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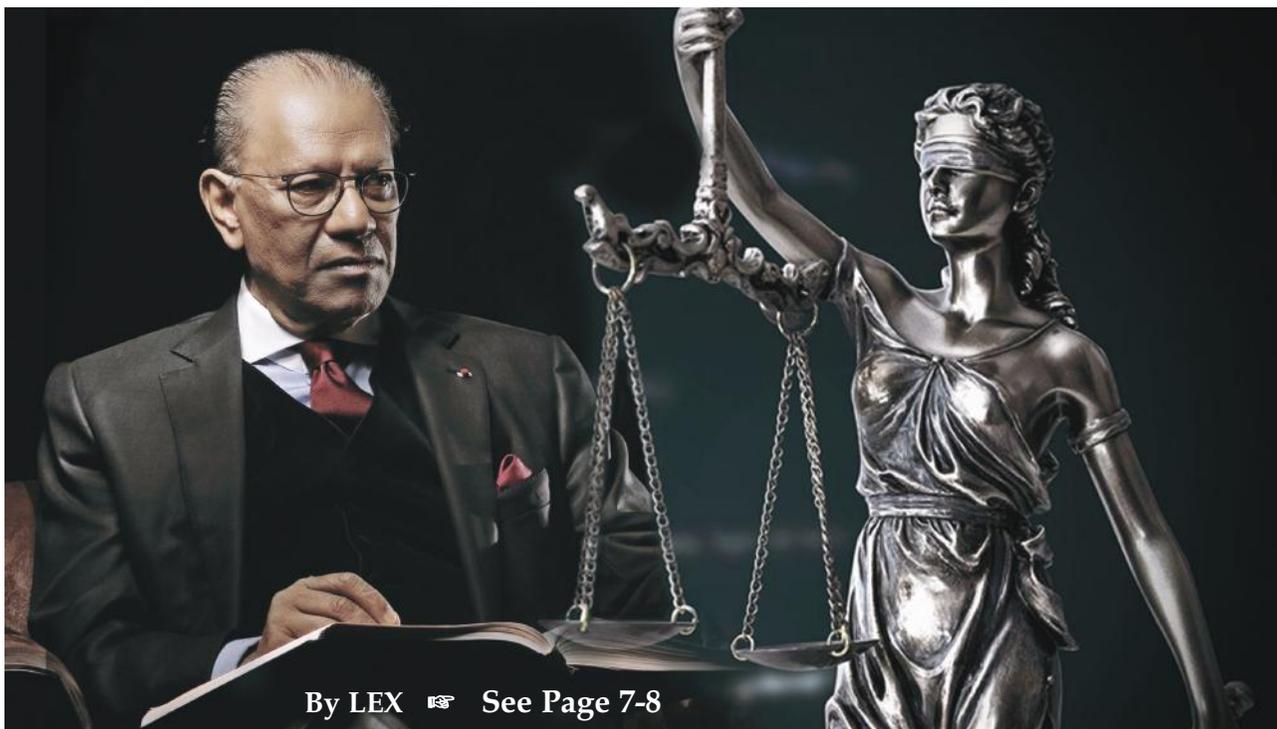


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Alliances and the Public Interest

It is in the public knowledge that talks are afoot between the different opposition parties for the setting up of an enlarged alliance that will in the main bring together the Labour Party, the MMM and the PMSD. That negotiations moved up from the preliminary stage involving the go-betweens of the LP and MMM and have now reached the leaders of these two parties, as reported by the press, is an indication that most of the major differences over the modalities of an alliance would have been ironed out. What is known so far is that both the MMM and the PMSD have finally come round to conceding the leadership of any future alliance to the LP, with its leader to contest the next elections as its prime ministerial candidate. What remains unknown to date relates to ticket allocation constituency-wise, within the overall community/caste/gender equilibrium, as well as the number of tickets that will go to each party - usually major stumbling blocks in alliance negotiations - the presidency, the ministerial posts, ambassadorships and other key posts in the Executive - and lastly, the electoral programme that will be sold to but does not interest nor impress the electorate anymore.

Alliances are usually negotiated and concluded in the election year itself, rarely when elections are nearly three years away given the risks posed by unforeseeable circumstances down the road; in this particular case there are also the risks posed by the loose cannons that may be taken onboard eventually. One could presume that the willingness of the leaders of the two major opposition parties in l'Espoir to go for an alliance is also a tacit recognition of their respective parties' diminished clout on the political spectrum. The MMM, which has for long remained a major party on the stage until it started its free fall, is no more the formidable political machinery that it was in yesteryears when it could reach out to nearly 40-45% of voters. The PMSD is taken along not so much for its electoral weight but for the symbol that the erstwhile party of Gaëtan Duval represents. Both parties cannot on their own contest successfully an election in many of our urban constituencies, and their performance in the rural constituencies is even worse.

The Labour Party, though itself diminished but with a strong core base, remains the best and only option of an alliance that could challenge the MSM in the rural constituencies - No 5 to 14 - which elect parties to power. But whether a Labour Party-MMM-PMSD combine will prove to be a winnable proposition in the face of a resilient adversary, a past master in ethno-caste politics, and with allegedly a formidable war chest and that is not averse to making an abusive use of the tool that the MBC-TV constitutes for propaganda purposes or to sully the image

of its adversaries, nor to distributing pre-election freebies to the electorate at taxpayers' cost, is for their leaders to ponder. They will hopefully also ensure that their respective parties' interest shall prevail over their own. On the other hand, even if alliances create their own political dynamics, the party leaders will moreover have to convince the electorate, more concerned about their purse than governance issues, that their alliance once voted to power will prove to be a workable one and will deliver on its mandate contrary to earlier stints in office.

We will get to see more clearly into how things shape up in the months ahead, but in light of the electoral system in place in Mauritius and the particular ethnic-social permutations and combinations in electoral battles, the trends appear to be much the same as in the recent past. What did Mauritius and its people gain from the match-making that has taken place down the years? - in terms of the alliances that have been concocted by the different political establishments for the sake of retaining power in some instances or throwing out the incumbents in others. It is one thing to ensure victory at the polls, another to thereafter hold the reins of power. The contingencies intrinsic to coalition politics in a country like Mauritius with its diverse sectional interests make governance in the public interest a difficult proposition, especially when politicians refuse, as they do sometimes, to rise above party affiliations and look at the bigger picture as being larger than the sum of their personal egos. Not surprisingly, many seek to ingratiate sectional and private interests counter to national concerns which need to be prioritized and addressed.

Will the next government rise to fulfil the expectations of the people, concentrating on giving a new sense of direction dictated by a persistent troublesome state of affairs both at the local and international levels? Insiders within Government House have it that the finances of the country are in a terrible mess: the balance of trade has sunk to unprecedented lows, public sector borrowing and debts, particularly in forex have skyrocketed, Central Bank reserves and the currency have taken a steep dive with the populist measures adopted so far while neither the handling of the pandemic expenditures nor the prestige projects whose future utility and maintenance remain questionable, have encouraged trust in Government's handling of the national economy. Transparency having become a rare commodity, to wit the Central Bank/MIC dealings, the true picture will only become available when a new government steps in and examines in detail the state of the economy. Hopefully it will have the guts and means to steer the country away from a major collapse.

The Conversation

How democracy gets eroded – lessons from a Nixon expert



A pro-Trump mob breaks into the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, to disrupt certification of President-elect Joe Biden's Electoral College win over President Donald Trump. Win McNamee/Getty Images

Now that a full year has passed since the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol, the 2020 election and the republic, it's evident that the attack never really ended. Instead, it spread out to other, less visible, more vulnerable targets.

Donald Trump had hoped to reverse his election loss in a single, decisive, dramatic confrontation between his supporters and the republic's, broadcast live around the world. His plan backfired, filling our screens with vivid illustrations of authoritarianism's most repugnant ills: chaos, lawlessness, violence, racism, fascism and all manner of hatred run amok. The blatancy of the subversion provoked an immediate backlash, even among some Republicans.

Had he studied democratic erosion before becoming a practitioner, Trump would know that effective authoritarians tighten their grips on government gradually, stealthily undermining courts, legislatures, election officials, news organizations, political opposition and other institutions strong enough to check them.

The coup by a thousand cuts is the stuff of nightmares for democracy's defenders and the dream of authoritarian politicians.

"The story of democratic erosion in other countries is that it happens invisibly, you don't have this tanks-in-the-streets moment," Brendan Nyhan told The New Yorker. Nyhan is a Dartmouth political scientist and co-director of Bright Line Watch, a group of political scientists who "monitor democratic practices, their resilience, and potential threats."

Destructive conspiracy theories

Democratic erosion in America depends on the conspiracy theory, destructive and demonstrably false, that the 2020 election was stolen. As the author of a couple of books on Richard Nixon – who, before Trump, was the biggest conspiracy theorist to inhabit the White House that we know of – I see conspiracy theories less as failures of rationality and more as triumphs of rationalization.

When Nixon muttered to White House aides that he was the victim of a conspiracy of Jews, intellectuals and Ivy Leaguers, "arrogant" people he said placed themselves above the law, he did so to justify arrogantly placing himself above the law. Nixon launched a real conspiracy against an imaginary one, plotting real crimes – breaking into the Brookings Institution, leaking grand jury information damaging to Democrats – against those he deemed real criminals, despite a chronic lack of evidence.

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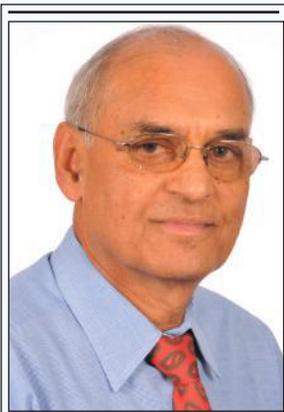
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‘When waiting is inevitable, have some reading matter handy’ – that is what I read under the heading ‘Work while waiting’ in an article about how to gain an extra hour every day, which listed ‘seven timesavers that could change your life.’

This was in a ‘Reader’s Digest’ of December 1996. I had pulled it out from my shelf of RD copies that I’ve kept collecting over the years – this particular one actually was from a dusted and cleaned bunch that belonged to my niece when she was in college. I had found them tossed in a corner in their old house when I accompanied her father, my brother-in-law, who was going there to check on something or the other. It was when we were walking out of the house from the room next to the kitchen that I suddenly spotted the pile of magazines and old notebooks lying helter-skelter on the floor, waiting to be junked some time.

That junk turned out to be a treasure trove for me. I do not know whether ‘English Digest’ was the precursor to RD, but I have a shelf-load of them too. Years ago, my cousin who was on holiday from the UK was clearing the bookcase of his late father (my paternal uncle), and called me one morning about disposal of the books and magazines that he had stacked in boxes; many of them belonged to another era: the 1940s pre- and post-World War II years. To cut a long story short, several of the books became part of my library, the rest went to the book nest at Trou-O-Cerfs and to my delight and surprise promptly disappeared; all the copies of the English Digest joined the RD copies that I already had.

But let us come back to the RD copy under reference, of December 1996. Actually, I had picked it at random when I was leaving to take my car for a fitness test a few days ago. The last time I had done that I went to the Forest Side centre at about fifteen minutes before closing time at 4 pm, on the advice of some friends, as there would hardly be a queue then. This was in fact the case, and I was done within 20 minutes.

However, I had no such luck this time: it was past five pm when I was done. And I thanked my stars that I thought at the last moment of carrying something to read with me just in case... I had actually started the car, and quickly came out and rushed back inside straight to the bookshelf and took out the first copy I laid my fingers on.

And as these things happen, my car also is of 1996

vintage. Coincidence indeed. So, as I waited in the serpentine line of cars that seemed to stretch forever towards the test point, I began to dip into the RD and only then did I realise that it also dated from 1996.

I came across a beautifully written and very touching article. This is how it ends:

‘Elayne and I have lived almost two years without our son. His was such a short life, and the pain of loss and my yearning for him can still seem intolerable. Sometimes when I think about Ben – even when I see a boy who looks like him – I dissolve into tears.

‘But life goes on, and we have to make the best of it. I have Elayne and a lovely 14-year-old daughter. I have the living support of family and friends and the knowledge Ben has helped others live on. It makes the pain a little easier to bear. Ben gave **the most precious gift of all – the gift of life** – to people he did not even know.’

The author of ‘Ben’s Story’ was his father Graham Harrison. In words that are too deep for tears he describes how his son had started life in 1982 with a major birth defect: a hole connecting his respiratory passage (trachea) and his alimentary one (oesophagus), and had to undergo urgent major surgery, which was successful. This resonated with me because about eight years earlier as a junior doctor at SSRN Hospital I had assisted at a similar attempt to repair a similar defect in a newborn which, however, was not successful leading to his death.

This was not a surprise, because unlike Ben who had the benefit of ICU care in Australia, we did not have any such facilities in Mauritius. No ICU then (the idea was only being flagged), not to speak of paediatric or neonatal ICU which is where such cases ought to be treated post operatively.

Unfortunately, this was not the end of Ben’s misfortune for a few years later he had to have another major operation in his chest, and again came through it successfully and began to live a more or less normal life as a growing child. However, he had another condition which also resonated because it concerned my speciality - orthopaedics. Ben had a deformity of the thoracic spine, and in 1993 had to have further surgery to correct it.

This was a planned operation and his parents had been explained everything by the surgeon, and gave their consent. Unfortunately, shortly after the surgery began, there was a major bleeding complication, with Ben collapsing on the operation table. The operation had

to be stopped as he had suffered damage to his brain.

As he lay fighting for his life in the ICU, his father ‘vigorously massaged Ben’s hands and feet, trying to transfer some of my strength to him, willing him to keep going. *Come on Ben, you must pull through.* Yesterday my precious son had been healthy. Now I struggled to comprehend that he was battling for his life - and seemed to be losing. *How could things have gone so wrong so quickly?* I wondered.’

Ben lost the battle, aged 12. The next morning, when the doctors took them in a small room to announce that their son was brain dead, this is how the father describes that moment:

‘Elayne and I were silent, drained. Even in my grief, I knew what I wanted to do, and Elayne seemed to read my mind. At the same time, we said, “We want to donate Ben’s organs.” We’re in such pain. If Ben’s organs can help alleviate someone else’s suffering, it’s the right thing.’

Because of Ben’s organs, two people received the gift of life. Ben’s parents received grateful letters from them later.

Life goes on...

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Double Standards

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Undoubtedly and somewhat unexpectedly for many observers, some key events around the end of 2021 and the new year have rocked the boat. Certainly not to the extent that the government in office will be shaken from its oversight of public interest matters, but enough to shake our long-held beliefs in a functioning democracy with its set of correlates, namely credible institutions and agencies, with an independent judiciary, the press and radio, including social media activists acting as prods to help refocus the authorities on any misfirings.

Double-standard policing?

Social peace and cohesion comes with the certainty that, barring occasional rapidly corrected hiccups, the police force can be relied upon to provide an equitable institution, acting with neither fear nor favour. This has perhaps always been a tricky act to follow in a small island with dense social and political networks and connections, but rarely had we felt either at MCIT, CCID or the main police force, such a need to remind ourselves that reigning in any excesses of the political folk comes with the job. Even a silent majority of honest hard-working officers would have been uncomfortable with disturbing examples of double standards policing, particularly evident over the end of year period.

For instance, only the highest echelons will have assessed whether a crowd of would-be public attendees justified the need for deploying a visible army of armoured vehicles, patrolmen, street closures and roof snipers, all in military gear, to accompany ex-Minister Sawmynaden to court. This was not the first time such privileged treatment was doled out to the guy who was elected by and thereby answerable to the people of his constituency and the wider country who still pay his wages in Parliament.

While some may write off this repeat handling as a normalised excess, most observers would view the circumstances surrounding the early morning arrest and the raking up of a ten-year-old case with a dubious conspiracy charge against former Minister Bhadain and now leader of the Reform Party, an unrelenting thorn in the flesh of the MSM, as further evidence of a politically skewed police hierarchy. When was the last time they took to task any ruling henchmen, investigated any of their alleged improprieties, or took statements from those involved even when video clips have gone viral?

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The idea that there was a secluded abode where political power, paid for by all law-abiding citizens or financial means, guarantees you are above the law has shocked even conservative Britain. Even as his government has finally acceded to an inquiry, the Brexit campaigner and Bojo PM has lost most of his shine in that event and its ghastly handling.

While ordinary Mauritians have been fined and penalised daily for either not wearing masks properly or attending events and birthdays, the viral video of our maskless Health Minister partying with family and friends at end of year in a confined space, has erupted on social media. While truck loads of police officers would have been on the scene and making provisional charges for ordinary laymen, there has not been a preliminary police inquiry if health protocol rules had been breached in this unseemly dance party.

These renewed skirmishes of the police hierarchy with equity and fairness comes, it must be pointed out, after nearly two years of the judicial inquiry ordered by the DPP in the tragic death of MSM activist Kistnen, a

murder case that brushed aside the rapid police conclusion of suicide, in a widely followed WebTV serial with the lawyers known as the Avengers playing a lead pro-bono role. The judicial findings and report regarding the mesmerising twists of this high-profile inquiry are awaited early this year.

A bridge too far?



“We are used to some politicians behaving badly, others making false promises, we are inured against the travesty of the Parliament or the failings of some institutions, but if the long-cherished belief in the credibility and professionalism of our vaunted electoral institutions goes astray, what still remains to console Mauritians that theirs is not a hijacked democracy? Would even a late resignation of officials caught in the spotlight be of any value or have we to bite the bullet to the bitter end...”

There is a palpable sense that we have travelled a long patient path of builders since independence, successive governments doing their bit and adding another bulwark to further our fledgling democratic

spaces and institutions, and we seem yet bereft of recourse when any of these same once-proud institutions falter and start failing the country.

The National Assembly under the current leadership has become a dismal specter of its older glory, the ICAC looks under state capture with too many examples of dysfunctional investigations. Where did we go wrong? Have we crossed a bridge too far? What can and should be done to free the country from the shackles of dysfunctional institutions evidenced these days?

Which brings us to the movements seen around the new year on the political front with discussions under way for a reunification of Opposition forces that Navin Ramgoolam and the Labour Party had called for early on and found itself excluded from in a widely circulated press conference marshaled by the MMM leader. It may well be that the sense of crossing an unwelcome further bridge, has galvanised Opposition leaders so early, when we are at mid-term of government mandate, in their separate assessment that they have to unite their strengths, laying aside their egos, ambitions and party calculations for the public interest.

We would normally abstain from using the term “blitzkrieg” for electoral processes that by and large have withstood the tests of several general elections under the supervision of the Electoral Commissioner and the Electoral Supervisory Commission. But the admission in Court a fortnight ago by the Electoral Commissioner and his Deputy that the manual tallies of vote counts they had in their possession since the day of the elections, were fraught with

such inconsistencies that they could no longer hold on to their continued insistence over two years that all went well in the last general elections. A stance it might be noted that ignored several reported cases of official bulletins flying about outside voting control, ignored the inconsistencies of the now infamous computer room or the differential treatment meted out in some polling or counting stations to political representatives.

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Integrity Reporting Services Agency vs Dr N. Ramgoolam

'Political donations are not emoluments for purposes of income tax'

'There is no immunity that a former Prime Minister enjoys from a criminal case or from the provisions of the law on unexplained wealth'

The application of the Integrity Reporting Services Agency for the confiscation of the presumed "unexplained wealth" of former PM Navin Ramgoolam before Judge Hamuth-Laulloo in Chambers, that is only through affidavits, has been dismissed as requiring the case to be thrashed out in court with opportunities for both sides to adduce or rebut evidence and be cross-examined. Lex delves into the legal aspects and on the judge's observations on the application by the IRSA.

LEX



*** What is the meaning of "unexplained wealth", and in what circumstances can the Integrity Reporting Services Agency (IRSA) issue an Unexplained Wealth Order?**

Under the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act 2015, unexplained wealth includes any property under the ownership of a person to an extent which is disproportionate to his emoluments and other income; the ownership, possession, custody or control of which cannot be satisfactorily accounted for by the person who owns, possesses, has custody or control of the property; or held by a person for another person to an extent which is disproportionate to the emoluments or other income of that other person.

*** Dissatisfied with the explanations given by Navin Ramgoolam on the source of funds confiscated by the police at his residence in 2015, the IRSA has applied to the judge in Chambers for an Unexplained Wealth Order to be served on the Labour Party leader. Justice S.B.A. Hamuth-Laulloo has rejected the IRSA's application and referred "the parties to the competent court as provided for by Section 16 of the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act 2015? What's the reasoning behind the Judge's decision?**

Any application before a Judge in Chambers is done by way of affidavits where all facts of the application are recited. The other party also files an affidavit to rebut these facts. Any application may be disposed of in chambers pending a final determination of the case before a trial court.

One of the conditions of a chamber's application is that the requesting party must file or undertake to file a main case before the competent court. What the judge stated in this particular case is that there are many issues to be thrashed in the case and that cannot be done in chambers on the basis of affidavit evidence but in a main case where parties can testify and be cross-examined.

*** Navin Ramgoolam's explanations to the IRSA on the source of his funds are that "part of the funds represents his earnings as Prime Minister and per diem and the rest represents donations to the Mauritius**

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Labour Party". One would assume that Navin Ramgoolam would without any difficulty provide evidence for his earnings and per diem. What about the political donations to the Labour Party?

Precisely. This what the judge had in mind. All allegations of unexplained wealth and the defenses put up by Dr Navin Ramgoolam would have to be thrashed in open court with each party presenting evidence.

Will he be able to provide evidence as regards the alleged political donations, and will that evidence convince the court? That remains to be seen. The same question can also be put to the leaders of all political parties, who have been receiving funds - that's an open secret by the way - from different sources, both local and foreign.

*** If we go by the definition given by the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act 2015 to "unexplained wealth", this would relate to any property "which is disproportionate to his emoluments and other income". Do you think our courts will take the view that political donations also fall within the ambit of that definition, that is "emoluments and other income"?**

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*** It is widely suspected that all political parties, but mostly the major ones, have down the years been receiving financial assistance from foreign countries directly or through their embassies here or even from particular organisations and private corporations for their political activities and for elections. Does Mauritian law proscribe such political financing and donations, and is there any obligation on political parties to declare any such financing?**

There is no obligation under the present law. This is why the debate around a law on the financing of political parties starts and dies a natural death. No political leader in his right mind in Mauritius would come with a piece of legislation that compels a party to declare the source and amount of political funding received by his party.

*** Why is it that in the drafting of the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act 2015 the legislator has placed the onus on any person against whom an application for an Unexplained Wealth Order is made to establish, on a balance of probabilities, that his property is not unexplained wealth. In other cases, and circumstances, isn't it the onus placed on the enforcement agencies to establish any offence having been committed?**

This is quite logical. If the burden was out on the Agency, how would it prove that the wealth is unexplained.

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'Does the case against Navin Ramgoolam have any political motivation?'

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The burden is placed on the holder of the wealth and, in light of his evidence, the Agency can rebut that evidence.

*** Doesn't this reverse onus go against the principle of presumption of innocence as enshrined in our Constitution?**

No, that is not the case as we are not in a criminal trial.

In a criminal case there is the presumption of innocence and the burden of proving the guilt of the accused party rests on the prosecution. However, it is permissible to shift the burden on the accused party to prove certain facts.

For example, if the seals of an electricity metre box are found to be broken, there is a presumption that the custodian of the meter tampered with it so as to engage in electricity theft.

Similarly, the prosecution on a charge of unexplained wealth may argue that the amount of property found at the residence of a person raises a presumption that the wealth is illicit or unexplained thus raising a presumption of guilt that the accused would have to rebut.

*** Given the onus placed on any person against whom an application for an Unexplained Wealth Order is made to establish that his property is not unexplained wealth, exercising the right of silence in these circumstances does not help, isn't it?**

Certainly not. It would be in the interest of the person to come up with some plausible explanations.

*** There is also the issue of state immunity for a former Prime Minister, as raised by Navin Ramgoolam in his defence, which brought Justice SBA Hamuth-Laulloo to observe that it's without any merit as there is no such immunity in our law in respect of a former PM. Does that contention make any sense to you?**

Judge Hamuth-Laulloo is absolutely right. There is no immunity that a former Prime Minister enjoys from a criminal case or from the provisions of the law on unexplained wealth.

*** The leader of the Labour Party had earlier challenged the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act and the constitutional amendments preceding the introduction of the law on the ground that this would violate the principle of the separation of powers between the Executive, the Parliament and the Judiciary. He has also argued that the law, voted by Parliament on 3 December 2015, was specifically tailor-made to hound him. The case has not been determined to date. Leave party politics aside, would you say that**

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he has valid case here in the sense that his constitutional right would have been infringed by this specific law?

In 2015, Section 8 of the Constitution was amended to clear the way for the adoption of the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act.

Under the new constitutional amendments, provision is made for the confiscation of property under the ownership of a person to an extent which is disproportionate to his emoluments and other income; the ownership, possession, custody or control of which cannot be satisfactorily accounted for by the person who owns, possesses, has custody or control of the property; or held by a person for another person to an extent which is disproportionate to the emoluments or other income of that other person.

Though property right is protected by Section 8 of the Constitution, there are instances where this protection will not apply. There are derogations so long as they are in the public interest and justifiable in a democratic society.

*** One last point refers to the observation made by Justice S.B.A. Hamuth-Laulloo in her Order refers to the “legal duty” under Section 3(7) of the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Act 2015, “namely to satisfactorily explain the exact point in time at which the monies, subject matter of this application, have come into the possession or under the control of the respondent (Navin Ramgoolam), bearing in mind the requirement of the GGIRA”. She adds: “As matters stand, this is not clear.” It does not seem agreements**

or arrangements for the exchange of information with foreign supervisory institutions or law enforcement agencies (like the FBI, for example) or international organisations would have been of much help in this regard...

Section 3(7) of the Act states that 'No application for an Unexplained Wealth Order shall be made under section 14 in relation to any property acquired or having come in the possession or under the custody or control of a person more than 7 years before the date on which the application is made'.

Judge Hamuth-Laulloo hit the nail on the head with that observation. The application should spell out clearly when the wealth that is presumed to be unexplained was acquired.

At the end of the day, you may ask yourself how many applications the Agency has filed on unexplained wealth. Does the case against Navin Ramgoolam have any political motivation? However, much you want to keep politics out of certain matters, politics will and does come back to haunt you.

MAURITIUS TIMES To Our Readers

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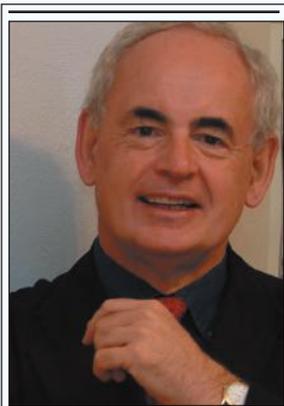
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Boris Johnson polling is now so bad that it makes sense for Conservative MPs to get rid of him

Polling trends suggest more letters could make their way to the 1922 Committee



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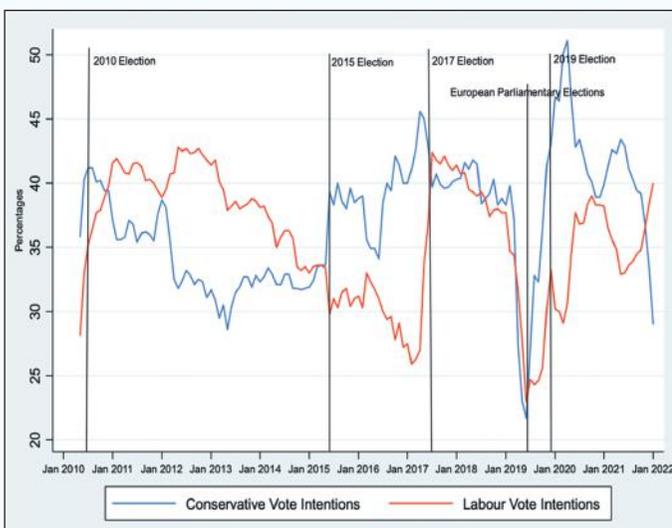
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Things just keep getting worse for Boris Johnson. On the same day that one of his MPs defected to the Labour party, former Brexit minister David Davis stood up in parliament to call for Johnson's resignation.

The voices calling for the prime minister's departure are mounting. If 54 letters of no-confidence in him are sent to the backbench 1922 Committee, a leadership contest will be triggered. Many members of Johnson's party will therefore be calculating whether such a move against him is the right course of action. Central to this thinking will be whether continuing with Johnson as leader would cost them their seat in the next election.

Support for the Conservatives has been nosediving in the polls following the scandal over gatherings held in Downing Street during pandemic lockdowns. We can learn something about how concerned Conservative MPs should be by looking at polling over the last ten years or so – specifically the voting intentions for Labour and the Conservatives since the general election of 2010.

Voting Intentions for Labour and the Conservatives, 2010-22



Charting support across recent elections. P Whiteley

Not surprisingly general elections have a big impact on support for the two major parties. The Conservatives were boosted by Labour's defeat in 2010, although they did not get an overall majority in that election.

Again in 2015, support for the party increased during the run-up to the election, but on this occasion, David Cameron did win an overall majority – largely by decimating the voter base of the Conservatives' coalition partner, the Liberal Democrats. Boris Johnson did very much better than his predecessors when he faced his own election in December 2019. He moved well ahead of Labour in the polls to win an 80-seat majority in the House of Commons.

However, the more striking feature in the chart is the effect of the European parliamentary elections of May 2019, near the end of Theresa May's premiership. It produced a massive loss of support for both of the two main parties. Their popularity ratings fell dramatically from the start of that year and the outcome was grim for both.

Labour came third and lost ten seats and the Conservatives came fifth and lost 15 seats. Of course, the last European parliamentary elections were not as important as general elections and the turnout was low. That said, support for the two major parties collapsed on that occasion.

The outcome of the European elections was a direct product of the turmoil and polarisation caused by Brexit, both in parliament and in the country. This crisis was triggered in turn by the loss of the Conservative majority in the 2017 general election. That election was the clear exception to the pattern of Conservative leaders improving their performance in relation to seats won in the House of Commons since 2010. The conclusion from the 2019 European election results is that major political crises have large effects on polling support and voting.

This is relevant to the present situation since the plunging support for the Conservatives in recent polls is comparable to that which occurred in the European parliamentary elections. In June 2019, the month after those elections, voting intentions for Theresa May's party hit 22%. In the most recent

YouGov poll completed on January 13 2022, the Conservatives received 29%. Since the turn of the year the party's support has fallen like a stone.

However, there is an important difference between support for the two major parties in the run-up to the European parliamentary elections and at the present time. In 2019 Labour's voting intentions fell as sharply as the Conservatives, whereas now it is rising rather rapidly. The recent YouGov poll put the party on 40% in vote intentions.

The government may have made "party-gate" even worse in its attempts at damage limitation. Downing Street has embarked on what has been referred to as the "red meat" strategy.

This involves announcing right-wing populist policies such as attacks on the BBC, restrictions on the right to protest and hints that the Royal Navy will be used to deal with illegal immigration across the channel. In each case, the aim is to appease angry backbench MPs and distract the voting public. The calculation is that this may be enough to keep Johnson in Downing Street until the media frenzy moves on.

The problem with this strategy is that it is trashing the Tory brand among the large numbers of voters who are not attracted by right-wing populism. This is likely to reinforce the view among this group that Johnson is not fit to govern. They will be very difficult to woo back into supporting the party if he stays in after the media storm has subsided. A sharp move to the right, possibly followed by an equally sharp move to the centre (where most voters are located) once the storm subsides is likely to weaken the government's credibility even more.

If Johnson is not replaced by a new leader, backbench Conservative MPs would be well advised to start brushing up their CVs in preparation for life after Westminster.

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Members of the 'Fédération Mauricienne de Tir à L'Arc' are hereby informed that the Annual General Assembly will be held on **Saturday 19 February 2022 at 1.30 pm at the Mauritius Olympic Committee, 6A Stalend, Trianon, Quatre Bornes.**

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1. Reading and Approval of minutes of proceedings
2. President's Report closure 2021
3. Approval of Accounts 2020/2021
4. Approval Budget 2022
5. Amendments to Rules and Regulations
6. Election of new Managing Committee for 2022-2024
7. AOB

Registered Clubs and Regional Committees are requested to communicate the name of their representative to the Secretary of the Federation at latest **5 February 2022.**

Doris d'Argent
Secretary

China warns US missile destroyer in South China Sea

China on Thursday said its armed forces deployed warships and aircraft to monitor and warn away a US guided missile destroyer from waters near the Paracel (Xisha) islands in the South China Sea, the latest tense incident between the two countries in the disputed maritime region.

The US warship USS Benfold "illegally" sailed into Chinese territorial waters without permission, violating the country's sovereignty, and that Chinese naval and air forces tracked the ship before warning it away, the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) Southern Theatre Command said, reports Hindustan Times.

"The actions of the US side have seriously violated China's sovereignty and security, which is another iron proof that it is pursuing navigational hegemony and militarising the South China Sea," the theatre command said.

"We solemnly demand that the US side immediately stop such provocative actions, otherwise it will bear the serious consequences of unforeseen events," it added.

The US navy denied that the warship was "warned" away.



The USS Benfold. The US Navy said its mission in the South China Sea was in accordance with international law. Pic - Reuters

"The People's Republic of China's statement about this mission is false. USS Benfold conducted this FONOP (freedom of navigation operation) in accordance with international law and then continued on to conduct normal operations in international waters," the 7th Fleet spokesperson Mark Langford said in an emailed statement on Thursday.

In an earlier statement, Langford said that USS Benfold "...asserted navigational rights and freedoms in the vicinity of the Paracel Island, consistent with international law".

The US, the statement added, carries out what it calls freedom of navigation missions in the South China Sea to challenge Chinese territorial claims.

China claims nearly the entire South China Sea but that claim is disputed by several maritime neighbours including Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia besides Vietnam and Taiwan (which China says is a breakaway region).

Specifically, China, Taiwan and Vietnam claim sovereignty over the Paracel islands, known as Xisha islands in China.

"By engaging in innocent passage without giving prior notification to or asking permission from any of the claimants, the US challenged the unlawful restrictions imposed by the PRC, Taiwan, and Vietnam," Langford said.

The South China Sea has become one of many flash-points in the relationship between China and the US besides Taiwan, trade and alleged rights abuses in Xinjiang.



52 million job deficit, 21 million more unemployed in 2022

A return to the pre-pandemic performance of the global labour market is likely to remain elusive for much of the world in the coming years, the International Labour Organization (ILO) has said. In its report titled 'World Economic and Social Outlook - Trends 2022', the UN agency predicted that the total hours worked globally this year will remain almost 2 per cent below the pre-pandemic level, a deficit of 52 million full-time equivalent jobs.

The report suggests that global unemployment will be as high as 207 million in 2022, surpassing the 2019 level by some 21 million.

"Although this figure is a sizeable improvement on 2021, when hours worked adjusted for population growth stood below their level in the fourth quarter of 2019 by the equivalent of 125 million full-time jobs (assuming a 48-hour working week), it remains extremely high," the ILO report stated.

The ILO projections suggest that full recovery will remain elusive in all regions – Africa, the Americas, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe and Central Asia – while European and Pacific regions will come closest to that goal. The economic outlook is the most negative for Latin America the Caribbean and Southeast Asia.

"Developing economies that rely on exports of labour-intensive goods or commodities have particularly struggled to adjust to volatile demand resulting from pandemic-related shifts in economic growth. Tourism-dependent economies are suffering heavily from border closures and lost revenues," the report added.

The financial stress due to reduced incomes resulting from loss of employment and reduction in working hours has been further compounded by a lack of social security schemes in developing economies. It has had cascading effects on health and nutrition. According to the report, an additional 30 million adults fell into extreme poverty in 2020 while being out of paid work. With a slow and uncertain recovery in global labour markets, inflation has significantly reduced disposable income, adding to the cost of the crisis.

2021 was among the seven hottest years on record, says WMO

Last year was one of the seven hottest years on record, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a United Nations body, said on Wednesday.

Although La Niña conditions between 2020 and 2022 had a cooling effect on the global average temperatures, 2021 was still one of the seven hottest years on record, six international data sets consolidated by the WMO have revealed. La Niña refers to a large-scale cooling of the ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. It has a temporary global cooling effect.

The average global temperature last year was 1.11 (± 0.13) degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, spanning the period from 1850 to 1900.

Last year was the seventh consecutive year, starting with 2015, when the global average temperature was more than 1 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the data sets compiled by the WMO show.

Since the 1980s, each decade has been hotter than the previous one, according to the data put together by the UN body, and the trend is likely to continue.

The hottest seven years have all been recorded since 2015, with 2016, 2019 and 2020 topping the list. A strong El Niño event occurred in 2016, which had sparked record global average warming.

"Back-to-back La Niña events mean that 2021 warming was relatively less pronounced compared to recent years. Even so, 2021 was still warmer than previous years influenced by La Niña. The overall

long-term warming as a result of greenhouse gas increases is now far larger than the year-to-year variability in global average temperatures caused by naturally occurring climate drivers," said WMO secretary-general Petteri Taalas.

"The year 2021 will be remembered for a record-shattering temperature of nearly 50 degrees Celsius in Canada, comparable to the values reported in the hot Saharan desert of Algeria, exceptional



A little girl cools off with water during a hot summer day. Pic - IANS

rainfall, and deadly flooding in Asia and Europe as well as drought in parts of Africa and South America. Climate change impact and weather-related hazards had life-changing and devastating impact on communities on every single continent," Taalas said.

The Paris Agreement aims to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels while pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

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British Prime Minister Boris Johnson faced damning headlines Wednesday as he prepared to answer MPs' questions over new claims he and his top officials breached Covid restrictions by holding a drinks party. Pic - AFP

British PM Boris Johnson lied about lockdown party, ex-aide claims

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson lied to parliament when he claimed he did not know of his staff's plans to hold a drinks party during lockdown, his former aide Dominic Cummings has said.

Johnson is already battling damaging "Partygate" allegations that he and staff attended boozy events during lockdowns and a senior civil servant is investigating the claims.

The prime minister has apologised for a May 20, 2020, party in the garden of Downing Street, but said he did not know about it in advance and thought he was attending a work event.

Cummings, who himself has been accused of breaching lockdown rules in spring 2020, made the claim on social media on Monday evening. He has repeatedly attacked his former boss since resigning in November 2020.

Johnson's former chief adviser wrote that the party was arranged by the prime minister's principal private secretary, who was told by two senior officials to cancel it and would have checked this with Johnson.

Cummings said he himself warned the prime minister over the party, saying Downing Street was becoming a "madhouse", but Johnson "waved it aside".

"The events of 20 May alone, never mind the string of other events, mean the PM lied to Parliament about parties," said Cummings.

"The suggestion that the PM was warned (about the party) is not true," deputy prime minister Dominic Raab insisted to BBC Radio 4, after a presenter said Cummings "threw a grenade in the direction of his former boss".

Raab told Sky News that "the prime minister has been very clear that's not true, accurate".

Johnson is facing calls to stand down from several senior MPs over allegations of illegal parties during national lockdown measures.

Downing Street has apologised to Queen Elizabeth II after it emerged that his staff held leaving parties during a period of national mourning for her husband, Prince Philip, in April 2021.

The Times wrote Tuesday that Johnson has "sustained immense damage" from the revelations.

Anti-biotic resistant superbugs killed 1.2 million people in 2019, claims study

Anti-biotic resistant infection killed 1.2 million people in 2019, according to a study published in 'The Lancet'. Titled 'The overlooked pandemic of antimicrobial resistance', it highlights the growing threat of superbugs.

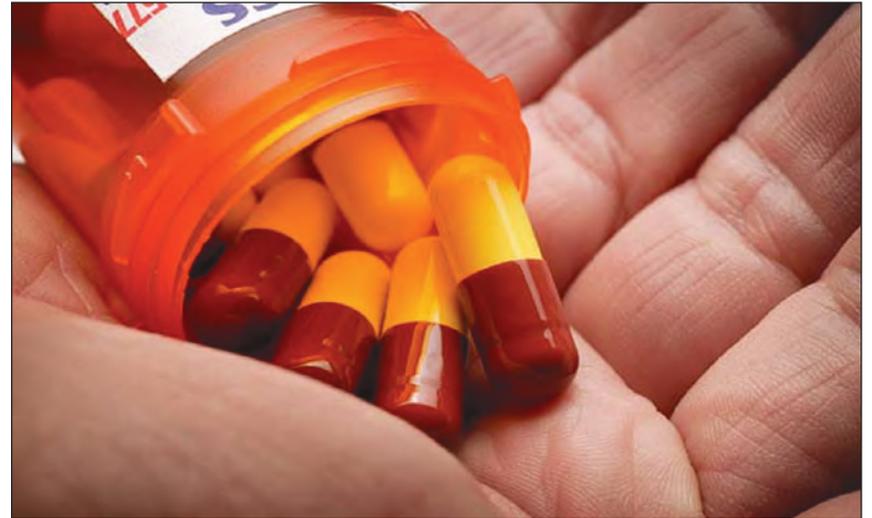
The study has been carried out by researchers from the University of Washington and University of Oxford. They said that anti-microbial resistance (AMR) killed as many people as HIV (680,000) and malaria (627,000) combined.

The researchers further said that these superbugs were a potential factor in five million global deaths in the year 2019.

In comparison, the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) killed 3.5 million people last year.

The figure of 1.2 million fatalities is much higher than the estimates released by the World Health Organization (WHO), which said that 700,000 people died from drug-resistant infection.

What are superbugs? These are pathogens which are resistant to multiple antimicrobial drugs, thus making it harder to treat. Patients infected with any of these bugs often have to be treated with last line drugs, which are both expensive and toxic. And



Superbug is a strain of bacteria that has become resistant to antibiotic drugs. Pic - static.scientificamerican.com

many of them succumb.

A 2018 study, carried out in 10 Fortis Group hospitals in India, found that patients with multidrug resistant infections were almost thrice as likely to die as those with susceptible ones.

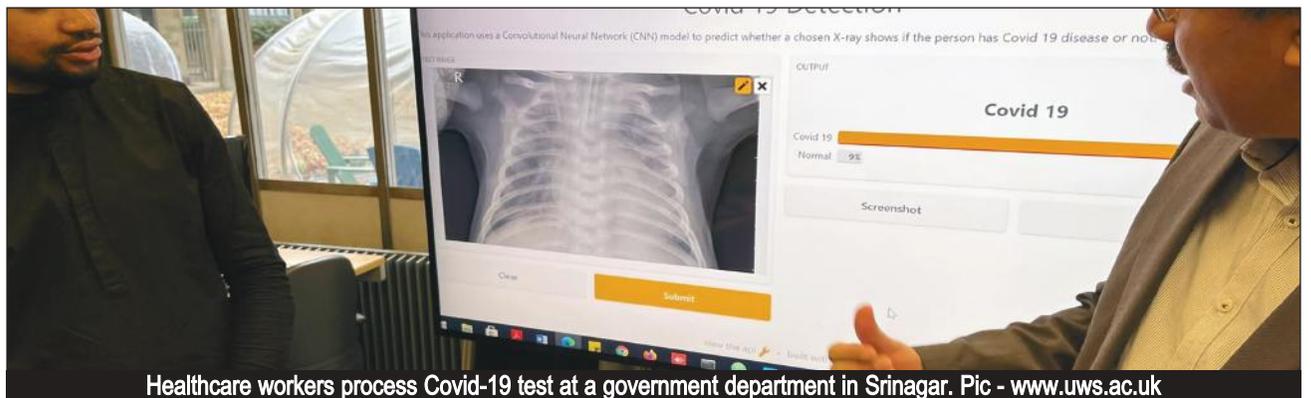
What the study says. According to the research published in 'The Lancet', the toll taken by AMR on patients and their families is largely invisible but is reflected in prolonged bacterial infections that extend hospital stays and cause needless deaths.

Moreover, AMR disproportionately

affects poor individuals who have little access to second-line, more expensive antibiotics that could work when first-line drugs fail, it further said.

Discovered in the 1920s, antibiotics have saved tens of millions of lives by defeating bacterial diseases such as pneumonia, tuberculosis and meningitis. But over the decades, bacteria have learned to fight back, building resistance to the same drugs that once reliably vanquished them.

Scientists develop Covid diagnosis test using X-rays, say it's 98% accurate



Healthcare workers process Covid-19 test at a government department in Srinagar. Pic - www.uws.ac.uk

A group of scientists in Scotland has found a way to detect the presence of Covid-19 infection in a person using X-rays. The diagnosis test uses artificial intelligence (AI) to predict the presence of the virus inside a person, reports Hindustan Times.

The scientists from University of West Scotland (UWS), who developed the test, claim it is 98% effective. They also said that it will be faster than the PCR test, which takes to hours to return a result.

"There has long been a need for a quick and reliable tool that can detect Covid-19, and this has become even more true with the upswing of the

Omicron variant," said Professor Naeem Ramzan, who led the three-person team at the UWS.

According to UWS researchers, the new technique utilises X-ray technology to compare scans to a database of around 3,000 images, belonging to patients with Covid-19, healthy individuals and those with viral pneumonia.

An AI process, known as the deep convolutional neural network, then uses an algorithm to analyse visual imagery and make a diagnosis.

What is the utility of the new testing technique?

Professor Ramzan said that there

are many countries are unable to carry out large numbers of Covid tests because of limited diagnosis tools. Their research utilises easily accessible technology to quickly detect the virus.

"It could prove to be crucial, and potentially life-saving, when diagnosing severe cases of the virus, helping determine what treatment may be required," said the professor. He, however, acknowledged that Covid-19 symptoms are not visible in X-rays during the early stages of infection so it cannot fully replace the PCR tests.

Me Antoine Domingue

“La Commission électorale et la ‘Electoral Supervisory Commission’ ont des comptes à rendre”



Cette semaine, *Mauritius Times* a interviewé Me Antoine Domingue à propos des pétitions électorales ayant trait aux dernières élections législatives. Dans quelle mesure la République peut-elle se vanter encore aujourd'hui de choisir au moyen de bulletins de vote des citoyens un gouvernement du peuple, par le peuple et pour le peuple?

Mauritius Times : L'aveu de la Commission électorale de la découverte des irrégularités dans le décompte des voix dans la circonscription no. 19 lors des dernières élections, deux ans après les faits et alors qu'une pétition électorale contestant l'élection d'Ivan Collendavelloo fut logée quelques temps après, cela est quand même étonnant, Me Domingue. Votre réaction?

Oui, en effet, je pense que le Commissaire électoral aurait dû avoir mis le doigt sur la plaie beaucoup plus tôt, puisque d'après ce que j'ai compris les chiffres ne sont pas concordants – *figures don't add up*. Cela, d'autant plus qu'il y avait eu un *recount* (recomptage des voix) à la demande d'Ivan Collendavelloo. Donc, dans ce genre de situation, on est obligé de redoubler de prudence pour s'assurer que le résultat final soit conforme au scrutin. Il incombe donc au *Returning Officer* de concert avec le *Electoral Commissioner* et la Commission électorale de redoubler de prudence avant la proclamation des résultats.

Il est consternant de constater que ce n'est que deux ans plus tard – quand l'affaire est entendue en Cour –

“La responsabilité du *Returning Officer* et du Commissaire électoral est engagée dans cette affaire, et il y va de leur crédibilité ainsi que de celle de la *Electoral Supervisory Commission* qui, comme son nom l'indique, est constitutionnellement responsable de la supervision de la conduite des élections des membres de l'Assemblée nationale. Cette commission et ses membres ont aussi des comptes à rendre...”

que cette situation anormale est dévoilée pour la première fois.

Le principe fondamental en matière de pétition électorale (*Representation of the People Act*) impose au pétitionnaire l'obligation de faire état dans sa pétition et de prouver en Cour l'existence d'irrégularités dans le processus électoral et, en outre, de démontrer à la Cour que ces mêmes irrégularités ont affecté le résultat du scrutin.

C'est pour cela qu'il y a deux types de pétitions électorales :

- l'une c'est pour demander l'invalidation d'une élection qui peut aboutir à une élection partielle, et
- l'autre, plus simple, vise à un *rescrutiny of the ballot papers* (un nouvel examen minutieux des bulletins de vote) qui peut aboutir à l'invalidation des résultats proclamés par le *Returning Officer*. Dans ce genre de cas, on ne demande pas à la Cour d'invalidiser l'élection en tant que tel, mais uniquement le *return* du *Returning Officer*.

C'est dans cette deuxième catégorie de pétitions que l'on devrait commencer à identifier au départ. Les choses devraient aller beaucoup plus vite. Il est inacceptable que ce ne soit qu'après deux ans qu'on admette devant la Cour qu'il y a effectivement eu une erreur dans le décompte des voix.

Dans le cas qui nous préoccupe, néanmoins, il faut attendre que la Cour se prononce sur la question maintenant que l'erreur mathématique a été admise. L'un des avocats de la pétitionnaire a d'ailleurs déclaré publiquement que cela était maintenant laissé à l'appréciation souveraine des juges. On attend donc à ce que la Cour se prononce sur la question.

(NdlR: Les juges Aruna Devi Narain et Denis Mootoo ont, dans un jugement rendu ce matin, ordonné un nouveau décompte partiel dans la circonscription numéro

19. Les juges ont souligné qu'il s'agit d'une mesure exceptionnelle puisque le point sur laquelle le «*recount*» a été ordonné n'avait pas été pris dans la pétition électorale. Les juges ont aussi mis en garde les officiers de la Commission électorale, le *Returning Officer* sur leur devoir de vigilance lors du dépouillement.)

* Les irrégularités constatées dans le décompte des voix dans la circonscription no. 19 ne viennent-elles pas corroborer les doutes quant aux irrégularités suspectées dans d'autres circonscriptions du pays? Que devrions-nous attendre de la Commission électorale dans ce cas-là ?

Pas nécessairement. Cela dépend des conditions et des circonstances qui ont prévalu dans chaque cas. Ce qui est propre à Stanley-Rose Hill n'est pas nécessairement le cas en ce qui concerne Rodrigues.

Une élection tenue dans une circonscription spécifique est faite indépendamment de ce qui se passe ailleurs, quoique les mêmes procédures et règles sont édictées par la loi électorale.

Dans tous les cas toutefois, le *return* doit être conforme au vœu de l'électorat tel qu'il s'est exprimé lors du scrutin : «*Vox Populi, Vox Dei*». Dans ce genre de cas, il faudrait procéder à un *rescrutiny of all the ballot papers* (nouvel examen minutieux des bulletins de vote) afin de s'assurer que le résultat est bien conforme au vœu de l'électorat et qu'un candidat n'a pas été «*unduly returned as elected*» (indûment rapporté comme étant élu).

“Au-delà de la situation difficile sur les plans sanitaire et économique, ce qui m'interpelle, c'est la philosophie de chaque gouvernement en place, en particulier celui-ci, de tout museler et de tout contrôler : on n'a presque plus le droit de manifester ou de s'exprimer sans être inquiété...”

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* Il faut toutefois se rappeler que le rejet de la pétition d'Ezra Jhuboo, un candidat non élu dans la circonscription n° 14, Savanne/Black River par la Cour suprême semble avoir établi une tendance. N'est-il donc pas probable – suivant la même logique de ce jugement – que toutes les autres pétitions réclamant un nouveau dépouillement des votes pour les mêmes motifs que ceux de la pétition d'Ezra Jhuboo seraient aussi susceptibles d'être rejetées par la Cour suprême?

La décision intervenue n'est pas *binding* (légalement contraignant) sur un autre *bench* à moins que cela ne soit entériné en appel par le Conseil privé.

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* Mais dans le cas d'Ezra Jhuboo, faut-il aussi se rappeler que les Juges Manna et Mootoo avaient soutenu que ce dernier "n'a pas réussi à prouver au moyen de preuves convaincantes selon la prépondérance des probabilités qu'il y avait un lien entre les fameuses 'Computer Rooms' et les résultats finaux annoncés". Ils avaient aussi rejeté "l'opacité présumée entourant la 'Computer Room' ainsi que les allégations d'irrégularités dans l'exercice de comptage et du calcul des votes. Donc, rien n'est gagné d'avance en ce qui concerne les autres pétitions électorales?"

Un autre *bench* peut avoir un avis différent. Selon la loi électorale, un pétitionnaire doit nécessairement démontrer qu'il y a eu des irrégularités et que celles-ci ont affecté le résultat. Mais les irrégularités prouvées ou celle admises ne vont pas nécessairement mener à une invalidation à moins qu'un candidat n'ait été *unduly returned or elected*, auquel cas la Cour doit notifier le Speaker de sa décision.

* Ce qui est navrant dans ces affaires de pétitions électorales, c'est le temps qu'on a mis pour entendre et débattre de ces cas... On est presque à mi-mandat de l'actuel gouvernement. Comment réagissez-vous à cela?

« Il appartient à l'Assemblée et à la Cour d'intervenir à chaque fois que le Speaker viole la Constitution. Il y a des précédents auxquels on peut se référer. Toutefois, en vertu du principe de la séparation des pouvoirs, la Cour ne peut intervenir qu'en cas de violation de la Constitution. La Cour n'est pas compétente si un député ne se plaint que d'une violation ou d'une mauvaise interprétation ou d'une mauvaise application des *Standing Orders*... »

Cela a été dit et répété à maintes reprises. Finalement, c'est l'ancien chef juge (Caunhye CJ) qui avait pris le taureau par les cornes et il a fait en sorte que les affaires soient *expedited* (accélérées). Mais cela prend un certain temps quand même avant que l'affaire ne soit en état d'être entendue et que le jugement n'intervienne en premier ressort, mais qui est encore susceptible d'appel au '*Judicial Committee of the Privy Council*' (le Conseil privé).

Il faut faire en sorte qu'une pétition électorale soit entendue et jugée en première instance, et en appel au Conseil privé, dans un délai raisonnable eu égard à la durée de la législature. Il faudrait donc faire diligence dès que la procédure est engagée devant la Cour.

* Autre chose qui cloche: ,c'est l'enquête policière – devant être menée à propos des 'Kistnen

Papers' – semble piétiner. Les officiers chevronnés du CCID devraient pouvoir aplanir toutes les difficultés et ainsi balayer tous les doutes quant à quelques irrégularités dans cette circonscription, n'est-ce pas?

Absolument. C'est la responsabilité de la police et d'autres *law enforcement agencies* de s'assurer que toute enquête dans l'affaire des 'Kistnen Papers', requise par le Commissaire électoral et approuvée par la Commission de supervision électorale, soit diligentée et bouclée dans les plus brefs délais.

Rezistans ek Alternativ qui a porté plainte au CCID, tel qu'on lui a demandé de le faire, attend toujours. La Cour de district de Moka et maintenant le DPP sont en possession des originaux des documents qui devraient retenir l'attention de la police.

* Partagez-vous l'opinion que tout le système a été bloqué : les investigations dans les *high-profile cases* que ce soit au niveau de la police ou de l'ICAC, piétinent ou ne mènent à nulle part; au Parlement les voix de l'Opposition seraient étouffées par un *overbearing Speaker* (autoritaire)?

Il me semble que les investigations prennent beaucoup trop de temps et traînent en longueur ou tournent en rond. D'ailleurs, beaucoup de charges provisoires ont été rayées par la Cour à cause des retards «systémiques».

En ce qui concerne le Speaker, il appartient à l'Assemblée et à la Cour d'intervenir à chaque fois que le Speaker viole la Constitution. Il y a des précédents auxquels on peut se référer. Toutefois, en vertu du principe de la séparation des pouvoirs, la Cour ne peut intervenir qu'en cas de violation de la Constitution.

La Cour n'est pas compétente si un député ne se plaint que d'une violation ou d'une mauvaise interprétation ou d'une mauvaise application des *Standing Orders* de l'Assemblée nationale.

* De là à dire que la manière dont les investigations sont menées, cela est fait d'une façon délibérée, vous ne partagez pas cette opinion, n'est-ce pas?

Cela peut parfois être le cas, mais généralement c'est dû à l'ineptie et à une mauvaise gestion de l'enquête en cours. Comme je vous l'ai dit, les délais sont systémiques, c'est-à-dire dûs au système. Cela ne devrait pas être le cas pour l'ICAC qui a mis en place a *new investigatory mechanism*.

* Qu'est-ce qui vous préoccupe le plus par rapport à ce qui se passe dans le pays présentement?

Au-delà de la situation difficile sur les plans sanitaire et économique, ce qui m'interpelle, c'est la philosophie de chaque gouvernement en place, en particulier celui-ci, de tout museler et de tout contrôler : on n'a presque plus le droit de manifester ou de s'exprimer sans être inquiété.

Il ne faut pas simplement *paylip service to democracy*. Le principe de démocratie est entériné dans les



« Il faut faire en sorte qu'une pétition électorale soit entendue et jugée en première instance, et en appel au Conseil privé, dans un délai raisonnable eu égard à la durée de la législature. Il faudrait donc faire diligence dès que la procédure est engagée devant la Cour... »

textes, mais – trop souvent –, c'est lettre morte à cause d'une culture de répression et de surutilisation de l'appareil répressif de l'État sous tous les régimes en place, celui-ci et aussi ceux d'avant.

D'autre part, il y a plusieurs textes qui devraient être revus. A mon sens, il est intolérable dans une démocratie telle que la nôtre, surtout en 2022, que l'on ne puisse pas manifester paisiblement et en petit nombre devant l'Assemblée nationale.

* Eu égard à cette situation qui prévaut dans le pays, la question reste posée: *How do we get out of this mess?*

Les politiciens sont grandement responsables pour cet état de choses. Ils tiennent des discours différents selon leur positionnement politique, l'un dans l'opposition et son contraire, au sein du gouvernement.

Un exemple flagrant est la «*Freedom of Information Act*» (loi sur la liberté de l'information) qui avait été promise à cor et à cri par un parti politique actuellement au pouvoir. On attend toujours. Comme disait le Président Pompidou dans son opuscule intitulé *Le nœud gordien*: «Les programmes tout le monde en a et chacun sait ce qu'il en advient... !»

* Que faites-vous de la démarche des partis de l'opposition de mettre sur pied une alliance élargie pour combattre l'actuel régime?

Pour le moment, je ne vois qu'une vague proposition de PM, DPM et Président de la République, choisis ou désignés sur une base ethnique. Cela ne correspond pas aux attentes de la population.

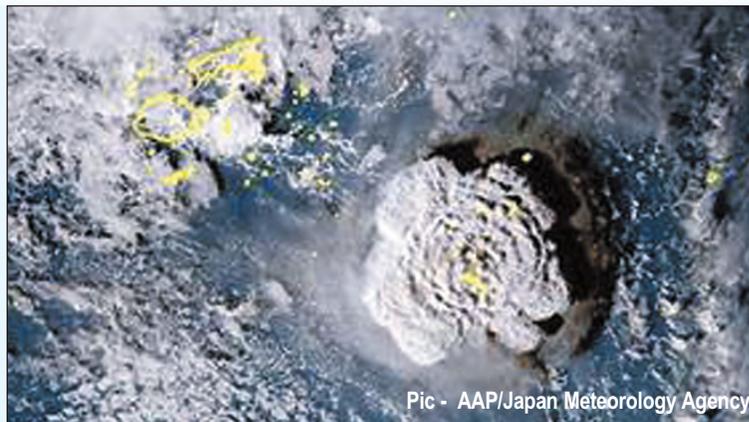
On s'attendait a *minima* à un programme commun étoffé... Attendons voir, avant de se prononcer plus avant.

Why the volcanic eruption in Tonga was so violent, and what to expect next



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The eruption is akin to a weapons-grade chemical explosion, and there could be several weeks or even years of major volcanic unrest to follow



Pic - AAP/Japan Meteorology Agency

The latest eruption has stepped up the scale in terms of violence. The ash plume is already about 20km high. Most remarkably, it spread out almost concentrically over a distance of about 130km from the volcano, creating a plume with a 260km diameter, before it was distorted by the wind.

This demonstrates a huge explosive power - one that cannot be explained by magma-water interaction alone. It shows instead that large amounts of fresh, gas-charged magma have erupted from the caldera.

The Kingdom of Tonga doesn't often attract global attention, but a violent eruption of an underwater volcano on January 15 has spread shock waves, quite literally, around half the world.

The volcano is usually not much to look at. It consists of two small uninhabited islands, Hunga-Ha'apai and Hunga-Tonga, poking about 100m above sea level 65km north of Tonga's capital Nuku'alofa. But hiding below the waves is a massive volcano, around 1800m high and 20km wide.

The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano has erupted regularly over the past few decades. During events in 2009 and 2014/15 hot jets of magma and steam exploded through the waves. But these eruptions were small, dwarfed in scale by the January 2022 events.

Our research into these earlier eruptions suggests this is one of the massive explosions the volcano is capable of producing roughly every thousand years.

Why are the volcano's eruptions so highly explosive, given that sea water should cool the magma down?

If magma rises into sea water slowly, even at temperatures of about 1200°, a thin film of steam forms between the magma and water. This provides a layer of insulation to allow the outer surface of the magma to

cool.

But this process doesn't work when magma is blasted out of the ground full of volcanic gas. When magma enters the water rapidly, any steam layers are quickly disrupted, bringing hot magma in direct contact with cold water.

Volcano researchers call this "fuel-coolant interaction" and it is akin to weapons-grade chemical explosions. Extremely violent blasts tear the magma apart. A chain reaction begins, with new magma fragments exposing fresh hot interior surfaces to water, and the explosions repeat, ultimately jetting out volcanic particles and causing blasts with supersonic speeds.

Two scales of Hunga eruptions

The 2014/15 eruption created a volcanic cone, joining the two old Hunga islands to create a combined island about 5km long. We visited in 2016, and discovered these historical eruptions were merely curtain raisers to the main event.

Mapping the sea floor, we discovered a hidden "caldera" 150m below the waves.

The caldera is a crater-like depression around 5km across. Small eruptions (such as in 2009 and 2014/15) occur mainly at the edge of the caldera, but very big ones come from the caldera itself. These big eruptions are so large the top of the erupting magma collapses inward, deepening the caldera.

Looking at the chemistry of past eruptions, we now think the small eruptions represent the magma system slowly recharging itself to prepare for a big event.

We found evidence of two huge past eruptions from the Hunga caldera in deposits on the old islands. We matched these chemically to volcanic ash deposits on the largest inhabited island of Tongatapu, 65km away, and then used radiocarbon dates to show that big caldera eruptions occur about every 1000 years, with the last one at AD1100.

With this knowledge, the eruption on January 15 seems to be right on schedule for a "big one".

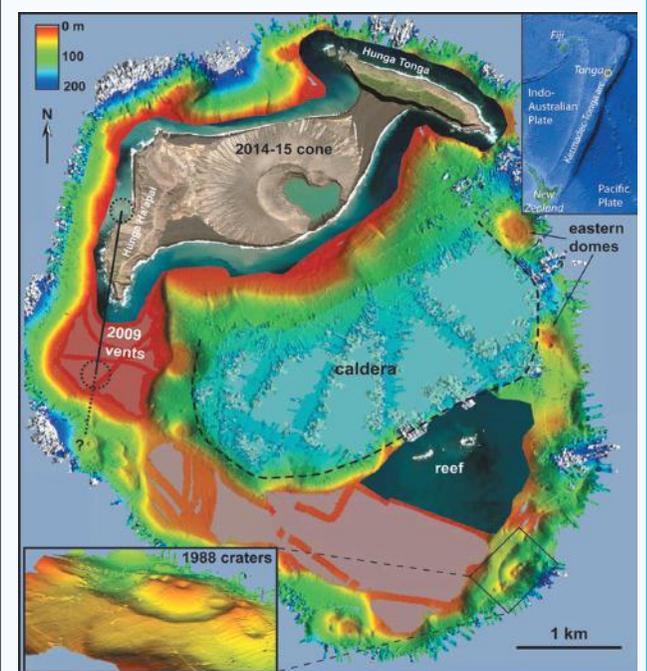
What we can expect to happen now

We're still in the middle of this major eruptive sequence and many aspects remain unclear, partly because the island is currently obscured by ash clouds.

The two earlier eruptions on December 20 2021 and January 13 2022 were of moderate size. They produced clouds of up to 17km elevation and added new land to the 2014/15 combined island.

The eruption also produced a tsunami throughout Tonga and neighbouring Fiji and Samoa. Shock waves traversed many thousands of kilometres, were seen from space, and recorded in New Zealand some 2000km away. Soon after the eruption started, the sky was blocked out on Tongatapu, with ash beginning to fall.

All these signs suggest the large Hunga caldera has awoken. Tsunami are generated by coupled atmospheric and ocean shock waves during an explosion, but they are also readily caused by submarine landslides and caldera collapses.

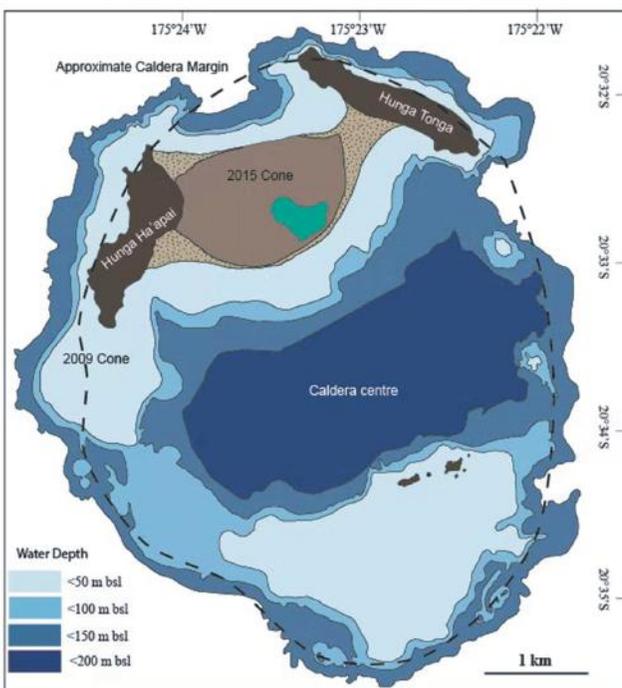


A map of the seafloor shows the volcanic cones and massive caldera. Author provided

It remains unclear if this is the climax of the eruption. It represents a major magma pressure release, which may settle the system.

A warning, however, lies in geological deposits from the volcano's previous eruptions. These complex sequences show each of the 1000-year major caldera eruption episodes involved many separate explosion events.

Hence, we could be in for several weeks or even years of major volcanic unrest from the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano. For the sake of the people of Tonga I hope not.



A massive underwater volcano lies next to the Hunga-Ha'apai and Hunga-Tonga islands. Author provided

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• *La civilisation ce n'est ni le nombre, ni la force, ni l'argent. Le dernier vainqueur, ce sera celui qui est le plus capable d'amour.* -- Raoul Follereau

English for Mauritius



Peter Ibbotson



Since the new Education Ordinance appeared and prescribed English as the language of instruction a year earlier in the primary schools, the Francophones have been having a fine, if illogical, time screaming for French to be saved from potential oblivion in Mauritius. Apparently, they have stronger allegiance to France than to England; they fear the ousting of French by English but would be quite happy to see English go under if French were made the language of instruction at all educational levels.

One Francophobe, writing in *Le Mauricien*, raises an accusing finger at *la loi du nombre*. He appears not to know that in a democracy, the will of the majority prevails, and the minority accepts the majority will. To scream as the Francophobes are doing, is to reveal their inherent lack of democracy, and their utter ignorance of the democratic processes. Says the particular writer to whom I have just referred, "Hitler voulait que les peuples forts écrasassent les peuples faibles pour s'assurer de l'espace qui leur était nécessaire pour vivre."

The reference to a Hitlerian policy comes ill from a defender of France and things French — for we recall only too vividly the atrocities practised by the French in Madagascar only ten years ago (read 'Justice pour les Malgaches') and in Algeria over the last two years. And in Tunisia before independence.

We see too the inhumane treatment accorded to non-French citizens in a French overseas department when we recall what happened to Messrs Loljeeh and Jalabhay three years ago.

There are a number of very cogent reasons why English should be the language of instruction even earlier than now. There are a number of reasons why English should become the universal language in Mauritius with French learned as a foreign language by those who wish, and with the various Oriental languages in use in the island put on an equal footing with French. French must be removed from the list of compulsory subjects at the scholarship examination; and I would urge that it be abandoned as a compulsory GCE or SC subject for those who wish to enter the Civil Service in the Executive grade.

One very cogent reason is, of course, that Mauritius is a British colony. The future of Mauritius lies in association with the UK; hence the language of the UK is the lan-

guage which should be taught as the first language in Mauritius. On the way to self-government, Mauritius needs a common language as a unifying factor; here again, when one considers the languages in use among the population — English, French, Creole, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Gujarati, Chinese — one realises that of these the most useful as well as the best suited for assimilation by all races is English.

If the policy outlined by the British Labour Party in its colonial policy pamphlet 'The Smaller Territories' is put into practice, Mauritius will become an internally self-governing dominion, with freedom to associate with a nearby territory for matters of defence and foreign policy. If Mauritius throws in her lot with the UK for these matters, then English will be needed. If she chooses Australia, South Africa, East Africa, or Central Africa, the case for English is strengthened. If she chooses Ceylon, then again English is the only language to bridge the linguistic gulf. Politically, the case for English is very strong.

Moreover, English is the language of commerce and government. In Canada, the French-speaking community is outnumbered by the English-speaking community by two to one. Nonetheless, the language policy in Canadian education is bilingual: to maintain French as well as to foster English. What happens? Because of the importance of English as the language of commerce and industry, the Franco-Canadian is more thorough in his learning of English than the Anglo-Canadian is in his learning of French. For practical use, French is superfluous in Canada.

Yet no one would wish to abolish French language teaching from Canada's schools. And in Mauritius — if English were the language taught right from the start of the child's school career, French teaching would not

disappear. But to concentrate on one language instead of two would help to raise the standard of the one. At present, few Mauritians are fluent in either English or French; they are haltingly familiar with both. Better by far if they knew one well instead of both indifferently. What happens if a Coloured Mauritian wants to write a letter in English? It is very likely that he will mentally compose his letter in French mixed with Creole, and will translate it into English as he writes. On the other hand, few Coloured or Indo-Mauritians can write good French; and even the standard of some Franco-Mauritians leaves much to be desired.

There is a very good psychological or sociological reason for introducing English at an earlier age than now, and for abandoning French as a compulsory subject in the primary schools. In Mauritius, the historical position of French is as the language of the oppressor who thrived on slavery and underpaid labour; who made his wealth out of the toil and tears and sweat and (lives) of others. Not only Sir Virgil Naz, but Dr Ommanney in his 'Shoals of Capricorn' as well, can be called to testify this. French is still, in Mauritius as well as in French colonies all over the world, the language of the oppressors; it is the language of the Mauritian *Herrenvolk*. (...)

By their posturing in Mauritius, and their extravagant claims that the capitulation terms are sacrosanct, the Franco-Mauritians are doing a grave disservice to the French language. An organisation such as *Le Monde Bilingue* has the right idea: to encourage the study of English in French-speaking countries and the study of French in English-speaking territories. But in Mauritius the worthy aims of the organisation are being jeopardised by the Francophobes who claim a privileged place in a British colony for a foreign language.

The attitude of the Francophobes in Mauritius is on a par with the French colonial educational policy in Africa: to make French the *lingua franca* of the French colonies and to give no encouragement to native and indigenous cultures and languages. This is a language policy little removed from the *Lebensraum* policy of Hitler of which the writer in *Le Mauricien* was justly critical. The right-minded attitude is to teach French in Mauritius as a foreign language and to concentrate on English from the earliest possible age. English, not French, is the language of the future; especially if Mauritius should in fact achieve integration with the UK.



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Why We May Soon Become Gods

We might one day create virtual worlds with characters as intelligent as ourselves



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Most research into the ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) concerns its use for weaponry, transport or profiling. Although the dangers presented by an autonomous, racist tank cannot be understated, there is another aspect to all this. What about our responsibilities to the AIs we create?

Massively-multiplayer online role-playing games (such as World of Warcraft) are pocket realities populated chiefly by non-player characters. At the moment, these characters are not particularly smart, but give it 50 years and they will be.

Sorry? 50 years won't be enough? Take 500. Take 5,000,000. We have the rest of eternity to achieve this.

You want planet-sized computers? You can have them. You want computers made from human brain tissue? You can have them. Eventually, I believe we will have virtual worlds containing characters as smart as we are – if not smarter – and in full possession of free will. What will our responsibilities towards these beings be? We will after all be the literal gods of the realities in which they dwell, controlling the physics of their worlds. We can do anything we like to them.

So knowing all that...should we?

Ethical difficulties of free will

As I've explored in my recent book, whenever "should" is involved, ethics steps in and takes over – even for video games. The first question to ask is whether our game characters of the future are worthy of being considered as moral entities or are simply bits in a database. If the latter, we needn't trouble our consciences with them any more than we would characters in a word processor.

The question is actually moot, though. If we create our characters to be free-thinking beings, then we must treat them as if they are such – regardless of how they might appear to an external observer.

That being the case, then, can we switch our virtual worlds off? Doing so could be condemning billions of intelligent



Virtual character may soon be smarter than us. Michelangelus/Shutterstock

creatures to non-existence. Would it nevertheless be OK if we saved a copy of their world at the moment, we ended it? Does the theoretical possibility that we may switch their world back on exactly as it was mean we're not actually murdering them? What if we don't have the original game software?

Can we legitimately cause these characters suffering? We ourselves implement the very concept, so this isn't so much a question about whether it's OK to torment them as it is about whether tormenting them is even a thing. In modern societies, the default position is that it's immoral to make free-thinking individuals suffer unless either they agree to it or it's to save them (or someone else) from something worse. We can't ask our characters to consent to be born into a world of suffering – they won't exist when we create the game.

So, what about the "something worse" alternative? If you possess free will, you must be sapient, so must therefore be a moral being yourself. That means you must have developed morals, so it must be possible for bad things to happen to you. Otherwise, you couldn't have reflected on what's right or wrong to develop your morals. Put another way, unless bad things happen, there's no free will. Removing free will from a being is tantamount to destroying the being it was previously, therefore yes, we do have to allow suffering or the concept of sapient character is an oxymoron.

Afterlife?

Accepting that our characters of the future are free-thinking beings, where would they fit in a hierarchy of importance? In general, given a straight choice between saving a sapient being (such as a toddler) or a merely sentient one (such as a dog), people would choose the former over the

latter. Given a similar choice between saving a real dog or a virtual saint, which would prevail?

Bear in mind that if your characters perceive themselves to be moral beings but you don't perceive them as such, they're going to think you're a jerk. As Alphinaud Leveilleur, a character in Final Fantasy XIV, neatly puts it (spoiler: having just discovered that his world was created by the actions of beings who as a consequence don't regard him as properly alive): "We define our worth, not the circumstances of our creation!"

Are we going to allow our characters to die? It's extra work to implement the concept. If they do live forever, do we make them invulnerable or merely stop them from dying? Life wouldn't be much fun after falling into a blender, after all. If they do die, do we move them to gaming heaven (or hell) or simply erase them?

These aren't the only questions we can ask. Can we insert ideas into their heads? Can we change their world to mess with

them? Do we impose our morals on them or let them develop their own (with which we may disagree)? There are many more.

Ultimately, the biggest question is: should we create sapient characters in the first place?

Now you'll have noticed that I've asked a lot of questions here. You may well be wondering what the answers are.

Well, so am I! That's the point of this exercise. Humanity doesn't yet have an ethical framework for the creation of realities of which we are gods. No system of meta-ethics yet exists to help us. We need to work this out *before* we build worlds populated by beings with free will, whether 50, 500, 5,000,000 years from now or tomorrow. These are questions for you to answer.

Be careful how you do so, though. You may set a precedent.

We ourselves are the non-player characters of Reality.



World of Warcraft is massively-multiplayer online role-playing game. Daniel Krasov/Shutterstock

How democracy gets eroded – lessons from a Nixon expert

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Likewise, when conspiracy theorists falsely claim the last election was stolen, they're putting the pieces in place for themselves to steal the next one. Not by anything as blatant as pressuring a vice president to publicly shirk his duty to certify the vote, but by subtler means, such as taking over the offices that handle vote certification at the state level.

Rep. Jody Hice, a Republican who voted against certifying President Joe Biden's victory, is running to unseat Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, a Republican who would not bow to pressure from Trump to "find" enough votes to reverse the election result. Fifteen election-denying Republicans are running for secretary of state, according to NPR, raising the risk that people who refuse to accept the results of the last presidential election will decide whether to certify the results of the next one.

Georgia's Republican-controlled legislature revealed who controls the party by stripping Raffensperger of his vote on the state election board, which sets election rules and investigates allegations of fraud. They have also passed new election laws targeting local boards. "The laws allow Republicans to remove local officials they don't like," the New York Times reported. Most of those removed initially were Democrats, at least half of them people of color.

Georgia's not alone. In at least eight other states, Republican-controlled legislatures took power from those who kept the last election honest, such as secretaries of state and local election officials, and handed it to partisan entities, ABC News reported. Many, if not all, of those secretaries of state were partisan officials,



Republican Richard Nixon, standing in 1968 before an arena of supporters, had to moderate his positions to appeal to Democratic voters, who were in the majority when he ran for a variety of offices. Pic - Hulton Archive/Getty Images

though they largely behaved in nonpartisan ways.

Much reporting has focused rightly on the most prominent result of lies about voter fraud, "voting integrity" legislation. Those stories have focused on how little such legislation does to solve the already-minuscule problem of voter fraud in America, and on how much the legislation does to create problems for people who want to vote, especially if those people tend to vote Democratic.

False claims, real threats

Less attention has focused on the influx of conspiracy theorists at the local level of election administration, where they could warp elections in several ways. They could discriminate in enforcing voter-ID laws, make people cast provisional ballots that are subject to challenge,

set up polling places in ways that create long lines, and more, said Scott Seeborg, Pennsylvania state director of All Voting Is Local, a nonpartisan group fighting to "remove discriminatory barriers to the ballot."

If election workers reject false accusations of election fraud, they may face death threats. The news service Reuters documented over 800 hostile, threatening messages to election workers related to the conspiracy theories, including, "We're coming after you and every other mother—r that stole this election;" "Everyone with a gun is going to be at your house;" and "We are now watching your children and loved ones."

These threats aren't being screamed on television before the eyes of the outraged majority; they appear without warning, Reuters reports, often anonymously, in individual voicemail and email boxes, inspiring fear without provoking backlash.

By these means and more, authoritarians are seizing the power to win elections without winning a majority of the vote. This is something Nixon never dared try.

In every race he ran – for House, Senate, vice president and president – Nixon faced an electorate where Democrats held a numerical advantage. This forced him to moderate his politics and policies, to broaden their appeals to the majority.

Today, Republicans can win not only the White House, but the Congress and gerrymandered state legislatures, without winning a majority. "We are witnessing a minority takeover of our democracy," constitutional law scholar Kermit Roosevelt wrote in TIME. It's taking place not just nationally, but at the state and local level.

This is why democracy's defenders – Republicans, Democrats, and all people of good will – must not make Trump's mistake, thinking that the nation's future will be decided in a single, public, climactic showdown. It depends on a thousand little struggles with enormous stakes, on unsung efforts of unknown heroes.

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All Time Short Stories

The country that had no onions

Once upon a time there lived a young man who was looking to grow in his life. While he was exploring about what business he will take to support his family, he met a very well-travelled man. The man told the young man great tales of his travel and then he talked about a country that had no onions.

"No onions!" exclaimed the young man. In all his life, he had never heard of such a thing. "How can anyone enjoy the true pleasure of food without onions?"

Without any further thoughts, he bought onions, filled his cart and set his journey towards this whimsical land of no onions. After several days he arrived in the onion-less country. He made his way to the palace where the guards were fascinated enough by the weird cargo that they allowed him to meet the king.

"I bring you a great gift from my country," the young man proudly announced.



"The plant is native to my place but new to yours. It has the unique ability to enhance the flavour of any food. It will be great if I could offer you this magnificent plant which you in turn will introduce it to your people."

The king was a little cautious to let the weird plant at first but he later allowed the young man to prepare some delicacies using the onions.

The young man used all his culinary skills to prepare the feast using the onions. All the king's ministers, the nobili-

ty and seniors' officials were invited to the dinner that night. After the young man did the initial tasting, the feast commenced. Everyone in the room started eating the food.

The smell and the taste of the food was praised by all.

The king thanked the young man profusely and demanded the entire batch of onions and paid him its weight in gold.

On his journey back home, the young man met a trader. He shared his magnificent story about the country. For hours that night, the young man recounted the splendour and magnificence he had seen in that far-away land, where gold was worth less than onions. He also told the trader that he learnt that the country did not have garlic. The trader was excited to learn that and thought he could replicate the success of the young man by introducing garlic to the country. 'Garlics is infinitely tastier and more aromatic! If they

were giving gold for onions there, he could expect diamonds for garlic,' he thought.

The enterprising trader carried huge bags of garlic and took on the journey to the country without garlic, with the riches he was sure to receive jingling merrily in his mind. Since the land was recently overjoyed by the introduction of the onions, they were more open to the idea of trying his garlic. The royal guards took the man with the new herbs to the king.

The king asked him to prepare a feast using the garlic. The trader was very excited and made several tasty dishes using garlic. As he had expected the garlic received even more praise than the onions. The king discussed with his ministers for a long time about the reward for their noble guest who introduced them with the garlic. After some discussion, they all agreed that gold was not enough for such a delicious food. So, they decided to reward him with the most precious thing they had to offer. What can be more precious than gold? Onions!

That night the trader returned home with bags full of onions.

91% won't achieve their new year's resolutions. How to be the 9% that do

Four strategies that the 9 percent of successful goal-achievers do consistently well

Research can even predict which day you will quit your New Year's goals. Strava documented over 800 million user-logged activities in 2019 and found that most people toss in the towel on January 19, which Strava succinctly dubs "Quitter's Day."

If you want to break the cycle of your own annual quitting ritual, do what the other 9 percent of successful goal-setters and goal-achievers do consistently well.

1. Set specific and challenging goals

Research found that when people followed these two principles -- setting specific and challenging goals -- it led to higher performance 90% of the time. The more specific and challenging your goals, the higher your motivation toward hitting them. That explains why easy or vague goals rarely get met.

For example, if your goal this year is to lose 30 pounds, that may be challenging for you, but it may not be specific enough.



You'll want to eliminate vagueness and make it more achievable by articulating it like this:

During the summer months of June, July, and August, I will lose five pounds each month by cutting off sugar and all fast food, and walking 45 minutes four times per week. When you have that much clarity around your goal, your chances of hitting the mark increase dramatically.

2. Set goals that you want to pursue with relentless drive and passion

The 8% of successful goal-setters want it, and badly. Check in with yourself before setting the goals and have an honest self-dialogue. Are you totally sold out for reaching your goal? When obstacles pop up along the way, will you do whatever it

takes to keep going?

The relentless 8% have an internal compass that keeps them locked in until they reach the top of the mountain. It's having a mindset of "doing whatever it takes" that comes from an intrinsic drive at the core of their being.

Questions to ask yourself: How badly do I want it? Who's holding me accountable to the end? Is my heart truly in it from the start? What's life going to look like once I complete the goal? In the end, will it be worth it?

3. Get a support system

We're all bound to procrastinate or lose motivation, it's human of us. To counter these unproductive behaviours, your chances of hitting a specific goal increase

greatly if you're getting frequent feedback that will keep you on track.

Successful goal-achievers benefit tremendously from feedback and accountability from coaches, trainers, or trusted friends. They surround themselves with those who will support them on their journey.

4. Focus on smaller goals to hit your big goal

To hit a big goal this year, work on several smaller chunks to complete that one, big goal. Focus on knocking one small chunk down at a time, then move on to the next one. As you break the big goal down into smaller chunks, each of those chunks should have its own deadlines.

For example, if your big goal is one that will take many months or the whole year to reach, take action now by setting realistic target dates to reach your objectives in the immediate future.

In other words, find something you can do this week to begin taking some type of action now for next week or next month. If the overarching goal is to save money, make a budget this week for the following week. If it's to lose weight, develop a plan to commit to losing two pounds the following week.

To bring it home, remember the words of Aristotle, who nailed it more than 2000 years ago when he said, "We are what we repeatedly do." By practicing these skills, expect to dramatically improve your rate of finishing the year on target.

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Work Smarter

Increase the impact you have at work without adding more hours

If you're feeling burned out, it's natural to assume that you need to lessen your workload. But research suggests that burnout isn't always a function of too much work; it's often the result of too little impact. Fortunately, you can increase the impact you have without adding more hours.

First, invest in relationships that make you feel valued and psychologically safe, and avoid workplace politics and drama at all costs. They feel like a waste of time and just add to the exhaustion you feel.

Next, look for ways to increase the level of challenge — not volume — of your daily workload. There is a strong correlation between being intellectually challenged and job satisfaction, so seek out projects with visible impact and a scope that will push you to stretch yourself and

learn new skills.

Finally, take on a leadership role on your team — either formally or informally. Where are there leadership vacuums in everyday moments? Who on your team seems to be in need of mentorship that you could possibly offer? Adopting this kind of responsibility could reenergize you when you're feeling like your work isn't leading to meaningful results.

This tip is adapted from "Is Your Burnout From Too Much Work or Too Little Impact?," by Liz Wiseman - Harvard Business Review

New to Leadership? Focus on Building Relationships

When you first step into a leadership role, it's smart to focus on achieving quick wins, but you shouldn't do so at the expense of building relationships with your colleagues. Without those connections, you won't have the influence you need to succeed over the long term. Start by building trust. It's far easier to lead people when

they believe in you. Prioritize meeting one on one with each of your direct reports and peers. Use this time to ask questions like: What does success look like for you? What do you want to be known for? How do you measure progress? Their answers will help you better understand their motivations, aspirations, and goals. In these conversations and others, listen more than you talk. And be present, especially during meetings. Put your phone away and focus fully on the person you're speaking with. Ask clarifying questions like: What do you think of this approach? Is there another way to do this? Avoid using statements with "but" as this negates what has been said. Instead, formulate your concerns as a question like "Have you considered the impact of xyz?" or "How would you scale up that solution?" Even though you're a leader now, you don't have to have the last word on everything. Ask for your team's opinions, be open to other alternatives, and listen to understand and expand your perspective. This will help lay the groundwork for stronger relationships and your effectiveness as a leader.

This tip is adapted from "3 Ways to Grow Your Influence in a New Job," by Luis Velasquez and Jenny Fernandez - HBR

Stroke may be triggered by anger, emotional upset and heavy physical exertion

A global study co-led by National University of Ireland Galway into causes of stroke has found that one in 11 survivors experienced a period of anger or upset in the one hour leading up to it. One in 20 patients had engaged in heavy physical exertion. The suspected triggers have been identified as part of the global INTER-STROKE study, which analyzed 13,462 cases of acute stroke, involving patients with a range of ethnic backgrounds in 32 countries.

The research has been published in the 'European Heart Journal'.

Professor Andrew Smyth, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at NUI Galway, one of the lead researchers, said: "Despite advances it remains difficult to predict when a stroke will occur. Many studies have focused on medium to long-term exposures, such as hypertension, obesity or smoking.

Our study aimed to look at acute exposures that may act as triggers."

The research analysed patterns in patients who suffered ischemic stroke -- the most common type of stroke, which occurs when a blood clot blocks or narrows an artery leading to the brain, and also intracerebral haemorrhage -- which is less common and involves bleeding within the brain tissue itself.

Professor Smyth added: "Our research found that anger or emotional upset was linked to an approximately 30% increase in risk of stroke during one hour after an episode -- with a greater increase if the patient did not have a history of depression. The odds were also greater for those with a lower level of education.

"We also found that heavy physical exertion was linked to an approximately 60% increase in risk of intracerebral haemor-



rhage during the one hour after the episode of heavy exertion. There was a greater increase for women and less risk for those with a normal BMI. The study also concluded that there was no increase with exposure to both triggers of anger and heavy physical exertion."

Co-author of the paper, Dr Michelle Canavan, Consultant Stroke Physician at Galway University Hospitals, said "Our message is for people to practise mental and physical wellness at all ages. But it is also important for some people to avoid heavy physical exertion, particularly if they are high-risk of cardiovascular, while also adopting a healthy lifestyle of regular exercise."

"Some of the best ways to prevent stroke are to maintain a healthy lifestyle, treat high blood pressure and not to smoke, but our research also shows other events such as an episode of anger or upset or a period of heavy physical exertion independently increase the short-term risk." Prof O'Donnell said.

"We would emphasise that a brief episode of heavy physical exertion is different to getting regular physical activity, which reduces the long-term risk of stroke."

To influence behaviour, ask, don't tell

"Will you exercise this coming year?" That simple question can be a game-changing technique for people who want to influence their own or others' behaviour, according to a recent study spanning 40 years of research.

The research is the first comprehensive look at more than 100 studies examining the 'question-behaviour effect,' a phenomenon in which asking people about performing a certain behaviour influences whether they do it in the future. The effect has been shown to last more than six months after questioning.

Writing in the 'Journal of Consumer Psychology', marketing researchers from the University of California, Irvine,

the University at Albany, State University of New York, the University of Idaho and Washington State University examined why the effect occurs. Their findings offer guidance to social marketers, policy makers and others seeking to impact human behaviour.

"If you question a person about performing a future behaviour, the likelihood of that behaviour happening will change," said Dave Sprott, senior associate, Washington State University.

The basic idea is that when people are asked 'Will you recycle?' it causes a psychological response that can influence their behaviour when they get a chance to recycle. The question reminds them that recycling is good for the environment but may also make them feel uncomfortable if they are not recycling. Thus, they become motivated to recycle to alleviate their feelings of discomfort.

Overall, the researchers' findings suggest questioning is a relatively simple yet effective technique to produce

consistent, significant changes across a wide domain of behaviours. The technique can sway people toward cheating less in college, exercising more, recycling, or reducing gender stereotyping.

The researchers found the question-behavior effect to be strongest when questions are administered via a computer or paper-and-pencil survey, and when questions are answered with a response of 'yes' or 'no.' They also found that those using the technique are better off not providing a specific time frame for the target behaviour.

The researchers suggest the key to influencing someone's behaviour is to ask a question rather than make a statement. For example, parents asking their high school-age children, 'Will you drink and drive?' should be more effective than when they say, 'Don't drink and drive.'

For people making New Year's resolutions, a question like, 'Will I exercise -- yes or no?' may be more effective than declaring, 'I will exercise.'



What was the first computer?

The first computer, named the ABC, was built at Iowa State University. But for a long time, few had heard of it.

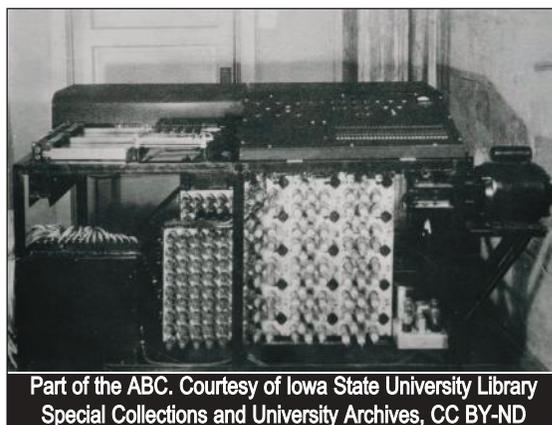
The first modern electronic digital computer was called the Atanasoff-Berry computer, or ABC.

It was built by physics Professor John Vincent Atanasoff and his graduate student, Clifford Berry, in 1942 at Iowa State College, now known as Iowa State University.

That's where I have been teaching computer engineering for over 30 years, and I'm also a collector of old computers. I got to meet Atanasoff when he visited Iowa State and got a signed copy of his book.

Before ABC, there were mechanical computing devices that could perform simple calculations. The first mechanical computer, The Babbage Difference Engine, was designed by Charles Babbage in 1822. The ABC was the basis for the modern computer we all use today.

The ABC weighed over 700 pounds and used vacuum tubes. It had a rotating drum, a little bigger than a paint can, that had



Part of the ABC. Courtesy of Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives, CC BY-ND

small capacitors on it. A capacitor is device that can store an electric charge, like a battery.

The ABC was designed to solve problems with up to 29 different variables. You might be familiar with equations with one variable, like $2y = 14$. Now imagine 29 different variables. These are common problems in physics and other sciences, but

were difficult and time-consuming to solve by hand.

Atanasoff was credited with several breakthrough ideas that are still present in modern computers. The most important idea was using binary digits, just ones and zeroes, to represent all numbers and data. This allowed the calculations to be performed using electronics.

Another idea was the separation of the program (the computer instructions) and memory (places to store numbers).

The ABC completed one operation about every 15 seconds. Compared to the millions of operations per second of today's computer, that probably seems very slow.

Unlike today's computers, the ABC did not have a changeable stored program. This meant the program was fixed and designed to do a single task. This also meant that, to solve these problems, an operator had to write down the intermediate answer and then feed that back into the ABC. Atanasoff left Iowa State before he perfected a storage method that would have eliminated the need for the operator to reenter the intermediate results.

Shortly after Atanasoff left Iowa State, the ABC was dismantled. Atanasoff never

filed a patent for his invention. That means that, for a long time, many people weren't aware of the ABC.

In 1947, the creators of the Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer, or ENIAC, filed a patent. This allowed them to claim they were the inventors of the digital computer. For several decades, most people thought that the ENIAC was the first modern computer.

But one of the inventors of the ENIAC had visited Atanasoff in 1941. The courts later ruled that this visit influenced the design of the ENIAC. The ENIAC patent was thrown out by a judge in 1973.

The holders of the ENIAC patent argued that the ABC never really worked. Since all that remained was one of the drum memory units, it was hard to prove otherwise.

In 1997 a team of faculty, researchers and students at Iowa State University finished building a replica of the ABC. They were able to demonstrate that the ABC did function. You can see the replica today at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California.

Doug Jacobson

Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Iowa State University



Press Reporting

Two kids are playing in the park when one of them is attacked by a Rottweiler. Reacting quickly, his friend rips a plank of wood from the nearby fence, forces it into the dog's collar and twists it, breaking the dog's neck.

All the while, a newspaper reporter who was taking a stroll through the park watched the scene. He rushes over, introduces himself and takes out his notebook and pen to start his story for the next edition.

He writes: 'City fan saves friend from vicious dog'.

The boy interrupts: "I'm not a City fan."

The reporter starts again. 'Red devils fan rescues friend from horrific dog attack'.

The boy again interrupts: "I'm not a United fan."

"Who do you support then?"

"Liverpool," replies the boy.

So, the reporter starts again -- 'Scouse bastard kills family pet dog'.

The Smell

One day, an attractive lady is sitting on a bus when a good-looking fellow gets on the bus and sits opposite her. Attracted to him, she starts smiling yet she gets no reaction from the gentleman.

Surprised and frustrated, the

young woman unbuttons her blouse to reveal her bounteous cleavage and hitches her skirt to show her stocking tops. Yet it's of no avail. She tries a last-ditch attempt to capture his attention. She whips off her knickers.

Showing the first signs of emotion, the man smiles and shouts out: "I may be blind but I know that smell anywhere - it's Yardley, my stop."

you ask me this question?"

Barber said: 'Sorry Sir, I just simply asked you.'

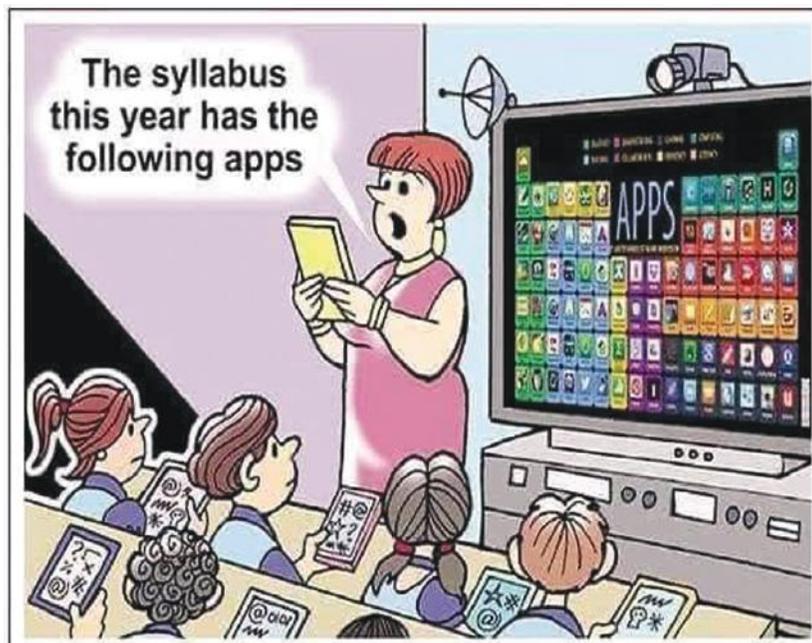
Next day, the CBI interrogated the barber.

CBI Officer: 'Are you an agent of Pakistan?'

Barber: 'No Sir.'

CBI: 'Are you an agent of any opposition party?'

Barber: 'No Sir.'



While cutting hair, the barber asked the minister: 'Sir, what is this Swiss bank issue?'

The minister shouted, 'Are you cutting my hair or conducting an inquiry?'

Barber said: 'Sorry Sir, I just asked.'

Next day, while cutting the hair, he asked the Senior Minister: 'Sir, what is this black money issue?'

The Minister shouted: 'Why did

CBI: 'Are you anti-national?'

Barber: 'For God's sake, no Sir. I am just an innocent and a simple barber.'

CBI: 'Then, while cutting the hair, why did you ask these VIPs about Swiss bank & black money issues?'

Barber: 'Sir, I do not know why, but whenever I ask them about Swiss bank or black money, their hairs stand up straight; that helps me to cut the hair easily. That's why I keep asking.'

All Time Short Stories

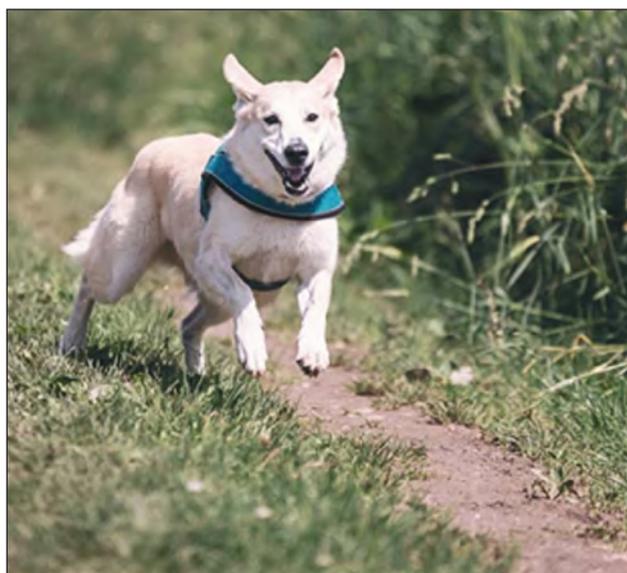
The coldest winter

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.

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.

Meaningless Goals

A farmer had a dog who used to wait by the roadside for vehicles to come. As soon as one came, he would run down the road, barking and trying to overtake the vehicle. One day the farmer's neighbour asked the farmer "Do you



think the dog is ever going to overtake those vehicles?" The farmer replied, "That is not what bothers me. What bothers me is what he would do if he ever caught one."

Many people in life behave like that dog who is pursuing meaningless goals.

Thoughts to Live by

A life lived with the purpose to benefit others creates a feeling of richness and abundance inside. When I give from my heart I am fulfilled. Then I find I don't need much materially to be happy.

Stress is the gap between our expectations and reality. More the gap, more the stress. So, expect nothing and accept everything always have attitude of fact-finding in place of fault finding.

Don't wake up with the regret of what you couldn't accomplish yesterday.

Wake up while thinking about what you will be able to achieve today.

To be born with a personality is a gift from your parents but to die as a personality is an achievement of your own and a return gift to your parents.

Iron is a hard metal but it becomes weak, when it's hot. So always stay cool in any situation and you will always be strong in life.

Perfect definition of relation...

The wrong kind of people hate you for the good in you... and the right kind of people love you even after knowing the bad in you.

Our act of revenge might give temporary satisfaction to our ego!

But the joy induced in our act of forgiving would last forever!

Forgive anyway!!!

People are made to be loved and money is made to be used.

The confusion in the world is people are being used and money is being loved.

Let's try and change.

Never accept the definition of life from others, it is your life.

Define it yourself, as no one knows about you better than yourself.

The greatest value of having good people around you is not what you get from them.

But the better person you become by being with them.

Kindness is an inner desire that makes us want to do good things even if we do not get anything in return.

It is the joy of our life to do them. When we do good things from this inner desire, there is kindness in everything we think, say, want and do.

Life becomes more meaningful when you realize the simple fact that you'll never get the same moment twice.

If you can smile at the moment when you are completely broken, then remember

There is nothing in the world that can break you. Keep smiling.

Even the most powerful person is weaker in front of the happiest person in the world.

So always be happy.

And always remember your present situation is not your final destination.

The best is yet to come.

Relationship

These 5 factors can KILL your relationship

It takes a lot of work when it comes to maintaining a marriage or a relationship. Everyone struggles because you are two different individuals so two different ways of thinking are bound to clash someday. This is when you pay attention, adjust and learn to let go of what you can. Amid all that, there are 5 factors that must be kept in mind or else your relationship will die a slow death, writes the Times of India.

Ugly fights

All couples fight and it is normal. However, when these fights do not get that closure, someone slams the door and leaves and leaves the elephant in the room hanging, the subject remains unresolved, it brings in that negativity. The looming negativity in turn can stretch the cold war. If you have such fights again and again, without solving the issue and leaving your words hanging in the air, the love slowly disappears.

Lack of kindness

Saying the word "NO" to everything your partner suggests can become very disappointing for them. Also, not helping with small chores in the house adds to the frustration. In turn, if either partner does do these chores then the other must acknowledge and appreciate the fact that



they did something. If none of the above is happening, then one partner is definitely going to feel that you do not care about him/her and that they are being taken for granted. The reciprocation, acknowledgement and helping is very important in every relationship.

No sex

Sex is not just about desire; it also adds and brings in intimacy. If either partner denies sex every time to the other, there is a possibility that the relationship is nearing its end. Coming to a solution and working on that spark is very important here.

Not sharing your feelings

If you bottle up your feelings and not discuss anything with your partner, it can lead to a lot of pent-up frustration and eventually lead to miscommunication. Also, your partner will feel that you are creating a distance and shutting him/her out. That is not what a relationship is. In a relationship you are partners where you are transparent with each other, solve all problems together. And sometimes, it is enough to be a good listener and not respond to everything. Let your partner vent it out.

Making "sorry" a routine

Any word becomes meaningless if it is repeated too often and the actions speak otherwise. This is applicable especially to words like sorry. There are two scenarios to that and both must be discontinued or else you either end up losing your self-esteem or your partner's frustration levels keep increasing. First one is when you say sorry for everything even when it is not your mistake and you apologise for your partner's mistakes too. The second one is when you make the same mistakes over and over again and say sorry every time. So, work on those or else your relationship is bound to go downhill.

Health

What most effective weight loss diets have in common?

When it comes to losing weight and shedding a few kilos, it takes a lot of practice and effort. Consistency becomes extremely crucial and while diet and exercises play an important role, it all ultimately comes down to your determination and control.

Having said that, there are a few tips and tricks that can speed up your weight loss process. Most successful diet plans have certain factors in common and if you really want to achieve your dream body, then you must adhere to them too! Let us take a look, as suggested by Times of India.

Steer clear of refined carbs

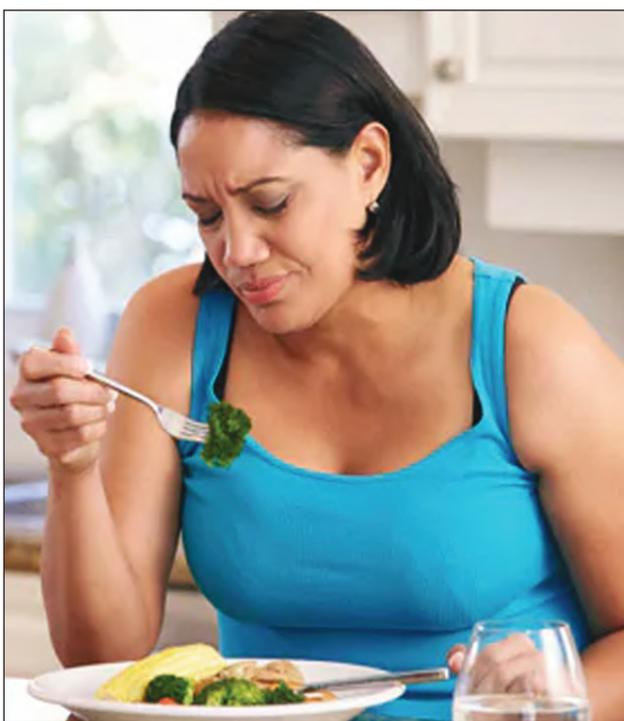
Not all carbs are the same or healthy. While a lot of whole foods are essentially good for your health, refined carbs are processed carbs that give rise to many diseases, including obesity, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

If you're someone looking to lose weight, then refined carbs can hinder the process. Given that it is low in micronutrients and fibre, it can lead to overeating and unhealthy food cravings. This in turn increases the risk of obesity.

Cutting down on the same and choosing the right, complex carbs can not only work wonders for your weight loss, but can eliminate the risk of many chronic ailments.

Eat lots of greens and fibre-rich foods

Green vegetables are highly nutritious. Besides maintaining a healthy gut, veggies like spinach, broccoli, kale and brussel sprouts boosts your immunity. Being low in calories, these foods are also great for weight loss. Since they are packed with fibre, you're most likely to feel fuller for longer periods of time, keeping high-calorie unhealthy foods at bay.



Say 'No' to added sugar

Regular intake of foods high in added sugar may lead to weight gain. Given that sugar provides empty calories and has nothing to offer in terms of nutrition, not only does it add to your weight gain woes, but it also increases your risk of chronic illnesses.

Portion control is key

Portion size is the amount of food served on a plate for a single sitting or a meal. Portion control means to keep your food intake in check. Often, we tend to overeat, leading to excess calorie-intake and unnecessary weight gain. Controlling our portion size not only helps us lose some kilos, but also keeps excess calories at bay. This in turn assists us in maintaining a healthy weight in the long run.

Using a small serving plate, measuring your portions with the help of your palm, practicing slow and mindful eating are some of the ways you can indulge in portion control.

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'I have quit Kundali Bhagya': Supriya Shukla

Supriya Shukla, the popular maa - Sarla Arora of *Kumkum Bhagya* and later in its spin-off *Kundali Bhagya*, has finally quit *Kundali Bhagya*. The actress had told BT in October that she will take a break for some time. But, the actress has bid adieu to the show now, reports TNN.

She said, "Sarala's role was meaty and I enjoyed playing it for eight years. I had already quit *Kumkum Bhagya* four years ago and continued with *Kundali Bhagya*. But, after taking a break for a few months, I have finally decided to now exit from the show. I realised that I had done everything as Sarla in the show and there was not much left for me to do. The production house is like family and they will offer me something interesting in the future."

Her track in another show *Molki* too has almost come to an end. "I might have one scene left in the show. But, otherwise, my track in the show is over," she said

Supriya is now hoping to bag some interesting roles on TV this year. "I did a web show, but television has given me everything. I am one of those lucky actors, who has got many meaty roles in television and in future, too, I would love to do varied roles. Of course, I will play mother's roles but even that comes with many shades," she said.



Hiten Tejwani reveals the secret of his successful 16-year-old marriage with Gauri

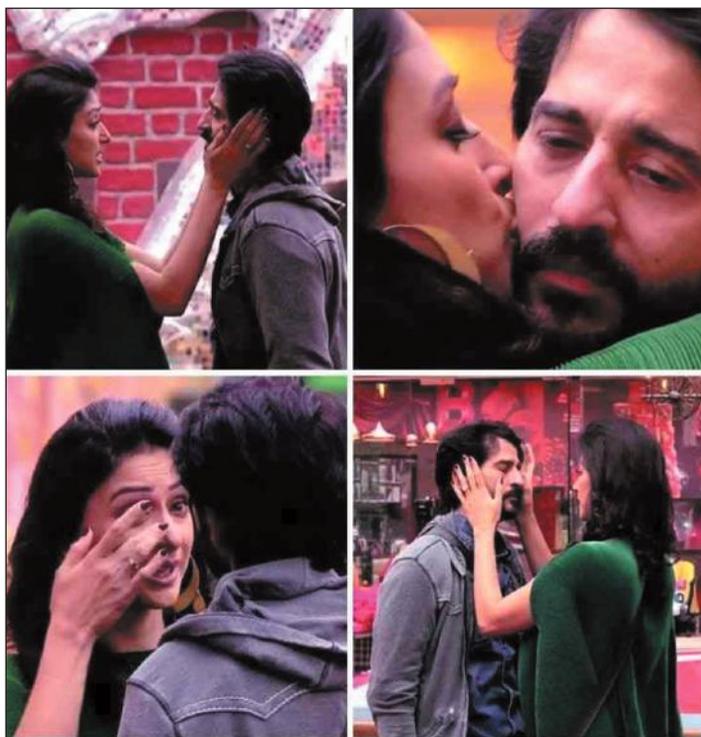
During an exclusive interview with Times Now Digital, actor Hiten Tejwani opened up about the secret of his 16-year-old marriage with wife Gauri Pradhan.

One of the most adorable and loved Telly couples is Hiten Tejwani and Gauri Pradhan. The duo make us believe that true love does exist. One needs to believe in destiny. The pair, who has been very famous in the 90s shell out pure love and relationship goals for everyone. The pair was seen in two popular serials *Kutumb* and *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*.

On April 29, 2020, the pair completed 16 years of marital bliss. During an exclusive interview with Times Now Digital, Hiten spoke about the secret behind his successful relationship with Gauri. He feels that, as he and his wife are from the same industry, so there is understanding.

"I would say that we are lucky that as we are from the same industry, so she understands my work. I understand her work and I know what goes on while working in the industry. You work for odd hours, outdoors, go on shoots. This all is a part of our work. There has to be understanding. I believe that there has to be faith and respect in a relationship. Of course, understanding should be there", Hiten said.

The *Kasautii Zindagii Kay* star feels that when a pair is from a different industry, the chances of misunderstanding are more. "There can be people who are not from our industry, as to why you are there for so many hours, outdoors for so many days. We have people who are not from the same industry, but it is easy for the partner to understand when you are from the same industry, what your



job requires you to do", Hiten further added.

The actor feels that there are examples where couples are not from the same industry but are rocking. "I am lucky that I have a wife who is from the same industry, who understands my job. I understand when she does not want to work. She does not like to do the same kind of roles when you do different jobs," the actor said further.

When asked about how the duo met, he said that they had gone to Hyderabad for an ad and had met at the airport. "We came back, after doing the ad. Then came *Kutumb*, where we were cast. We did the show and got to know each other. Post that, we were together and love happened, and we got married", the actor remarked.

YOUR STARS

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

It is time to overcome your fears and ignite passion towards life. You deserve much more than what you have got so far. Wait for the right person who will fill your life with happiness. Married couples need to appreciate their partner.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 9, 13, 26, 27, 30

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

Show your love and care towards your partner by doing little things that matter to them. Help them in some work in which they are uncomfortable at. Prepare or order a hearty meal for the two of you and let your loved one talk about what they feel about you.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 9, 14, 12, 36, 39

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

You may feel a sense of despair in trying so hard to understand other's point of view all the time. The current relationship seems to be going stale and you may be wondering how to get it back on track. But if you could only change your perspective a bit, you may see a very different picture emerging which will be soothing to your eyes.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 6, 12, 18, 21

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Committed couples can get into ego tussles which can disturb their peace of mind. It is important to diffuse the negative energy by ignoring what has been happening of late. Married natives need to understand their partner which will elevate the quality of their relationship.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 19, 20, 23, 26, 30

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

A pleasant week lies ahead. You will remain optimistic and will work towards staying happy at all cost. Your love life will be full of opportunities and there is that one person that you may keep thinking about who makes your heart skip a beat. Explore your options before making any commitment.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 13, 15, 16, 20, 39

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

It is a good time to look inward and reflect on what is it that you are looking for in a romantic partner. It could be looks, caring attitude or compassion, whatever it is, make sure that the person is trustworthy and cares for your emotions. Don't let repressed feelings from the past resurface.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 7, 15, 16, 23, 24

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

The thought of meeting your soulmate someday will stir up feelings of hope and romance. Make up your mind on what you want in your partner and very soon your stars will connect you with that person. Singles should plan to go out and meet some old friends.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

There is a lot of potential in your love life. But be careful of starting something new as of now as there are indications of any past relationship resurfacing. It is better to review, reflect and reassess the situation at hand before taking any decision. If someone from the past shows up, don't disregard it.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 17, 20, 25, 27, 33

Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

You long to be with your loved ones more often but are not able to do so as you may be occupied in a whole lot of other things. If you are single, today is the day to go out and make an impression. You never know how things pan out and you may get lucky in meeting an interesting person.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 17, 20, 24, 36

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

You may be at the receiving end in your current relationship and you may feel like giving up. It is better to ignore getting into an entanglement and avoid unnecessary arguments. A cautious and watchful approach will save from you from any further discomfort.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 14, 20, 26, 29, 30

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

Your partner will shower their affection on you and treat you with respect and dignity. A child-like exuberance will be visible on your face which will spread joy in the lives of your loved ones. Those married should take informed decisions and not get distracted by any unreasonable expectations.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 16, 20, 24, 26, 39

Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

Those of you who are single will like to spend time with their friends of the opposite sex and will strike a good rapport with them. Your family is likely to bring up the issue of marriage and there is no harm in giving it a thought. Married couples can expect some good news and they can celebrate together in the evening.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 4, 9, 14, 20, 29

Rashmika Mandanna to Suhana Khan, actresses making their big Bollywood debut in 2022

After an underwhelming year for movies in 2020 and 2021, 2022 has seemed to be a rebound year, with many postponed films finally arriving in theatres and new, exciting projects announced. Like every year, the excitement to find out who is starring in upcoming films and to know further about upcoming talent in Bollywood is increasing day by day.

This year will see the debuts of big names like Shanaya Kapoor, Manushi Chhillar, Rashmika Mandanna, and Suhana Khan, announces news18.com. These are not unknown names to the audience. They are the ones who have been a part of the glamour world in one way or the other, and it will be interesting to see how successful their Bollywood debuts turn out to be.

Shanaya Kapoor to debut with Karan Johar's film 'Dono Mile Iss Tarah'

Janhvi Kapoor's cousin and the daughter of Bollywood stars Sanjay Kapoor and Maheep Kapoor, Shanaya Kapoor, is a well-known face in B-town. She will make her big-screen debut in Karan Johar's *Dono Mile Iss Tarah*. Having her name on the list of Dharma Production's debutants is a major milestone for the actress.

Manushi will co-star with Akshay Kumar in 'Prithviraj'

Manushi Chhillar isn't a new name in the town anymore. She became the talk of the town after winning the Miss World 2017 crown, and the audience is eagerly awaiting her Bollywood debut. The wait seems to be over, as she has a Yash Raj banner film, *Prithviraj*, in her kitty.

Rashmika Mandanna to make debut with 'Mission Manju'

Rashmika Mandanna, known as the National Crush, has won millions of hearts with Kannada and Telugu films such as *Kirik Party*, *Dear Comrade*, and *Geetha Govindam*.



The actress made a name for herself pan-India with the blockbuster *Pushpa: The Rise*. This year, she will make her Bollywood debut in *Mission Manju*, co-starring Sidharth Malhotra. Rashmika has already landed her second film, *Goodbye*, co-starring Amitabh Bachchan and Neena Gupta, even before her debut Hindi film is released.

Suhana will be seen in 'Archie'

Suhana Khan, the daughter of Shah Rukh Khan, is also set to make her B-Town debut this year. Suhana, who is already a social media sensation, will appear this year in Zoya Akhtar's film *Archie*.

Lara Dutta shares the habits of her co-stars

Salman Khan wakes up at midnight, Akshay Kumar wakes up before anybody else

Lara Dutta has worked with all from Salman Khan to Akshay Kumar in her film career. The actor recently talked about their habits which haven't changed over the years, reports Hindustan Times.

Lara just saw the release of her web show, *Kaun Banegi Shikharwati* in which she plays a princess. In a promotional interview, Lara was asked to share habits of her co-stars which still haven't changed over the years.

About Salman, with whom she featured in 2005 film *No Entry*, Lara told Bollywood Hungama in the interview, "Salman wakes up at midnight, his phone calls come post midnight."

On the mention of Akshay Kumar, Lara said with a sad expression, "He still wakes up before anybody else ever wakes up in their life." Lara made her Bollywood debut opposite Akshay with 2003 film *Andaaz* and was seen with him in her last silver screen outing, 2021 film *BellBottom*.

Talking about Sanjay Dutt, Lara said, "He is still very shy whenever he meets you, very reserved." The two have worked in 2006 film *Zinda*.

Lara's last big screen release was *BellBottom* in 2021, in which she played

the role of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. *Kaun Banegi Shikharwati* on ZEE5 is her third OTT release after the recent *Hiccups* and *Hookups* and her debut series, *Hundred*.

In *Kaun Banegi Shikharwati*, Lara plays one among an eccentric king's



(Naseeruddin Shah) four daughters, along with Soha Ali Khan, Kritika Kamra and Anya Singh.

In an interview with PTI, the actor said what gets her to board a project today is the script, the people involved in mounting it and the scope it has for her to try something new. She said, "I have gone long past the phase where I want to play the lead or the prime character, because at the end of the day, I genuinely feel you will be limiting yourself greatly if you are going to come with that mindset. There are some incredible characters that leave an indelible mark on your mind, long after a show or a film is over."

Bollywood Celebs Who Found Love Again



Some beautiful love stories in Bollywood have turned into fairy-tale marriages with the promise of a lifetime. However, with time, the spark fades away, and the industry has seen some ugly divorces too. Several celebrities, though, have found love again after parting ways. Regardless of circumstances, age and society, these Bollywood celebrities inspired everyone by giving love a second chance.

Karan Singh Grover

After two failed marriages, Karan Singh Grover found love in Bipasha Basu. Shradha Nigam and actress Jennifer Winget were Grover's previous wives. Basu and Grover married in 2016 and are still going strong together. They give major couple goals and often treat their fans to what marriage goals are meant to be.

Sanjay Dutt

Sanjay Dutt is happily married to Manyata Dutt after two unsuccessful marriages and countless affairs. The actor was previously married to Richa Sharma and

Rhea Pillai before ultimately settling down with his ladylove Manyata Dutt.

Siddharth Roy Kapur

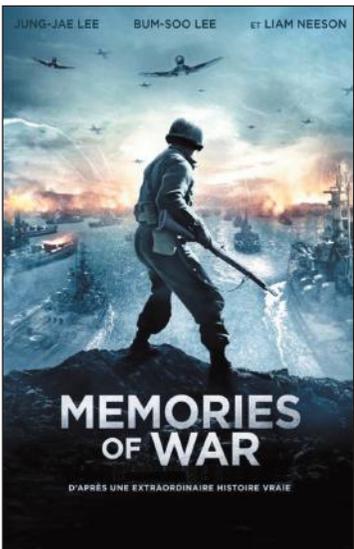
Siddharth Roy Kapur, the head honcho of UTV, is a well-known personality in Bollywood despite not being an actor. Before marrying his current wife, actress Vidya Balan, Kapur was married to childhood friend Aarti Bajaj and television producer Kavita. Balan and Kapur have been married for more than 10 years and are still going strong.

Lucky Ali

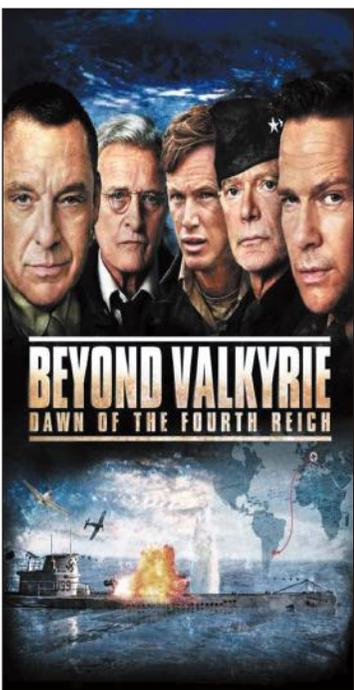
Meaghan Jane McCleary was the first wife of singer Lucky Ali. He gave marriage a second shot after their divorce and married Anahita. Ali later found his soulmate in former Miss England, Kate Elizabeth Hallam, while on the lookout for love. The pair divorced in 2017 after seven years of marriage. Lucky Ali has always been open about his relationships and he had also addressed it by saying, "I always knew I'd have more than one wife."



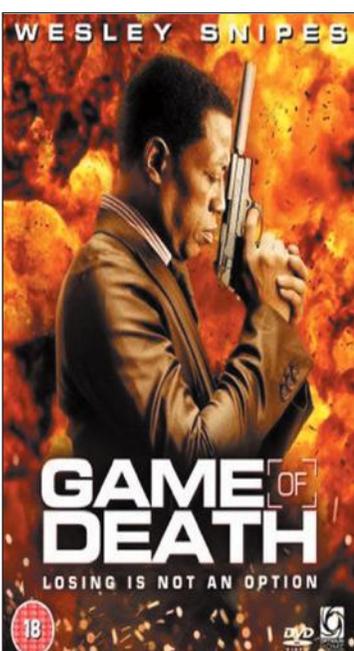
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Programme TV



SERIAL



vendredi 21 janvier

MBC 1

- 07.00 D.Anime: The Hive
- 09.15 Local: Nou Later Nou Lamer
- 10.00 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.30 Serial: Ode To Joy
- 14.07 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 14.33 Serial: Harvey Girls Forever!
- 14.52 D.Anime: Booba
- 15.20 D.Anime: Clip - Ubongo
- 16.29 D.Anime: The Adventures...
- 17.05 Serial: Oh Yuck!
- 17.25 Serial: Nowhere Boys
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Serial: Surya Puran
- 18.55 Serial: Jag Jaanani Maa Vaishnodevi
- 19.30 Journal & La Meteo
- 20.40 Local: Come On Let's Dance
- 21.35 Serial: 19-2
- 23.05 Le Journal
- 23.40 Mag: Eye On SADC

MBC 2

- 07.00 DDI Live
- 10.00 Bisaat-E-Dil
- 11.01 Tawaan
- 12.00 Film: Mala Kahich Problem...
Starring: Satish Alekar, Seema Deshmukh, Spruha Joshi
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.20 Serial: Aamhi Doghi
- 15.42 Serial: Bommarillu
- 16.07 Serial: Sondha Bandham
- 16.25 Serial: Juda Na Hona
- 16.47 Serial: Imtihaan
- 17.05 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala
- 17.25 Serial: Chhanchhan
- 18.00 Serial: Colourful Bone
- 18.30 Mag: DDI Mag
- 19.05 Zournal Kreol
- 19.26 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 19.58 Serial: AAS (Urdu Serial)
- 21.00 Local: Urdu Programme
- 22.00 DDI Live

MBC 3

- 07.00 Mag: Border Crossing
- 07.20 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 07.46 Doc: La Route De La Soie
- 09.00 Educa Programme - G5
- 11.30 Educa Programme - G8
- 14.03 Doc: Comme Une Envie De...
- 14.54 Doc: Snapshots
- 16.45 Mag: Eco India
- 17.26 Mag: Border Crossing
- 18.00 Doc: Duck Academy
- 18.47 Mag: World Stories
- 19.30 Mag: Euromaxx
- 20.05 Doc: Quand L'Histoire...
- 20.30 Local: News (English)
- 20.45 Doc: China's Mega Project II
- 21.37 Doc: Innovation On Board
- 23.38 Doc: Duck Academy
- 00.20 Mag: World Stories
- 00.34 Mag: Our Voices
- 01.00 Mag: Euromaxx

Cine 12

- 01.28 Film: Zombie Shark
- 02.49 Serial: Shades Of Blue
- 03.32 Film: Juste Un Peu D'alchimie
- 05.07 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 05.57 Serial: Elementary
- 06.57 Film: Zombie Shark
- 09.00 Serial: Gone
- 10.35 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You
- 11.00 Serial:
- 12.00 Film: Juste Un Peu D'alchimie
- 13.30 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 14.45 Film: Zombie Shark
- 16.36 Serial: Gone
- 17.19 Serial: Elementary
- 18.05 Tele: Teresa
- 19.00 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You
- 19.34 Serial: Project MC
- 20.05 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana
- 20.30 Serial: Timeless
- 21.15 Film: Memories Of War
Avec: Liam Neeson, Jung-jae Lee

Bollywood TV

- 07.00 Film: Nanu Ki Jaanu
- 11.30 / 20.30 - Radha Krishna
- 12.00 / 21.00 - Anupamaa
- 12.30 / 21.30 - Mere Sai
- 13.00 / 22.00 - Agnihera
- 13.33 / 22.03 - Yeh Teri Galiyan
- 13.55 / 22.30 -
Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 14.30 / 23.00 - Main Maike Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo
- 15.00 / 21.46 -
Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
- 15.25 Film: Baap Numbri Beta Due Numbri
Starring: Kader Khan, Shakti Kapoor, Jackie Shroff Farha...
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein
- 19.31 Bhakharwadi
- 20.00 Siddhi Vinayak

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- 06.02 D.Anime: Invention Story
- 06.29 D.Anime: Boule Et Bill
- 06.53 D.Anime: Booba
- 07.01 D.Anime: Rev & Roll, Amis...
- 07.45 D.Anime: All Hail King Julien
- 08.14 D.Anime: Tom-Tom Et Nana
- 09.30 Mag: Happy Tales
- 10.00 Local Prod: Zanfan Nou Zil
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.35 Tele: Teresa
- 14.50 Local Prod: Artizan: Difil
- 15.20 D.Anime: Clip - Ubongo
- 15.45 D.Anime: P'tit Cosmonaute
- 16.46 D.Anime: Tempete De Boulettes Geantes
- 17.15 Serial: Hank Zipzer
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.30 Local Production
- 19.30 Journal & La Meteo
- 20.10 Local: Autour Des Valeurs...
- 21.10 Film: Un Ete Magique
- 23.20 Local: Le Journal

- 07.00 Film: Dillagi
- 09.03 Mag: DDI Magazine
- 10.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 11.03 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo
- 12.00 Serial: Nanda Saukhya Bhare
- 12.17 Serial: Mooga Manasulu
- 12.45 Serial: High School
- 13.02 Annakodiyum Ainthu Pengalum
- 13.35 Anu Pallavi
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.25 Film: Nayee Padosan
Starring: Vikas Kalantri, Anuj Sawhney and Aslam Khan
- 18.10 DDI Magazine
- 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
- 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 20.06 Serial: Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gatha
- 20.29 Serial: Bitti Business Wali
- 21.00 Film: Aan - Men At Work
Starring Akshay Kumar, Sunil Shetty

- 06.00 Doc: Duck Academy
- 06.42 Mag: World Stories
- 06.55 Mag: Our Voices
- 07.50 Doc: Quand L'histoire Fait...
- 09.08 Doc: Innovation On Board
- 10.27 Doc: Stolen Soul
- 11.12 Doc: Duck Academy
- 12.10 Mag: Our Voices
- 14.21 Doc: Innovation On Board
- 15.00 Student Support Prog...
- 18.02 Mag: Future Mag
- 18.31 Mag: In Good Shape
- 19.00 Mag: Destination Culture
- 20.30 Local: News (English)
- 20.45 Doc: Secret Des Plantes
- 21.37 Doc: Les Montagnes Du...
- 22.21 Doc: Onibo
- 22.58 Doc: Albania's Last Trains
- 23.30 Mag: Future Mag
- 23.59 Mag: Good Shape
- 00.24 Mag: Destination Culture
- 00.47 Mag: Check In

- 01.43 Film: Memories Of War
- 03.38 Serial: Seal Team
- 04.15 Beauty And The Beast
- 05.37 Tele: Tanto Amor
- 06.19 Serial: Timeless
- 06.51 Serial: Blacklist
- 08.30 Serial: Macgyver
- 09.22 Beauty And The Beast
- 10.03 Serial: Hawaii Five-0
- 10.45 Film: The Stronghold
- 12.31 Serial: Seal Team
- 13.37 Serial: Shades Of Blue
- 15.05 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 17.05 Film: UFO/OVNI
- 18.35 Serial: Rich Man, Poor Man
- 19.34 Serial: Project MC
- 20.05 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana
- 20.30 Series: Timeless
- 21.15 Film: Beyond Valkyrie
Starring: Sean Patrick Flanery, Tom Sizemore, Kip Pardue, Stephen Lang.

- 04.05 Radha Krishna
- 04.36 Anupamaa
- 05.03 Mere Sai -- Shradha Aur...
- 05.33 Agnihera
- 06.00 Yeh Teri Galiyan
- 06.20 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 06.38 Chhanchhan
- 06.57 Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein
- 07.18 Siddhi Vinayak
- 08.02 Yeh Teri Galiyan
- 10.01 Motu Patlu
- 10.12 Siddhi Vinayak
- 12.01 Serial: Bhakharwadi
- 14.00 Anupamaa
- 16.00 Pavitra Rishta
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.30 Film: Chhichhore
Star: Sushant Singh Rajput, Shradha Kapoor, Varun Sharma
- 20.47 Serial: Namah
- 21.05 Serial: Naagin Season 3

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- 06.02 D.Anime: Invention Story
- 06.32 D.Anime: Gon
- 06.56 D.Anime: Booba
- 07.00 D.Anime: Rev & Roll
- 09.00 D.Anime: The Adventures Of...
- 10.00 Local: Zanfan Nou Zil
- 11.00 Local Production: Nu Rasinn
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.40 Tele: Teresa
- 13.50 Local: Elle - No 172
- 15.20 D.Anime: Clip - Ubongo
- 15.36 D.Anime: P'tit Cosmonaute
- 15.37 D.Anime: Robot Trains
- 17.20 Serial: Creeped Out
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local Prod
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.20 Local: Banane 2022
- 21.15 Film: Game Of Death
Stars: Wesley Snipes, Zoë Bell, Gary Daniels, Robert Davi

- 07.00 Film: Abtak Chhappan
- 10.00 DDI Magazine
- 11.00 Serial: Azhagu
- 11.24 Jag Jaanani Maa Vaishnodevi
- 12.10 Film: Ekkees Tareekh Shubh Muhurat
Stars: Sanjay Mishra, Brijendra Kala
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.20 Serial: Mooga Manasulu
- 15.45 Serial: He Mann Baware
- 16.12 Serial: Sondha Bandham
- 17.03 Serial: Siya Ke Ram
- 18.00 DDI Magazine
- 18.30 Local: Tipa Tipa Nu Avance
- 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
- 20.05 Serial: Mann Mein Vishwas...
- 20.48 Serial: CID
- 21.33 Serial: Naagin Season 2
- 22.19 Serial: Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki

- 06.00 Mag: Future Mag
- 06.55 Mag: Destination Culture
- 07.16 Mag: Check In
- 09.07 Les Montagnes Du Monde
- 09.51 Doc: Onibo
- 10.32 Doc: Albania's Last Trains
- 11.43 Mag: In Good Shape
- 11.57 Mag: Destination Culture
- 12.35 Mag: Check In
- 12.52 Mag: Sky Eye
- 14.54 Doc: Onibo
- 16.29 Mag: Future Mag
- 18.00 Mag: Magnifique
- 19.00 Magazine: The Inside Story
- 19.33 Doc: Comme Une Envie...
- 20.30 Local Prod: News (English)
- 20.45 Doc: Paradis Perdue
- 21.28 Doc: How The Beatles...
- 23.17 Doc: The Atom And Us
- 00.58 Mag: The Inside Story
- 01.24 Doc: Comme Une Envie...

- 01.16 Film: Beyond Valkyrie
- 02.56 Serial: Dynasty 2
- 03.36 Film: Un Ete Magique
- 05.25 Tele: Tanto Amor
- 06.07 Serial: Timeless
- 06.49 Film: Beyond Valkyrie
- 08.30 Serial: Macgyver
- 09.19 Film: The Stronghold
- 11.10 Film: UFO/OVNI
- 12.35 Serial: Dynasty 2
- 13.30 Serial: Shades Of Blue
- 15.08 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 17.02 Serial: Timeless
- 17.42 Serial: Dynasty 2
- 18.30 Serial: Deux Flics A Miami
- 20.05 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana
- 20.30 Serial: New Amsterdam
- 21.45 Film: Rendel
Avec: Kristofer Gummerus, Matti Onnismaa, Renne Korppila
- 23.35 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir

- 01.00 Serial: Siddhi Vinayak
- 02.09 Bhakharwadi
- 04.31 Anupamaa
- 06.15 Pavitra Rishta
- 08.00 Motu Patlu
- 08.11 Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein
- 10.21 Jaana Na Dil Se Door
- 12.00 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
- 14.00 Agnihera
- 16.29 Punar Vivaah
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Film: Rahasya
Starring: Kay Kay Menon, Ashish Vidyarthi, Tisca Chopra
- 20.27 Motu Patlu
- 20.39 Naagin Season 3
- 21.20 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 23.11 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein

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- 06.27 Mag: Eye On SADC
- 06.55 D.Anime: The Hive
- 07.17 D.Anime: Oum Le Dauphin...
- 08.01 D.Anime: Cat & Keet
- 09.50 Local: Leave The Door
- 11.10 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You
- 11.30 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.30 Doc: Tresors Oublies...
- 14.00 Local: Zanfan Nou Zil
- 14.30 D.Anime: Harvey Girls For...
- 15.20 D.Anime: Clip - Ubongo
- 15.23 D.Anime: P'tit Cosmonaute
- 17.00 Serial: Oh Yuck!
- 17.25 Serial: Nowhere Boys
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Serial: Namah
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.40 MBC Production
- 21.10 Film: Le Salaire De La Violence

- 07.00 DDI Live
- 08.00 Educational Prog: G3
- 10.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya
- 12.10 Film: Aaj Aur Kal
Stars: Sunil Dutt, Ashok Kumar, Nanda, Tanuja
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Serial: Aamhi Doghi
- 15.52 Serial: Bommarillu
- 16.15 Serial: Sondha Bandham
- 16.34 Serial: Juda Na Hona
- 16.56 Serial: Imtihaan
- 17.14 Kullfi Kumarr Bajawala
- 17.34 Serial: Vandhal Sridevi
- 18.03 Serial: Colourful Bone
- 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
- 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 20.31 Film: Disco Raja
- 22.54 DDI Live

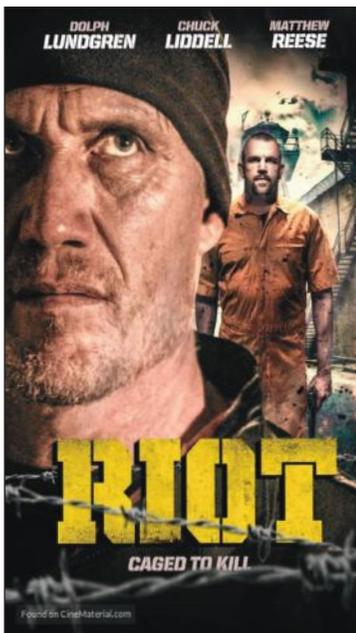
- 06.00 Mag: Magnifique
- 06.55 Mag: The Inside Story
- 07.24 Doc: Comme Une Envie De...
- 09.00 Educa Programme: Grade 5
- 11.00 Educa Programme: Grade 8
- 13.33 Doc: Pradis Perdue
- 14.16 Doc: How The Beatles...
- 16.05 Doc: The Atom And Us
- 17.24 Mag: Future Mag
- 18.03 Mag: Eco@Africa
- 18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent
- 19.00 Student Support Prog...
- 19.30 Mag: In Good Shape
- 20.01 Local: Encounter
- 20.30 Local Prod: News (English)
- 21.37 Doc: Builders Of The Future
- 22.27 Mag: Washington Forum
- 22.53 Doc: Opera
- 23.36 Doc: The Marble Quarries...
- 00.02 Mag: Eco@Africa
- 00.28 Mag: The 77 Percent

- 01.44 Film: Rendel
- 03.24 Serial: Falling Water
- 04.18 Film: Puzzle
- 05.57 Tele: Muneca Brava
- 06.39 Serial: New Amsterdam
- 08.03 Film: Juste Un Peu D'Alchi...
- 09.00 Serial: Pure Genius
- 09.45 Tele: Teresa
- 10.39 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You
- 11.00 Serial: Falling Water
- 11.51 Film: Puzzle
- 13.30 Tele: Marimar
- 13.54 Tele: Rubi
- 14.45 Film: Juste Un Peu D'Alchi...
- 16.25 Serial: New Amsterdam
- 18.08 Tele: Teresa
- 19.00 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You
- 19.38 Serial: Backstage
- 20.05 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'Ana
- 21.15 Film: Little Kingdom

- 08.00 Film: Vir: The Robot Boy
- 11.30 / 20.30 - Radha Krishna
- 12.00 / 21.00 - Anupamaa
- 12.30 / 21.30 - Mere Sai
- 13.00 / 22.00 - Agnihera
- 13.33 / 22.03 - Yeh Teri Galiyan
- 14.00 / 22.30 -
Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 14.30 / 23.00 - Main Maike Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo
- 15.00 / 21.46 -
Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
- 15.21 Film: Shola Aur Shabnam
Starring: Govinda, Divya Bharti, Gulshan Grover
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein
- 19.31 Serial: Bhakharwadi
- 20.01 Siddhi Vinayak

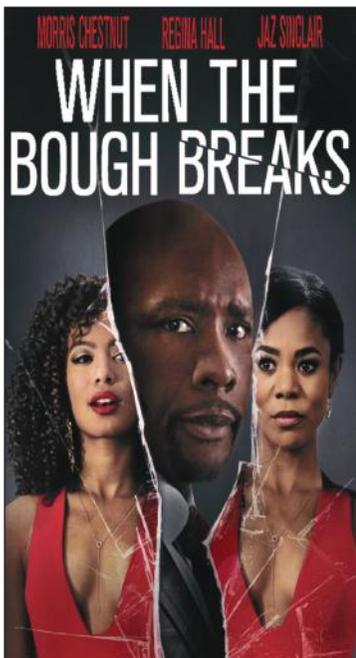
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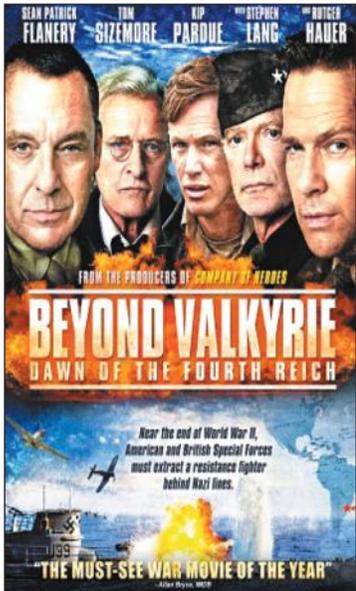
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<p>mercredi 26 janvier</p> <p>06.00 Local: Rodrig - South East... 07.00 D.Anime: The Hive 07.15 D.Anime: Oum Le Dauphin... 07.55 D.Anime: Cat & Keet 09.45 Local: Rodrig Prog 10.30 MBC Production 12.00 Le Journal 12.23 Serial: Ode To Joy 13.00 Local: Banane 2022 14.36 D.Anime: Boule Et Bill 15.20 D.Anime: Clip - Ubongo Covid 15.23 D.Anime: P'tit Cosmonaute 15.37 D.Anime: Astrology 16.01 D.Anime: Booba 17.05 Serial: Oh Yuck 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain 18.55 MBC Production 19.30 Journal & La Meteo 20.30 MBC Production 21.10 Film: When The Bough Breaks</p>	<p>07.00 DDI Live 10.00 Pyar Ka Dard Meetha... 12.00 Film: Aap Beati Starring Shashi Kapoor, Hema Malini, Ashok Kumar 14.35 DDI Magazine 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.23 Aamhi Doghi 15.46 Bommarillu 16.07 Sondha Bandham 16.25 Juda Na Hona 16.49 Serial: Imtihaan 17.10 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala 17.31 Serial: Kulvadh 18.00 Serial: Colourful Bone 18.30 Local: DDI Magazine 19.00 Zournal Kreol 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna 20.06 Programme In Marathi 21.01 Film: Kickboxer Chinese film 22.23 DDI Live</p>	<p>06.00 Mag: Rev: Global Auto... 06.26 Mag: Healthy Living 07.25 Mag: Made In Germany 08.19 Doc: Garden Party 09.15 Educa Programme: Grade 5 14.03 Mag: Close Up 14.29 Local: Klip Seleksion 15.10 Doc: The Digital Age 16.21 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto... 17.17 Mag: Check In 18.00 Mag: Motorweek 19.00 Student Support Prog - G7 19.30 Mag: The Inside Story 20.30 Local: News (English) 20.45 Doc: Global Food 21.37 Doc: Olivia's Garden 22.29 Mag: Focus On Europe 22.55 Doc: A Poisoned Legacy 23.20 Doc: Bohemian Switzerland 23.46 Mag: Motorweek 00.12 Mag: Vous Et Nous 00.39 Mag: Arts.21</p>	<p>01.28 Film: Riot 02.55 Serial: Falling Water 03.36 Film: Memories Of War 05.30 Tele: Marimar 05.54 Tele: Rubi 07.00 Film: The Delphi Effect 09.00 Serial: Deux Flics A Miami 09.45 Tele: Teresa 10.35 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You 11.01 Serial: Falling Water 11.45 Film: Memories Of War 13.38 Tele: Marimar 14.46 Film: The Delphi Effect 16.17 Serial: Blacklist 17.04 Serial: Deux Flics A Miami 18.08 Tele: Teresa 19.00 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You 19.30 Mag: Cinemag 20.30 Serial: Elementary 21.15 Film: Section 99 23.22 Tele: Marimar</p>	<p>07.00 Film: Bhaiji Superhit Star: Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel, Preity Zinta 11.31 / 20.06 - Radha Krishna 11.51 / 20.26 - Anupamaa 12.23 / 20.02 - Mere Sai - Shrad... 12.47 / 20.46 - Agniphera 13.29 / 21.09 - Yeh Teri Galiyan 13.51 / 21.50 - Bade Acche Lagte Hai 14.32 / 22.15 - Main Maike Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo 14.47 / 21.46 - Yeh Hai Mohabbatein 15.25 Film: Gold Akshay Kumar, Mouni Roy, Kunal Kapoor 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Kundali Bhagya 19.00 Ishaaron Ishaaron... 19.31 Serial: Bhakharwadi</p>
<p>jeudi 27 janvier</p> <p>06.00 Local: Klip Seleksion 06.45 Local: Son Ladan Mem 07.15 D.Anime: Oum Le Dauphin... 09.00 D.Anime: The Story Of Book... 10.55 Mag: Le Saviez-Vous 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 Serial: Ode To Joy 13.12 Local: Leave The Door Open... 14.33 D.Anime: Boule Et Bill 15.20 D.Anime: Clip - Ubongo... 15.39 D.Anime: Sabrina 16.01 D.Anime: Booba 16.54 D.Anime: Astrology 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.55 Local: Chaar Dham Tirth Yatra 19.30 Le Journal 20.10 Local: Autour Des Valeurs... 20.20 Film: Toh Baat Pakki! Cast : Tabu, Sharman Joshi, Yuvika Chaudhary</p>	<p>07.00 DDI Live 08.00 Educa Prog: Grade 3 10.10 Serial: Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gatha 11.07 Serial: Mann Mein Vishwas... 12.00 Film: Aap Beati 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.20 Serial: Aamhi Doghi 15.43 Serial: Bommarillu 16.04 Serial: Sondha Bandham 16.27 Serial: Juda Na Hona 16.48 Serial: Imtihaan 17.05 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala 17.30 Local: Amrit Vaani 18.00 Serial: Colourful Bone 18.30 Serial: Ghar Pahucha Da... 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna 20.04 Local: Les Grandes Lignes 20.56 Local: Profil 21.09 Film: Beyond Valkyrie With Sean Patrick Flanery, Tom...</p>	<p>06.00 Mag: Motorweek 06.26 Mag: Vous Et Nous 06.52 Mag: Arts.21 07.49 Doc: La Ville Passe Au Vert 09.00 Educa Prog: Pre-Primary 09.15 Educa Prog: Grade 5 14.55 Doc: Olivia's Garden 15.47 Mag: Focus On Europe 16.16 Doc: A Poisoned Legacy 17.06 Mag: Motorweek 18.00 Mag: Eco India 19.00 Student Support Prog - G7 19.30 Mag: Tomorrow Today 20.30 Local: News (English) 20.45 Comme Un Envie De Jardins 21.36 Doc: Snapshots 22.18 Doc: The Miracle Of Hearing 22.44 Doc: Transylvania 23.25 Mag: Eco India 23.51 Mag: Shift</p>	<p>00.57 Film: Section 99 03.04 Serial: Falling Water 03.42 Film: When The Bough Break 05.27 Tele: Marimar 06.15 Serial: Elementary 06.57 Serial: Island Doctor 09.00 Serial: Gone 09.45 Tele: Teresa 10.35 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You 11.00 Serial: Falling Water 11.52 Film: When The Bough Break 13.30 Tele: Marimar 14.45 Film: When The Bough Break 16.33 Serial: Gone 17.20 Serial: Elementary 18.05 Tele: Teresa 19.00 Tele: I Forgot I Loved You 19.36 Serial: Backstage 20.05 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'Ana 20.30 Serial: Elementary</p>	<p>07.30 Film: Gold Akshay Kumar, Mouni Roy, Kunal Kapoor 11.27 / 19.54 - Radha Krishna 11.56 / 20.11 - Anupamaa 12.25 / 20.32 - Mere Sai 12.58 / 21.09 - Agniphera 13.28 / 21.24 - Yeh Teri Galiyan 13.54 / 21.50 - Bade Acche Lagte Hai 14.30 / 22.15 - Main Maike Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo 15.00 / 21.46 - Yeh Hai Mohabbatein 15.21 Film: Setters Star: Shreyas Talpade, Aftab Shivdasani, Sonalli Seygall 18.00 Samachar 18.30 Kundali Bhagya 18.59 Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein 19.29 Bhakharwadi</p>



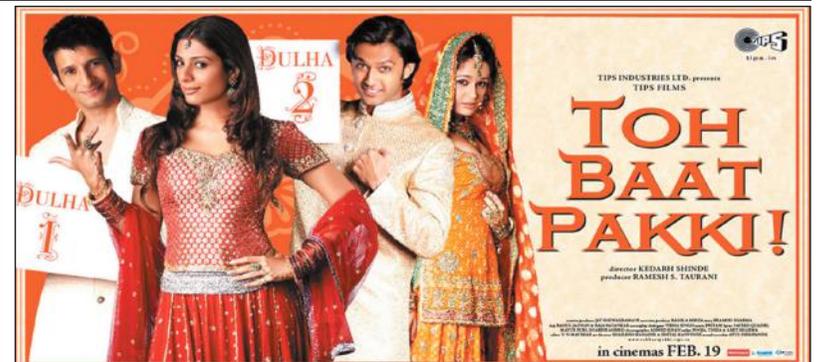
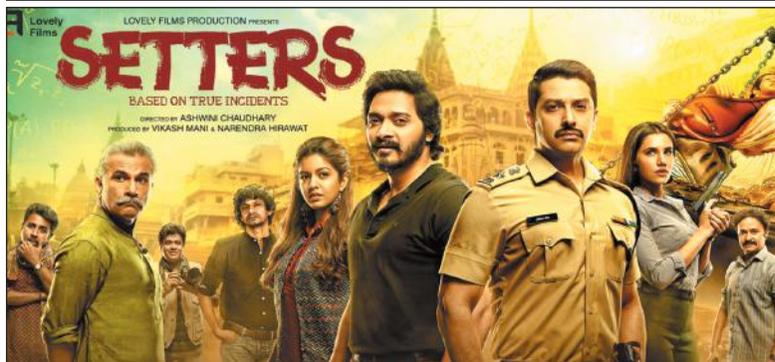
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Stars: Tabu, Sharman Joshi, Yuvika Chaudhary



Prince Andrew: how the royal family brand will weather the scandal

We're likely to see a lot less of Andrew, and a lot more damage control in the form of positive headlines.



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Prince Andrew's life in the public eye has long been rife with scandal, escalating with the sexual assault case against him heading to trial in the US. To be sure, the developments and details will likely cause emotional pain to Andrew's family and his accuser, but the current scandal also risks badly tainting public perception of the royal brand.

The British royal family is a corporate brand that requires the public's support to ensure its survival – Prince Philip even referred to it as “The Firm”. In our era of consumer culture, this means the monarchy must bring something of value to its people, such as a sense of security and celebration of British traditions.

To understand how negative press about the Duke of York fits into centuries of brand history, we must first understand brand architecture – specifically, the difference between a house of brands and a branded house. The former (for example, Unilever, which acts as the parent brand to Dove and Lynx) lets its brands develop their own identity unconnected to the parent brand. The royal family, in contrast, is a branded house. Each of its sub-brands (the individuals who make up the royal family, Andrew included) reflects the values and identity of the parent brand.

The royal title of HRH (His/Her Royal Highness) is particularly indicative of the obligation to endorse “royal” values. This is, of course, where Andrew has failed miserably. In forbidding Andrew to use this title, along with stripping him of his patronages and military titles, the royal family is trying hard to distance itself strategically from Andrew – and appease the public by appearing to punish him for his conduct.

In the future, we can expect that Andrew will be marginalised in any official celebrations and that he will not perform any future duties on behalf of the brand. Naturally, he is still the Queen's son – and this relationship cannot be undone. He is therefore like-



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ly to be positioned as her wayward son in ways that may win more support for the Queen from her public. The main strategic response we can expect from Buckingham Palace is to emphasise the positives around the monarchy to suppress the more negative aspects of the Andrew scandal.

Royal response

The Queen is hugely popular, so the palace is likely to make much of the upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations to emphasise the benefits of the monarchy – its longevity, British heritage and so forth. We can also more expect positive news stories about Prince William, Kate and family in order to assure the public of the monarchy's safe and virtuous future.

The royal family has weathered many trials and tribulations in the past century with little long-term impact. From Queen Victoria's philandering son, Bertie, who went on to be the respected Edward VII to Andrew's ex-wife Sarah Ferguson's toe-sucking incident with her lover.

Perhaps the biggest threat was Edward VIII's abdication in 1936 to marry a twice-divorced American, Wallis Simpson, less than a year after he had acceded to the throne. This was an enormous scandal at the time because the Church of England forbade the King to marry a divorcée. In addition, Edward was known to have Nazi and fascist sympathies. This case is illustrative of the extreme lengths that can be taken to save the reputation of the monarchy – Edward and Wallis spent the rest of

their lives in exile and had little contact with other royals. Indeed, to this day, the Queen no longer confers the title Duke of Windsor to avoid any ongoing negative associations with the scandal.

With other scandals, such as the tapes of Charles and Diana's telephone conversations with their lovers, the palace policy has been to say little and allow it to be superseded by more newsworthy events. This is the type of approach they are likely to take with Andrew. But it will not necessarily prove successful, as often there are other factors that the palace cannot control.

In the cases of Charles, the scandal of his affair with Camilla has had a lasting negative effect on public perceptions of his image. Netflix's series *The Crown* has also recently brought an unfavourable portrayal of this back into the public eye. Conversely, the same programme has given viewers a better understanding of the Queen and her sacrifices on behalf of the crown.

For this reason, the future of the monarchy is unlikely to be threatened in any major way by the Andrew scandal while the Queen remains at its helm. Should Charles accede to the throne, however, the picture could change quite dramatically if the Andrew scandal is prolonged. The British public are unlikely to feel nearly so much sympathy for him as they do the Queen. In any case, there will be a lot of pressure for Andrew to reach a settlement so that this scandal can start to be buried by the palace PR machine.



Tree of Knowledge

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Finding Your Next Step in Life

It is when you are willing to listen to yourself and be fearless, that figuring out your next step becomes easy.

Our lives are made up of a complex network of pathways that we can use to move from one phase of life to the next. For some of us, our paths are wide, smooth, and clearly marked. Many people, however, find that they have a difficult time figuring out where they need to go next. Determining which “next step” will land you on the most direct route to fulfillment and the realization of your life purpose may not seem easy.

There are many ways to discover what the next step on your life path should be. If you are someone who seeks to satisfy your soul, it is vital that you make this inquiry. Often, your inner voice will counsel you that it's time for a change, and it is very important to trust yourself because only you know what is best for you. Personal growth always results when you let yourself expand beyond the farthest borders of what your life has been so far. When figuring out what your next step will be, you may want to review your life experiences. The choices you've made and the dreams you've held onto can give you an idea of what you don't want to do anymore and what you might like to do next. It is also a good idea to think about creative ways you can use your skills and satisfy your passions. Visualizing your perfect future and making a list of ways to manifest that future can help you choose a logical next step that's in harmony with your desires. Meditation, journal writing, taking a class, and other creative activities may inspire you and provide insight regarding the next step in life that will bring you the most satisfaction.

It is when you are willing to listen to yourself and be fearless that figuring out your next step becomes easy. Beneath the fear and hesitation and uncertainty lies your inner knowing that always knows which step you need to take next. If you can allow the taking of your next step to be as easy as putting one foot in front of the next, you'll notice that your next step is always the one that is right in front of you. All you have to do is put one foot forward and on the ground.