement, or make choices. You'll take energetic measures to solve a family problem quickly. Sentimentally, very nice moments: maybe an old love affair will surface.

**Lucky Numbers: 5, 11, 13, 18, 25, 27**

#### Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

If there're problems that oppose you to your beloved one, you'll be in a position to solve them. Don't let tensions settle down in your life and control your emotions; don't take any medicine that isn't prescribed to you by your doctor.

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 2, 9, 15, 16, 20**

#### Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

Above all don't touch the family's budget to satisfy one of your desires, otherwise watch out! A romantic climate will reign, and your heart will be on fire; physical accord as well as spiritual communion will be reached.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24**

#### Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

Expect some unforeseen events coming from your family or concerning your residence. Redouble precautions against crooks of all types, who'll try to abuse your credulity. If you live as a couple, there'll be an opportunity to deepen your relationships with the other one.

**Lucky Numbers: 15, 20, 33, 35, 36, 37**

Manit Joura who plays the role of Rishabh Luthra in 'Kundali Bhagya' gets into a conversation with [IWMBuzz.com](http://IWMBuzz.com).

**G**ood looking hunk Manit Joura has no qualms in not being seen much in Zee TV's popular show, *Kundali Bhagya*.

His track was missing even in the recent high drama around Preeta's (Shraddha Arya) *shaadi* as well. "Balaji's creative team, being past masters of TV fiction, know better. I don't even ask them why I am not being used much."

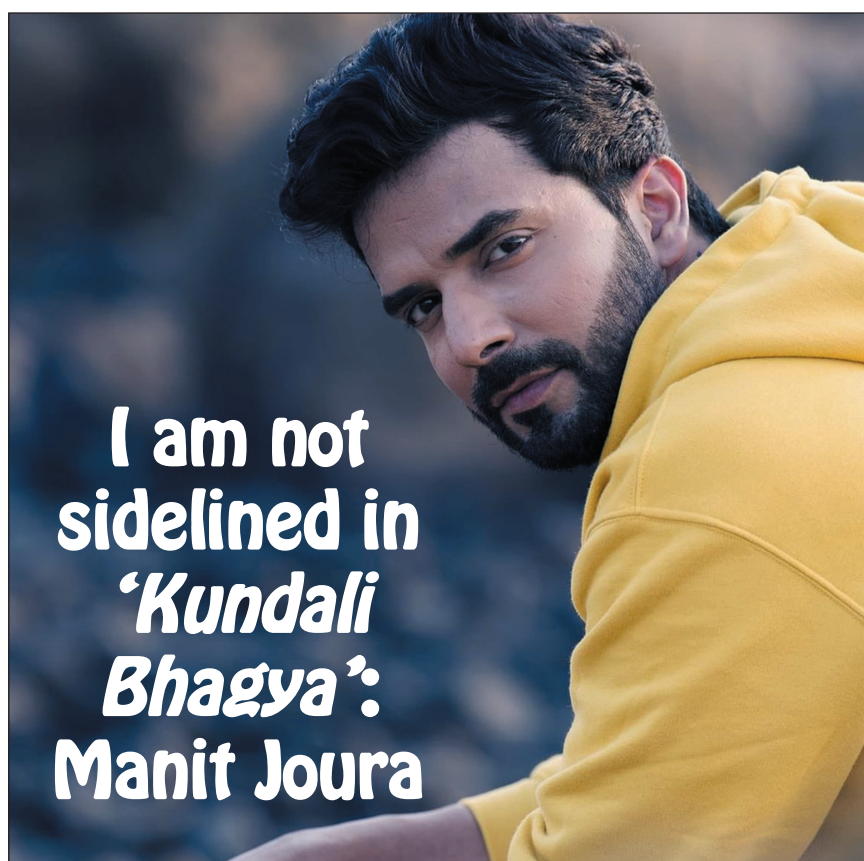
"I am very grateful to them for giving me a role that has lasted over two years. I have got name and fame, courtesy Rishabh Luthra." Manit has also acted in ALT Balaji projects *Test Case* and *Baarish*. His other TV outings include *12/24 Karol Bag* and *Ram Milaayi Jodi*.

"Recently I met a family at Delhi airport who were big fans of the show and even invited me for a family wedding. I am just overwhelmed by the love and affection of the online crowd."

"Others might regard the off period as being sidelined. But I, being a positive person, prefer to use the time to work on myself and learn newer skills."

"I also have a family farm back in Punjab that requests my attention, so went back. One of our mares has just become a mother."

"As far as acting work is concerned, I am doing auditions. Unlike other actors, I have no qualms about testing for new roles as it gives me a chance to find out what other characters are there in the market. I don't want to restrict my



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options."

"I have also just auditioned for an international film. I had done *The Girl With The Indian Emerald* with the same German director, Michael Karen, back in 2013. And they again called me to try my luck, so fingers crossed."

In closing, Manit Joura does not feel that his contract will stop him from doing outside work. "I really don't pay much attention to the written word, coz I am sure that mutual understanding can solve most issues."

Manit has been trying his luck in Indian films (Hindi and south) as well, but so far has not struck gold.

## Anjum Fakhri says her family asked her leave home...

**S**peaking with 'Times of India' in an interview, Anjum Fakhri said, "My family was quite strict and conservative, and even watching TV was taboo in our house. Finally, when I was in Class 9, my father bought a television set after much persuasion. In fact, my grandfather did not visit us for two years because we had a TV at home!"

She further said, "In 2009, when I told them about my decision to quit studies and pursue modelling, they were very upset. It was almost like there was an earthquake in my house, and they said that I would have to leave home if I wanted to enter showbiz."

Talking about her first modelling assignment, Anjum said, "It was an assignment in Goa, which required me to wear a bikini. When I informed my family about it, all hell broke loose. For one year, they did not keep in touch with me," she said.

She added, "I started working as a sales executive in stores, selling perfumes. Those days, I used to walk from Bandra to Andheri to give auditions. I did not have money, but never called my parents for support. There used to be a food joint on Carter Road and the uncle there would feed me veg pulao every day, free of cost."

"Slowly, my parents began to understand my career, and they are happy to watch me on screen now. They are probably happy to see me in a salwar kameez on TV now (laughs!). It's all so good now, that my mother even stays with me."



### TV SERIAL

#### Bitti Business Wali

**Friday 2 Oct:** While Mahi's family members have mixed feelings about Bitti's disappearance, he feels guilty about her departure. Bitti's family members further accuse Mahi of kidnapping her. Sardar Singh, on the other hand, threatens to inform Bitti's father about her kidnapping. As he calls Bitti's father, she cooks up a story that she is at her uncle's house and also states that she is safe.

**Monday 5 Oct:** Mahi's mother gets angry when his sister-in-law tells him he should have apologised to Bitti. She scolds them for supporting Bitti and her family even after they insulted their family. Later, Mahi calls Bitti on her phone. Sardar Singh decides to let her talk to him. Bitti advises Mahi to be careful and follow his heart. She also adds that he should not repeat his previous mistakes and get married only if he wants to. Mahi then decides to get married.

**Tuesday 6 Oct:** Held hostage at Sardar Singh's house, Bitti thinks of a way to escape from there. Mahi fails to find Bitti in Phulpur at her uncle's place and informs Gayathri about it. When Mahi fails to show up on time to leave for the wedding, Kashi comes to Bitti's house looking for him. While Mahi refuses to leave without finding Bitti, Kashi convinces him to leave by agreeing to help him find her.

**Wednesday 7 Oct:** Suman confesses to Gayathri that she is aware of Bitti's whereabouts and Santoshi gets worried. As Mahi reaches Sardar Singh's house, Bitti tries to draw his attention but her voice gets drowned in the din of the wedding. Mahi responds by saying that he wants to apologise to her for his behaviour. When Ladoo Singh and his wife see a doctor arrive at Sardar Singh's house, they get anxious.

**Thursday 8 Oct:** In the pretext of getting water, Bitti disguises herself as a nurse and escapes from Gunjan's room. On the other hand, Gayatri and Jyogi get into a heated argument as the former accuses the latter of being the reason for Bitti's troubles. Meanwhile, everyone at Sardar Singh's house starts getting worried when the priest does not turn up on time. Later, Gayatri and Sangam start talking about Bitti's whereabouts.

#### Kahan Hum Kahan Tum

**Friday 2 Oct:** Nethra gives Raima an interesting suggestion. Later, Suman lands in trouble while Rohit makes a promise to Sonakshi.

**Monday 5 Oct:** Rohit and Sonakshi give a stunning dance performance. Later, Sonakshi gives him a responsibility while YK's mother misleads Suman.

**Tuesday 6 Oct:** Sonakshi gets restless while Rohit and his gang enjoy the bachelor party. Later, she plays a prank on him as the Sippys visit the Rastogis for the Mehndi ceremony.

**Wednesday 7 Oct:** Rohit faces an awkward situation while the Rastogis and the Sippys enjoy Sonakshi's Mehndi ceremony. Later, Naren stuns Sonakshi with a shocking demand.

**Thursday 8 Oct:** Sonakshi agrees to sign the papers while Mahesh executes his diabolical plan. Later, Rohit and Sonakshi enjoy a romantic dinner on the terrace.





Vendredi 2 oct - 21.15

**Grizzly Park**

Avec: Glenn Morshower, Shedrack Anderson III, Susan Blakely



Samedi 3 oct - 21.10

**The River Murders**

Star: Ray Liotta, Christian Slater, Ving Rhames



Dimanche 4 oct - 21.20



	MBC 1	MBC 2	MBC 3	Cine 12	Bollywood TV
<b>vendredi 2 octobre</b>	07.05 Local: Passerelles 09.45 Local: Later Set Kouler 10.15 Local: Itinerer - Rodrig 11.00 Local Prod: Saver Kil Tirel 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 Mag: Eye On SADC 12.55 Mag: Urban Gardens 14.00 Local: Rodrig Prog 14.30 D.Anime: Grenadine Et... 15.21 D.Anime: The Minimighty... 15.40 D.Anime: Poko 16.03 D.Anime: Monster Math... 16.40 D.Anime: Lucky Fred 17.20 Serial: Lucas etc... 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Serial: Siya Ke Ram 19.30 Journal & La Meteo 20.10 Local Prod 21.10 Serial: When Calls The Heart 22.30 Serial: The Blacklist 23.50 Mag: Eye On SADC	10.00 Serial: Mah-E-Tamaam 11.20 Serial: Tum Mere Paas Raho 12.04 Film: Egise Taara Juvvalu Starring: Abhay Bethiganti, Ajay Ghosh, Priyadarshi 13.37 DDI Magazine 15.00 Mag: Comedy Classes 15.21 Serial: Honaar Soon Mee 15.43 Serial: Mooga Manasulu 16.07 Serial: Apoorva Raagangal 16.28 Serial: Bisaat-E-Dil 16.49 Mehandi Tohra Namam Ke 17.11 Serial: Beygadh 18.00 Serial: My Little Princess 18.30 DDI Magazine 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol 19.30 DDI Magazine 20.00 Serial: Tawaan 20.44 Local: Anjuman 21.11 Local: Urdu Programme 22.06 DDI Live	06.00 Mag: Eco India 06.44 Mag: Shift 07.00 Mag: Border Crossing 07.34 Mag: Tomorrow Today 08.01 The Reverse Exploration 08.58 Doc: 360 GEO 09.51 Mag: Strictly Street 11.41 Mag: Eco India 12.07 Mag: Green Touch 12.29 Mag: Shift 12.34 Mag: Tomorrow Today 13.10 Mag: Garden Makeover 14.35 Mag: Women Who Change... 16.38 Doc: Mining Treasure Island 17.49 Mag: Green Touch 18.00 Doc: Chocolate's 18.40 Mag: Green Touch 18.48 Mag: Arts And Culture 19.00 Student Support Programme 19.29 Mag: Garden Makeover	02.05 Film: The Boss 03.45 Serial: Midnight, Texas 04.25 Film: Pressure 05.52 Tele: Totalement Diva 06.42 Serial: Seal Team 07.24 Serial: The Quest 09.00 Serial: Chicago Fire 09.45 Tele: Soleil Levant 10.35 Serial: Midnight, Texas 11.31 Tele: Dulce Amor 12.00 Film: Pressure 13.30 Tele: Totalement Diva 14.45 Serial: The Quest 16.40 Serial: Chicago Fire 17.19 Tele: Esmeraldas 18.05 Tele: Soleil Levant 19.00 Tele: Dulce Amor 20.05 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir 20.30 Serial: Hawaii Five-0 21.15 Film: Grizzly Park 22.46 Tele: Totalement Diva	08.00 Hum Hai Teen Khurafaati 12.05/20.05 Kahan Hum Kahan Tum 12.30/ 20.11 - Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala 12.47 / 20.32 Radha Krishna 13.10 / 21.09 - Bin Kuch Kahe 13.36 / 21.24 - Zindagi Ki Mehek 13.53 / 21.46 - Bade Acche Lagte Hai 14.17 / 21.59 - Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki 14.43 / 22.25 - Bitti Business... 15.25 Film: Manikarnika Starring: Kangana Ranaut, Jishu Sengupta, Danny Denzongpa 18.00 Live: Samacher 18.30 Kundali Bhagya 18.51 Piya Albela 19.14 Mere Angne Mein
<b>samedi 3 octobre</b>	06.00 D.Anime: Robot Trains 06.39 D.Anime: HTDT 07.36 D.Anime: Linkers 08.49 D.Anime: The Garfield Show 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 Local: People 13.05 Doc: To The Moon 14.15 Local: Rodrig Prog 14.30 D.Anime: Teenie Fables 14.35 D.Anime: In The Night... 15.00 D.Anime: Nutri Ventures 15.22 D.Anime: The Minimighty Kid 15.38 D.Anime: Astrology 15.47 D.Anime: Gadget And The... 16.00 D.Anime: Monster Math... 16.27 D.Anime: Lucky Fred 17.15 Serial: Lucas Etc 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.35 Entertain: Nach Baliye 19.30 Journal & La Meteo 20.00 Prod: Lottotech 21.10 Film: The River Murders	07.00 Film: Chingari Starring: Leena Chandavarkar, Sanjay Khan, Pran 10.00 Bade Acchelagte Hai 12.00 Serial: Nanda Saukhya Bhare 12.50 Serial: Brundavanam 13.12 Annakodiyum Ainthus Pengalum 13.35 Serial: Anu Pallavi 15.23 Film: Ram-Avatar Starring Sunny Deol, Anil Kapoor, Sridevi 18.00 Mag: DDI Magazine 19.00 Zournal Kreol 20.05 Serial: Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gatha 21.00 Film: 1921 Starring - Zareen Khan, Karan Kundra 23.22 DDI Live	06.00 Doc: Chocolate's Heart... 06.49 Doc: Arts And Culture 07.02 Mag: Global 3000 07.36 Mag: Euromaxx 08.02 Doc: Wildlife Heroes 09.00 Mag: Photo Number 6 09.44 Doc: Norwegian Riesling 11.12 Doc: Chocolate's Heart Of... 11.50 Mag: Arts And Culture 12.03 Mag: Global 3000 12.37 Mag: Euromaxx 15.50 Doc: Chocolate's Heart Of... 16.34 Student Support Prog... 19.34 Doc: Obsession Magnifique 20.05 Doc: Revolte Dans La Mode 20.05 Doc: Rewilding 21.10 Local: News 21.25 Live: Thirumaal Thiruvarrul 00.15 Doc: Ville En Fête 00.41 Doc: The World From Above 01.07 Doc: Obsession Magnifique	01.34 Film: Grizzly Park 03.05 Film: Chicago Fire 05.22 Tele: Destiny 06.10 Serial: Hawaii Five-0 06.52 Film: Drôle De Père 08.30 Serial: Mike Hammer 09.18 Serial: 12 Monkeys 09.59 Serial: Les Experts 10.40 Film: Bring It On 12.15 Serial: Chicago Fire 13.00 Tele: Amanda 13.47 Tele: Premiere Dame 15.05 Serial: Midnight, Texas 16.31 Mag: Hollywood On Set 17.00 Serial: Hawaii Five-0 17.45 Film: A Gift Horse 19.18 Mag: Hollywood Best Film... 20.05 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir 20.30 Series: Hawaii Five-0 21.15 Film: Les Miserables 23.53 Tele: Eva Luna	04.05 Kahan Hum Kahan Tum 04.26 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala 04.51 Radha Krishna 05.14 Zindagi Ki Mehek 05.27 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 06.01 Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki 06.22 Bitti Business Wali 06.45 Kundali Bhagya 07.07 Piya Albela 07.29 Mere Angne Mein 08.00 Zindagi Ki Mehek 10.12 Yeh Pyaar Nahi Toh Kya... 12.00 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein 14.22 Bin Kuch Kahe 16.00 Pavitra Rishta 18.30 Film: Shaadi Ke Side Effect Starring Farhan Akhtar, Vidya Balan, Vir Das 20.44 Serial: Siya Ke Ram 21.28 Serial: Naagin 22.12 Serial: Zindagi Ki Mehek
<b>dimanche 4 octobre</b>	06.00 D.Anime: Robot Trains 06.27 D.Anime: HTDT 08.48 D.Anime: The Garfield Show 09.12 D.Anime: Grenadine Et... 09.35 Serial: Waffle The Wonder... 12.00 Le Journal 12.30 Doc: Builders Off The Future 15.00 D.Anime: Nutri Ventures 15.22 D.Anime: The Minimighty... 15.38 D.Anime: Astrology 15.41 D.Anime: Gadget And The... 16.27 D.Anime: Lucky Fred 16.51 D.Anime: Astrology 16.53 D.Anime: The Deep 17.20 Serial: Lucas Etc. 17.30 Mag: Zoboomafooo 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Local: Yeh Shaam Mastani 19.30 Le Journal 20.00 Local: Info 7 Sur 7 21.20 Film: Astronaut	07.00 Film: Bandini Starring: Nutan, Ashok Kumar, Dharmendra 09.13 DDI Magazine 10.00 Local Production 11.00 Serial: Oru Kai Osai 11.21 Serial: Santoshi Maa 12.00 Film: Phillauri Starring - Anushka Sharma, Diljit Dosanjh, Suraj Sharma 14.14 DDI Magazine 15.00 Mag: Comedy Classes 15.21 Serial: Mooga Manasulu 15.44 Eka Lagnachi Teesri Gosht 16.06 Serial: Apoorva Raagangal 17.00 Serial: Mahakali 18.30 Local: Tipa Tipa Nu Avance 19.00 Zournal Kreol 19.30 DDI Magazine 20.05 Serial: Maharakshak: Devi 20.47 Serial: Naagin	06.00 Doc: Amazing Gardens 06.26 Doc: Ville En Fête 06.52 The World From Above 07.15 Doc: Obsession Magnifique 08.39 Mag: Women Who Changed 08.44 Doc: The Tattooed Lady 10.18 Doc: La Buena Vida 11.09 Doc: Amazing Gardens 12.21 Doc: Obsession Magnifique 16.34 Doc: Ville En Fête 17.25 Doc: Obsession Magnifique 18.00 Doc: Trajectory 18.30 Garden Party 19.05 Doc: Holiday In Chernobyl 19.30 Mag: Future Mag 21.00 Doc: News (English) 21.25 Mag: Women Who Changed... 22.22 Doc: The Microsoft Dilemma 23.47 Doc: Trajectory 00.13 Doc: Garden Party 00.39 Doc: Holiday In Chernobyl	01.30 Film: Les Miserables 04.08 Film: Shadow People 05.27 Tele: Destiny 06.14 Serial: Hawaii Five-0 06.56 Film: For The Love Of George 08.30 Serial: Mike Hammer 09.16 Serial: 12 Monkeys 10.02 Serial: French Series 10.50 Film: A Gift Horse 12.15 Serial: Hawaii 5-0 13.09 Serial: Amanda 13.45 Tele: Premiere Dame 15.05 Serial: Midnight, Texas 17.08 Serial: Hawaii Five 0 17.48 Serial: The Enemy Within 18.30 Serial: Mission: Impossible 20.05 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir 20.30 Serial: The Good Doctor 21.15 Film: Gladiator 23.44 Film: A Gift Horse	00.30 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein 02.12 Bin Kuch Kahe 04.02 Pavitra Rishta 05.27 Film: Shaadi Ke Side Effects Starring Farhan Akhtar, Vidya Balan, Vir Das 08.06 Motu Patlu 08.31 Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki 09.54 Jaana Na Dil Se Door 11.40 Piya Albela 13.27 Kahan Hum Kahan Tum 15.16 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala 17.00 Punar Vivaah 18.00 Samachar 18.30 Film: Izzatdaar Starring: Dilip Kumar, Govinda, Madhuri Dixit, Raghuvaran 21.15 Nach Baliye 21.58 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 23.48 Piya Albela

**MBC 2** Samedi 3 oct - 21.00 Stars: Zareen Khan, Karan Kundra



Samedi 4 oct - 18.30 Stars: Farhan Akhtar, Vidya Balan, Vir Das





Nita Chicooree- Mercier

# La boue du lotus



“La métaphore de la boue et du lotus émaille les propos à merveille. Le marasme économique, la crise sanitaire, la crise sociale : tout le monde patauge dans ce borbier pour l'heure - gouvernants, la société dans toutes ces catégories socioprofessionnelles. De l'effort collectif jaillira la magnifique fleur, dixit le prêtre, un message empreint d'optimisme et de beauté...”

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Depuis un mois, l'eau a coulé sous le pont des "marches". Se voulant limpide à la source, elle s'est épaissie en absorbant sur son parcours des "ruisselets" venus prêter main forte, en y ajoutant des muscles et de la voix au courant.

Il y a eu de l'électricité dans l'air jusqu'à Mahébourg pour un rendez-vous dans une ambiance de tambours et trompettes des tee-shirts noirs, et aussi les fans expédiés de la côte est, outre les mécontents de l'étendue des dégâts des eaux dans le lagon.

Quelques bulles d'une écume blanche, mêlées à la vague; on flirte pour l'occasion sur la crête de la marée noire en la frôlant d'un baiser câlin sur fond de tam-tam.

La marche masquée était bien partie pour durer avec l'appui des sponsors et des médias. "Croyez-vous que sans le port du masque, il y aurait eu tant de monde dans les rues?", se demandait un jeune homme, féru de l'intelligence artificielle. Et ceux qui n'en portaient pas?" Ce sont ceux qui ont le pouvoir financier. Eux, ont peur de rien", répondit-il. Voilà une réplique qui aurait le mérite d'être clair.

Entretemps, il y a eu un pavé dans la mare. La quinzaine écoulée a été mouvementée en révélations, rebondissements et symboles. Discours controversé de la part de quelqu'un portant la soutane; dérapage sur fond d'humour et de blague, répandu d'un cercle clos à l'immense espace des réseaux numériques; un réveil à d'autres réalités que certains ont cru ne plus être de mise.

Dans ce pays, il y a ceux qui ne sont pas nés de la dernière pluie des civilisations mais qui, néanmoins, s'adaptent à l'air du temps qui court à travers le monde, du campus américain aux groupuscules en France et captent un peu partout par effet de mode. Quoique dotés d'une force mentale et d'une identité certaine, ils jouent aux offensés comme les autres.

Mais il semblerait que le PMO ait d'autres chats à fouetter et soit peu enclin à ouvrir ses portes aux offensés de toutes sortes. Désormais, c'est le CCID qui reçoit le défilé des doléances.

Jeu habile de la télévision nationale: image, paroles et gestes peuvent être une arme à double tranchant. Se fondant en mille excuses, l'humoriste d'une blague à deux balles se ridiculise plus qu'autre chose.

Son accusateur s'en réjouit et s'affiche sérieusement dans la poursuite qu'il entend mener. Tactique efficace, c'est la publicité accordée aux Indignés en tee-shirt noir, réunis en comité restreint présidé par le chantre de l'extrême gauche qui ne demande pas mieux que d'être sous les feux des projecteurs.

Image qui donne du fil à retordre aux deux partis de l'opposition qui y voient un signe annonciateur d'une tempête susceptible d'envoyer des éclairs fissurant leur bastion à l'avenir!

Suffisamment inquiets pour tourner le dos à Kewal Nagar!

Absence de l'opposition relevée dans un jeu piètre auquel la MBC se livre à son gré. D'ailleurs, ce reportage sans images et réduit au minimum ne fait pas honneur à la télévision nationale. La jeune génération a droit à une connaissance honnête de l'histoire politique du pays, dont SSR et Sir Satcam Boolell en font partie.

La pire des images de ces derniers temps est la scène aux Casernes centrales. Le principal concerné tombe dans le piège, perd son sang-froid et profère des menaces en levant un poing serré. Les spectateurs découvrent, ébahis, une personne exhibée en gros plan, qu'ils ont aperçue vaguement pendant les marches et qu'ils ont entendu sur les ondes et dans la presse.

Le poing levé, quelques mots nerveux balbutiés sur un ton agressif, le voilà livré au verdict du public ! Un geste de trop et son image est écornée. Le coup serait-il

fatal ?

En attendant, le courage des masques s'exprime dans l'anonymat des radios et des réseaux sociaux, là où tout est permis. Comme sur les étagères du supermarché, chacun se sert à sa guise. Dans ces espaces ouverts, les uns et les autres s'égosillent en mettant peu de forme en apostrophant invités, interlocuteurs et ministres; une déformation de la liberté d'expression. Un peu de retenue et de courtoisie en s'adressant à un ministre des Finances serait trop leur demander. Quelques interventions sauvent la face de ce que devrait être la norme dans un débat courtois entre public et élus.

Coup pour coup, image contre image. Souvent l'image l'emporte sur paroles et écrits. Chaque camp assène avec force, un véritable match de boxe. A The Independent un organe de presse où on pourrait faire publier un article contre paiement et aux autres rumeurs qui circulent, l'écran national répond par une autre image. L'éloge de la gestion de la pandémie publiée dans The Lancet s'affiche fièrement. Les opposants et les lobbies courent vers la BBC qui s'intéresse maintenant aux chèques sans provision du meneur des marches.

Dans l'excitation ambiante, c'est le leader des Bleus qui calme les ardeurs. Mené à pousser des cocoricos sur le toit à l'annonce des manifestations du début, le ton du discours a changé pour des raisons que l'on sait. Et contre toute attente et à la surprise de tout un chacun, il déclare qu'il est hors de question de manifester devant

la résidence de qui que ce soit. Un message envoyé à qui veut lire entre les lignes.

Un véritable feuilleton politique avec repréailles, mélodrame, la populace à la place du peuple, le sectaire au lieu du citoyen, jeu de mauvais goût, et les voix sereines en scène finale. Dans un souci d'apaisement bien ancré dans la culture du pays, c'est la messe du tourisme qui donne un son de cloche autre que celui qui est en phase avec la voix des indignés de la rue. Le vrai patron de la MBC s'en est habilement servi.

Rassembleur plutôt que de faire le procès des autorités, le but était de remettre la pendule à l'heure. Un appel à la responsabilité, au devoir de tous et de chacun plutôt que de cajoler les uns comme victimes et ériger les autres en hérétiques à mettre sur le bûcher de l'inquisition.

La métaphore de la boue et du lotus émaille les propos à merveille. Le marasme économique, la crise sanitaire, la crise sociale : tout le monde patauge dans ce borbier pour l'heure - gouvernants, la société dans toutes ces catégories socioprofessionnelles.

De l'effort collectif jaillira la magnifique fleur, dixit le prêtre, un message empreint d'optimisme et de beauté. Au premier rang des invités, la charmante représentante ou organisatrice de la messe du tourisme se tient à côté du Premier ministre. Trois ministres consultent leur téléphone portable, la bonne parole s'envolant au-dessus de leur tête. Le prêtre insiste sur la responsabilité et le devoir individuels; traces, sans doute, des séminaires américains. Loin de X contre Y, un tel contre un tel, le discours s'est voulu rassembleur avant toute chose.

Par ailleurs, c'est à se demander si le malaise énoncé au sein de l'Église, il y a vingt ans, ne trouve pas là une solution susceptible d'attirer l'adhésion d'un plus grand nombre et porter au plus haut la voix de ceux qui se sont contentés jusque-là d'un rôle de subalternes.

Ce sont des images fortes qui ont défilé sur l'écran, et le public en a besoin sans être dupe de ce qui se trame dans toutes les coulisses pour se discréditer les uns les autres. Effectivement, la réalité d'aujourd'hui, c'est la boue d'où il va falloir utiliser tous les moyens pour s'en sortir comme un lotus.

C'est la fleur nationale de l'Inde et l'apanage de bien des divinités du panthéon hindou, entre autres, la déesse de l'intelligence et de la richesse...

Dans les semaines qui suivent l'ouverture des frontières et, au-delà du secteur touristique, la bonne santé du lotus naissant se mesurera en termes de devises étrangères, de dollars et d'euros qui vont tomber dans les coffres de la Banque de Maurice.