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• "Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying." -- Martin Luther



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Sir Anerood Jugnauth



As we were winding up this online edition we learnt about the sad demise of Sir Anerood Jugnauth, former Prime Minister and President of the Republic. We tender our sincere condolences to his family in this moment of great loss.

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New Departure

When Mauritius was moving from one concrete realisation to the next, particularly in the 1980s, the foundations of which had been set earlier, there was an urgency to make projects materialize. Today many debates pitched at varying levels are being launched, in a bid to chart courses that might prove to be the new-found sources of future realisations in several domains, and especially so in the context of the post-pandemic world that will hopefully come about in a not too distant future. The people, however, are in another mood: they want “something new, something concrete” that they have been looking forward to for quite some time to be presented to them. Nothing has been forthcoming, unfortunately. No amount of intellectualizing or sophistry will substitute for what the people now want to see in concrete terms.

What, in essence, are the expectations of the people? Several things. Above all, they want to see a fair deal in all matters. They want to be able to enjoy the bare necessities of life – food, shelter, clothing – at reasonable and affordable prices. They expect that the more vulnerable members of society irrespective of ethnic belonging will be taken care of, so that they and their children can look forward to the prospects of a better future awaiting them.

People are also impatient for a fairer meting out of justice, new and rewarding opportunities for employment, an education system that is capable of taking to high points the aspirations of our children and citizens, skill acquisition of a standard that will raise our global export capabilities and a more universal access to property and work opportunities. All these deliverables appear to be attainable. In fact, they are multi-faceted and considerable; deliberate efforts are required to realise them.

There is however a feeling that we have been losing our way. Nothing has really materialised. A country that means business should identify briskly the new areas of work, the international partners with whom such work should and can be carried out and the pursuit of consistent policies that leave some leverage in the hands of the government to provide for the future of those elements of the population who are not richly endowed. Once done, it should set out to deliver on each of these fronts and generate the necessary confidence in the population to look forward to a brighter future.

Instead of that, besides rising unemployment, people have been facing a number of price increases which are adversely impacting their standards of living. What with hardly any new sectors of diversified activity being put in place for the near term, the burden becomes even more difficult to bear.

The question therefore still remains: what has the government to show that will go towards fulfilling the legitimate expectations of the people? For the much-expected departure away from the beaten track, politics was expected to lay down the pre-conditions. There is a void so far in this respect.

This puts an enormous onus on the government of the day, but that’s what governments are elected for. The next budget had better be one that can show the way forward out of the morass that we are in. Otherwise it will be just another no-brainer.

The Conversation

The next pandemic is already happening – targeted disease surveillance can help prevent it

A more coordinated effort by scientists, stakeholders and community members will be required to stop the next deadly virus that’s already circulating in our midst



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As more and more people around the world are getting vaccinated, one can almost hear the collective sigh of relief. But the next pandemic threat is likely already making its way through the population right now.

My research as an infectious disease epidemiologist has found that there is a simple strategy to mitigate emerging outbreaks: proactive, real-time surveillance in settings where animal-to-human disease spillover is most likely to occur.

In other words, don’t wait for sick people to show up at a hospital. Instead, monitor populations where disease spillover actually happens.

The current pandemic prevention strategy

Global health professionals have long known that pandemics fueled by zoonotic disease spillover, or animal-to-human disease transmission, were a problem. In 1947, the World Health Organization established a global network of hospitals to detect pandemic threats through a process called syndromic surveillance. The process relies on standardized symptom checklists to look for signals of emerging or reemerging diseases of pandemic potential among patient populations with symptoms that can’t be easily diagnosed.

This clinical strategy relies both on infected individuals coming to sentinel hospitals and medical authorities who are influential and persistent enough to raise the alarm.

There’s only one hitch: By the time someone sick shows up at a hospital, an

outbreak has already occurred. In the case of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, it was likely widespread long before it was detected. This time, the clinical strategy alone failed us.

Zoonotic disease spillover is not one and done

A more proactive approach is currently gaining prominence in the world of pandemic prevention: viral evolutionary theory. This theory suggests that animal viruses become dangerous human viruses incrementally over time through frequent zoonotic spillover.

It’s not a one-time deal: An “intermediary” animal such as a civet cat, pangolin or pig may be required to mutate the virus so it can make initial jumps to people. But the final host that allows a variant to become fully adapted to humans may be humans themselves.

Viral evolutionary theory is playing out in real time with the rapid development of COVID-19 variants. In fact, an international team of scientists have proposed that undetected human-to-human transmission after an animal-to-human jump is the likely origin of SARS-CoV-2.

When novel zoonotic viral disease outbreaks like Ebola first came to the world’s attention in the 1970s, research on the extent of disease transmission relied on antibody assays, blood tests to identify people who have already been infected.

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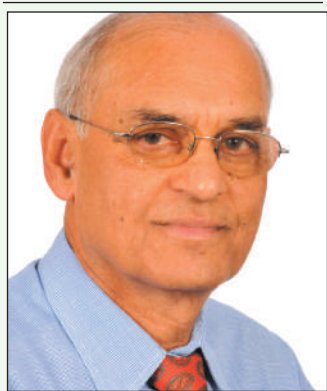
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Dr R Neerunjun Gopee

“We are wholly responsible for what we are; and whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves.” - Anon

Many years ago, when I was in HSC, I attended a debate that was held after class hours at the Salle des Fetes in Plaza. The topic was, 'The youth of this country have taken the downward path to destruction.' There was a Debating Society at the Royal College Curepipe where I was studying, and we were encouraged to watch out for any similar public event - which probably took place more frequently then - and participate if possible. Like many of my friends, we had the flame of youth burning in our veins, and I went there determined to speak against the motion if I got a chance.

I did - because I was incensed by the vehemence with which the youth were taken to task by someone whom I had never met before: Dr Paratian, who was a gynaecologist. Anyone who still remembers Dr Paratian would know that he was a firebrand speaker with a sure command of Her Majesty's English. But I was not cowed down by his outburst, and raised my hand to take the floor when the attendees were invited to comment, and it was a packed hall. I do not remember what all arguments I countered those of Dr Paratian with, but I recall my parting words as I left the stage after speaking: 'Instead of taking the downward path to destruction, I will now take the backward path from the stage.'

Needless to say, I felt quite proud of myself, though I do not remember whether the motion was carried. As for Dr Paratian, I met him years later after becoming a doctor myself - but that's another story.

I do not know who were the organizers of that debate and what made them choose this topic. Because, looking back at what is now more than half a century ago, compared to what is happening now any aberrant behaviour of the youth of that time is miles away from the really destructive types that we are witnessing now. Probably, like me then, the youth would defend themselves, but that there has been a deterioration is, I think, undeniable.

To start from the beginning: What distinguishes the human being from other sentient organisms is the faculty of choice that he possesses. This derives from another faculty, that of reason which



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allows him to enquire, explore and thus gain knowledge. The application of knowledge, and learning from its outcome(s), whether positive or negative, constitute experience. Reason, knowledge and experience widen the field of choice and open up limitless possibilities. The good choice is one that does not destroy oneself or others. The bad choice is one that causes irreparable harm or destruction without the possibility of rising anew.

Choice is made in the mind and affects the body, and ultimately the mind itself. Thus, it is the mind that must be prepared so as to make the right choice. The right choice leads to the right action, and right action done at the right time and the right place cannot but lead to positive results.

Experience takes time to build up, but reasoning is within everyone's capacity, and knowledge is available and increasingly easily accessible so that, even if one does not possess or have enough of it, there is always a possibility of gaining it from a number of sources. We live in the information age, and no one can say that s/he does not have access to loads of information nowadays, especially social media in the use of which the youth are very savvy.

The issue is to sift the wheat from the chaff or, to use modern terminology, to distinguish what is true and correct from what is false and fake. However, the amazing thing about humans is that, in spite of knowing that something can cause

them harm, they will still go after it. Or, knowing that something can do them good, they will find a thousand and one pretexts to avoid it. In medical practice we see this daily. For example, in relation to cigarettes, alcohol, eating habits, and lifestyle in general - such as exercising, walking instead of taking the car for short trips, pursuing relationships/activities which impact negatively on one's bodily, mental and emotional health or on the family, and so on and so forth.

Sadly, knowledge and practice seem to be inversely related to one another in many cases: the more one knows the less, it seems, is one likely to put into sound practice this knowledge. What is even more unsettling is that this behaviour is also exhibited by educated people, when exactly the opposite is expected of them. Character formation does not seem to be part of any educational curriculum. And many refuse to look back and learn their lessons.

The phenomenon of synthetic drugs that has been making headlines in the media of late illustrates the point. That young people wish to have a bit of fun and frolic is understandable. That they should, knowing the dangers they are in for, put themselves in situations where their bodies will be subjected to physical aggression under stupor is incomprehensible. It's the self-rape of both mind and body.

It will be very easy to say, here go

these bloody old chaps again, with their moralizing. Fact is, we too were young once. We also have indulged in truanancies and clandestine tricks. But there were limits beyond which we did not go. Right, the society was then more conservative, but also, the words and admonitions of parents, and of teachers more than parents, were heeded more often that they are now. Because they shone by example, it is also true, and the same is not as widespread today, although it must be said that the concerns of parents and teachers remain the same.

There is a right time for everything. That is why the sages of yore gave us guidelines, and enjoined us to live our lives in stages each of which carried specific duties and responsibilities. As students and apprentices, we learnt not only different subjects, but also how to discipline ourselves and restrain our racing desires; we then entered family life which allowed expression of these desires in fulfilling relationships that raised the next generation, and had to assume the responsibility of providing for the family; next came the stage where we could give more time to society, the immediate family concerns having more or less been taken care of; and then came the time for us to gracefully and gradually retreat as the next generations took over.

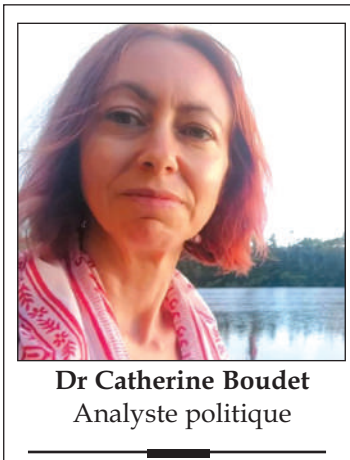
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We are raring to be what we are not. We don't need any external bomb. The internal bomb is ticking in our own minds. And we say we are civilized. With a moral order that has all but collapsed, we have little to be proud of. Add to this the suicide-bombings and other forms of terrorism, ethnic violence, wars and the despicable examples set by many public figures supposedly belonging to 'high' levels, and we can see that unless there is a collective U-turn, not only youth but society as a whole may well continue on the downward spiral to destruction, validating Dr Paratian's stand!

I shudder to think about our future...

Consultation Paper de l'ICTA : Etat et société civile, partenaires obligés

Comment peut-on se battre pour la défense des droits et des libertés civiles, avec des méthodes qui relèvent elles-mêmes de l'oppression et de la répression?



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“A jeter à la poubelle”, les mots violents et les propos agressifs n'ont pas manqué pour attaquer le document de consultation de l'ICTA sur la régulation des réseaux sociaux. Deux semaines encore après la date buttoir pour les retours de la consultation populaire, le déluge d'attaques verbales ne tarit pas. Mais pourquoi cet acharnement prolongé, massif et répété contre un document consultatif, outil de démocratie participative?

Le 14 avril dernier, l'ICTA avait soumis à l'avis du public un 'Consultation Paper' sur un projet d'amendement à l'*Information and Communication Technologies Act (ICTA)*, en vue de "réguler l'utilisation et de solutionner le problème d'abus et de mésusage des réseaux sociaux à Maurice". Cette démarche partait du constat selon lequel l'outil légal ne suffit plus pour lutter contre les cyber-contenus socialement dangereux. Ceux-ci se servent des zones grises technologiques de la communication mondialisée pour frapper. Mais il faut aussi mettre en place des moyens techniques pour permettre un meilleur exercice de la justice en ce qui concerne les réseaux sociaux.

L'intention de l'instance régulatrice était visiblement de proposer des solutions au législateur, en cherchant à intervenir en amont contre les dérives. Mais avec la nécessité de renforcer la capacité d'intervention de l'Etat, se posent aussi des questions non seulement légales, mais aussi techniques et éthiques, et c'est ce que ce 'Consultation Paper' de l'ICTA cherchait à prendre en considération, en incluant l'ensemble des 'stakeholders', y compris les citoyens, à la démarche.

Une démarche de démocratie participative

A ce stade donc, l'initiative de l'ICTA n'était en aucun cas un projet de loi, mais un exercice de consultation, qui relevait pleinement de la démocratie participative. Celle-ci peut être définie comme "l'ensem-



Social media abuse - Pic - lawinsport.com

ble des dispositifs et des procédures qui permettent d'augmenter l'implication des citoyens dans la vie politique et d'accroître leur rôle dans les prises de décision" (définition de toupie.org).

Avec une série de 9 questions posées au public, le document consultatif fournissait à chacun le droit et l'opportunité d'apporter son avis citoyen et/ou technique sur les propositions de l'ICTA, y compris de s'y opposer.

Une telle démarche consultative et consensuelle pour une réflexion collective sur la question de la régulation des réseaux sociaux présentait trois avantages majeurs:

- (1) Permettre la participation du public, déjà demandeur de démocratie participative, c'était déjà un pas important pour permettre une meilleure conscientisation - conscientisation essentielle pour lutter contre la cybercriminalité;
- (2) Permettre de recueillir les apports techniques, légaux et éthiques de la part des 'stakeholders' pour éclairer tous les aspects du problème posé à la fois par les abus et par les remèdes proposés;
- (3) Accueillir des propositions et solutions alternatives.

Tout démocrate se serait félicité d'une telle démarche, inclusive et participative. Pourtant, le 'Consultation Paper' de l'ICTA a subi un pilonnage, intensif, répétitif et systématique depuis sa publication le 14 avril dernier, jusque bien après la clôture de la consultation populaire, le 21 mai.

Malgré cela, la consultation a enregistré une bonne participation, avec plus de 2,000 réponses, ce qui démontre qu'une bonne partie de la société civile s'est approprié l'exercice et a adhéré à la démarche.

Ne pas jeter le bébé avec l'eau du bain

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Pourtant, parallèlement, l'offensive était lancée par l'opposition parlementaire qui appelait à "jeter à la poubelle auquel il appartient" le 'Consultation Paper', et des pétitions venant de la société civile ont circulé pour demander son retrait pur et simple.

La première, initiée sur une plateforme change.org par des membres de la société civile et de la diaspora, et qui aurait recueilli plus de 10,000 signatures en moins de 24 heures, appelait à "rejeter fermement la proposition de l'ICTA d'amender la ICT Act".

L'autre pétition venant du parti alternatif *Rezistans ek Alternativ (REA)* demandait elle aussi le "retrait immédiat" du document consultatif jugé liberticide. La démarche de REA était appuyée par une liste d'organisations syndicales et citoyennes et de membres de la société civile. S'alignant sur la revendication du Leader de l'Opposition, *Rezistans ek Alternativ* et ses alliés devaient même aller plus loin... en réclamant dans la foulée la démission des membres du board de l'ICTA, trouvés coupables par ce tribunal politico-populaire improvisé d'avoir validé le fameux document consultatif dont la place serait dans une poubelle.

En confondant, dans leur cri viscéral de révolte, la démarche de l'instance régulatrice et le contenu de son document, les rédacteurs et signataires de ces pétitions se sont-ils rendu compte qu'ils étaient en train de jeter le bébé avec l'eau du bain?

Car dénoncer et s'opposer à des contenus, c'est une chose. Mais appeler à la suppression de la démarche consultative proposant ces contenus, c'en est une autre.

Une démarche démagogique

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Cette attitude démagogique s'éloigne de la tradition citoyenne de défense des droits et des libertés, pour entrer dans une logique de combat politique cherchant à déstabiliser l'adversaire. Par un curieux 'koustik' ou renversement de situation, la pétition, outil classique d'expression démocratique, s'est retrouvée à être utilisée comme un outil de contre-démocratie visant à court-circuiter l'exercice de démocratie participative.

C'est ainsi que la démarche politico-citoyenne, en rejetant le processus démocratique proposé par l'ICTA, se retrouve en contradiction avec ses propres revendications d'une meilleure sensibilisation du public. Car comment peut-on se battre pour la défense des droits et des libertés civiles, avec des méthodes qui relèvent elles-mêmes de l'oppression et de la répression? Quel crédit accorder à des organisations civiles qui rejettent l'exercice de la démocratie participative?

Prolonger la consultation populaire

La procédure consultative initiée par l'ICTA en vue d'amender la loi n'est pas incompatible avec la revendication de "mise en place d'une consultation nationale sur le cadre légal existant, ouverte aux propositions des citoyens, associations, syndicats et autres" demandée par *Rezistans ek Alternativ* et ses partenaires. Bien au contraire, elle en est même le 'stepping stone'.

Il serait malsain que la réflexion collective sur l'usage des réseaux sociaux et sur les solutions à apporter pour leur régulation se transforme en une guerre entre la société civile et l'Etat, dont le nouveau territoire de conquête serait le cyberspace. Si l'Etat et l'ICTA ont tendu la main vers la société civile et aux citoyens sur la question, il est important de veiller à assurer des fondements sains au processus, au lieu de tenter de dynamiter le 'level playing field'.

UN says the crisis is far from over

The Covid-19 pandemic has created an "unparalleled" global labour market crisis that will affect the employment market for years, the International Labour Organization said in a report Wednesday.

The U.N. agency said that "all countries have suffered a sharp deterioration in employment and national income, which has aggravated existing inequalities and risks inflicting longer-term 'scarring' effects on workers and enterprises."

The 164-page World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021 report said the crisis has hit vulnerable workers, including 2 billion in the informal sector, women and young people the hardest, reports AP.

During 2020, an estimated 8.8% of total working hours were lost -- "the equivalent of the hours worked in one year by 255 million full-time workers," the agency said. By contrast, it said, if there had not been a pandemic, the world would have created an estimated 30 million new jobs in 2020.

The Geneva-based agency said recurring waves of the pandemic around the world have caused working hour losses to



The UN agency predicts employment growth will be insufficient to make up for the losses suffered as a result of the pandemic until at least 2023. Pic - static.seattletimes.com

remain high, with a 4.4% loss corresponding to 140 million full-time jobs in the first quarter of 2021 and a 4.4% loss in the second quarter equivalent to 127 million full-time jobs.

"The crisis is far from over," the agency added, pointing to Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and Central Asia as the

worst affected regions in the first half of this year.

The report said an uneven economic recovery is expected to begin in the second half of 2021, driven by progress in vaccinations and large-scale fiscal spending. It projects that the recovery will create 100 million jobs this year and an

additional 80 million in 2022, but says that is still far short of pre-pandemic levels.

"To make matters worse, many of the newly created jobs are expected to be of low productivity and poor quality," the report said.

The agency predicts employment growth will be insufficient to make up for the losses suffered as a result of the pandemic until at least 2023.

It said that many businesses - especially micro and small enterprises - "have already gone bankrupt or are facing a highly uncertain future." A survey of 4,520 businesses in 45 countries worldwide in the second quarter of 2020 found that 80% of micro-enterprises and 70% of small firms "were facing significant financial difficulties," the report said.

"Recovery from Covid-19 is not just a health issue," said the agency's director, Guy Ryder. "The serious damage to economies and societies needs to be overcome too."

Without accelerated efforts to create decent jobs and support for the world's most vulnerable people and hardest-hit economic sectors, "the lingering effects of the pandemic could be with us for years in the form of lost human and economic potential and higher poverty and inequality," Ryder said.

Sinopharm chairman says can provide over billion Covid-19 vaccine doses to world in second half of 2021



A boy looks at Sinovac Biotech LTD's vaccine candidate for COVID-19 on display at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) in Beijing on Sunday. Pic - AFP

China National Pharmaceutical Group (Sinopharm) has the capacity to provide more than 1 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses to the world beyond China in the second half of this year, the firm's chairman Liu Jingzhen said late on Wednesday.

That level of supply capability assumes vaccination demand in China is being met, Liu said at a panel of the Global Health Forum of the Boao Forum for Asia, reports Reuters.

"Our annual production capacity exceeds 5 billion doses," Liu said, "This is our own capacity."

He declined to disclose how many shots the state-backed drugmaker has agreed to give to the global COVAX programme for sharing doses, mainly with poor countries.

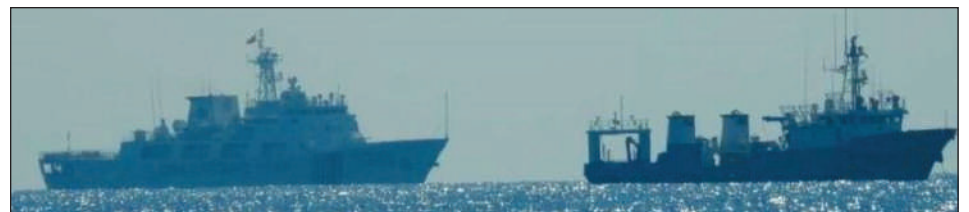
Two vaccines from Sinopharm are being used in China, one of which has gained emergency use approval from the World Health Organization, a prerequisite for a vaccine to be included in the COVAX initiative.

Liu said Sinopharm has also planned a manufacturing facility for a third shot, which is being tested in an early-stage clinical trial.

The GAVI vaccine alliance is in talks with SinovacBiotech, another major Covid-19 vaccine provider from China, to expand the COVAX portfolio, a GAVI spokesperson said on Wednesday.

China promised in February to provide 10 million doses to COVAX.

China, Malaysia locked in tense stand-off over 'fighter aircraft intrusion'



A Chinese Coast Guard patrol ship (left) is seen near an unidentified vessel at South China Sea. Pic - Reuters

On Monday, Malaysia's armed forces said they had detected "suspicious" air activities over its administered area in the disputed South China Sea (SCS) region, reports Sutirtho Patranobis of Hindustan Times.

Malaysia's air force added that it had detected 16 Chinese planes - People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force - flying within 60 nautical miles off Sarawak state of Malaysian Borneo on Monday, calling it a "suspicious" activity over the SCS and a "serious threat to national sovereignty and flight safety," according to a Reuters report on Wednesday.

Foreign minister Hishammuddin Hussein said he will summon the Chinese ambassador to explain "this breach of the Malaysian airspace and sovereignty".

In Beijing, the Chinese foreign ministry dismissed the allegations. "To my knowledge, it was a routine training conducted by China's air force over waters to the south of Nansha Islands. It doesn't target

any country," spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a briefing.

Chinese state media report said that the country's air force "...reportedly dispatched 16 aircraft comprising strategic transport planes to the South China Sea for routine flight training on Monday, without violating the airspace of other countries".

"China and Malaysia are friendly neighbours, and China is willing to continue bilateral friendly consultations with Malaysia to jointly maintain regional peace and stability," a Chinese embassy spokesperson in Kuala Lumpur was quoted as saying.

China claims almost the entire South China Sea, citing historical records.

Several countries including Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam also have overlapping claims.

Israel's Opposition declares new govt, set to unseat PM Netanyahu

Israel's opposition leader moved closer to unseating Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he officially told the country's President that he has reached agreements with political allies to form a new government.

About 35 minutes before a Wednesday midnight deadline, the centrist Yair Lapid told President Reuven Rivlin in an email: "I am honoured to inform you that I have succeeded in forming a government."

Rivlin, attending Israel's soccer cup final at the time, congratulated Lapid by phone, according to his office.

Lapid's main partner is nationalist Naftali Bennett, who would serve as prime minister first under a rotation between the two men. Lapid, 57, a former TV host and finance minister, would take over after about two years.

Their coalition government would comprise a patchwork of small and medium parties from across the political spectrum, including for the first time in Israel's history a party that represents Israel's 21% Arab minority - the United Arab List.

It would also include Bennett's Yamina (Rightward), centre-left Blue and White, headed by Defence Minister



Benny Gantz, the left-wing Meretz and Labour parties, former defence minister Avigdor Lieberman's nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party and New Hope, a right-wing party headed by former education minister Gideon Saar, who broke away from Netanyahu's Likud.

But the fragile new government, which would command a razor-thin majority in parliament, was only expected to be sworn in about 10-12 days from now, leaving slight room for Netanyahu's camp to try and abort it by turning lawmakers over to their side and vote against it.

Israeli political analysts widely expected Netanyahu to try every possible political manoeuvre to make this happen, seizing upon Yamina members who are unhappy about joining forces with Arab and leftist lawmakers.

"Calm down. Netanyahu's still prime minister for a few more days until the confidence vote and he's going to fight every inch of the way to deny the new government its wafer-thin majority. This is still very far from over," Anshel Pfeffer, political analyst for the liberal Haaretz newspaper, wrote on Twitter.

Netanyahu, who has yet to respond to Lapid's announcement, controls 30 seats in the 120-member Knesset, almost twice as many as Lapid's Yesh Atid party, and he is allied with at least three other religious and nationalist parties.

'Get a shot and have a beer': President Biden to Americans



US President Joe Biden. Pic static.toiimg.com

Seeking to expand coronavirus vaccinations across the US, the Biden's administration is now offering new incentives to Americans, including free beer and getting a shot at Black-owned barbershops and beauty salons.

Speaking at a White House event on his administration's Covid-19 response and vaccination roll-out and his plans to get 70 per cent of adults partially vaccinated by Independence Day, President Joe Biden said that in just four months since he took over, "incredible progress" has been made in getting people vaccinated "quickly, efficiently, and equitably."

"Nearly 170 million Americans of every party, every background, every walk of life have stepped up, rolled up their sleeves, and gotten the shot," he said on Wednesday.

He said 52 per cent of adults were now fully vaccinated, including

75 per cent of all seniors. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia have achieved 50 per cent of adults being fully vaccinated in their jurisdictions.

Biden said his administration will continue encouraging people to get vaccinated with incentives and fun rewards.

The NBA, the NHL, NASCAR - NASCAR tracks - they're offering vaccine - vaccines outside playoff games and at races. Major League Baseball will be offering free tickets to people who get vaccinated at the ballpark, he said.

"And to top it off, Anheuser-Busch announced that beer is on them on July the 4th. That's right, get a shot and have a beer. Free beer for everyone 21 years or over to celebrate the independence from the virus," the teetotaler president said.

Vatican criminalises abuse of adults by priests

Pope Francis has changed church law to explicitly criminalise the sexual abuse of adults by priests who abuse their authority and to clarify that laypeople who hold church office can be sanctioned for similar sex crimes.

The law recognises that adults, too, can be victimised by priests who abuse their authority. It says laypeople in church offices can be punished for abusing minors as well as adults, reports AP.

The new provisions, released on Tuesday after 14 years of study, were contained in the revised criminal law section of the Vatican's Code of Canon Law, the in-house legal system that covers the 1.3 billion-strong Catholic Church.

The most significant changes are contained in two Articles, 1395 and 1398, which aim to address major shortcomings in the church's handling of sexual abuse. The law recognises that adults, too, can be victimised by priests who abuse their authority, and said laypeople in church offices can be punished for abusing minors as well as adults.

The Vatican also criminalised the "grooming" of minors or vulnerable adults by priests to compel them to engage in pornography. It's the first time church law has officially recognised as criminal the method used by sexual predators to build relationships with their victims to then sexually exploit them.

The law also removes much of the discretion that had long allowed bishops and religious superiors to ignore or cover up abuse, making



Vatican updates church law to criminalize abuse of adults by priests. Pic - thenewscaravan

clear they can be held responsible for omissions and negligence in failing to properly investigate and sanction errant priests. Ever since the 1983 code was issued, lawyers and bishops have complained it was completely inadequate to deal with the sexual abuse of minors, since it required time-consuming trials. Victims and their advocates, meanwhile, have argued it left too much discretion in the hands of bishops who had an interest in covering up for their priests.

Sameer Sharma

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In the US or in Europe, this would be unacceptable”

Our guest interviewee Sameer Sharma intervenes regularly on the country's economic and financial situation, with sharpness and clarity. Today he sets out what a Budget exercise is about and identifies some of the core problems that are plaguing the country in terms of fiscal policy and strategies to meet objectives that are set. Repeatedly the issue of the right people in the right places is emphasised for implementation to be effective and timely. He is unsparing about the misconceived and mismanaged MIC, and blunt about how money that was supposed to bailout the corporates has found its way into dividends for shareholders and other packages, reminiscent of the fate of bailouts that accompanied the financial crisis of 2008.

Mauritius Times: The forthcoming budget should be one of the more carefully prepared documents presented by the current government given the impacts on our economy of a world pandemic. Questions have been raised about the government's 'marge de manoeuvre' to steer the economy back on the path of growth and development. That does look bright, isn't it?

Sameer Sharma: A national budget is not an accounting exercise and actually has little to do with accounting. A national budget should be assessed in terms of how fiscal policy can achieve a clearly defined growth objective in the medium term, about key priorities which will help you achieve the objective, about the economic strategy the Government will adopt in order to achieve the objective along with a clearly defined implementation plan. And finally a national budget should be assessed in terms of resource mobilization which, while important in achieving the objective, cannot be viewed in isolation.

With non-financial corporations and households having more than 90% debt to GDP and with private investment and consumer demand remaining weak, the economy has a lot of slack. Cutting fiscal spending in a meaningful way at this time will worsen the deleveraging process further. *(At the macro-economic level, deleveraging of an economy refers to the simultaneous reduction of debt levels in multiple sectors, including private sector and the government sector.)* The Government will need to cut waste, yes, but it will still rely heavily on the central bank because it



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cannot cut spending too soon.

To answer your question, we know that the Government has at least a gross debt to GDP ratio of more than 97% if you account for colourable devices it uses and the Bank of Mauritius' advance - which means that raising

resources through more debt issuance will be constrained unless we are willing to accept the credit downgrade. We know that the likes of the IMF have been writing about broadening the tax base to include more realistic property taxes. These should also include imposing such taxes on some modern villages where a lot of the wealthy citizens reside, but tax raising will have its limits in terms of timing right now given already weak demand.

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We know that the Government still has some unspent funds from the current fiscal year and should have at least MUR 11.5 Bn to roll over. We also know that the Bank of Mauritius has been making a lot of changes to its balance sheet recently when it comes to the MIC. The subsidiary is currently funded with Rs 1 Billion in equity but with also a whopping MUR 79 Billion in debt from freshly created money waiting to be spent. The MIC has a capital structure with a 79 to 1 leverage ratio. It is unclear whether the Government will buy out the 1 Billion of BoM equity in the MIC, taking the whole structure off its balance sheet and putting it into a special purpose vehicle (SPV).

While the Rs 11.5 Bn may be used to fund operating expenses, I expect the MIC to play a larger role on the Capital expenditures (CapEx) front when it comes to funding strategic projects.

* **Moody's had earlier painted a quite grim picture of the state of our economy, wherein it highlighted the fact that the country's "economic fundamentals, including its economic strength, its fiscal, including its debt profile, as well its institutions and governance strength, have materially decreased". The World Bank has made more or less the same assessment. They can't be wrong, can they?**

When you rely so heavily on the central bank printing so much money which has also been highlighted by Moody's and the World Bank, then it means that you are indeed in a dire situation. Mauritius has reached the end of its long term debt cycle both within the private and public sectors. The deleveraging process will be slow, painful and the Government must find the right balance between the use of unconventional monetary policies, spending cuts and structural reform. Else it risks creating stagflation.

* Cont. on page 8

'The MIC is a risky mess and needs to be completely revamped'



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The over-reliance on money printing is getting out of hand and the structuring of these measures is not always well thought through. From "l'élève exemplaire de l'Afrique" we have become the bad example "par excellence".

The other problem with the Government is that economic policy making has become overly centralized around the office of the Prime Minister. Over-centralization has in turn come at the expense of technocracy which is going extinct within our institutions. These are increasingly manned by overpaid yes-men who owe fidelity to the PM and add little value, which is why there have been so many key policy mistakes and despite billions in fiscal stimulus, implementation and the multiplier effect have been so poor.

*** Does this mean that the risks of economic deterioration are very real for the next two to three years despite the several billions that have been taken over by the government from the BOM and "with a potential increase in social risk" before the economy reverts**

back to the pre-Covid situation?

It typically takes around a decade, hence the term "lost decade" to come out of a deleveraging process. In that kind of environment, social tensions will continue to manifest themselves. The Government may be tempted to inflate its way out of the debt problem rather than better target pension spending and eventually raising taxes, but this kind of trick has its limits.

Beyond the base effect induced 4.8% growth we may see in 2021 and an as-of-yet-unknown leftover effect on 2022 growth, real economic growth will be below its 20-year average. Tax revenues to fund populist measures of course depend on both real growth and inflation. Inflation induced by gradual currency depreciation is a less noticeable tax.

*** What then are the options available to the government to turn around an already bad economic situation which faces the risk of further deterioration?**

The main objective of the Government should be to engineer what the likes of Ray Dalio call a "beautiful deleveraging" process by engaging in some austerity, promoting a successful debt restructuring and recapitalization process in the private sector, and by relying in a controlled manner on unconventional monetary policy. Unconventional monetary policy won't cause inflation provided it offsets a decrease in credit demand, but does not exceed it.

The Government must strike the right balance and must also engage in meaningful structural reforms. It needs to do a *mea culpa* and start over by putting the right people in the right places, and allow institutions to function much more efficiently. It must cut wasteful spending, set up an independent Budget Office for added transparency, and conduct long-term impact analysis studies. It must also fight corruption, prioritize more targeted spending with a focus on giving more to the poor, increasing the share of CAPEX towards new and promising sectors and include R&D spending grant schemes in the budget, and reversing the declining trend in terms of the quality of our education system with more spending on retraining programs.

It must reverse over-centralization of policy making and focus on improving project management and implementation. The Government must rethink its involvement in various state-owned companies in order to not only raise much needed revenues but also to massively improve efficiency. Public majority owned companies must be listed and the salaries of top management and board members must be better aligned to performance. All majority state-owned entities and ministries must have clearly defined and tracked KPIs which are in line with the overall growth objective.

The Government must gradually reduce its footprint on the economy and implement a new generation of free market reforms with a focus on encouraging more competition from within an increasingly rent-seeking private sector, encourage more FDI in PPP projects. And of course it must allow markets to work and aggressively push for a more dynamic Stock Exchange.

It must professionalize the way in which public assets are managed and allow pension funds to become seed capital providers to a new venture cap and private alternative credit ecosystem, as is done in more developed markets. It must look towards Europe's open banking policy and create the right environment in order for Fintech to

thrive. In the long term only productivity matters to an economy.

*** Former minister Rama Sithanen has been quite severe in his assessment of the last budget - "nothing happened," he said. He has also been very critical of any support extended to the "zombies", which would amount to money thrown down the drain. He was no doubt referring to the MIC, about which not much is known. What's your take on that?**

Implementation is a challenge because of the over-centralization of economic policy-making and not having the right people in the right places.

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Regarding the MIC, the idea as I had proposed it initially was for the Government to inject around MUR 5 Billion in equity, sourced from budget revenues, into a professionally managed structure similar to a Protected Cell Company which would - on a deal by deal basis and subject to clearly-defined return objectives - support viable firms, not pre-existing Zombies. And also resort to borrowing from the market and from the central bank which would purchase bonds issued by the structure at market terms on a deal by deal basis.

The MIC was supposed to in turn negotiate debt haircuts with creditor banks and bond holders and also push companies to list more shares on the stock market in the medium term. It was not just about bailing out but about re-engineering.

The idea was for the MIC to make a reasonable level of annualized average returns of around 11% over the lifetime of the structure which is low considering the risk of investing in distressed assets. The MIC would have also shared the burden with banks and the shareholders of distressed firms. The idea was certainly not for the MIC to become the sole sheriff in town. It was certainly not meant to be funded by selling international reserves and become a subsidiary of the Bank of Mauritius with the current governance structure. What we have is a curvy of a bailout fund mixed in with a sovereign wealth fund which should have nothing to do with each other with a 79 to 1 leverage ratio! The MIC is a risky mess and needs to be completely revamped.

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Do all the roads lead to Wuhan?

Where did the Covid-19 virus come from? – the controversy surrounding this question has come to the fore anew

Dilip Laxman

Where did the Covid-19 virus come from? – the controversy surrounding this question has come to the fore anew. In fact, there is now a two-pronged initiative to find out the exact origins of the Covid-19 virus: one led by the US administration, and the other by the WHO which has been jerked out of its previous stance on the issue.

The basic query that has to be thrashed out is: is this a natural virus or is

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it one that has come out of a laboratory leak? In the latter case the presumption is that it was a ‘fabricated’ one, in the sense that viruses of the corona family were being manipulated to make them more lethal and potentially be engineered for use as a bioweapon.

On May 26, US President Joe Biden announced that he had tasked the country’s ‘intelligence community to redouble their efforts to collect and analyse information that would bring us closest to a definitive conclusion’ on whether the virus that causes Covid-19 originated from human contact with an infected animal, or from a laboratory accident, giving them 90 days to submit a report to him.

This move indicates that the theory that SARS-CoV-2 originated from a Wuhan lab is now being taken more seriously, whereas earlier it has been dismissed as a right wing, racist conspiracy theory propagated by President Donald Trump. It may also be recalled that the latter had stopped the US funding of the WHO, which was about USD 500 M annually, and which President Biden has restored.

For all we know, this is what may have pressed WHO to take up the matter again, especially after a second WHO report failed to come up with definitive answers on the origin of the virus. This was the conclusion of the second WHO team that was sent to Wuhan to investigate at the beginning of this year, nearly

one year after the onset of the epidemic. Further, scientists have also been pushing for an inquiry to establish ‘greater clarity about the origins of this pandemic,’ demanding that ‘both possibilities, “natural and laboratory spillovers,” be considered seriously.’

At this stage, it is probably circumstantial evidence more than pure scientific evidence that will have to be relied upon to settle the question of Covid-19’s origin, because it stands to reason that no one would have waited with a silver platter of direct scientific evidence to hand over to the WHO team when it visited the second

time. In fact, one of the problems that that team had brought up is that they did not have full and open access to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, the world class facili-

ty where research on coronaviruses and other viruses is carried out.

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On the other hand, in Canada’s Parliament, the Conservatives are pushing a motion, sponsored by MP Michael Chong, seeking an ‘explanation on why Dr Xiangguo Qiu and Dr Keding Cheng were escorted out of Winnipeg’s National Microbiology Laboratory in July 2019 and terminated 18 months later by the agency.

‘The Conservatives have long questioned whether that event is linked to the fact that four months before their removal, Qiu had been responsible for a shipment of Ebola and Henipah viruses to China’s

Wuhan Institute of Virology.

‘Canada’s Conservatives are demanding that Justin Trudeau release the secret documents he has been hiding from Canadians. These documents are about the transfer of Ebola and Henipah viruses to the Wuhan Institute of Virology in March 2019, and Drs Xiangguo Qiu and Keding Cheng, who had their security clearances revoked and were fired after the transfer.’

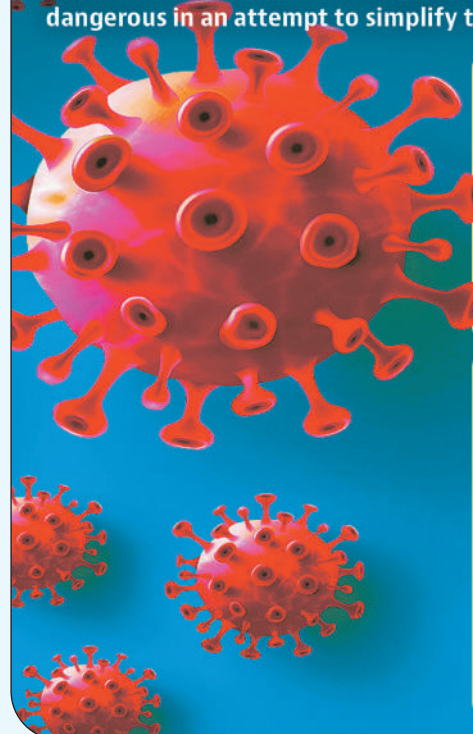
Like all roads that lead to Rome, it seems that all trails are leading to Wuhan.

New nomenclature for variants

There have been more controversies and objections raised about the nomenclature of the variants of Covid-19 that have been emerging, and that have been tagged by the media based on their geographical location of first appearance. As a result, the WHO has decided to rename them according to the letters of the Greek alphabet, and the table below gives details of the new terminology:

SARS-COV-2 VARIANTS RENAMED

The WHO released a new nomenclature to denote variants of the Sars-Cov-2 that may make the coronavirus more dangerous in an attempt to simplify their names and discourage the practice of associating these to regions or countries



VARIANTS OF CONCERN

Established to have attributes that make them ‘fitter’ than the first version of the virus

NEW WHO LABEL	PANGO LINEAGE (MOST COMMONLY USED CODE)	FIRST FOUND IN	DATE OF DESIGNATION	CONCERN BECAUSE
ALPHA	B.1.1.7	UK (Kent); September, 2020	Dec 18, 2020 (VOC)	Spreads more rapidly than predominant virus
BETA	B.1.351	South Africa; May, 2020	Dec 18, 2020	Shows significant resistance
GAMMA	P.1	Brazil; November 2020	Jan 11, 2021	Shows some resistance, enhanced infectivity
DELTA	B.1.617.2	India; October, 2020	May 11, 2021	Significantly more transmissible; somewhat resistant

VARIANTS OF INTEREST

These are being investigated by scientists at present

NEW WHO LABEL	PANGO LINEAGE (MOST COMMONLY USED CODE)	FIRST FOUND IN	DATE OF DESIGNATION	CONCERN BECAUSE
EPSILON	B.1.427/B.1.429	US (California); March, 2020	March 5, 2021	May be more transmissible
ZETA	P.2	Brazil; April, 2020	March 17, 2021	May be more resistant
ETA	B.1.525	Multiple countries; Dec, 2020	March 17, 2021	May be more resistant to vaccines
THETA	P.3	Philippines; Jan, 2021	March 24, 2021	Has some of the same mutations as the other VOCs
IOTA	B.1.526	US (New York); Nov, 2020	March 24, 2021	May be more resistant
KAPPA	B.1.617.1	India; October, 2020	April 4, 2021	May be more resistant, spread more readily

WHY THE NEW NAMES?

In an advisory issued in 2015, the WHO discouraged the practice of using names that linked a pathogen to a region, people or animals -- such as ‘swine flu’ and ‘Middle East Respiratory Syndrome’.

“This may seem like a trivial issue to some, but disease names really do matter to the people who are directly affected. We’ve seen certain disease names provoke a backlash against members of particular religious or ethnic communities, create unjustified barriers to travel, commerce and trade, and trigger needless slaughtering of food animals,” it said.

THEY WILL NOT REPLACE EXISTING SCIENTIFIC NAMES, BUT ARE AIMED TO HELP IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF VOI/VOC

—MARIA VAN KERKHOVE, Covid-19 technical lead, WHO

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Endurance is a surprisingly progressive way of creating a better future

Endurance got us through multiple lockdowns, and it'll help us coming out of the pandemic too

The coronavirus, or rather the measurements taken against it, changed our perception of time. For many, the attempts to prevent the spread of the virus resulted in a feeling that time had come to a standstill.

When the pandemic first hit, this notion of stopped time was at the core of a widespread sense of crisis. For a while, many existed in survival mode, reacting to the demands of the day while unable to plan ahead. However, around the world, humans also began to deploy what in my work as a social anthropologist I call temporal agency – the ability to deliberately restructure, speed up or slow down the times we are living in.

Many of us learnt how to trick time in order to get through the new COVID-19 way of life. People restructured their daily lives by establishing new routines. Many had to navigate the differences between home and home office time, when both were spent in the same place. Some of us even learned how to tentatively plan ahead in a reality where the future was uncertain.

Many lockdowns (at least in the UK) later, I'm still impressed by the creative responses to the pandemic, particularly the many ways in which families and friends learned to share time at a distance. However, the one feature I particularly believe we should carry into the post-pandemic future is not that COVID creativity, but perseverance itself.

Endurance, maintenance and tenacity – the ingredients that make up perseverance – are under-appreciated even in times without crisis. However, they kept us going when life was hardest. Humanity surprised itself by quickly adapting to the new pandemic normal, but what counted more was the perseverance we deployed for more than a year without giving up. Creating a sustainable post-pandemic future will depend on it, too.

Missed opportunities

The pandemic taught us to appreciate, and even celebrate perseverance, not least the continuous daily work of all the heroic frontline workers (whose everyday work we'd taken for granted for too long). It also provided us with a chance to reconsider what's important in our lives and how we want to organise our societies in the future. Many of us were made aware of what counts and what was missed the most.

Prominent amongst those things are the social relations that make us who we are – with family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues, even those we had all those unnecessary fights with during lockdown.

In the post-pandemic future, we should never again take them for granted, nor all the hugs, kisses and handshakes. We avoid doing that by appreciating the work that goes into maintaining these social relationships.

Apart from time for family and friends, we also yearned for other times – for travel and

leisure, for example. We'd taken for granted the distinction between work and leisure, office and home time, and we'll have to take time again to renegotiate these distinctions. Whatever we come up with in the end, this new work-life balance will also have to stand the test of time – whether it can endure in the future and we in it.

Endurance and exhaustion

During the pandemic, many people had to come up with new ideas and change their behaviour. But once that change had happened, we were forced to maintain and endure our response to the pandemic.

The daily exercises, weekly Zoom calls with relatives or prolonged home-schooling efforts were all examples of endurance. In many places, perseverance shaped the latter part of the pandemic – it was all about making it through a few more dark winter days and resisting general exhaustion and lockdown fatigue.

Endurance is important to society in general. In a recent paper, I looked into why this matters in the context of urban decline in post-industrial cities.

As cities change, their inhabitants are forced to adapt their behaviour to new social, economic and political circumstances. Through this change, the fight to keep something you love alive requires endurance. Sustaining a social club that struggles to find new members or preserving your local community centre from closure entails plenty of perseverance. Maintaining part of your urban infrastructure that suffers from funding cuts – your youth club or local park – is a revolutionary act, because it withstands the change others intended for it.



Time with friends is important. Shutterstock/Jacob Lund

This work of maintenance and repair is at the core of our societies. It might look less interesting than attempts at making a difference, but without it everything around us would collapse.

The end of this pandemic will not be a sharp cut. It will be gradual and, as humanity will have to pace itself, there will be more need for endurance. In the best case, the experiences of the pandemic will help us determine what this future should look like.

Although the pandemic will at some point be over, there are enough crises yet that demand our attention: economic, social, ecological and political ones as well as potential future pandemics. The same sense of endurance, sustainability and perseverance will have to characterise our responses to those, too.

It is not enough to wait for a shortcut out of climate change or a cure-all for economic decline. A truly sustainable solution to these crises will have to be maintained in new everyday lives and routines. It will have to work with a different understanding of what human agency is all about.

Like during the pandemic, we not only have to establish new ideas, but make them work in the long run.



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Crossing the road

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is rushed to hospital on the very cusp of death.

After being given a quick jolt of the defibrillator the woman is revived, and she tells the doctors that she has had a near-death experience.

"I saw God, he told me that it was not my time yet and that I had a good 30 years of life left on earth," the beaming woman explains.

The woman makes a quick recovery from the trauma and as a result of her meeting with God she decides to really enjoy her life. She

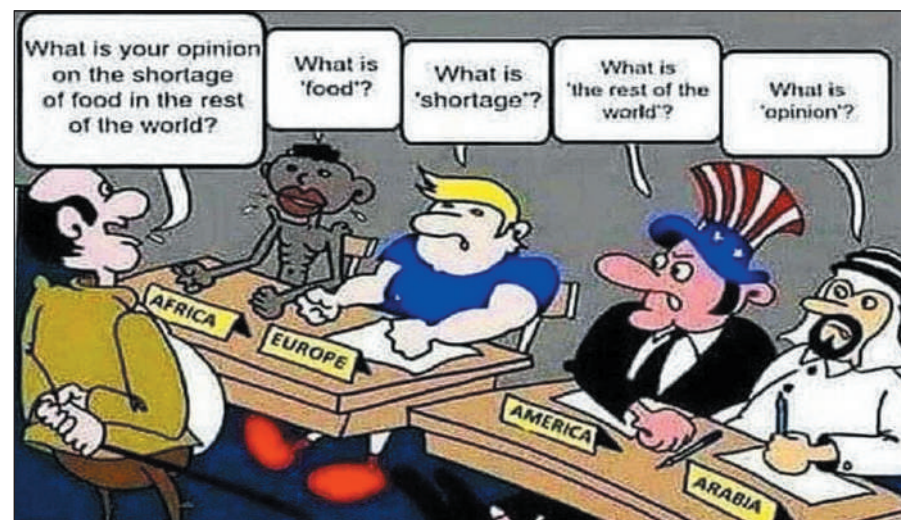
decides she wants to completely revamp her image and checks into a clinic for plastic surgery.

After a few weeks of recovery and with the makeover complete, the woman checks out and walks along the street feeling bright and breezy and full of hope for the future. She steps out at a zebra crossing and a car hits her killing her instantly.

The woman goes to heaven and stands in front of God in a fury.

"I thought you said I had another 30 years to go," she cries loudly.

"What can I say, I didn't recognize you," God says obviously embarrassed.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the above-named Applicants / Judgment Creditors will make application to this Court on **FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2021**, at **10:00** or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an order in the following terms:

1. An order as relates to the First Respondent, declaring the following immovable properties specially executable:

- (a) $\frac{3}{4}$ (THREE QUARTER) SHARE IN AND TO
 CERTAIN: ERF NO. 374 ELISENHEIM
 SITUATE: IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WINDHOEK
 REGISTRATION DIVISION "K"
 KHOMAS REGION
 MEASURING: 4280 (FOUR TWO EIGHT NOUGHT) SQUARE METRES AS INDICATED ON GENERAL PLAN NO. S.G. NO. A407/2011 AND
 HELD BY: CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED TITLE NO. T5333/2011
- (b) $\frac{3}{4}$ (THREE QUARTER) SHARE IN AND TO
 CERTAIN: ERF NO. 394 ELISENHEIM
 SITUATE: IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WINDHOEK

REGISTRATION DIVISION "K"
 KHOMAS REGION
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 HELD BY: CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED TITLE NO. T5333/2011
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 SITUATE: IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WINDHOEK
 REGISTRATION DIVISION "K"
 KHOMAS REGION
 EXTENT: 1070 (ONE NIL SEVEN NIL) SQUARE METRES
 FIRST REGISTERED and still held by certificate of registered title no. t8436/1993 with diagram no. a 68/90 relating thereto.
 SUBJECT to the following conditions imposed in terms of section 19 of the townships and divisions of land ordinance 1963 (ordinance 11 of 1963, created in said certificate of registered title no. T8436/1993.

- Costs of this application on the scale as between attorney and own client as agreed.
- Further and/or alternative relief.

KINDLY TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the affidavits of KAUNAPUA NDILULA and TSHUKA LUVINDAO together with the annexures thereto will be used in support of this Application.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Applicants have appointed Dr Weder, Kauta & Hoveka Inc., 3rd floor WKH House, Jan Jonker Road, Windhoek at which the Applicants will accept notice and service of all process in these proceedings.

KINDLY TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That First Respondent must within 10 days of service of this application file his notice of intention to oppose the Rule 108 application and to provide the Court reasons why the immovable properties should not be declared specifically executable.

KINDLY PLACE THE MATTER ON THE ROLL ACCORDINGLY.

DATED AND SIGNED AT WINDHOEK ON THIS DAY OF MAY 2021.

DR WEDER, KAUTA & HOVEKA INC.
 PER: TSHUKA LUVINDAO
 LEGAL PRACTITIONER FOR THE APPLICANT
 3RD FLOOR WKH HOUSE
 JAN JONKER ROAD
 WINDHOEK
 [REF: MAT58625/MVH]

TO: THE REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT
 MAIN DIVISION- WINDHOEK

The next pandemic is already happening...

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Antibody surveillance, also called serosurveys, test blood samples from target populations to identify how many people have been infected. Serosurveys help determine whether diseases like Ebola are circulating undetected.

Turns out they were: Ebola antibodies were found in more than 5% of people tested in Liberia in 1982, decades before the West African epidemic in 2014. These results support viral evolutionary theory: It takes time – sometimes a lot of time – to make an animal virus dangerous and transmissible between humans.

What this also means is that scientists have a chance to intervene.

Measuring zoonotic disease spillover

One way to take advantage of the lead time for animal viruses to fully adapt to humans is long-term, repeated surveillance. Setting up a pandemic threats warning system with this strategy in mind could help detect pre-pandemic viruses before they become harmful to humans. And the best place to start is directly at the source.

My team worked with virologist Shi Zhengli of the Wuhan Institute of Virology to develop a human antibody assay to test for a very distant cousin of SARS-CoV-2 found in bats. We established proof of zoonotic spillover in a small 2015 serosurvey in Yunnan, China: 3% of study participants living near bats carrying this SARS-like coronavirus tested antibody positive. But there

was one unexpected result: None of the previously infected study participants reported any harmful health effects. Earlier spillovers of SARS coronaviruses – like the first SARS epidemic in 2003 and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in 2012 – had caused high levels of illness and death. This one did not such thing.

Researchers conducted a larger study in Southern China between 2015 and 2017. It's a region home to bats known to carry SARS-like coronaviruses, including the one that caused the original 2003 SARS pandemic and the one most closely related to SARS-CoV-2.

Fewer than 1% of participants in this study tested antibody positive, meaning they had been previously infected with the SARS-like coronavirus. Again, none of them reported negative health effects. But syndromic surveillance – the same strategy used by sentinel hospitals – revealed something even more unexpected: An additional 5% of community participants reported symptoms consistent with SARS in the past year.

This study did more than just provide the biological evidence needed to establish proof of concept to measure zoonotic spillover. The pandemic threats warning system also picked up a signal for a SARS-like infection that couldn't yet be detected through blood tests. It may even have detected early variants of SARS-CoV-2.

Had surveillance protocols been in place, these results would have triggered a search

for community members who may have been part of an undetected outbreak. But without an established plan, the signal was missed.

From prediction to surveillance to genetic sequencing

The lion's share of pandemic prevention funding and effort over the past two decades has focused on discovering wildlife pathogens, and predicting pandemics before animal viruses can infect humans. But this approach has not predicted any major zoonotic disease outbreaks – including H1N1 influenza in 2009, MERS in 2012, the West African Ebola epidemic in 2014 or the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Predictive modeling has, however, provided robust heat maps of the global "hot spots" where zoonotic spillover is most likely to occur.

Long-term, regular surveillance at these "hot spots" could detect spillover signals, as well as any changes that occur over time. These could include an uptick in antibody-positive individuals, increased levels of illness and demographic changes among infected people. As with any proactive disease surveillance, if a signal is detected, an outbreak investigation would follow. People identified with symptoms that can't be easily diagnosed can then be screened using genetic sequencing to characterize and identify new viruses.

This is exactly what Greg Gray and his team from Duke University did in their search for undiscovered coronaviruses in rural Sarawak, Malaysia, a known "hot spot" for

zoonotic spillover. Eight of 301 specimens collected from pneumonia patients hospitalized in 2017-2018 were found to have a canine coronavirus never before seen in humans. Complete viral genome sequencing not only suggested that it had recently jumped from an animal host – it also harbored the same mutation that made both SARS and SARS-CoV-2 so deadly.

Let's not miss the next pandemic warning signal

The good news is that surveillance infrastructure in global "hot spots" already exists. The Connecting Organisations for Regional Disease Surveillance program links six regional disease surveillance networks in 28 countries. They pioneered "participant surveillance," partnering with communities at high risk for both initial zoonotic spillover and the gravest health outcomes to contribute to prevention efforts.

For example, Cambodia, a country at risk of pandemic avian influenza spillover, established a free national hotline for community members to report animal illnesses directly to the Ministry of Health in real time. Boots-on-the-ground approaches like these are key to a timely and coordinated public health response to stop outbreaks before they become pandemics.

It is easy to miss warning signals when global and local priorities are tentative. The same mistake need not happen again.

Maureen Miller,
Adjunct Associate Professor of
Epidemiology, Columbia University

Programme des Courses

1 THE PRODIGAL CUP 1500 m -- Valeur [0-20] -- 12h15

1 Opague	G	0-0-5-7/4	60.5	S.Donohoe	8	280
2 The Riddler	SH	6-10-7-2/6	60	B.Bhaugerothee	3	450
3 Valerin	CD	1-3-4-2/2	60(-4)	M.Sonaram	1	300
4 Daredevil Aviator	SPN	4-7-9-11/7	59.5	D.Bheekary	6	1800
5 Kali's Champ	CR	1-5-4-6-7/1	59.5(-4)	N.S.Batchameah	9	1700
6 Lady's Knight	RM	2-2-2-3-4/1	59.5	P.C.Orffer	11	1100
7 Desert Thief	RG	5-3-1-3-3/1	58.5	J.Allyhosain	7	1000
8 Xanthus	PM	4-6-2-8/3	58.5	B.Soofool	5	550
9 Real Vision	JMH	5-4-4-4/6	58	P.K.Horil	2	1600
10 Tiger's Bond	P	4-10-5-3-9/1	57	O.Sola	4	3000
11 Double Gratitude[EA]	RM	9-7-4-7/8	58.5	-----	10	-----

2 THE TRACKRIDERS CUP 1450 m -- Valeur [0-26] -- 12h50

1 Adamo	SH	0-6-5/8/7	61.5	B.Bhaugerothee	7	2000
2 Desert Illusion	SN	0-0-0-0-4	61	D.Bheekary	3	240
3 Giratorio	VA	0-0-0-0-3	61	B.Fayd'herbe	6	260
4 Silver Song	CD	5-2-1-2-1/1	61(-4)	M.Sonaram	4	350
5 Ticket To Cairo	JHM	nouveau	61	P.K.Horil	5	500
6 Fundraiser	P	0-0-7-A/7	60.5	O.Sola	2	2000
7 Jet Path	VA	4-8-9-8/10	59.5	B.Soofool	8	2000
8 Eagles Vision	SH	5-8-6-2/8	58.5	T.Juglall	4	-----

3 THE EUGENE ROUSSET CUP 990 m -- Valeur Benchmark 36 -- 13h25

1 Benev	SPN	nouveau	61.5	D.Bheekary	5	1000
2 Eight Cities	VA	5-1-9-9-9/1	61.5	S.Bussunt	1	2000
3 Captain Garrett	GR	0-6-R-2/1	59.5	B.Soofool	4	310
4 Good Buddy	JMH	9-5-6-3/7	59.5	P.K.Horil	2	750
5 Kingsman	P	R-4-4-7/8	59.5	O.Sola	3	600
6 Raheeb	RM	10-3-3-4-8/1	59.5	P.C.Orffer	6	350
7 Badawee	SJ	5-7-5-8/9	59	R.Boutanive	8	1600
8 Doublethink	RG	0-0-0-6/4	57.5	J.Allyhosain	7	370
9 Coup For Lute	CD	0-0-0-0-4	56(-4)	M.Sonaram	9	1000

4 THE SERGE HENRY CUP 1400 m -- Valeur Benchmark 41 -- 14h00

1 Lighthearted	P	0-0-2-7-8/1	61.5	O.Sola	8	2500
2 Swagger Jagger	PM	0-0-0-0-2	61	P.K.Horil	5	350
3 Carlas Mambo	SJ	2-1-1-5/3	60.5	D.Bheekary	2	400
4 King Of Tara	VA	1-4-3-6/8	60.5	B.Fayd'herbe	7	900
5 Lumber Jackaroo	CR	0-0-3-4-8/1	60.5(-4)	N.S.Batchameah	6	2000
6 Bestday Of Mylife	CD	R-2-1-2-3/1	60(-4)	M.Sonaram	1	330
7 Captain Gone Wild	SH	2/1-5-4-5/1	60	B.Bhaugerothee	4	700
8 Silver Heritage	RM	1-2-2-1-1/1	59	P.C.Orffer	9	370
9 Perfect Pursuit	SN	6-1-6-5/5	55	T.Juglall	3	3500

5 THE SIR BEDE CLIFFORD CUP 1450 m -- Valeur Benchmark 46 -- 14h35

1 Afdeek	RM	6-3-2-5/4	61	P.C.Orffer	8	400
2 Ovation Award	GR	2-5-3-4-3/1	61	S.Rama	9	700
3 Choir Of Angels	JMH	1-1-2-7/7	60.5	B.Bhaugerothee	11	2000
4 Culture Trip	SN	0-0-0-0-1	60.5	D.Bheekary	1	290
5 Duke's Domain	RG	1-1-4-3-2/1	60	J.Allyhosain	6	470
6 Senatla	CD	5-7-3-8-3/1	60(-4)	N.S.Batchameah	5	2500
7 Snowy Mountain	P	0-0-0-0-0	59.5	O.Sola	4	3500
8 Juniper Lane	PM	0-0-0-0-2	59	P.K.Horil	10	340
9 Promissory	VA	2-3-1-3/6	59	B.Fayd'herbe	7	1000
10 Mac 'N Scar	SH	0-6-7-3-8/1	58.5	T.Juglall	2	3000
11 Arlington's Revenge [EA]	SJ	8-8-4-5-4/1	56.5	-----	3	-----

6 LA COUPE DU CENT CINQUANTAIRE 1500 m -- Valeur G.3 -- 15h10

1 Twist of Fate	VA	0-0-0-0-1	61	B.Fayd'herbe	5	160
2 White River	RG	1/2-1-1-2/1	57.5	J.Allyhosain	7	700
3 Undercover Agent	RM	2-4-1-4-3/1	57.5	P.C.Orffer	9	700
4 Patrol Officer	GR	1-1-1-1-1/1	55	S.Rama	6	500
5 The Dazzler	SN	0-5-2-4-1/1	53.5	N.S.Batchameah	8	800
6 Wall Tag	VA	3-5-3-3/2	53.5	B.Soofool	1	700
7 Trippi's Express	RG	1-2-3-1-3/1	52	P.K.Horil	3	1600
8 Haylor	SJ	2-N-5-1/9	52	T.Juglall	4	2500
9 Consul of War [EA]	CD	1-1-3-3-2/1	52	-----	2	-----

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7 THE NOBLE SALUTE CUP 990 m -- Valeur G.3 -- 15h45

1 African Rock	SN	nouveau	61	D.Bheekary	7	450
2 Mr Hardy	CR	5-2-8-3-5/1	61(-4)	N.S.Batchameah	1	1200
3 Crazy Charlie	GR	0-R-1-3/4	60.5	S.Rama	6	330
4 River Thames	SJ	2-1-7-8/2	60.5	S.Bussunt	2	250
5 Stockbridge	PM	8-6-7-3-3/1	60.5	P.K.Horil	3	500
6 Fairbanks	VA	4-4-4-1-2/1	59.5	B.Fayd'herbe	4	600
7 Learning To Fly	P	0-0-0-4-5/1	59.5	O.Sola	8	2000
8 Amandla	JMH	6-9-2-3/5	56	B.Soofool	5	2500
9 Le Quartier	CD	0-0-0-0-7	56(-4)	M.Sonaram	9	3500

8 THE CHICKADEE PLATE 1365 m -- Valeur [0-25] -- 16h20

1 Al Jazeera	CR	nouveau	61(-4)	N.S.Batchameah	1	500
2 Hardfallingrain	CD	nouveau	61	D.Bheekary	3	300
3 Straight	JMH	3-2-2-4/6	60.5	B.Soofool	5	800
4 Duke Of York	RM	3-7-4-R/3	60	P.C.Orffer	2	330
5 Sentido	VA	5-8-3-2-4/1	59.5	B.Fayd'herbe	4	500
6 Brabanzio	SH	nouveau	59	B.Bhaugerothee	7	600
7 Seoul	JMH	nouveau	59	P.K.Horil	6	700
8 Big Smoke	P	8/5-6-5-8/1	53	S.Rama	8	5000

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1. Valerin, The Riddler, Desert Thief
 2. Desert Illusion, Giratorio, Silver Song
 3. Captain Garrett, Doublethink, Doublethink
 4. Swagger Jagger, Bestday Of Mylife, Carlas Mambo
 5. Afdeek, Juniper Lane, Culture Trip
 6. Twist of Fate, Patrol Officer, Wall Tag
 7. River Thames, African Rock, Crazy Charlie
 8. Duke Of York, Hardfallingrain, Al Jazeera



The Barber

A man was getting a haircut prior to a trip to Rome. He mentioned the trip to the barber who responded, "Rome..? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty and full of Italians... you're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking United," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"United Airlines?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a terrible airline... their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at the downtown International Marriott."

"That dump! That's the worst hotel in the city. The rooms are small, the service is surly and they're overpriced. So, whatcha doing when you get there?"

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the man again came in for his regular haircut. The barber asked him about his trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the man, "not only were we on time in one of United's brand-new planes, but it was overbooked and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a beautiful 28-year-old stewardess who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel... it was great! They'd just finished a \$25 million remodelling job and now it's the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us the presidential suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the barber, "I know you didn't get to see the pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, for as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the pope likes to personally meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later the pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down as he spoke a few words to me."

"Really?" asked the barber. "What'd he say?"

He said, "Where'd you get the shitty haircut?"

An old man goes to the doctor for some tests. When he gets the results, the doctor tells him that he has bad news.

The old man says, "Just give it to me



straight, doc."

The doctor says, "Well, you have cancer, and you have Alzheimer's."

The old man says, "I guess it could be worse. I could have cancer."

Q: Why is a river rich? A: Because it has two banks.

Q: What is tall when it is young and short when it is old?

A: A candle.

A woman named Shirley was from Beverly Hills.

One day, she had a heart attack and was taken to Cedars Sinai Hospital. While

on the operating table, she had a near death experience.

She saw God and asked, "Is this it?"

God said, "No, you have another 30 to 40 years to live."

Upon her recovery, she decided to stay in the hospital and have collagen shots, cheek implants, a face lift, liposuction, and breast augmentation. She even had someone dye her hair. She figured since she had another 30 to 40 years, she might as well make the most of it.

She walked out of Cedars Sinai lobby after the last operation, and was killed by an ambulance speeding up to the hospital. She arrived in front of God and said, "I thought you said I had another 30 to 40 years?"

God replied, "Shirley! I'm sorry but I didn't recognize you!"

A farmer wrote a letter to his son in jail for robbing a bank: "This year, I can't plant potatoes because you are not here to plough the field."

The son wrote back, "Papa, don't dare plough the field. That is where I hid the money I stole."

The police intercepted the letter and by the next day they'd dug up the entire field but found nothing.

The son wrote to his father, "Now you can plant your potatoes."

Q. What do you do if attacked by a clan of clowns?

A. Go for the juggler.

Life's Stories

Everyone has a Story

A young man in his twenties, who was looking out the train's window shouted...

"Father, look at the trees! They are going behind!"

The young man's father smiled at the man and a young couple sitting nearby looked at the young man's childish comment with pity.

DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS BY YOUR OWN STANDARDS, FOR EVERYONE IS MAKING THEIR WAY HOME, IN THE WAY THEY KNOW BEST.

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Suddenly, the young man exclaimed again: "Father, look at the clouds! They are all running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man: "Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?"

The old man smiled and said: "We did and we are just coming from the hospital. My son was blind from birth and he just got his vision today."

Every person in the world has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

The coldest winter

It was one of the coldest winters and many animals were dying because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep each other warm. This was a great way to protect themselves from cold and keep each of them warm; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

Soar Like an Eagle

Did you know that an eagle can foresee when a storm is approaching long before it breaks?

Instead of hiding, the eagle will fly to some high point and wait for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind can pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle soars above it.

The eagle does not escape or hide from the storm instead it uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the stormy winds which others dread.

When the storm of life or challenges hit us, we can rise above them and soar like the eagle which ride the winds of the storm. Don't be afraid of the storms or the challenges in your life. Use it to lift you higher in your life.

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After a while, they decided to distance themselves, but they too began to die due to cold. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or choose death. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the warmth of their togetherness. This way they were able to survive.

UNBOXING VIDEOS ARE SO PRE-QUARANTINE... I'M GONNA START RECORDING MYSELF TRYING TO UNBAG AND SANITIZE THE GROCERIES WITHOUT KILLING MYSELF.





limp and weak squeeze sets you up as unsure. How long you hold your shaker's hand matters, too: If you drop out too quickly, it can suggest shyness.

Nodding

Bobbing your head up and down during a conversation can make you seem agreeable and interested. Nods are catching, so if you nod while you speak, you might convince others to go along with what you're saying.

Posture

There's a reason people say they're "in a slump" when things aren't going their way. Science says slouching your shoulders can make you hold on to stress and feel sad. Standing up straight can help you feel positive and come across as

confident and focused.

Having trouble standing tall? Check in with your doctor to see if there's an underlying medical cause like osteoporosis.

Touching your face and hair

Twirling a lock, brushing back your bangs, or bringing your hands to your face can come across as flirty. "Self-grooming" behaviours like these may make it seem like you're hoping for attention from someone you fancy.

Locking eyes

A steady gaze creates a mixed bag of emotion. If the person you're talking to is comfortable with you, they're more likely to find you trustworthy if you hold eye contact. If they're unsure about you, a long look will make you seem more threatening. And no matter what someone thinks of you, everyone has an eye contact threshold where things start to feel... awkward.

Smiling

A feel-good grin is contagious. When you smile at someone, it sends a signal to their mouth muscles to do the same. Their smile triggers the parts of their brain that deal with happiness, and they feel a greater sense of connection with you.

Stance

Standing wide with uncrossed legs or arms tends to give off an "open and available" vibe. Staring at the ground or keeping your arms across your chest are more likely to send the signal that you're closed off and out of reach.

Hand gestures

Want to be memorable? Talk with your hands. When you gesture as you gab, it's more likely that your words will linger in someone's mind. But don't overdo it. Big movements may make you seem out of control and excitable.

Dilated pupils

You may want to slip on some shades next time you're around your crush so the "windows to your soul" don't give away your secret longing. When you're interested in or aroused by someone, your pupils dilate. It's not something you can control, but it may help you out with your object of affection: having larger pupils tends to make you more attractive to others.

Tense lips

If you tend to press your lips together, you should know: Liars are more likely to have this habit than people who tell the truth. Being (literally) tight-lipped could make you come across as untrustworthy.

Distance

It's good to respect personal space, but when you lean away from someone, they're more likely to suspect your motives. Same goes for fidgeting or crossing your arms. Leaning forward suggests partnership and that they can rely on you.

Microexpressions

No matter how hard you try to "fix your face," it may still give you away -- and it only takes a fraction of a second. Just a flash of a facial twitch, grimace, or raised brow leaves an impression that's hard to shake. So if your unguarded reaction to something is disgust, chances are an observer may sense that in their gut, even if they can't say why.

Mirroring

Copying the way someone's standing, their expressions, or even their accent often builds trust and understanding between you. But this doesn't always work. If you're in a position of power over the person you're mirroring, it can weird them out.

Relationship Signals

What does your body language say?

Sometimes, it doesn't even take a single word to send out a message loud and clear. Is your body language skewing others' view of you? Are your expressions, gestures, and positions revealing feelings you'd rather keep hidden -- or that you aren't even aware of? Jennifer Casarella of WebMD explains...

Licking your lips

Maybe you're just daydreaming about lunch, but to a conversation partner, licking your lips can read as sexual attraction. You may also wet them when talking about a romantic partner -- which can be a sign you're deeply in love.

Handshake

Handshakes and first impressions go, well, hand in hand. A nice, firm grip combined with a hearty (but not too hearty) shake can imply you're outgoing and confident. A

Struggling with your teen?

Here are some steps to strengthen your bond with your teen

From raising an infant to looking after a teen, parenting comes with varied experiences and challenges. While it may seem difficult and overwhelming at times, it can also make for some of the best moments in your life. But keeping all of it aside, raising a teen and attending to their needs and wants can sometimes seem highly toilsome and tiring. Unlike a toddler, they may not cry and throw a tantrum, but their attitude and approach to handling life may seem troublesome and more complicated.

In such a case, as a parent, you must learn to adapt and listen to what your teenage kid has to say. Instead of neglecting and ignoring their pleas and demands, try to reason out with them and help them

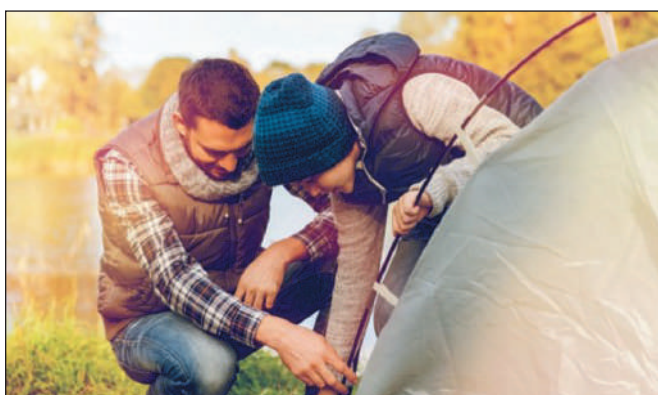
see the bigger picture. That said, if you're really struggling with your teen, here are some of the ways, as reported by Times of India, you can enhance and strengthen your relationship with them.

Communicate more

Never ignore or neglect your child's silent pleas. They may not express everything to you. But learn to pick up the subtle signs and try and reach out to them. However, you must not overwhelm them or force them to share their problems with you. Communicate but do not coerce.

Do not reject, instead redirect

Most teens have a lot of demands. Some of them may seem irrational and unnecessary to you. But if you directly reject them, then it may cause a rift in your relationship. Instead, you must help them understand the difference between 'need' and 'want'. Help them prioritize and guide them to decide reasonably.



Listen to them

First and foremost, it is crucial that you listen to your teen. At such a point in their lives, they are dealing with a lot of things. From trying to excel in their academics to making an effort to fit in - whether in their circle of friends or in general - their life is full of turmoil. That said, as a parent, you must give them the upper hand here and must give them a chance to express their trials and tribulations.

Be a friend rather than just a parent

If your child tries and expresses their

concerns to you, do not act as a parent and start criticizing and judging them. Instead, be a friend and try and show them the right path. Help them reason it out and make decisions on the basis of what's right.

Comfort them in times of need

While your teen may have grown up, but they're still kids. They may pretend like they can handle their problems, but they still seek your support and guidance. So, when they come to you for advice, do not play the 'I-told-you-so' game. Instead, comfort them and make them feel at home.

Do not invade their space

When it comes to parenting, setting boundaries and respecting your child's space is of utmost importance. Like everyone else, your teen may have some thoughts and concerns that he or she would like to keep to themselves. By pushing them to express their concerns to you, you're just distancing them away from yourself. Let them open themselves to you on their own.

From John Abraham-Bipasha Basu to Ranbir Kapoor-Katrina Kaif - 9 Bollywood couples who had stayed in live-in relationships



Live-in relationships are slowly being embraced as an acceptable part of society. After all, not everybody wishes to marry with their eyes closed. We have thus seen Bollywood couples staying under the same roof in live-in relationships for a long time, and who had made no bones about it, reports Russel D'Silva of Bollywood Life.

John Abraham and Bipasha Basu: John Abraham and Bipasha Basu are possibly the first couple who really set the ball rolling in this avenue, living with each other for almost a decade. Their union didn't end up in marriage, but it set a precedent of living life on their own terms.

Ranbir Kapoor and Katrina Kaif: Arguably the most famous Bollywood couple in a live-in relationship. They stayed in a spacious, posh Bandra apartment in Mumbai.

Abhay Deol and Preet Desai: Before eventually tying the knot, Abhay Deol and former Miss Great Britain, Preet Desai, decided to test the waters by living together.

Sushant Singh Rajput and Ankita Lokhande: SSR and Ankita Lokhande were probably the first TV couple (before the late actor embarked upon his movie career) to take this step. Things though things didn't work out for them.

Kunal Kemmu and Soha Ali Khan: It's amazing how Kunal Kemmu and Soha Ali Khan kept their live-in status so low-key before finally tying the knot. Perhaps other celebrity couples could take pointers.

Lara Dutta and Kelly Dorji: Probably the first celeb couple along with John and Bipasha to be so open about their live-in relationship. Unfortunately, they, too, ended up marrying other people.

Rajesh Khanna and Anita Advani: One of India cinema's first superstars ended up having a live-in relationship in his twilight years, much after his marriage to Dimple Kapadia had ended. His partner, Anita Advani, made it public soon after his demise.

Kareena Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan: The couple also tested the water before eventually entering into wedlock, and now raising two kids.



"Sometimes we make mistakes", says Priyanka

5 times Bollywood actors regretted doing certain films

While some films and roles turn actors into stars overnight, a few movies end up ruining their careers. Here's a list, as reported by Times Now!

Saif Ali Khan (Humshakals)

Saif Ali Khan starred in *Humshakals* in 2014 along with Riteish Deshmukh, Ram Kapoor, Bipasha Basu, Tamannaah Bhatia and Esha Gupta. The film didn't do well at the box office and the audience had mixed reactions to it.

In an interview with TOI, Saif said, "The film was very regressive. In fact, while watching it, I asked myself what I was doing in it. I knew I had let my fans down and underestimated their intelligence. I've been introspecting a lot and will never repeat a mistake that was *Humshakals*."

Shahid Kapoor (Shaandaar)

In an interview, Shahid shared that he wished he hadn't done *Shaandaar*, *Chup Chup Ke* and *Vaah! Life Ho To Aisi*. "*Shaandaar* being the first in that list. *Chup Chup Ke* maybe I wouldn't want to do and maybe *Vaah! Life Ho To Aisi* -- because I think it was trying to be an international film and we didn't have the kind of expertise to do that kind of

computer graphics," the actor said.

Katrina Kaif (Boom)

Katrina Kaif's debut film *Boom* didn't get great reviews and the actress was heavily criticized for her role. In a conversation with TOI, Katrina said, "When I signed the film, I was not aware of Indian culture and tradition. Had I known that aspect of India, I would not have done the film. I would not do anything like that again. And if this means that I won't get to do films anymore, I won't, especially if film-makers expect me to do all the stuff that they see in *Boom*".

Abhay Deol (Aisha)

Abhay Deol starred in *Aisha* along with Sonam Kapoor. But it seems that he wasn't satisfied with his role and the film's script too. The actor once said, "I would like to say today that I will never ever be part of a film like *Aisha* in my lifetime. It's not the kind of film I'd like to do."

Priyanka Chopra Jonas (Zanjeer)

Priyanka Chopra played a pivotal role in Ram Charan's Bollywood debut film *Zanjeer*. However, the actress wasn't happy with her role in the film. While talking about the film, Priyanka told TOI, "Sometimes we make mistakes."

YOUR STARS

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Your everyday life will be marked with very pleasant friendly encounters. You'll live intense moments; you'll give the finishing touch to a long-term work, or you'll see one of your dearest ambitions realized.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 14, 17, 19, 20, 33

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

If you begin to entertain gloomy ideas, if you no longer have the desire to be active, if you take no further interest in your entourage, then you must react very swiftly, for these are the first signs of a nervous breakdown.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 9, 12, 18, 23

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Opportunities to achieve superb professional feats will present themselves, and you'll only have to stretch out your hand in order to seize them. Show courage by refusing to let illusion take precedence over reality and by squarely facing things.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 5, 19, 24, 25, 28

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

If you're married, you'll have much difficulty resisting devastating temptation. If you give in, your feeling of guilt may spoil your pleasure. Your almost pathological anxiety about your health may this time provoke sleep troubles.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 15, 16, 21, 27, 28

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

The sentimental climate will be rather stormy, pregnant with jealousy and small dramas. Good work pace, encouraged by concrete results; don't lose a single minute in pointless gossip.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 15, 20, 24, 30, 32

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Heartwise, a person will attract you particularly; but you'll hesitate to accost him/her for fear of a failure; take courage and forge ahead! Don't embark on risky financial operations. Don't count on banks: they might stop a plan which demands too big a loan.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 10, 12, 19, 33, 36

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

You'll feel active, enterprising, more sure of yourself and confident in your own talents. There'll also be some kind of explosion of creativity. Organize yourself so as to resist the financial storm which will come soon.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 11, 19, 21, 30, 34

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Your finances will be more solid, and you'll have the flair to make good returns. You will however feel assailed by problems from all parts? Well, rather rejoice, for this shows that you're still alive, for life is nothing else than an uninterrupted succession of problems to be solved.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 18, 20, 21, 23, 39

Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

You'll finally feel the desire to exist by yourself and for yourself. Many will be more inclined to merry singlehood than to the constraints of couple life; nevertheless, consider the non-negligible advantages which the support of a solid mate can bring you.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 20, 21, 30, 36, 37

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

You'll have a good chance out of two to meet someone with whom you'll fall in love quickly; this idyll won't probably last, but it can provide you with immense happiness. You'll probably be confronted with some small domestic problems.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

It will be difficult for you not to worry about family problems which will make a comeback again; take the bull by the horns instead of acting like an ostrich. The amorous domain will be very unstable, made of unfaithfulness, disputes, which will multiply.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 13, 20, 19, 20

Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

All overwork must be avoided as your body will be sufficiently weakened. There'll be rupture in the air; but don't have too many regrets: it'd always be better to separate than to live together in an atmosphere of permanent tension.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 18, 30, 31, 36, 39

Shweta Tiwari to Urvashi Dholakia, TV actresses who raised their children single handedly

Life isn't a bed full of roses that sails smoothly, there are many hurdles that one has to go through. It's even tougher for divorced women and single mothers to deal with the orthodox societal norms. There are many single women from the television circuit who have battled this and raised their children without any external support. A report by the Times of India:

Shweta Tiwari, 40

Shweta Tiwari rose to fame with her character Perna from the show, *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*. She was recently seen in the series, *Mere Dad Ki Dulhan* and is a single parent to two children - Palak Tiwari and Reyaansh Kohli from her former husband's Raja Chaudhary and Abhinav Kohli respectively. The actress got divorced from Raja and Abhinav is her estranged husband. Shweta is an inspiration for many women. She has currently headed for *Khatron Ke Khiladi II*.

Urvashi Dholakia, 41

Urvashi Dholakia got married at the age of 16 and is a mother to two boys - Sagar and Kshitij. She raised them as a single parent and never remarried. Her relationship with boyfriend Anuj Sachdeva was also hyped but it did not materialise. Urvashi's sons want her to remarry but the actress doesn't want to.



Speaking about it, she told BT, "My children and family want me to settle down but I haven't given it a serious thought yet (laughs). My children often ask me to get married or date someone but whenever I'm faced with these topics, I always laugh it off. Kya sochu main, not that *ki mera time chala gaya hai* (what do I think, not that my time is gone), but I can't overthink things beyond a point."

Neena Gupta, 61

Neena Gupta raised her daughter Masaba, who is now an accomplished fashion designer single handedly. Neena spoke about being a single mother at the time when this concept was uncommon and looked down

upon.

Neena gracefully faced criticism, kept her head high and proved that a child can be raised well enough with one parent.

Dalljiet Kaur, 38

Dalljiet Kaur has a son named Jaydon with former husband Shalin Bhanot. After getting divorced from him, Dalljiet is raising Jaydon by herself and more than a mother, she stays with him like a friend and goes on solo trips with her son.

Dalljiet was seen in *Bigg Boss 13* and *Guddan Tumse Na Ho Payega*.

Juhi Parmar, 40

Juhi Parmar has a daughter named Samaira with former husband Sachin Shroff. They were married for eight years after they got divorced. Juhi is a mother and a friend to her daughter Samaira. Juhi's instagram account is filled with photos and videos with Samaira. She is currently

seen in *Hamari Vali Good News*.

Achint Kaur, 50

Achint Kaur is mostly known for playing the role of an antagonist in several popular shows. The actress is a mother to a 28-year old son, Preetranjan. Achint married at an early age but the marriage was a short-lived one.

Deepshikha Nagpal, 43

Deepshikha Nagpal divorced her husband Jeet Upendra after being married for 10 years. She is shouldering the responsibility of both - a mother and a father for her children, Vidhika and Vivaan.

'Last year things were unclear. At least this time around, we are working, which is a good thing': Kamy Panjabi

Kamy Panjabi has been away from her family for the past few weeks as she is shooting for her show *Shakti - Astitva Ehsaas Ki* in Agra. Staying away from home hasn't been easy, but she's glad that her in-laws live in Delhi, two hours away from her set, reports Hasti Doshi of TNN. She says, "I am happy that my kids are older now - Aara is 11 and Ishaan is 12, so that's not much of a problem. I am choosing not to travel and visit them because even that is a risk. Thanks to video calls, we stay connected."

"Both my kids miss me, but they are living with family and are doing well, so I am relaxed. My husband Shalabh (Dang) keeps visiting me, which is a blessing and gives me a lot of strength. My mother-in-law sends me good *chutneys* and *aachars*, which make me feel like I am at home," says Kamy.

But Kamy is glad to be working in these times. She says, "I feel working is much better than sitting at home. Last year things were unclear and we didn't know what to do or expect. At least this time around, we are working, which is a good thing."



Meanwhile, *Shakti* has completed five years and it's celebration time for the team. Talking about her stint on the show, Kamy says, "I feel happy and proud that I am a part of this show from the beginning. We cut cakes to celebrate the occasion recently."

What does she think about TV shows that drag their storylines unnecessarily sometimes? "We have been lucky that our show is not being dragged. We have a unique storyline, which has a lot of scope for drama. As an actor, I don't feel like my character has been dragged. One might feel that I am biased towards my show, but all I know is that I am enjoying playing my character. I hope we complete many more years," she smiles.

'TV shows revolve around women. There isn't much left for a man to do': Vivek Dahiya

Vivek Dahiya, who has been a part of TV shows like *Kavach*, *Qayamat Ki Raat* and *Ye Hai Mohabbatein*, recently said he was taking a break from television to focus on films. In a chat with Bombay Times, Vivek talks about his decision to make the transition. Excerpts:

What prompted you to take this step?

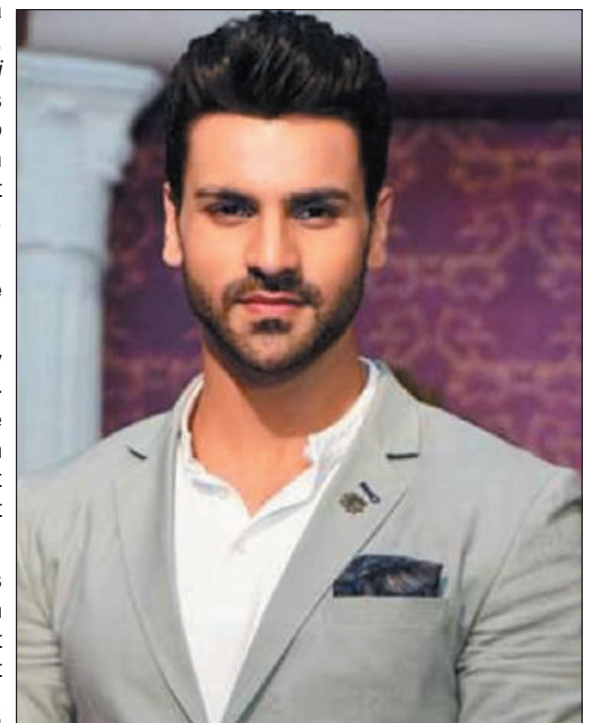
TV is a great medium for any actor because of its reach and penetration, and I'm proud to have worked and learned so much during these years. But now I want to spread my wings and try out different things.

It's difficult for a guy to prove his versatility on the small screen because TV has shows that revolve around women. There isn't much left for a man to do here. Most shows are family dramas and one does not look different from the other.

I know a lot of people who say that they won't work in television, but end up returning to the medium, so never say never. I might come back too, but for now, I want to focus on films.

How is the experience?

It's like starting all over again. There is excitement and anxiety, but I am hopeful and positive. Since I have done television for a few years, I consider myself to be



better equipped. I am meeting different people and I have the faith that soon I will bag an interesting project.

What kind of a role do you hope to bag?

I don't want to confine or restrict myself; I want to try all sorts of characters, whether they are positive, grey or the villain. I am trained in martial arts, so I would love to do an action-oriented role in a film or a web show.

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The Ottoman Lieutenant

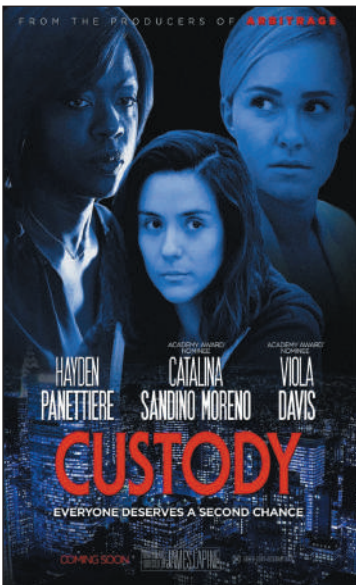


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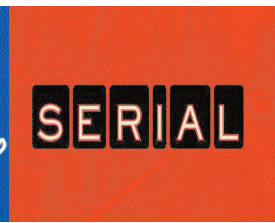
Custody

Starring: Viola Davis, Hayden Panettiere, Catalina Sandino Moreno, Tony Shalhoub



CINE 12

Dimanche 6 Juin - 21.15



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MBC 1

- 07.00 Dessin Anime
- 10.35 Serial: Open Heart
- 11.10 Tele: Soleil Levant
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.25 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir
- 12.55 MBC Talent Show
- 14.25 D.Anime: The Hive
- 14.33 D.Anime: Teenie Weenies
- 14.56 D.Anime: La Famille Blaireau
- 15.19 D.Anime: Pet Alien
- 15.55 Film: Shopkins
- 17.00 Serial: Backstage
- 17.30 Mag: Origami
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Serial: Siya Ke Ram
- 19.30 Journal & La Meteo
- 20.20 Prod: Lottery Vert Draw
- 20.30 Local: MBC Prod
- 21.15 Serial: Seal Team
- 23.00 Le Journal
- 23.35 Mag: Eye On SADC

MBC 2

- 10.00 Serial: Ki Jaana Mein Kaun
- 11.21 Serial: Zun Mureed
- 12.04 Film: Gemini Ganeshanum Suruli Raajanam
- 14.04 DDI Magazine
- 15.00 Serial: Ek Deewana Tha
- 15.25 Serial: Aamhi Doghi
- 15.44 Serial: Bava Maradallu
- 16.07 Serial: Apoorva Raagangal
- 16.36 Serial: Sila
- 16.52 Serial: Imtihaan
- 17.09 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala
- 17.35 Serial: Chhanchhan
- 18.00 Serial: Colourful Bone
- 18.30 DDI Magazine
- 19.05 Zournal Kreol
- 19.30 DDI Magazine
- 20.00 Serial: Band Khirkiyan
- 20.43 Local: Anjuman
- 21.08 Local: Urdu Programme

MBC 3

- 06.00 Mag: Eco India
- 06.26 Mag: Shift
- 06.38 Mag: Sur Mesure
- 07.52 Mag: Science Ou Fiction
- 08.19 Doc: 360 GEO
- 09.56 Doc: New York City Rich...
- 11.07 Mag: Eco India
- 11.46 Mag: Sur Mesure
- 12.35 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 12.59 Mag: Science Ou Fiction
- 13.27 Doc: 360 GEO
- 15.47 Doc: Bohemian Switzerland..
- 16.55 Mag: Sur Mesure
- 17.06 Mag: Border Crossing
- 17.34 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 18.00 Doc: Island Of The White...
- 18.44 Mag: Arts And Culture
- 19.00 Student Support Prog...
- 20.05 Doc: Olivia's Garden
- 20.30 Local: News (English)
- 21.32 La Vie Revee De Gaspard

Cine 12

- 00.54 Serial: 19-2
- 01.34 Film: Kill Kane
- 02.51 Serial: Shades Of Blue
- 03.32 Film: The Legend Of Zorro
- 05.37 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 07.01 Film: Mes Enfants Pris En...
- 09.00 Serial: Mission: Impossible
- 09.45 Tele: Daniella
- 10.35 Tele: Tanto Amor
- 11.00 Serial: Shades Of Blue
- 11.44 Film: The Legend Of Zorro
- 13.42 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 14.50 Film: Mes Enfants Pris En...
- 16.29 Serial: Mission: Impossible
- 17.20 Serial: 19-2
- 18.05 Tele: Daneilla
- 19.00 Tele: Tanto Amor
- 20.05 Tele: Sinu, Rio Des Pasiones
- 20.30 Serial: Night Shift
- 21.15 Film: The Ottoman Lieute...
- 23.01 Tele: Muneca Brava

Bollywood TV

- 08.00 Film: Hindustani Film
- 12.05 / 19.54 - Sanjivani
- 12.30 / 20.11 - Radha Krishna
- 12.51 / 20.32 - Agniphera
- 13.20 / 21.09 - Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 13.29 / 21.24 - Zindagi Ki Mehek
- 13.53 / 21.46 - Naagin S3
- 14.35 / 21.59 - Ikyawann
- 14.56 / 22.25 - Mere Sai - Shradha Aur Saburi
- 15.21 Film: Naam Hai Akira
- Starring Sonakshi Sinha, Konkona Sen Sharma, Anurag Kashyap, Rose J Kaur
- 18.00 Live: Samacher
- 18.30 Kundali Bhagya
- 18.51 Ek Rishta Saajhedari Ka

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- 06.00 D.Anime: Mega Man
- 06.24 D.Anime: Rev & Roll, Amis...
- 06.46 D.Anime: Sissi, Jeune Impe...
- 07.13 D.Anime: Kid Lucky
- 07.35 D.Anime: The Twisted Whis...
- 07.59 D.Anime: Cosmic Quantum...
- 08.22 D.Anime: Teenie Weenies
- 08.24 D.Anime: Martin Morning
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.30 Tele: Daniella
- 14.44 D.Anime: The Hive
- 15.00 D.Anime: Spongo, Fuzz and...
- 15.35 Film: Fish Tales 3
- 16.45 Serial: Project MC
- 17.10 Mag: Origami
- 17.18 Serial: Magic Mania
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Entertainment: Dance
- 19.30 Journal & La Meteo
- 20.25 Local: Le Rendez Vous
- 21.20 Film: Spinning Man
- 23.00 Le Journal

- 07.00 Film: Fifty Fifty
- 09.32 Serial: Vir: The Robot Boy
- 09.41 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
- 10.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 11.36 Serial: Bloody Romance
- 12.00 Serial: Nanda Saukhya Bhare
- 12.24 Serial: Mooga Manasulu
- 12.47 Serial: High School
- 13.03 Annakodiyum Ainthu Pengalum
- 15.00 Serial: Ek Deewana Tha
- 15.24 Film: Shortcut Safari
- 17.05 DDI Magazine
- 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
- 19.30 DDI Magazine
- 20.06 Serial: Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gatha
- 20.28 Serial: Bitti Business Wali
- 21.01 Film: The Tashkent Files
- Starring Naseeruddin Shah, Mithun Chakraborty, Shweta Basu Prasa

- 06.00 Doc: Island Of The White...
- 06.42 Mag: Arts And Culture
- 07.27 Mag: Euromaxx
- 07.56 Doc: Quand Le Thon Nous...
- 08.48 La Vie Revee De Gaspard
- 09.40 Doc: Syndrome K
- 11.07 Doc: Island Of The White...
- 12.03 Mag: Global 3000
- 12.29 Mag: Euromaxx
- 12.57 Doc: Quand Le Thon Nous...
- 13.50 La Vie Revee De Gaspard
- 14.42 Doc: Syndrome K
- 15.27 Student Support Prog...
- 19.31 Mag: Check In
- 20.05 Doc: Garden Party
- 20.30 Local: News (English)
- 20.40 Doc: 360 GEO
- 21.32 Doc: Destinations
- 21.45 Doc: SOS Animaux En...
- 22.37 Doc: The Dresden Legend
- 23.19 Doc: Displaced
- 00.02 Doc: Amazing Gardens

- 01.39 Film: The Ottoman Lieute...
- 03.13 Serial: Dynasty 2
- 04.05 Film: Night Wolf
- 05.31 Tele: Esmeraldas
- 06.10 Serial: Night Shift
- 06.52 Film: Brush With Danger
- 08.30 Serial: Mike Hammer
- 09.26 Serial: The Enemy Within
- 10.07 Serial: 12 Monkeys
- 10.49 Film: Sox: A Family's Best...
- 12.13 Serial: Dynasty 2
- 13.00 Serial: L.A.'s Finest
- 15.05 Tele: Amanda
- 15.45 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 16.30 Mag: Hollywood On Set
- 17.00 Serial: Night Shift
- 17.45 Film: Spider-Man
- 20.05 Tele: Sinu, Rio Des Pasiones
- 20.30 Series: Night Shift
- 21.15 Film: Custody
- 22.54 Tele: Dulce Amor

- 04.05 Sanjivani
- 04.26 Radha Krishna
- 04.48 Agniphera
- 05.09 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 05.34 Zindagi Ki Mehek
- 06.44 Ikyawann
- 07.03 Mere Sai - Shradha Aur...
- 06.36 Bin Kuch Kahe
- 07.12 Kundali Bhagya
- 07.34 Ek Rishta Saajhedari Ka
- 08.00 Zindagi Ki Mehek
- 10.14 Motu Patlu
- 10.12 Siddhi Vinayak
- 12.00 Serial: Bhakharwadi
- 14.00 Sanjivani
- 16.00 Pavitra Rishta
- 18.30 Film: Padman
- Star: Akshay Kumar, Radhika Apte, Sonam Kapoor
- 20.46 Serial: Siya Ke Ram
- 21.29 Serial: Naagin

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- 06.00 D.Anime: Mega Man: Fully...
- 06.25 D.Anime: Rev & Roll, Amis A...
- 06.46 D.Anime: Sissi, Jeune Impe...
- 07.56 D.Anime: Cosmic Quantum...
- 09.30 Mag: Future Mag
- 10.00 Local: Zanan Nou Zil
- 10.30 Serial: Mustangs FC
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.40 Tele: Daniella
- 14.15 Local: Elle
- 15.05 D.Anime: The Hive
- 15.30 D.Anime: Spongo, Fuzz And...
- 15.55 Film: Barbie: Heroine De Jeu...
- 17.03 Serial: Project MC
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Yeh Shaam Mastani
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.10 Local: Groov'in
- 21.05 Film: Love Over Distance
- Stars: Peter Bolhuis, Katja Herbers, Leny Breederveld

- 07.00 Film: Disco Dancer
- 09.00 Serial: Bapu
- 10.11 Local: Katha On Shrimad...
- 12.00 Film: Meri Jung
- Stars: Anil Kapoor, Meenakshi Seshadri, Nutan, Javed Jaffrey
- 15.00 Serial: Ek Deewana Tha
- 15.19 Serial: Mooga Manasulu
- 15.42 Eka Lagnachi Teesri Gosht
- 16.05 Apoorva Raagangal
- 17.00 Mahakali
- 17.43 Kisna
- 18.00 Mag: DDI Magazine
- 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
- 20.06 Serial: Mann Mein Vishwas Hai
- 20.47 Serial: CID
- 21.32 Serial: Naagin Season 2
- 22.17 Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki
- 22.59 DDI Live

- 06.00 Mag: Amazing Gardens
- 06.26 Doc: Good Virus, Bad Virus
- 07.08 Doc: The World From Above
- 08.00 Doc: 360 GEO
- 08.55 Doc: Destination
- 10.43 Doc: Displaced: Tomatoes...
- 11.28 Doc: Amazing Gardens
- 11.54 Doc: Good Virus, Bad Virus
- 13.02 Mag: Check In
- 13.28 Doc: 360 GEO
- 17.23 Doc: Good Virus, Bad Virus
- 18.00 Mag: Tendance XXI
- 18.35 Doc: Ville En Fête
- 20.05 Mag: Happiness Is On The...
- 20.30 Local Prod: News (English)
- 20.40 Doc: Destinations
- 20.53 Doc: Wedding The French...
- 21.45 Doc: The Science Of Avala...
- 22.27 Doc: Never Enough
- 23.09 Mag: Tendance XXI
- 23.36 Doc: Ville En Fête

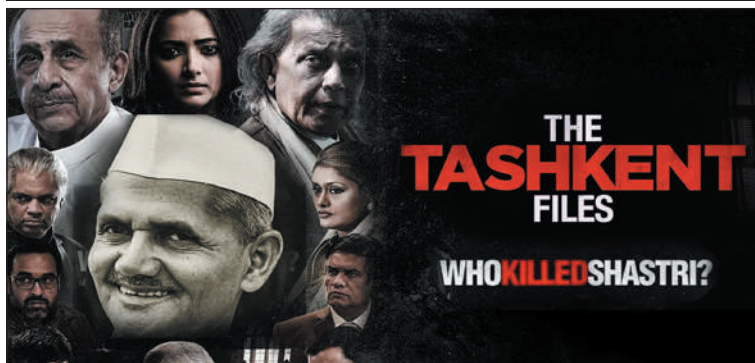
- 00.20 Serial: Night Shift
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- 03.07 Serial: Emerald City
- 03.47 Film: Spinning Man
- 05.17 Tele: Esmeraldas
- 05.58 Serial: Night Shift
- 06.40 Film: Sox: A Family's Best...
- 08.12 Serial: Mike Hammer
- 09.00 Film: Custody
- 10.35 Film: Spider-Man
- 12.27 Serial: Emerald City
- 15.12 Telenovela: Amanda
- 15.48 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 17.00 Serial: Night Shift
- 17.43 Serial: Emerald City
- 18.30 Serial: Supercopier
- 20.05 Tele: Sinu, Rio Des Pasiones
- 20.30 Serial: Pure Genius
- 21.15 Film: Sniper Special OPS
- 22.37 Tele: Dulce Amor

- 00.40 Serial: Bhakharwadi
- 02.23 Sanjivani
- 04.06 Pavitra Rishta
- 05.36 Film: Padman
- Starring: Akshay Kumar, Radhika Apte, Sonam Kapoor
- 08.00 Motu Patlu
- 08.11 Karn Sangini
- 09.59 Jaana Na Dil Se Door
- 12.00 Piya Albela
- 13.33 Agniphera
- 15.47 Bin Kuch Kahe
- 17.35 Punar Vivaah
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Film: Simmba
- Starring: Ranveer Singh, Sonu Sood, Sara Ali Khan
- 20.59 Entertainment: Dance
- 21.46 Bade Acche Lagte Hai

MBC 2

Samedi 5 Juin - 21.00

Stars: Naseeruddin Shah, Mithun Chakraborty, Shweta Basu Prasa



BTV

Dimanche 6 Juin - 18.30

Stars: Ranveer Singh, Sonu Sood, Sara Ali Khan





Nita Deerpalsing

L'impact dramatique de la pandémie de Covid-19 exige des mesures pour accompagner et soulager les citoyens, les ménages et les entreprises. En même temps, la conjoncture nous impose à déployer un plan d'action pour restructurer de fond en comble tout le système afin d'aborder l'après Covid-19 en toute confiance.

Un leadership éclairé, la synchronisation et la pertinence de l'ensemble des mesures sont déterminants. Vivre dans l'urgence sans planification a suffisamment déstabilisé le système et polarisé la richesse générée. L'exercice budgétaire est devenu un spectacle pathétique alors que notre *policy-making* doit être un exercice qui est mesuré et revu en permanence, et communiqué avec précision et régularité. Voici quelques-unes de mes propositions qui me semblent amplement réalistes et nécessaires.

1. Un signal fort contre les abus

Un message convaincant du Premier ministre qui inspire la responsabilisation de tous les dirigeants des institutions et les citoyens en général:

Un engagement ferme, en donnant l'exemple, à une responsabilité fiscale qui passe notamment par la transparence absolue dans l'utilisation de l'argent public, la chasse au gaspillage des fonds, aux surcoûts et à la corruption (l'ICAC doit absolument sortir de son insignifiance); l'annulation des projets de prestige (c'est-à-dire, non-essentiels), le décalage des autres projets d'infrastructures selon leur pertinence.

2. Slash the public fat cats

Une réduction significative dans le train de vie des membres du Parlement et des entreprises publiques avec notamment une réduction d'au moins 50% dans leur package de bénéfices globaux.

3. Burden sharing équitable

Dans une démarche proactive (pour éviter une avalanche d'impositions du Gouvernement), les secteurs *Covid-proof*, voire *Covid-boosted*, doivent activement démontrer leur solidarité.

Aux banques d'augmenter le taux à l'épargne, de baisser le taux à l'emprunt (bref - rétrécir le *spread*) et de réduire les frais bancaires. Pour les prochains 2-3 ans : rééchelonnement des prêts résidentiels

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et des micro, petites et moyennes entreprises (MPME); *rent holiday* et baisse de loyer selon le type de propriétaires des emplacements commerciaux et résidentiels.

- Et aux grands actionnaires des conglomérats qui ont bénéficié de milliards de roupies de dividendes sur plusieurs années de réinjecter davantage de capitaux frais, au lieu de recourir systématiquement aux fonds publics directement ou indirectement.

4. Tou zafer troser !

Garantir la stabilité de la roupie. Nous importons tout. Donc tout dépend du taux de change: de la nourriture aux équipements, des médicaments aux produits essentiels. Tout notre appareil de production pour le marché local comme pour l'exportation comporte une part imposante d'intrants importés.

Donc, en perdant continuellement de sa valeur par rapport aux devises, la roupie plombe les coûts de production.

5. Prix perdi latet !

Introduction temporaire du maximum *mark-up* sur plus de produits alimentaires et autres articles de base. Que la *Competition Commission* montre ses dents avec plus de vigueur. Un *Ombudsperson* équipé adéquatement dans la durée pour veiller sur les abus chez les prestataires de services, y compris médicaux.

6. Essence et électricité

Rendre l'*Automatic Price Mechanism* vraiment automatique et rationaliser les taxes pour faire baisser le prix de l'essence à la pompe. Une baisse importante du tarif d'électricité est tout à fait envisageable aussi.

7. La santé pou tou dimounn

Comment garantir que les pension-

naires et autres dépendants n'aient pas à prendre de risques inutiles en allant faire leur suivi médical ou toucher leur pension ?

Les services de sécurité sociale ont bien démontré que leur mobilité avait permis à nos citoyens du troisième âge et autres de subsister - ce programme doit être remis sur les rails immédiatement et doit être consolidé sur le long terme.

8. E-gouvernement

Comblent vite le retard important dans ce domaine avec des effets multiplicateurs sur le trafic routier, l'empreinte carbone, les risques de transmission de virus et la productivité nationale, entre autres.

9. Revitaliser nos ressources humaines

Même si nous ne pouvons pas chiffrer l'impact des loisirs sains sur notre bien-être, c'est clair qu'ils nous permettent de nous libérer des énergies négatives que Covid-19 peut amplifier jusqu'au trauma. Pour se remettre en selle, rien de mieux que de restituer aux citoyens, qui de surcroît ne sont pas toujours véhiculés, leur loisir préféré : le droit d'aller à la mer!

Et pour doper l'industrie des loisirs, quoi de mieux que de ramener le coût des déplacements en famille aussi bas que possible - ou même gratuit pour les plus jeunes - les dimanches dans les transports publics ?

Et quid des incitations des opérateurs de l'industrie (parcs, tour-opérateurs, attractions, etc.): pourquoi ne pas pratiquer des tarifs vraiment réduits pour les locaux pendant une ou deux années ?

10. Rendre le logement accessible

Un logement hors de prix a un impact multidimensionnel sur les citoyens. Non seulement devons-nous rendre *affordable* les logements et penser en termes d'habitat pour une approche intégrée, nous devons aussi explorer les possibilités

pour réduire drastiquement les coûts de construction. En ce qui concerne les prix des terrains, c'est inadmissible de laisser les euros et les dollars des acheteurs étrangers déterminer le prix du marché.

11. Nouvelle orientation

Quelques exemples sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Des incitations fiscales importantes sont requises pour stimuler les investissements dans la technologie et booster les jeunes afin de renverser le déficit inquiétant dans notre souveraineté alimentaire;
- sortir le pays de l'anonymat international des nouvelles entreprises ou *start-ups*;
- capter la richesse de nos ressources marines;
- dynamiser les activités éco-responsables ou *eco-friendly* et
- créer une plateforme de *gaming* (à ne pas confondre avec *betting*) qui constitue un marché à potentiel énorme.

12. L'innovation comme moteur

- Transformer notre modèle d'apprentissage et de formation professionnelle pour les rendre nettement moins centrés sur les examens mais plus expérientiels et interdisciplinaires.
- Des incitations aux institutions universitaires et aux conglomérats pour un engagement massif dans la recherche et le développement.

13. Une démographie en zone rouge

Il est urgent de réfléchir ensemble, sans suivisme de consultants, à une stratégie globale qui soit résolument pro-naissance. Le dynamisme futur du pays repose sur le rajeunissement de la population. Notre système de pension demande à être réévalué, en ciblant les très hauts revenus - peut-être - pour contenir la pression.

Les actions se doivent d'être à la hauteur des enjeux : percutantes, soutenables sur le long terme et ralliant tout le peuple dans un seul élan de solidarité.

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