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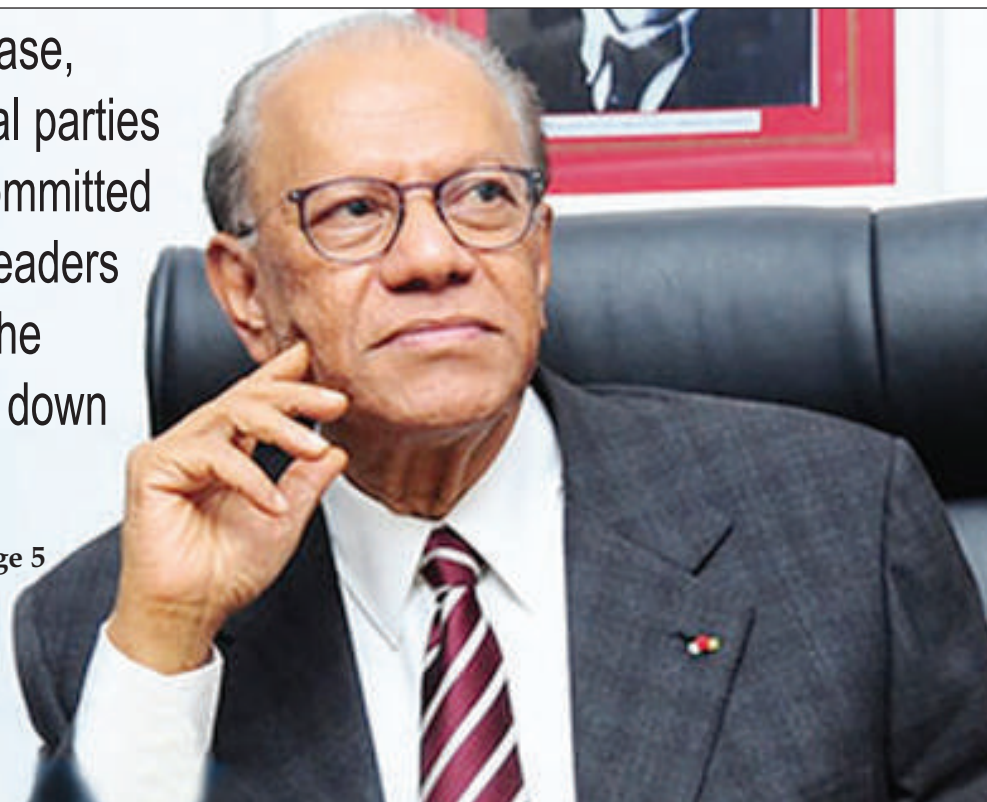
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Our Institutions

The police has again come in the limelight in the wake of the arrest of lawyer Akil Bissessur and of his partner, especially in light of the revelation made by the CCID in Court that the DNA tests made of the drug packages seized at the residence of his partner revealed no trace of those of Mr Bissessur or his partner. This has given rise to various disparaging innuendoes, which would suggest that the drugs confiscated and held up as evidence of alleged drug trafficking by the suspect would have been planted during the search operation.

We are not there yet, since this has to be established, particularly as the investigations of the police, still under way, have to rely on other corroborative evidence than a sachet of 50g of illicit substance. At scales which are reported in many drug dealing cases or seizures, that amount may sound trifling and, while we have no sympathy for drug dealers, every citizen is entitled to the presumption of innocence until found guilty by a court. Defense lawyers have accordingly demanded that the police officers involved in the search operation be submitted to the same DNA sampling and analyses. Moreover, the circumstances of the search have yet to be clarified in court while the Special Striking Team, despite following Me Bissessur for some time, has yet to adduce any evidence or photographs of those who might have handed the accused that amount of illicit material found in the searched premises.

We trust the Police force succeeds in convincing the DPP and the courts ultimately that its intents and procedures were respectful of the provisions governing the lawyer's arrest and the ensuing deprivation of his and his partner's freedom for nearly three weeks.

The Police has been under clouds for quite some time and that have enfeebled its credibility. Most notorious have been the recent disturbing images and video clips of humiliation and brutalisation of convicts while in police custody. This should have been a wake-up call for higher officers that the end does not justify any improper or cynical means. There is also the view that the police has been applying too strictly the law governing the rights of citizens to peaceful protests. What is also perceived to be the intimidation of various lawyers and outspoken citizens critical of the government of the day by the police does not help to counter the growing perception of our police force

being instrumentalised or weaponised as Trump would say, by the powers that be to stifle dissent and threaten those who speak against it.

The core philosophy behind the setting up of a police force is that it is primarily meant for the protection of the citizen rather than being a coercive instrument at the beck and call of politicians in power, for which reason the Commissioner of Police's post is a constitutionally guaranteed one so that he can perform his duties in full autonomy. It is therefore expected that the holder of the post will ensure that the Constitution of the country will prevail over all other considerations, political or otherwise. As in all countries and as the latest Moody's downgrade reminds local authorities, the stability and progress of Mauritius rests on a few key institutional pillars of governance. The police force should be among these pillars.

But there is not only the police's actions and inactions that have become a cause of concern. Other institutions have become the butt of legitimate criticisms from civil society and opposition parties in light of the series of scandals that have rocked the government since it came to office: the St Louis Redevelopment Project, the considerable rip-offs of health supplies and procurement during the pandemic, the disbursement of public funds by the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd, the dysfunctions in the National Assembly, the never-ending inquiries of its anti-corruption commission, the failure of investigative authorities to hold accountable those close to power, the unexplained mega losses whether at former flagships like the State Bank or Air Mauritius, etc.

What is at stake is obvious and very important: public trust in our public institutions. We have to ensure a system of checks and balances is in place to ensure that government and related public institutions are held accountable for decisions and actions that they take and for the consequences thereof and serious deviations sanctioned. Moreover, in our setting of sociological and economic diversity, there is no domain where trust, transparency and accountability are more imperious than in the very basis of our democratic functionings and constitutional rights: free, fair and credible elections. Without accountability and transparency, the chalice of suspicion can poison everything.

The Conversation

Queen Elizabeth II: The end of the 'new Elizabethan age'

Britain has gone through unimaginable change culturally and politically during Elizabeth's 70-year reign

When Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952, Britain was just seven years out of the second world war. Rebuilding work was still ongoing, and rationing key products such as sugar, eggs, cheese and meat would continue for another year or so.

But the austerity and restraint of the 1940s was giving way to a more prosperous 1950s. It is perhaps no wonder, then, that the Queen's succession was hailed as the "new Elizabethan age". Society was changing, and here was a young, beautiful queen to sit at its helm.

Seventy years later, Britain looks very different. Elizabeth II ruled over perhaps the most rapid technological expansion and sociopolitical change of any monarch in recent history. Looking back on Elizabeth II's life raises key questions about not just how the monarchy has changed, but also how Britain itself has transformed throughout the twentieth and twenty-first century.

Global Britain

If Elizabeth I's reign was a period of colonial expansion, conquest and domination, then the "new Elizabethan age" was marked by decolonisation and the loss of Empire.

When Elizabeth II succeeded the throne, the last vestiges of the British Empire were still intact. India had been granted independence in 1947, and other countries soon followed throughout the 1950s and 1960s. Although it existed from 1926, the current Commonwealth was constituted in the London Declaration 1949, making member states "free and equal". The Commonwealth has a veneer of colonial power given that it shares a history with Empire, and continues to invest the British monarch with symbolic



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power.

The Commonwealth featured heavily in the 1953 coronation ceremony, from television programmes showing Commonwealth celebrations, to the Queen's coronation dress decorated with the floral emblems of Commonwealth countries. She continued to celebrate the Commonwealth throughout her reign.

The colonial history of the Commonwealth is reproduced in the values of Brexit, and related nationalist projects which suffer from what Paul Gilroy calls "postcolonial melancholia". The Queen was the living embodiment of British stoicism, "the Blitz spirit", and global imperial power, on which so much of the Brexit rhetoric hung. What will the loss of Britain's longest-reigning monarch do to the nostalgia that contemporary right-wing politics draws upon?

The media and the monarchy

At the coronation, the British prime minister, Winston Churchill, allegedly responded to proposals to broadcast the ceremony on live television that "modern mechanical arrangements" would damage the coronation's magic, and "religious and spiritual aspects should [not] be presented as if it were a theatrical performance".

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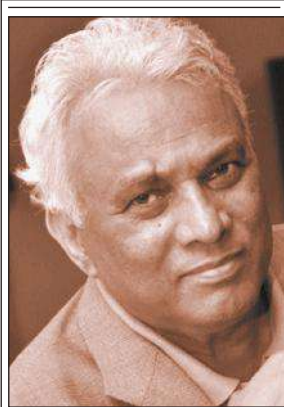
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Breaking Free from a Toxic Political Culture

The People and The Country Cannot Risk Another Debacle

Mauritius is at a crucial crossroads. It is being throttled by a toxic political culture. It is patently evident to all and sundry that the political and socio-economic status quo is untenable and unacceptable to the multitude, especially as the country and the people face so many daunting challenges and existential hardships owing to escalating prices and widening inequality.

For too long the country has been crippled by an abysmal standard of governance, lack of transparency and accountability of public expenditure and the inept economic and financial management of the country. For too long the appointment of the coterie to key posts of the government establishment or to head important government institutions have spawned incompetence and an array of onerous blunders costing billions of Rupees to the public exchequer. This goes on and on unchecked.

This appalling situation is a far cry from the promise of a far better socio-economic and political order made to the people during the fight for independence. This promise remains largely thwarted. The bottom line is that there is a pervasive feeling of revolt among the people for being repeatedly let down by the political class. This cannot go on.

People want to cut loose and break free from this toxic political culture.

There is therefore an imperative need for a political big bang. In the UK, the qualifications and professional career of Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, and the key ministers chosen for the Cabinet showcases the high benchmarks of ability and competence required to make the cut to become PM or ministers or MPs in the best democracies in the world. Instead of the dilettante and the hapless neophyte, the country therefore needs a new team of highly qualified Mauritians with a track record of professional achievements and a commitment of service to people and country to brainstorm an innovative policy framework to tackle the daunting challenges faced by the country.

These relate *inter alia* to an urgent recasting of our economic model highly dependent on tourism and high-end real estate development, the concomitant overhauling of the educational system as well as addressing the

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existential hardships of people caused by the erosion of their purchasing power resulting from a depreciating Rupee and rising food and energy prices caused by the continuing war in Ukraine. Despite a substantial budget of some Rs 15 billion, the education sector has been unable to recast the thrust of the sector to provide the skills and technology-based qualifications required to diversify the economy to supply the upmarket demand for technology-driven high value-added services and products.

Business as usual

What is particularly galling is that despite the public clamour for radical changes and a new breed of politicians guided by a high sense of ethics and principles promoting meritocracy, competence and accountability, it is business as usual for the ruling coalition and the main opposition parties. The same protagonists are all already rearing to lock horns ahead of the next general elections in 2024. The political mano a mano is heating up. Before they all jump blindly forward, it is vital that they learn from some of the crying lessons of the 2019 general elections.

In a three-cornered fight, the government coalition Alliance Morisien (a coalition of the Mouvement Socialiste Militant (MSM), Muvman Libérateur, dissident MMM members of the Alan Ganoo Movement and the Plateforme Militante) elected 38 MPs out of 62 with 37,68% of the votes whilst the Alliance Nationale made up of the Labour Party and the PMSD elected 14 MPs with 32.76 % of the votes. The MMM won 8 seats with 20.57% votes. With the allocation of best losers, the final tally of MPs was 42 of the 70 seats for Alliance Morisien (AM), 17 for the Alliance Nationale (AN) and 9 for the MMM. The upshot is that L'Alliance Morisien obtained an absolute majority over the various opposition parties put together.

There were 5 constituencies where the votes obtained by the elected third Alliance Morisien candidate and the 4th Alliance Nationale candidate was less than 185 votes. The reality is that even if a recount reversed these results, this would not have changed the outcome of the elections.

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The people and the country cannot risk another debacle. Time is running out. This is clearly not the way forward. The government is already making abject use of the publicly-funded national TV channel to deploy its propaganda against the opposition parties and leaders.

Change can only be triggered by a new team of highly qualified Mauritians with high ideals, a new ethos and willing to put their professional expertise and competence at the service of the people and the country and able to mobilise people and canvass their support on their proposals for an innovative pathway for equitably shared prosperity.

There is a political vacuum in the country. There is a clear opportunity for such a team or party which strictly adheres to these high benchmarks to fill this vacuum and inspire people to rally around their proposals for a more inclusive, fairer and far better future. This requires hard work, connecting with and mobilizing people across the country and putting people at the centre of their policy framework and actions. Who will fit the bill?

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The Liz Truss Selection as PM

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Jan Arden

This week has witnessed the end of the selection process of the Conservative Party to replace Boris Johnson, forced to resign and still facing the House Ethics Committee, accused of misleading the House in the wake of the unsavoury “partygate” scandals. It is worth bearing in mind that whereas the twists of those scandals dragged on for several months since 2021 inside and outside Parliament, there were other aggravating factors that ended up making Boris Johnson’s position as PM untenable.

Many Tory MPs, including senior ones, were facing dire electoral prospects because the cost of living had become such a number one issue facing the PM, that many Brits who believed flamboyant Boris would improve their financial security and prosperity were deserting the Tories in droves. Lack of timely interventions since 2021 on the piling miseries of millions of households facing escalating food and fuel prices and galloping inflation threatened retribution at the next polls when Labour and unions were busy pushing concrete assistance proposals that were ignored.

“Scrap VAT on energy and announce urgent relief for the crippling price rises we now face” thundered a lead editorial in the Tory-leaning *Sun* as far back as 7th January 2022, adding for good measure the nationwide anger that would damn Tories if MPs were to get a GBP 2,000 pay rise in April! The media and the press had turned scathing, opinion polls were dismal at best and Labour had the winds in its sails. Such a potent combination and the resignation of a number of key Ministers, including Chancellor Rishi Sunak, were ultimately more determinant than dubious Boris’ ethics and brought the Boris Johnson shambles to an inglorious end, leading the Tories into the mid-term PM replacement exercise we have witnessed.

That exercise dragged over 8 weeks as firstly MPs



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voted in several rounds until the best two remained and the final choice was done by some 145,000 due-paying Tory party voters in a country of some 61 million. The latter have reversed the clear choice of MPs for Chancellor Sunak and Liz Truss who had nudged second (32% of final MP votes), has emerged as winner of the party loyalists vote (some 81,000 to Sunak’s 60,000). This reversal is historic and places greater onus on the Truss PM-ship as she has to find Tory MP support to urgently address multiple important issues left pending for long weeks by the caretaker Johnson government.

Such a bruising internal contest, the limited partisan ballot of the Truss victory and the long power vacuum at a time when consumers, workers and businesses were demanding government action to mitigate the impact of soaring food and energy prices have only served to add

urgency to incoming Liz Truss, who has ten years of ministerial experience but is not widely regarded for economic literacy or for political consistency.

Promising to increase defence spending and cut taxes, while refusing to say how she would address the cost-of-living crisis during the campaign exemplifies her economic contradictions and limitations. In political positioning, as a Lib-Dem in her Oxford University years, she supported the legalization of cannabis and the abolition of the royal family, a rather far cry from the Tory values she now represents. She has been anti-Brexit and is now a pro-Brexit, advocated pro LGBT policies and is now against... The charge in some quarters of an opportunist chameleon bites. Millions of struggling ordinary Britons will therefore have to wait to find out who is the real Liz Truss and discover the immediate measures she and her chosen Chancellor propose for immediate relief and the policies they intend to pursue as 2024 looms ahead.

At Foreign, Commonwealth and Development affairs Liz Truss has held a hawkish pro-Ukraine stance in tandem with Boris Johnson when the UK population is increasingly sceptical of such costly support which is more likely to drag out the conflict and prolong its repercussions on gas/energy prices and availability from Russia. Even there, she has had her share of gaffes and missteps. We recall her hot-footing it to New Delhi after stating that “India must stop fence-sitting” in the proposals for a West-led anti-Russia coalition (at the same time as India was welcoming Russian ambassador Sergei Lavrov). It came as China had joined Russia in condemning ‘illegal sanctions’ against Moscow. The arrogance, insensitivity and ignorance of deep India-Russia ties were appalling in post-colonial India-UK relations and the effort was expectedly slapped down by Indian MEA Jaishankar in polite diplospeak.

Claiming that the “jury is out” when asked if Emmanuel Macron was a friend or foe in August, raised a huff across the Channel at a time when both were allies in the anti-Russia crusade and certainly did not endear the UK PM to the French, so apt to forget that President Macron had earlier dubbed Boris Johnson a “clown” over the frustrating Channel crossings issue. Whether a chameleon, a hawk on foreign policy or a gaffe-prone leader, Liz Truss, with her weak personal base in the Tory party and the major issues on her waiting desk, will have a very short horizon to stamp her personality and make good the Tory and Boris Johnson campaign promises of good times to come after Brexit.

Appeals to the Privy Council

Are there some lessons or implications for Mauritius? Under the above conditions and the international context, our foreign policy hands would be aware to expect very little on the Diego Garcia and Chagos fronts, if not further underhanded attempts to derail our stance.

On the political front, some may marvel at the UK’s major traditional parties having an established process for the selection of PM candidates or their replacement even in mid-term conditions we know, but this is not new in mature democracies with long entrenched party histories even in a country with no written Constitution to boot. We were handed a model Constitution adjusted for legitimate demands of security and tenure of key offices; if it has served us well in the past, recent years have highlighted the need for a thorough review to avoid the observable numerous dysfunctions, including the concentration of power by a small elite controlling all key institutions.

Many would believe that, irrespective of their past alliances and break-ups, only an experienced leader with the necessary breadth of vision can pilot the tasks of

taking us to a new plane of a functional democracy. While a few voices chaff all too easily about “dinosaurs”, it is worth pointing out that inexperienced newbies are chock-a-block in the governing MSM and others have damaging cans to carry in their backpacks. It is also rather odd that those emerging from decades of loyalty to the MSM

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should now aspire to lead the charge against “lakaz mama” and discover their PM attributes.

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The SC judgement for a retrial is a “contre-temps” certainly for the former PM, Navin Ramgoolam, which the MSM will try to exploit, but it is far from a condemnation which would pre-empt his leadership role in any wide Opposition rassemblement of parliamentary parties and extra-parliamentary forces to challenge a formidable, entrenched foe.

Leaders who miss the opportunity for fundamental changes on whatever grounds, personal egos, ambitions, or political calculations, will have their own conscience and history as judge.

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Lex is asked to consider the legal implications of the recent ruling of two SC judges on appeal from the DPP and sending the case back for retrial at the Intermediate Court. Whether and how the SC and DPP treat an announced leave for appeal to the Privy Council remains to be seen but, in all probability, this case will bring up or revolve around “payment” in FIAMLA regulations and its application in the context of financial donations to political parties, a matter which calls for a proper legislative framework.

* It would seem that the procedural requirements to be met for the leader of the Labour Party to go on appeal to the Privy Council (against the judgement of the Supreme Court in the matter DPP v Navinchandra Ramgoolam) either through the Supreme Court or directly by way of special leave are rather complicated given the one specifically related to the need for a final decision in the proceedings. To the uninitiated, the Supreme Court judgement appears to be a final decision. Isn't that indeed the case?

The main issue is to determine is whether the judgment is a final one in the sense that all issues in the case have been fully dealt with.

In other words, the judges will have to consider whether following the judgment the court left the accused in limbo or made a final decision on the interpretation of the law and thereby put an end to the proceedings.

* There will possibly be objections from the DPP to any application for appeal in this particular case. With that in view, how long do you think it will take for an appeal to be heard and judgement delivered by the Privy Council?

First, there should be a motion for leave. Objection may be taken against the motion by the Office of the DPP. Arguments will be heard on the objections, and a ruling will be given by the judges. All this is time-consuming unless the judges decide to follow a fast-track procedure to deal with the matter. The judgment itself took two years. Why so? One may ask why it took so much time.

If leave is refused, the accused may seek special leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

* As regards the electoral prospects of the Labour Party and its leader, everything now hangs on what the decision that the Privy Council will take when the case comes up for appeal. What do you consider might make for a solid ground of appeal in this matter?

The interpretation of the legal provisions. Section 5 of the Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act (FIAMLA) makes it an offence to make or accept any payment in cash in excess of Rs 500,000 or an equivalent amount in foreign currency, or such amount as may be pres-

cribed. The key word is **payment**. What does the word payment connote? Would a donation made to a political party be considered payment in cash?

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* Can it be surmised that the Law Lords might be alive to extraneous circumstances, (like for instance the fact that the appellant in this case is a party leader, Navin Ramgoolam, seeking his election as Prime Minister, or that the respondent in the case Dayal S. v Jugnauth P. K. & Ors concerns a sitting Prime Minister seeking his re-election as PM) so as not to upset the appcart of the State or are they guided only by principles of law?

Following the judgment of the Privy Council in the MedPoint case, many people took the view that the Law Lords had at the back of their mind the fact that they were dealing with a high-profile politician. Whether such a perception can be justified or not is difficult to say.

* What are otherwise your general comments of the judgement of the Supreme Court, which upheld the appeal of the DPP?

First, one may ask why it took the judges two years to deliver the judgment.

Second, should we remain content with the definition of payment that the court has given? How was the element payment established? Did the judges consider whether the cash was a result of donations?

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* As regards exempt transactions, is the law perfectly clear about what constitutes an exempt transaction or not?

At present exempt transaction is defined in the FIAMLA as follows:

- “exempt transaction” means a transaction –
- between the Bank of Mauritius and any other person;
 - between a bank and another bank;
 - between a bank and a financial institution;
 - between a bank or a financial institution and a customer where –
 - the transaction does not exceed an amount that is commensurate with the lawful activities of the customer, and –
 - the customer is, at the time the transaction takes place, an established customer of the bank or financial institution; and
 - the transaction consists of a deposit into, or withdrawal from, an account of a customer with the bank or financial institution.”

The law may be clear, but it leaves many questions unanswered. For example, if a father makes a cash dona-



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tion of one million rupees to his son, would that be an offence as it may not fall within the meaning of exempt transaction? If a political party leader accepts one million rupees in cash from a business man, would that be an exempt transaction? It would appear not to be the case.

No wonder a famous British Judge once said the law is an ass.

* What this means is that all of the contributions made to political parties by individuals and corporates in excess of Rs500,000 are in violation of the FIAMLA, and both parties - the ones that make and those that accept - could be charged with violating the law if and when caught?

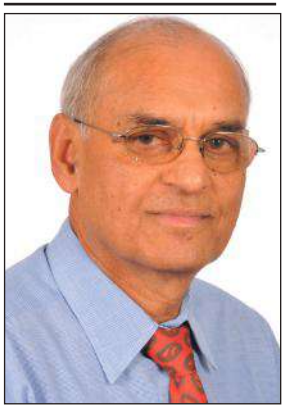
Of course, and this why it is imperative and urgent that there should be a legislation on the funding of political parties. Surely a major political party must have more than Rs 200 million rupees in cash stashed away in a coffer somewhere.

* The latest about the Akil Bissessur case is that the latter's ADN has not been detected on the plastic packages containing the drugs confiscated by the Police Headquarters Special Striking Team. The police inquiry is still on. What are your thoughts on this alleged drug trafficking case, marred by the allegation of drug planting at the premises where the lawyer was arrested?

The police might not have anticipated that the lawyers of Akil Bissessur would come up with a demand for DNA testing. Now that the results of the DNA tests have been obtained, the police and the Office of the DPP will have to think carefully before levelling charges against Akil Bissessur even if the investigation is still on. If ever there is a prosecution, many ugly matters may come to the surface.

Planting drugs at the place of a citizen of this country, which is supposedly a country where human rights and the rule of law exist, is a very serious matter indeed. What could be the possible motivation of whoever plants drugs? But this has to be established.

Are Politicians Value and Principle Driven?



Dr R Neerunjun Gopee

A long-time friend of mine, former teacher, sent me a kind note of appreciation after reading my article of last week, 'What kind of society do we want?', which reads as follows: 'it is the ideal society that will bring peace, harmony, and progress. But unfortunately, the example is very rarely given from the top. Politicians have their own agenda which, I dare say, is that once they are in power, their main objective is how

to get re-elected. The country gets divided and subdivided, which suits the politicians, they rule according to the power of division. For decades I have occasionally shared with my students the elements which will usher in the ideal society. And I still believe in it although what I see in many countries is the contrary of what the politicians promised to do during their election campaign.'

I don't know if today's teachers take the trouble to similarly broach the topic with their students, but when I read about the violence amongst students directed against their own fellow students or perhaps even friends, and also against teachers (some of whom, I concede, are caught for sexual or other misdemeanors) I cannot help thinking that there is something terribly missing in their education, namely character formation. Of course, this has to start with the parents and family in the home, and the teacher complements this role with his own inputs. Both subtly and directly teachers used to transmit the needed messages to the generation that my friend and I belong to.

This started in primary school, when *everyday* we would be made to line up before classes started, and both the headmaster and the teachers used to do their inspection round – our arms were outstretched palms down so they could check the cleanliness of our nails, our hair had to be neatly combed and free of lice, clothes had to be clean even if old (as was most often the case for most of us from modest backgrounds), similarly for shoes (save for some pupils whose parents could not afford them and they were barefooted). Instant punishment, verbal and at times with a ruler without causing any physical injury was meted out, and warnings given. Parents knew about this routine, and were happy that their children were being disciplined. At the same time, though, this imposed a responsibility on them to make sure that the children left home in a state to meet the hygiene standards and expectations of the school.

Of course, I am aware that today's circumstances are altogether different, but the fundamental premise is unchanged, that grooming children to become well-behaved students and responsible citizens is a cooperative responsibility shared between the home, the school and society at large through both formal and informal means. Often, it is the informal or subtle methods that have the greater influence, but we are so bombarded with an overload of information that it is the louder and more direct ones that tend to hold sway.

And to my mind this is where the rub lies in our con-



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temporary society, and also where social leaders hold a tremendous responsibility. More so politicians, especially the leaders among them, as they frequently make pronouncements which are widely reported and likely therefore to exert more influence. Hence the need for them to be value and principle driven, because through policies they steer a country's overall direction of development in all its dimensions.

Unfortunately, as my friend pointed out, politicians seem to be indifferent to such considerations.

By sheer coincidence I had picked an old issue (2012) of the Indian magazine *Frontline*, and came across a book review that I had read before. The book – *Why Leaders Lie: The Truth About Lying in International Politics* by Prof John Meirsheimer of the University of Chicago – he is the one who shortly after the Ukraine war began took a stand against the US's intervention, if we go by a video clip that was aired on social media. If I am not mistaken, he even wrote a leader in *The Economist* in this regard.

To come back to the topic at hand, let me cite a paragraph (edited for brevity) from that review: 'There are a good few studies on the lie in politics, both domestic and international. Three deserve particular mention: Peter Osborne's *The Rise of Political Lying* (2005) about the rise of political lying during the John Major and more particularly the Tony Blair governments; Eric Alterman's *When Presidents Lie: A History of Official Deception and Its Consequences* (2004); David Wise's *The Politics of Lying: Government Deception, Secrecy and Power* (1973).'

Wow! That list takes us back nearly 50 years – but more likely political lying stretches further into the past. Perhaps it is even institutionalised in politics all over the

world, and what a pity that would be. Apart from lying though there are a lot of persistent political practices that demonstrate that values are not a politician's forte. One example is captured in our local slogan *bonnet blanc, blanc bonnet*, put another way it is *plus ça change plus c'est la même chose*.

Bang-on comes a real time example as recently as two days ago, as a headliner in the British press proclaimed 'Liz Truss conducts clear-out of Sunak supporters as she builds "cabinet of cronies"' – rings a bell? – as 'Liz Truss's hopes of uniting her party after a fractious leadership contest were tonight at risk after she conducted a brutal cabinet clear-out of supporters of rival Rishi Sunak in her first hours as prime minister... putting personal loyalty to her over the competence needed at a time of virtually unprecedented crisis.'

What with the Covid crisis and the war in Ukraine, the times are full of uncertainties, and there is a high risk of them becoming dangerous what with the other critical problems we are facing such as the impacts of climate change. Add to this errant politicians who only think of themselves, and we have to be very worried for our collective future...

Nevertheless, by no means is there any implication that all politicians fall in the same basket, and throughout history one can find examples of statesmen who have been far-sighted and have put country before personal interest. In so doing they have had to make personal sacrifices, itself an indication of probity and honesty in running the affairs of state. One can only hope that this were more common and demonstrably evident. If that were so, it would certainly help in dispelling the more generalised perception that all politicians and leaders are corrupt or liars.



Anil Madan

Two weeks ago, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that business activity in the US, Europe and Japan fell in August, pointing to a sharp slowdown in global economic growth. Rising prices due to inflation have weakened consumer demand and the war in Ukraine continues to see supply chains in a shambles. Although the US economy has not been as severely affected as the rest of the world's economies, it also saw a sharp drop off in business activity in August. Service companies were prominent among the laggards although manufacturing also slowed. High inflation, material shortages, delivery and shipping delays, and rising interest rates are pressuring the US economy.

It has been well documented that China's economy has shown signs of a dramatic slowdown as well. In Europe, economies declined for a second consecutive month as energy prices rose. Concerns abound in Europe about whether Russia will ensure a steady supply of natural gas as winter looms only a few months away. Gazprom, the Russian government-controlled gas company shut down the flow of gas through the Nord Stream pipeline to Germany. This move, whether necessary or a stunt by Putin as a prelude to a total shutoff, will have a negative impact on the ability of EU countries to boost storage of gas reserves for the winter. Although the shutdown was scheduled to last three days, Putin announced that Russia would resume gas supplies if it received needed turbines from Siemens, the German company. If sanctions prevent Siemens from shipping turbines to Russia and Putin's claims that the turbines need to be replaced are true, Germany faces an indefinite shutdown of Russian gas.

Meanwhile, the war in Ukraine continues. After six months, although NATO countries are providing some military aid to Ukraine, realistically, Ukraine depends on the US for the bulk of the support it receives.

The slowdown in the European, UK, and US economies may presage a drop in the level of available support for Ukraine's defensive effort from these allies.

Take for instance the US package of nearly \$3 billion worth of long-term security aid to Ukraine announced last week. This is the biggest weapons assistance package that the US has provided to Ukraine since February when Russia attacked Ukraine. This tranche of support includes advanced surface-to-air defense systems, counter-artillery radar systems and a quarter million rounds of ammunition, drones, spare parts, and funding to train Ukraine's forces to use these weapons systems. The US is also appointing a general to oversee the effort to train Ukraine's forces.

Surely, this signals that robust support from the US will continue. But should we conclude that this new package of support and training can turn the tide in Ukraine's favour. Not so fast. The Biden administration has clarified that these new weapons represent a multi-year investment even as some US defense contractors may be able to provide some weapons and munitions in the coming months. Some weapons could take up to three years to arrive, according to defense officials quoted by the *Wall Street Journal*. The Pentagon confirmed that this security assistance package is designed to help Ukraine build its military in the long term. There is an obvious need to streamline the many different sys-

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tems that have been provided by the US and NATO countries.

Colin Kahl, the undersecretary of defense for policy stated that the future force of Ukraine looks like "it's sustainable." He added: "We're very focused here on helping Ukraine try to plan out what is kind of a rational force of the future, and I would anticipate a lot of NATO-standard weapons."

Potential nuclear meltdown

But what of the immediate crisis that threatens Ukraine? The question is whether Ukraine can sustain its defense effort against Russian attacks. As has been well documented, Ukraine's cities and infrastructure have been reduced to rubble. More than a third of its population has been displaced. Its wheat harvest is virtually nonexistent for this year. The prospect of a potential nuclear meltdown at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear-power plant looms over the country. Two weeks ago, that plant was disconnected from the electrical grid. "As a result of enemy shelling, the city was left completely without electricity and water," said Dmitry Orlov, the exiled mayor of Enerhodar where the nuclear power plant is located. Other Ukrainian cities and towns have similar stories of the destruction of their electric and water supplies.

Although Ukraine does not provide official figures for troop losses, it is likely that tens of thousands of Ukrainian troops have been killed or wounded. Recently, there have been reports of troops being lost at the rate of a hundred men per day.

Russia has suffered heavy losses as well. The US announced that Russia has lost up to 80,000 troops so far. Last week President Putin signed a decree ordering an increase in the size of Russia's military forces. Stories abound that Russia is trying to entice volunteers to join the armed forces. Reports suggest that often these so-called "soldiers" are ill-equipped and barely trained. They are nothing more than cannon fodder for the most part.

Ukraine has been provided HIMARS (High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems) rockets that it has used effectively to repel Russian troops and to blow up Russia's munitions dumps and disrupt supply lines. Russia has accused the US of pouring fuel on the fire and threatened escalatory responses if Ukraine uses the HIMARS rockets to attack inside Russian territory.

From early on in this war, Ukraine's forces have



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been outgunned and outmanned by Russian forces and Ukraine has suffered devastating damage from Russian artillery, rockets, and cruise missiles. So far, the Biden administration has refused Ukraine's requests for longer range missiles. Perhaps this is to avoid giving Ukraine the capability to fire into Russian territory. Ukraine will, of course, attack Russian forces where and when it can. Earlier this month Ukrainian forces attacked a Russian air base and ammunition depot in Crimea. The obvious goal is to degrade Russia's capabilities in Crimea and disrupt the logistical support Russia can muster from its bases in that area.

To some extent, Ukrainian forces have been successful in blunting Russia's war effort and putting a dent in its ammunition stockpiles and disrupting its supply chains. Russia is facing shortages of troops as well as ammunition.

Iranian drones

However, in an ominous development, the Biden administration has confirmed reports that Iran has shipped at least two kinds of Iranian drones for use against Ukrainian forces. The US expects that these drones will be used to carry out surveillance, missile strikes and even electronic warfare. It is expected that Iran will send hundreds of drones to Moscow as a counter to the support that the US and other western countries are sending to Ukraine.

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Plundering MIC Funds

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Whoever aspires to become a politician must unwaveringly uphold principles and adhere to a high code of conduct. This is far from being the case in respect of the wanton misuse of MIC funds.

In a clear disavowal and indictment of contested official policy, the IMF in its Article IV report last year advised that ‘the central bank law is being reformed, including to pre-empt further exceptional transfers to the government, in line with international best practices.’ It also recommended that ‘the central bank should relinquish ownership of the Mauritius Investment Corporation (MIC) and financing of the MIC should be provided through the budgetary process.’ This obviously imposes the oversight of parliamentary scrutiny.

The IMF statement basically closed the tap of budgetary support by the central bank.

It also comforted the outcry of the people at the total blackout and opacity which surround the billions of Rupees advanced from the Rs 80 MIC fund to bail out distressed private companies including some of the biggest conglomerates of the country.

It is noteworthy that some of the conglomerates bailed out by MIC funds during the Covid-19 pandemic have bounced back and are now investing tens of billions of Rupees in new smart cities and other projects. Despite this, there is no clamour from the opposition parties for full transparency and

accountability on the terms and conditions billions of Rupees have been advanced to distressed private companies and other parties or the urgency to return the remaining MIC funds to the Bank of Mauritius to in priority defend the Rupee to allay the tremendous hardships faced by people owing to the continuous depreciation of the Rupee and rising cost of living.

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Such double standards are not acceptable. With the opening of our frontier to the world, economic activities have resumed in brisk mode. In a context of severely strapped public finances, it is important that we remain clear-headed and get our priorities right. Is it not time for the opposition parties to demand that the MIC funds are returned to the Bank of Mauritius forthwith to defend the Rupee, people’s purchasing power and public interest instead of being complicit in plundering it?

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Recent reports suggest that Russia has experienced serious problems with the Iranian drones. Nevertheless, an alliance between Russia and Iran to develop and deploy more weapons of destruction is not a welcome development for the prospects of peace either in Ukraine or the Middle East where Iran’s drones are used in Yemen, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.

We have the prospect of Russian troops running low on ammunition, fuel and food as its ammunition dumps are blown up and supply lines disrupted. And we have the prospect of Ukrainian troops looking ahead to the advent of winter without housing, running water, heat, or perhaps enough resources with which to fend off the Russians.

Can America continue to supply Ukraine indefinitely? Recent reports tell us that transfers to Ukraine have depleted American stocks of some types of ammunition. The Pentagon has apparently not acted with urgency to replenish its stocks and there is concern about America’s own military readiness on that account. Apparently, the HIMARS systems supplied to Ukraine came directly from the Pentagon’s inventory which was intended to be used for unexpected threats against the US. These stocks have not been replenished.

The US has reportedly sent Ukraine howitzers that fire 155mm rounds weighing about 100 lbs. each, sending just short of a such million rounds to Ukrainian forces. The US did not reveal how many rounds it started with at the beginning of the year. US defense officials have conceded that American stocks of these 155 mm rounds have become “uncomfortably low” and not at the level at which the US would like to go into combat. Restarting American supply lines with defense contractors is not easily done with a snap of the fingers. It could take years to rebuild American inventories.

The US has reported that Russia seeks to import supplies of rockets from North Korea. This, if true, appears to confirm that Russia is also running short of materiel and munitions. Putin just announced that he will meet with



Destruction and loss in Ukraine. Pic - AP

President Xi of China. The two countries are planning a new gas pipeline to China through Mongolia. Whereas China represents a hugely important market for Russian gas, there is also the prospect that China will supply munitions and materiel to aid Russia’s war effort.

The only conclusion that one can draw is that the war against Ukraine is likely to drag on at a lower level of intensity. We can expect that Russia will continue to try to destroy Ukraine’s cities, towns, roads, bridges, airports and infrastructure with shelling and the Ukrainians will work hard at destroying Russian military equipment and the supply lines that support Russian troops.

Ultimately, winter may be the winner as both sides will face intensely cold weather for months.

The bigger question is where will both Russia and Ukraine find more manpower to fight this war and where will they find the ammunition and weapons with which to conduct it.

Against this backdrop, there have been suggestions that Putin might resort to using nuclear weapons if he cannot gain a decisive victory in Ukraine. Perhaps this is idle speculation by pundits and we don’t want to go there. But there is little solace in relying on the expectation that a Russian president who acted on impulse and irrational fears, will not do the same in the nuclear context. After all, the concept of MAD or Mutually Assured Destruction is not in play when neither the US nor any other NATO country is attacked.

This ongoing tragedy is likely to continue.

Cheerz...
Bwana

Elizabeth II's death at the age of 96 marks the start of a tumultuous 10 days for the UK that will see a queen buried, a nation mourn its longest-reigning monarch, and a new king proclaimed.

Within hours, Prince Charles, the eldest of Elizabeth's four children, will be formally proclaimed king in a ceremony dating back hundreds of years. At 73, he is the oldest person to accede to the throne in British history.

The Queen's coffin will be placed in Westminster Hall prior to her state funeral, which will be marked by a public holiday.

The next two weeks will be a jolt for a country accustomed to being ruled by the same monarch for more than 70 years — longer than 85% of the population have been alive. Charles will now have to steer the near-immutable institution of monarchy in a country that has altered beyond recognition since his mother's accession. His kingdom faces potential breakup as Scotland presses for independence and an uncertain position in the world after leaving the European Union.

How is a new king made? By law, Charles automatically became King the moment his mother died. Formal recognition will come from the so-called Accession Council, usually convened within 24 hours of the death of a sovereign.

Charles becomes King of England



The group includes members of the Privy Council — historically the sovereign's most trusted advisers. If she's in or near London, the prime minister is also likely to attend the meeting at St. James's Palace. Also present will be officials from the City of London, the capital's main financial district, and the Commonwealth, a group of nations mainly comprised of onetime members of the British Empire.

In modern times, the Privy Council's ranks have been drawn from politicians,

aristocrats and clergy, but its origins date back to the seventh century Anglo-Saxon "Witan" or group of wise men who would advise the monarch and oversee the succession.

After the meeting, the new sovereign will be proclaimed by the courtier in charge, known as Garter King of Arms, who will make a speech from the Proclamation Gallery overlooking Friary Court in the palace. That address is then repeated across towns and cities across

the nation in a tradition that pre-dates modern communications. Expect to hear: "The Queen is Dead. Long live the King."

It's also customary for the new sovereign to say something memorable which is later formally published in the government's official record, the London Gazette.

Will he be called King Charles? The newly-proclaimed monarch won't necessarily become known as King Charles III because English monarchs are entitled to choose their names. History provides a clue for why he may be reluctant to use his own name: a previous King Charles was beheaded in 1649 when England became briefly a republic under Oliver Cromwell.

King Edward VIII chose Edward as his regnal title, although he was known to his family and friends as David. By contrast, Charles' mother stuck to Elizabeth, her given name.

Will his wife become queen? Charles's second wife, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, has risen in popularity as Britain moved on after the early death of Diana, Princess of Wales in a car crash in 1997.

In 2022, Queen Elizabeth instructed that her daughter-in-law would be known as Queen Camilla, a reward for her support to Charles and her role as a working royal.

US approves \$450 million F-16 fleet sustainment programme to Pakistan

Reversing the decision of its predecessor, the Biden Administration has approved a whopping USD 450 million F-16 fighter jet fleet sustainment programme to Pakistan.

As a notification to the US Congress, the State Department has made a determination approving a possible foreign military sale of F-16 case for sustainment and related equipment for an estimated cost of USD 450 million, arguing that this will sustain Islamabad's capability to meet current and future counterterrorism threats by maintaining its F-16 fleet.

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered



US Army soldiers look at an F-16 fighter jet. Pic- Economic Times

the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale on Wednesday, reports PTI.

This is the first major security assistance to Pakistan after Trump in 2018 had announced to stop all defense and security assistance to Pakistan alleging that Islamabad

was not a partner in its fight against terrorism.

"Pakistan's F-16 programme is an important part of the broader United States-Pakistan bilateral relationship. The proposed sale will sustain Pakistan's capability to meet current and future counterterrorism threats by maintaining its F-16 fleet. The F-16 fleet allows Pakistan to support counterterrorism operations and we expect Pakistan to take sustained action against all terrorist groups," a State Department spokesperson said.

The USD 450 million foreign military sale to Pakistan participation in F-16 Aircraft Structural Integrity Programme, electronic combat international security assistance programme, international engine management programme, engine component improvement programme, and other technical coordination groups; aircraft and engine hardware and software modifications and support and aircraft and engine spare repair/return parts.

Nasal Covid-19 vaccines could help to bring the Covid-19 pandemic under control, the World Health Organization said Wednesday after homegrown products were approved in India and China.

The WHO welcomed the new front in the fight against the virus — but also said it wanted to see the data behind the vaccines, to assess whether to approve them.

China on Sunday launched the world's first inhalable Covid vaccine, Convidecia Air, which is made by CanSino Biologics and administered through a nebulizer, reports AFP.

And India approved a nasally-administered Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use on Tuesday, developed by Bharat Biotech.

WHO emergencies director Mike Ryan said nasal vaccines generated immune response in the respiratory mucosa in the lungs. In doing so, nasal vaccines could potentially prevent a person from being infected and passing the virus on.

Ryan cited how nasal and injectable vaccines are used in combination to combat diseases such as polio, giving full protection to the internal systems.

Nasal vaccines could help control Covid, says WHO



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That opportunity to reduce both the severity of infection and onward transmission "may offer us a much stronger prospect of control of Covid in the long run", he told a press

conference.

He encouraged innovation that would develop a second and third generation of vaccines "that we may need ultimately to deal with the end of Covid and to deal with future respiratory virus threats".

CanSino and Bharat Biotech both have WHO-approved injectable Covid-19 vaccines.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the continuing global decline in reported Covid cases and deaths was encouraging, but said it was "dangerous" to assume those trends would persist.

"Last week, one person died with Covid-19 every 44 seconds. Most of those deaths are avoidable," he said.

"You might be tired of hearing me say the pandemic is not over. But I will keep saying it until it is."

Van Kerkhove said it could not yet be predicted that the SARS-CoV-2 virus behind Covid-19 disease would settle down into a seasonal pattern.

The Omicron variant's BA.5 subvariant has become globally dominant, but dozens of subvariants are circulating.

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'Sri Lanka's economic crisis a result of past impunity...': UN report

Sri Lanka is facing a "devastating" economic crisis, a UN report has said, noting that "impunity" for past and present human rights abuses, economic crimes and corruption were the underlying causes for the island nation's collapse.

The report, prepared by the UN Rights High Commissioner Michele Bachelet, was released on Tuesday, also suggested fundamental changes to address the current challenges and to avoid repetition of the human rights violations of the past.

Interestingly, it comes ahead of the 51st session of the UN Human Rights Council Session, to be held in Geneva from September 12 to October 7, where a resolution on Sri Lanka is expected to be tabled, reports PTI.

This is also the first time that the top UN body has linked the economic crisis with Sri Lanka's gross human rights violations.

"For sustainable improvement, it is vital to recognise and assist Sri Lanka to address the underlying factors, which have contributed to this crisis, including embedded impunity for past and present human rights abuses, economic crimes and corruption," the report said.

The broad-based demands by Sri Lankans from all



The economic crisis in Sri Lanka triggered massive public protests early this year. Pic- East Mojo

communities for accountability and democratic reforms presented "an important starting point for a new and common vision for the future," it said.

Sri Lanka is going through its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948 which was triggered by a severe paucity of foreign exchange reserves.

Last week, the IMF announced that it will provide Sri Lanka a loan of about USD 2.9 billion over four years under a preliminary agreement to help the bankrupt island nation tide over its worst economic crisis and protect the livelihoods of the people.

The UN report called on the Ranil Wickremesinghe-led government to immediately end the reliance on draconian security laws and crackdowns on peaceful protests, reverse the drift towards militarisation and show renewed commitment to, and deliver on, security sector reform and ending impunity.

In July, Wickremesinghe imposed a state of emergency after his predecessor Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled the country and resigned from his post following massive anti-government protests over the government's mishandling of the economy.

Foreign Minister Ali Sabry said earlier this week that Sri Lanka will oppose a new resolution on its human rights accountability, especially an external investigation mechanism, at the UN Human Rights Council session.

Sabry said Sri Lanka was adopting a policy of engagement on rights accountability bilaterally and multilaterally and was looking for a lasting solution.

A possible draft resolution on Sri Lanka is expected to be presented on September 23. This would be followed by a vote among the member states on the new draft resolution on October 6.



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen visits the military base in Hualien, Taiwan September 6, 2022. Pic - Reuters

Taiwan confident it can sign 'high standard' US trade deal amid China threats

Taiwan is confident it can sign a "high standard" trade deal with the United States under a new framework, President Tsai Ing-wen told a visiting group of U.S. lawmakers on Thursday.

Washington and Taipei unveiled the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade in June, days after the Biden administration excluded the Chinese-claimed island from its Asia-focused economic plan designed to counter China's growing influence.

Tsai told the bipartisan US lawmaker delegation at a meeting in the presidential office that Taiwan would work with the United States to forge even closer trade and economic ties, reports Reuters.

Stephanie Murphy, a Democrat from Florida who sits on the House Armed Services Committee, told Tsai she supported such an agreement.

The group is the latest in a string of senior officials from the United States to visit Taiwan since US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi came early last month. Her visit infuriated Beijing, which responded by launching war games near the island.

Tsai thanked the delegation for conveying strong congressional support for Taiwan just as China has been carrying out its drills, which have scaled back but continued.

UK minister sacked. Then, his wife's post against 'imbecile' Liz Truss' cabinet

The wife of sacked British minister Johnny Mercer has claimed 'no regrets' over an online tirade in which she called new Prime minister Liz Truss an 'imbecile', the Guardian reported Thursday. Felicity Cornelius-Mercer, Mercer's wife and private secretary, tweeted the remark after he was removed as the UK government's veterans' affairs minister Tuesday.

"He (Mercer) asked her (Truss) 'why would you do this, who is going to be better at this role than me, which of your mates gets the job, you promised a meritocracy?' PM (said) - I can't answer that

Johnny," Felicity Cornelius-Mercer wrote.

"This system stinks and treats people appallingly. Best person I know sacked by an imbecile."

Cornelius-Mercer's outburst has been criticised as 'inappropriate' but she doubled down on her remarks Wednesday when she returned to Twitter to say she had 'no regrets', reports Hindustan Times.

"Thank you and to my everyday friends on here who understand me I have no regrets, I'm not intimidated nor have I ruined anything, this is politics and PR. Read it or don't. Johnny Mercer is leaving veterans to their fate in the MoD again. They are the losers in this."

Earlier Mercer, the MP for Plymouth Moor View, appeared to be annoyed about Truss' move, saying he was 'disappointed' but accepted the PM is 'entitled to reward her supporters'.

Australia passes a law for net zero emissions by 2050

Australia's parliament on Thursday passed government legislation enshrining a pledge to cut carbon emissions by 43% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050, with the support of the Greens party and independents.

The law marked a first step on climate action since the Labor Party won power in May, defeating a conservative government that was scorned as a global laggard in the battle against climate change.

But the government will face tougher fights in passing more environmental bills, reports Reuters.

"The passage of the climate change legislation sends a message to the world that Australia is serious about driving down emissions, and serious about reaping the economic opportunities from affordable renewable energy," said Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen.

The law sets an emissions reduction target for 2030 that is 50% more aggressive than under the

previous government. It will also require government bodies such as clean energy and infrastructure financing agencies to take emissions targets into account in their decisions.

After more than a decade of climate policy uncertainty, industry groups said they welcomed the legislation.

While backing the climate bill, the Greens have said they will seek to block any new coal mines and natural gas projects through legislation reforming a "safeguard mechanism", in which Labor wants to require the biggest industrial polluters to progressively cut their emissions.

The "safeguard mechanism" covers about 215 industrial sites, including coal mines, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and manufacturing plants, which together contributed 28% of emissions in 2021.

That legislation is expected next year, ahead of a target implementation date of July 1.

Interview : Jack Bizlall

“Ce régime ne pourra pas s'éterniser...”

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Autocratie: un système politique dans lequel un seul homme détient le pouvoir et il se comporte en maître absolu. Ce terme est souvent synonyme de despotisme, de dictature, de tyrannie, voire même de monarchie. Jack Bizlall, syndicaliste, homme politique et observateur de la société mauricienne et d'ailleurs, donne son point de vue sur les récents événements qui ont marqué le pays. Il pose aussi des questions sur la capacité de la classe politique à se redynamiser pour sortir d'une impasse dangereuse poussant la démocratie aux abois.

Mauritius Times: Dans le sillage de la libération sous caution de Akil Bissessur, Me Teeluckdharry a déclaré que l'avocat a été victimisé par “le système” en raison de ses prises de position perçues comme étant anti-pouvoir. Même si l'enquête du Central CID suit son cours, cette libération est intervenue après que le Forensic Science Laboratory n'a décelé aucune empreinte de M. Bissessur sur les sachets de drogue. Cela soulève déjà plusieurs interrogations. Vos commentaires?

Jack Bizlall: Je dois insister sur trois conclusions irréfutables. Sous un régime dynastique et si autocratique et interventionniste dans les activités des institutions comme celle de la Police, si on ne fait rien, c'est très grave, d'autant plus que l'interventionnisme peut toucher aux activités du judiciaire, du DPP, de l'ICAC, etc., et de surcroît, est enclin à éliminer les opposants par la répression en les remplaçant par des exécutants grassement payés des deniers de l'Etat.

Dans le cas d'Akil Bissessur, je me demande comment la Police a pu agir, soit d'une façon amateuriste ou méprisant les conventions sociales et la décence. Cette pratique a comme objectif de faire peur. Nous sommes en période de terrorisme d'Etat, de délation et d'agressions pour faire peur et ainsi museler la population et les contestataires. C'est dramatique.

Enfin, ce régime ne pourra pas s'éterniser. Malheureusement quand je vois ce qui se passe dans l'opposition parlementaire et extra-parlementaire, je vois deux types : les «pouvoiristes» et les «populistes». Nous subissons une dictature dangereuse de la classe moyenne, de la petite bourgeoisie pour être précis, dans les deux sens politiques du terme.

* L'instrumentalisation de certaines unités de la police - avec les interpellations et les arrestations des personnes soupçonnées d'être des opposants politiques - semble s'être multipliée depuis un certain temps. Le judiciaire ne peut intervenir que lorsqu'il est sollicité, mais rien n'a pu mettre fin à cela jusqu'ici. Est-ce dû à l'indifférence de la population?

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cutants sans raisonnement et sans compassion. Ce n'est pas vrai. Ce qu'il faut faire je crois, c'est un appel à la majorité, c'est-à-dire parler au plus grand nombre. Au nom de l'Observatoire de la Démocratie j'ai adressé une centaine de lettres aux Stations de Police à travers la République.

Par contre, il existe dans toutes les institutions des exécutants sans discernement: ils constituent la main agissante des dictateurs. Il suffit que les dictateurs maîtrisent les éléments psychiques et ritualistes de certaines couches de la classe moyenne détenant les leviers de l'autorité, pour les manipuler. Hitler fut un expert de telles manipulations.

D'autre part, la population réagit sur les réseaux sociaux, dans les conversations, dans des rencontres sociales comme les mariages, les veillées mortuaires, etc. Ça va éclater. Croyez-moi.

Faut-il cependant que l'on réagisse plus vite contre la pratique inacceptable des charges provisoires qui durent et qui permettent l'incarcération temporaire? Feu Hervé Lassemillante a longuement abordé cette question.

Les avocats doivent aussi réagir en rejetant toute pratique de schizophrénie juridique, etc. Il faut une action pour encadrer les policiers qui agissent comme des agents politiques.

* Toutefois, il faut reconnaître que les “Avengers” ont été plus présents et efficaces dans de nombreux cas que les “grands partis” qui, depuis un bon bout de temps, n'opèrent qu'à coups de conférences de

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presse hebdomadaires, et récemment de congrès-meetings. Sans les “Avengers”, la page aurait sans doute été définitivement tournée sur ce qui allait devenir l'affaire Kistnen - quoique non-résolue jusqu'ici, non?

Le mot « Avenger » est péjoratif et ne fait pas honneur à cette profession importante dans la gestion de notre démocratie. Il faut qu'ils respectent une déontologie qui a comme seul objectif d'assumer professionnellement le concept de la justice ; c'est la deuxième considération des humains après la sécurité.

Je connais plusieurs avocats démocrates. Certains ne défendent pas les mafieux – d'autres soutiennent des gens tout à fait gratuitement. J'ai deux amis qui le font. D'autres encore interprètent la loi et ne défendent pas leurs clients uniquement pour des intérêts cupides.

Il y a la loi, le judiciaire et la justice qui sont les piliers élémentaires de la République. Je peux vous donner des noms d'avocats qui sont porteurs de la protection des victimes de toutes sortes, politiquement parlant ou humainement parlant. Ils sont peu nombreux. Mais heureusement, ils sont là.

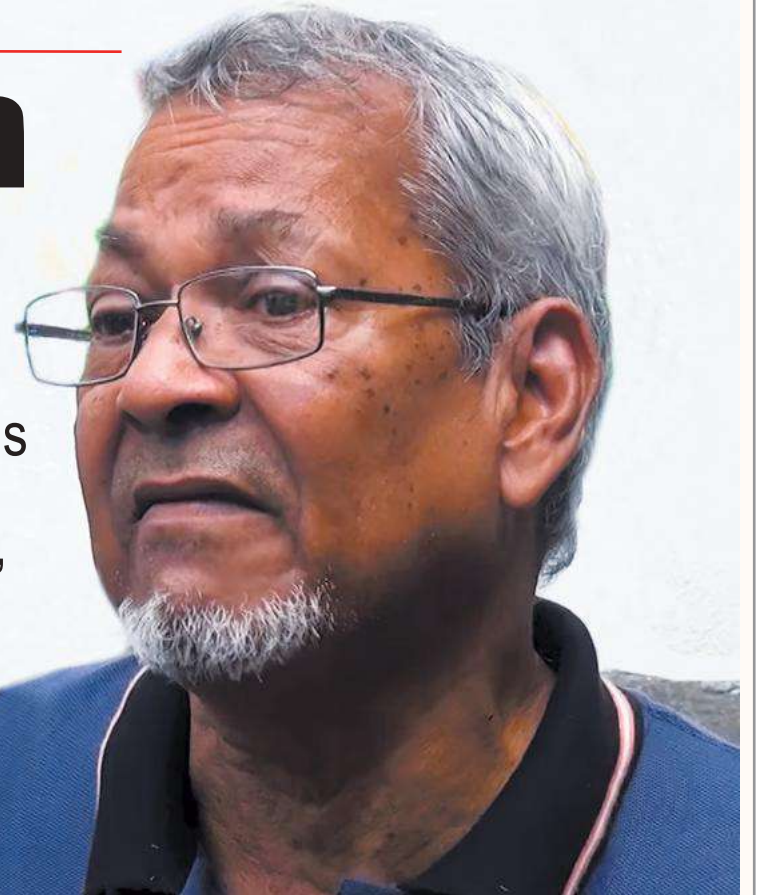
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* Par ailleurs, les débats sur différents thèmes de société ne doivent pas être la seule affaire de la classe politique et des groupes d'intérêts habituels, mais est-ce le vieillissement de la classe politique et aussi syndicale, autrefois très percutante, qui explique l'état actuel dans lequel se trouve le pays, M. Bizlall?

Je vais vous dire deux choses :

(a) Quand on quitte la lutte des classes, on tombe dans les conflits d'intérêts des catégories sociales, des clans, des manipulateurs, des opportunistes.

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C'est ce qui se passe ici et dans d'autres pays. Là où je regarde, je ne vois que des opportunistes justement sans conscience de classe, des gens ni de gauche ni de droite, donc politiquement illettrés, et plus grave encore, ils sont opportunistes.

(b) On ne maîtrise pas assez le concept de la causalité – on navigue sur les effets de la perversité de notre démocratie sans prendre conscience qu'il faut en démanteler les causes. J'affirme avec toute ma raison que notre Constitution en est la cause principale. J'espère que l'on pourra en parler dans quelques semaines.

L'autre cause étant l'idéalisme philosophique et politique de nos intellectuels organiques les plus valables. Dieu veut ou la pensée veut selon leur approche, alors qu'il faut voir ce qui se passe ici comme ailleurs. Un exemple, la Guerre de Poutine contre l'Ukraine va nous ramener à la guerre froide et à la ségrégation économique.

A l'époque du PTR et du MMM, il y avait des écoles politiques.

- L'approche théorique, je l'ai obtenue en me rendant à une école politique à Amsterdam.

- L'approche sociétale, je l'ai obtenue dans les réunions des branches du MMM dans les années 70. Très souvent, les jeunes disent et font n'importe quoi.

*** Que faites-vous de l'embarras dans lequel l'Entente de l'Espoir semble s'être retrouvée suite au jugement de la Cour suprême dans l'affaire opposant le DPP à Navin Ramgoolam? Et voyez-vous Paul Bérenger maintenir le cap en ce qui concerne son projet d'alliance avec le Parti Travailleuse?**

J'en ai assez des alliances pouvoiristes de Bérenger. Nous avons assez souffert du régime des Jugnauth. Je maintiens que le vecteur est Bérenger, c'est lui qui a ouvert la voie à certaines modifications pas acceptables de notre Constitution, dans le cadre d'un partage de pouvoirs.

Ramgoolam, lui, doit partir. Je viens de lui adresser une lettre encore une fois dans ce sens.

Comme son père, Jugnauth fils, lui aussi, il fait tout pour que la confrontation politique soit entre Ramgoolam et lui.

Si Ramgoolam part et que l'on donne une consistance à un combat travailliste et militant, une alternance politique crédible peut se construire sous trois axes.

(1) Une nouvelle Constitution pour une Deuxième République.

(2) Une nouvelle approche éducative visant l'éducation d'assertion. Nos politiciens ne sont pas des gens de

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conviction, porteurs d'idées nouvelles; un programme politique doit se construire sur ce qui est souhaitable, acceptable et réalisable. Celui qui vient avec ses convictions doit confirmer si ses propositions sont exactes. Il doit avoir un grand savoir et surtout maîtriser plusieurs méthodologies. Il n'est pas dit que tout sera vrai mais l'absence d'hésitations et la pratique confirmeront le reste.

(3) Mettre l'économie au centre du social. Nous avons un fond commun de civilisation avancé, et nous n'avons pas de parti politique d'extrême-droite. Il faut agir sur la classe moyenne et ses nombreuses déviations.

*** Avec ce dernier développement juridique et l'impact qui en découlera sur le champ politique et avant qu'un appel de Navin Ramgoolam contre le jugement de la Cour suprême ne soit entendu par le 'Privy Council', tout paraît possible dès à présent: lutte à trois ou même à quatre lors des prochaines législatives et tout aussi bien avec le résultat qu'une telle lutte devrait produire, cela en raison probablement d'un taux d'abstention sensiblement plus élevé. Qu'en**

pensez-vous?

Je crois que l'on n'a pas compris que l'argent de Ramgoolam provient de donateurs nuisibles à notre société. Une épée de Damoclès plane autant sur Ramgoolam que sur les autres dirigeants politiques.

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En ce qu'il s'agit du Privy Council, il doit y avoir une menace insidieuse quelque part. La décision du DPP ne m'étonne pas. Prenez deux éléments en considération:

Seul le DPP a le pouvoir de renvoyer l'affaire des millions de Ramgoolam en Cour Intermédiaire. Or, le DPP a été l'objet d'une vile attaque par la Dynastie Jugnauth.

D'autre part, Duval a démissionné à cause d'une attaque anti-Républicaine contre ce pouvoir. Il sait plus que quiconque la nature du Régime au pouvoir.

(2) Cette histoire étant nuisible pour tout le monde, pourquoi faut-il prolonger sa durée jusqu'au Privy Council ? Qu'allons-nous découvrir comme la saleté que l'on découvre jour après jour sous les tapis de la politique?

Il est trop tôt pour anticiper les choses. Nous sommes en 2022 et les élections sont pour 2024. Je constate que des regroupements seront proposés, même dans le milieu des pseudos révolutionnaires.

*** L'heure de la transition et de la relève a-t-elle sonné, selon vous? Pour le Parti Travailleuse et le MMM?**

Sans doute dans le cas du MMM, mais pas dans le cas du PTR. Le pouvoir se construit en dynasties à Maurice. Le PTR maintient Ramgoolam comme seul capitaine à bord. Le MMM propose la relève par la fille et le gendre.

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On assistera sans doute à des révolutions de palais au niveau du pouvoir à quelques mois des élections. Beaucoup d'argent circule dans l'achat des gens, dit-on.

Notre pays finalement ne se stabilisera pas sauf si on arrive à mobiliser les masses sur une nouvelle Constitution construite par le bas. C'est là un défi.

Dans quelques semaines, j'aurai l'occasion de vous informer de ce qui sera fait dans ce cadre. Nous n'avons pas encore trouvé un consensus sur les six textes qui seront publiés. Nous œuvrons pour que ces textes soient acceptables et réalisables.

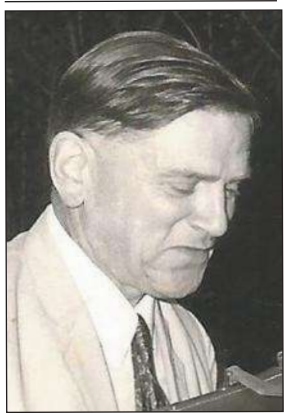
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• 'Revenge commonly hurts both the offerer and the sufferer.' — Bishop Hall



Peter Ibbotson

A Letter from London

During the day of Seeneevassen's death, and all through the following night, people gathered at his place and in nearby streets to pay a last tribute to a great political figure, a pillar of the Mauritius Labour Party, and an architect of the future Mauritius. The day of his cremation was unprecedented; people had

thought that the scenes on

the day of the beloved Guy Rozemont's funeral would never be equalled, but on the day of Hon Seeneevassen's cremation, these scenes were repeated.

People came from all corners of Mauritius, and in unprecedented numbers. So many people were outside Hon Seeneevassen's place and in nearby Labourdonnais Street that it seemed to be a big army. All along Labourdonnais Street, Desforges Street, Pamplemousses Street, there were huge crowds, on both sides, on house tops, on balconies. Truly colossal!

The People's desire to do a last homage to a beloved and lamented leader was notable. Once again, they demonstrated their love and affection for a man who, like Guy Rozemont, had won a place in their hearts through his desire and his attempts to do something for them. Thousands attended the funeral of Guy Rozemont; thousands flocked to the cremation of Hon Seeneevassen. By flocking to Hon Seeneevassen's cremation in such vast numbers, the People of Mauritius, the underpaid, underfed, underprivileged, often unemployed people of Mauritius, showed the depth of their affection for a great man whose loss is a tragic blow for the well-being of those people's future.

Certain members and supporters of the Parti Mauricien (PM) lost no time in making political capital out of Hon Seeneevassen's death. With his eyes on the possibility of a by-election in Port Louis, one prominent PM supporter, previously defeated in a by-election, got his propagandists at work *on the very day that Hon Seeneevassen died!* These propagandists were busy talking against the possible Labour candidate (Mr Eddy Changkye's name was mentioned) in the by-election, should one be held. And some PM supporters or sympathisers protested at the flag being flown half-mast, on the day of Hon Seeneevassen's death, at the newly-opened Parti Mauricien social centre in Du Pouce Street! The protest was on the grounds that Mr Seeneevassen was a member of the Labour Party, and the social centre was being run by the Labour Party's opponents! Yet the social centre is supposed to be non-political and free from racial or credal discrimination.

It is a fact that the death of Hon Seeneevassen is a sad loss to the Labour Party. He was an asset who will be hard to replace. Yet he *must* be replaced; the Labour Party must not falter in its task of gaining for the people of Mauritius not just a place in the sun, but the sun itself. Typical of the task that confronts the Labour Party when it comes to power — as come it surely will — is a scene that can be observed almost any day at supper-time in almost

any of the little *hôtel du thé* in Port Louis. At supper-time, you will see the beggars in these *hôtels*, buying their modest suppers out of the proceeds of their day's begging: usually a piece of bread and a glass of tea is all they can afford to buy. On a good day, perhaps a *gâteau piment* will accompany the bread and tea; but more often than not just bread and tea have to suffice for the evening meal. And many of the destitute beggars carry around with them all their worldly possessions: a few sheets of brown wrapping paper to serve as a bed, and the rags they are wearing. That — rags and brown paper — forms the sum of the worldly possessions of more than one inhabitant of an island which, officially, ranks as a "prosperous" colony where "life is gay and the people carefree" and of which legend says "God made Mauritius first, Paradise second."

This illusion of the prosperity of Mauritius is fostered by a selection of pictures of Mauritius occupying two pages (the centre-page spread) of the June issue of the *Times British Colonies Review*. There are 10 pictures in all, of varying sizes. The largest is an aerial photograph of Port Louis and its harbour; the smallest is of the statue of Labourdonnais.

Others show Sir Robert Scott opening the Legislative Council; an Indo-Mauritian woman leading a bullock-cart in a cane field; Indian women walking towards a mobile cinema van; buses and cars on "The main road from Port Louis"; students in class at the College of Horticulture; a large hut at Rivière Noire being thatched with palm leaves by, says the caption, "Creoles"; a "Chinese boy window-shopping in Port Louis" (he is looking at shelves full of cups and saucers, plates, pots and pans in a shop window); and finally, "Modern houses for workers on the Belle Vue sugar estate".

In this latter we see a house which looks as though it has been built of concrete; it has its own garden with a clothes line which is full of washing hanging out to dry; and a man is riding a bicycle away from it. Very different is this house from the squalid hutments in the island's backyards in which by far the great majority of the island's people have to live. To be fair, and to have given a balanced picture of Mauritius, the *Times*

Review ought properly to have included at least one picture of a shanty built of petrol cans and roofed with straw and dung; for such is the living accommodation of many Mauritians.

Only the Labour Party will do anything to better those living conditions. The capitalists' party, the Parti Mauricien, will do nothing beyond safeguarding the profits accruing to its members and supporters. And to achieve its goal of a Council majority after the general elections, which surely cannot be long postponed (until the crop season is finished, perhaps?), the Parti Mauricien is indulging in much and varied propaganda. One favourite practice, an especial in the Labour stronghold of Ward IV in Port Louis, is to open social centres.

Officially these centres are non-political (I have referred to the one in Du Pouce Street) and open to all races; but those who use them are constantly reminded that it is PM money and organisation which have provided them. One wonders where all the money comes from which the PM is spending on propaganda in one form or another... perhaps Mr Wilson will find out in his campaign against the tax dodgers!

While Mr Wilson and his colleagues are looking for secondary crops and industries to reduce Mauritian dependence on sugar, will he cast an eye at the encouragement of nutmeg-growing? The nutmeg was introduced into Mauritius in 1769 but is not commercially exploited. However, there is a world shortage of nutmeg; Grenada (West Indies) has

a virtual monopoly and the plantations underwent a battering in a disastrous hurricane in 1955. Replanting will ensure the eventual restoration of all the plantations, but the nutmeg takes 6 years to bear fruit, and 16 years to become a commercial proposition. But as a long-term policy, the encouragement of nutmeg planting and growing would seem to bear looking into, for high prices will persist for many years to come.



Mauritius in the 1950s. Pic - Vintage Mauritius

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Queen Elizabeth II: The end of the 'new Elizabethan age'

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Television was a new technology at the time, and it was feared that televising the ceremony would be too intimate. Despite these concerns, televising the coronation was a big success. The research project "Media and Memory in Wales" found that the coronation played a formative role in people's first memories of television. Even non-ardent monarchists could give an intimate account of their experiences.

The royal image has always been mediated, from the monarch's profile on coins, to portraiture. For Elizabeth II this involved radical development: from the emergence of television, through tabloid newspapers and paparazzi, to social media and citizen journalism (processes related to democratisation and participation). Because of this, we now have more access to monarchy than ever before.

In my book, 'Running The Family Firm: How the monarchy manages its image and our money', I argue that the British monarchy relies upon a careful balance of visibility and invisibility to reproduce its power. The royal family can be visible in spectacular (state ceremonies) or familial (royal weddings, royal babies) forms. But the inner workings of the institution must remain secret.

The monarchy's striving for this balance can be seen throughout the Queen's reign. One example is the 1969 BBC-ITV docu-



Elizabeth II: Britain's longest-reigning monarch. Sipa US/Alamy Stock Photo

mentary Royal Family. Royal Family used new techniques of "cinema verite" to follow the monarchy for one year – what we would now recognise as "fly-on-the-wall" reality television.

It gave us intimate glimpses of domestic scenes, such as family barbecues, and the Queen taking infant Prince Edward to a sweet shop. Despite its popularity, many were concerned that the voyeuristic style fractured the mystique of monarchy too far. Indeed, Buckingham Palace redacted the 90-minute documentary so it is not available for public viewing, and 43-hours of footage remained unused.

"Royal confessionals", modelled on celebrity culture and notions of intimacy and

disclosure, have haunted the monarchy over the past few decades. Diana's Panorama interview in 1995 was iconic, where she told interviewer Martin Bashir about royal adultery, palace plots against her, and her deteriorating mental and physical health.

More recently, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's interview with Oprah Winfrey discussed what they described as "the Firm's" racism, lack of accountability, and its dismissal of Markle's mental health. These interviews really did expose the inner-workings of institution, and ruptured the visibility/invisibility balance.

Like the rest of the world, the monarchy now has an account on most major UK social media platforms. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Instagram account, run on behalf of Prince William, Kate Middleton and their children, is perhaps the most obvious example of royal familialism in the contemporary age.

The photographs appear natural, impromptu and informal, and the Instagram is framed as the Cambridge "family photo album", allowing "intimate" glimpses into Cambridge family life. Yet, as with every royal representation, these photographs are precisely staged.

Social media has given the monarchy access to new audiences: a younger generation who are more likely to scroll royal photographs on phone apps than read newspapers. How will this generation respond to the death of the monarch?

Political figures

The Queen succeeded to the throne during a period of radical political transformation. The Labour Party's Clement Attlee had won office in 1945 in a sensational, landslide election which seemed to signal voters desire for change. The establishment of the NHS in 1948 as a central policy of the postwar welfare state, promised support from cradle to grave.

Winston Churchill's Conservative party retook parliament in 1952. Churchill spoke to a different version of Britain: more traditional, imperialist, and staunchly monarchist. Such contrasting ideologies were visible in responses to the Queen's coronation in June 1953.

David Low's satirical protest cartoon "The Morning After", published in the Manchester Guardian on June 3 1953, depicted party litter (bunting, champagne bottles) and the text "£100,000,000 spree" scrawled across the floor. The cartoon promptly instigated 600 letters of criticism for being in "bad taste", and drew attention to contrasting political ideologies.

In the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government began a systematic dismantling the postwar welfare state,

instead emphasising neoliberal free markets, tax cuts and individualism.

By the time of Tony Blair's "Cool Britannia" years at the turn of the new millennium, the Queen was an older woman. Princess Diana was famously the "people's princess" of the age, as her new brand of intimacy and "authenticity" threatened to expose an "out of touch" monarchy.

By 2000, three years after Diana's death in a car accident in Paris, support for monarchy was at its lowest point. The Queen was believed to have acted inappropriately, failing to respond to public grief and "represent her people". The Express, for example, published the headline "Show us you care: mourners call for the Queen to lead our grief".

Eventually, she gave a televised speech which mitigated her silence by emphasising her role as grandmother, busy "helping" William and Harry address their grief. We've seen this grandmotherly role elsewhere too: in her 90th birthday photographs in 2016, taken by Annie Leibowitz, she sat in a domestic setting surrounded by her youngest grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

What next?

This is the image of the Queen that many will remember: an older woman, dressed pristinely, clutching her iconic, familiar handbag. While she was head of state throughout many of the seismic political, social and cultural changes of the 20th and 21st centuries, the fact that she rarely gave a political opinion means she successfully navigated the monarch's constitutional political neutrality.

She also ensured that she remained an icon. She was never really given a "personality" like other royals, who have initiated a love-hate relationship with the public because we know more about them.

The Queen remained an image: indeed, she is the most represented person in British history. For seven decades British people have not been able to make a cash purchase without encountering her face. Such quotidian banality demonstrates monarchy's – and the Queen's – interweaving into Britain's fabric.

The Queen's death is bound to prompt Britain's reflection on its past, its present and its future. Time will tell what the reign of Charles III will look like, but one thing is for sure: the "new Elizabethan age" is long gone. Britain is now recovering from recent ruptures in its status quo, from Brexit, to the COVID-19 pandemic, to ongoing calls for Scottish independence.

Charles III inherits a very different country than that of his mother. What purpose, if any, will the next monarchy have for Britain's future?

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Pilates: Research shows how this low-impact workout can benefit your health



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Pilates has seen a jump in popularity recently thanks to a spate of celebrity endorsements, including the Kardashians, model Hailey Bieber and actress Kate Hudson. Even elite athletes such as Cristiano Ronaldo and Andy Murray incorporate some form of pilates into their training to improve performance.

Pilates is said to be good for your balance, posture, strength and flexibility, as well as improving your core strength. And the best part about it is that anyone can do it, not just celebrities and athletes. But does research show that it's as good for your health as many people claim?

There are two main types of pilates. The simplest is mat pilates – which you only need a yoga mat to do, and can be done both at home or in a class. The other type of pilates (which is becoming increasingly popular) is reformer pilates. This uses a specialised apparatus (called a reformer) – a bed-like frame with a flat platform on it.

The platform moves forward and backwards on wheels within the frame. The platform is attached to one end of the frame by springs and these produce tension. Most reformer pilates involves pushing or pulling the platform, or holding it steady as it's pulled on by the strings. This movement engages several muscles – particularly the core.

What the evidence says

Pilates is a form of muscle strengthening exercise, which is well-known to be important for maintaining good health. Strength training is important as it helps us prevent the slow muscle deterioration that occurs as we get older. It also increases muscle mass, which can in turn increase metabolism – which is important for maintaining a healthy weight.

There's some evidence that doing eight weeks of pilates for one hour a day, four times a week can increase metabolism and reduce obesity in obese women. In older adults, a review of research showed pilates training improved balance and helped prevent falls.

Another study even showed that inactive women who began performing only one hour of pilates a week for ten weeks had improved muscle mass, flexibility, balance and core strength. Research also shows that pilates may even be used to treat low back pain and improve balance in adults with multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

The evidence shows us that pilates can certainly lead to several health benefits. While more intense types of strength training – such as weight lifting – are likely to confer even greater benefits, pilates can still be a great way for people to control their weight and build strength. The best part about it is that this workout can be done by almost anyone anywhere, and doesn't



Two women and one man perform a pilates move using a pilates reformer. They are lunging forward with one leg and holding their arms out. Photology1971/ Shutterstock

require a lot of equipment or a gym membership.

Reformer v mat pilates

Among people who do pilates, there's a lot of discussion about which type is superior: mat or reformer pilates.

There's actually little research out there comparing the two types. One study looking at the treatment of low back pain found that both reformer pilates and mat pilates worked equally well to improve back pain in people who did the workout for six weeks.

Both types also equally improved people's ability to undertake daily activities, such as getting out of bed or doing the dishes. But when participants were followed up four and a half months later, the reformer pilates group continued to experience improvements in their daily life compared to the mat pilates group.

Another study from Brazil also showed both reformer pilates and mat pilates used the same number of muscles and activated them to the same extent – suggesting there's no difference between the two methods, and that both are equally effective. But this conflicts with the findings of another study, which showed reformer pilates caused people to burn more calories (2.6 calories per minute) than mat Pilates (1.9 calories per minute).

The reason for the slight differences between these two types of pilates comes down to how they're performed. While mat pilates

uses your body weight as resistance during the movements, reformer pilates uses the unstable platform and springs to create resistance. This might create greater resistance and activate more muscles. Though this wasn't supported by the Brazilian study, they only looked at one movement, so more research is needed.

Although research can't quite agree on whether mat pilates or reformer pilates is better for you, that doesn't mean that reformer pilates isn't still great for your health. For example, one study showed that people who did reformer pilates for nine weeks had improved cholesterol levels and lower insulin resistance, suggesting that it can help maintain weight and lower the risk of certain diseases, such as type 2 diabetes.

As you can see, pilates is becoming popular for good reason as it provides many health benefits. People of all ages and abilities can do it, including pregnant women. How you decide to do it is entirely up to you, but if you have health difficulties or are pregnant, you may want to consult your doctor first.

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Are grandma, grandpa sleepy during the day? They may be at risk for diabetes, cancer, more

Older people who experience daytime sleepiness may be at risk of developing new medical conditions, including diabetes, cancer and high blood pressure, according to a preliminary study released early this month that will be presented at the American Academy of Neurology's 72nd Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada end April.

The condition called hypersomnolence is defined as excessive daytime sleepiness even after having seven or more hours of sleep. It can be debilitating for some people, affecting the way that they perform at work and in other daily activities.

"Paying attention to sleepiness in older adults could help doctors predict and prevent future medical conditions," said study author Maurice M. Ohayon, M.D., Ph.D., DSc, of Stanford University in Stanford, Calif., and a member of the American Academy of Neurology. "Older adults and their family members may want to take a closer look at sleeping habits to understand the potential risk for developing a more serious medical condition."

The study involved 10,930 people; 34% of participants were 65 years or older.

Researchers interviewed participants over the phone two times, three years apart. In the first interview, 23% of



people over 65 met the criteria for excessive sleepiness. In the second interview, 24% reported excessive sleepiness. Of those, 41% said the sleepiness was a chronic problem.

The study found that people who reported sleepiness in the first phone interview had a 2.3 times greater risk of developing diabetes or high blood pressure three years

later than those who did not experience sleepiness. They were also twice as likely to develop cancer.

Of the 840 people who reported sleepiness at the first interview, 52 people, or 6.2%, developed diabetes compared to 74 people, or 2.9% of those who were never sleepy during the day.

Also, of the 840 people who reported sleepiness, 20 people, or 2.4%, developed cancer compared to 21 people, or 0.8% of those who were never sleepy during the day.

The results remained the same after researchers adjusted for other factors that could affect daytime sleepiness, such as gender and sleep apnea.

People who reported daytime sleepiness during both interviews had a 2.5 times greater risk of developing heart disease.

People who reported sleepiness only in the second interview were 50% more likely to also have diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue, such as arthritis, tendinitis and lupus, than those who did not have daytime sleepiness.

A limitation of the study was that it relied on participants' memories, rather than monitoring their sleep length and quality and daytime sleepiness in a sleep clinic.



Why do we bleed? A hematologist explains how the body prevents blood loss after injury

I cried out, looking down at where my family's puppy, Hercules, had just bitten me. Two tiny dots of red started to bloom where he had sunk his canine teeth into my finger.

"Bad dog," I said to him. He looked up at me sheepishly. "Well, I guess I'm a bad human for putting my finger near your mouth," I admitted. He wagged his tail and licked my arm.

I put pressure on my finger until the bleeding stopped. Three weeks later the area had healed, and we had taught Hercules to heel, too!

I am a doctor who specializes in hematology – the study of blood. Here, I'll share with you how blood travels through the body, how we bleed and, more importantly, how we stop bleeding.

What's inside blood?

The blood in our bodies is a complex fluid. It contains red blood cells, which bring oxygen to our body's tissues; white blood cells, our body's infection-fighting army; and platelets, which clump together to help stop bleeding. A special protein called hemoglobin in red blood cells is what gives our blood its beautiful red color.

The yellowy, liquid portion of blood is called plasma. Most of it – over 90% of it – is water, but the remaining portion contains molecules that help our blood clot and stop bleeding.

Where does blood live and where does it



The body starts plugging up wounds as quickly as it can to prevent blood loss and infection. Jonathan Knowles/Stone via Getty Images

travel?

The bone marrow, located in the center of our bones, is the factory that makes the cells circulating in our bloodstream.

Once blood cells are made, they move into blood vessels – rubbery tubes that form roads traveling through our entire body. Veins are the vessels that carry blood to the heart, while arteries carry blood to the rest of the body. The biggest vessels can be the width of a garden hose, while the smallest can be tinier than a human hair. Blood travels 12,000 miles through the vessels of

an adult every single day!

The heart is the powerful engine that pushes blood through those tubes to deliver oxygen and nutrients to our organs and skin. First, the right side of the heart pumps the blood into the lungs, which contains oxygen from the air we breathe. Here, the hemoglobin in red blood cells grabs oxygen and take it back to the heart.

The left side of the heart then pumps that oxygen-rich blood to the rest of the body. After red blood cells drop off their oxygen cargo, they are pumped back to the

right side of the heart to get more oxygen and repeat their tour of the body again.

Why do we bleed?

The skin forms a protective layer over our bodies. When that layer is damaged, the blood vessels immediately underneath it are torn, allowing blood to leak out.

A small cut tears just the small vessels near the skin, and only a tiny amount of blood drips out. A deep cut might tear larger vessels and cause more bleeding. When we bang an arm or a leg, tearing the smaller vessels without damaging our skin, blood collects under the unbroken skin to form a bruise.

Because the heart is still pumping blood throughout the body, more blood will continue to leak out until the damage is patched up. To stop the leaking, a torn blood vessel releases chemicals that activate proteins that clump together and form a plug to fill the hole. This seals up the blood vessel and prevents more blood from getting out. You've seen the results of this on your skin before: the scab that forms on top of a scrape or cut.

Applying pressure to a wound helps stop bleeding because it pushes the walls of the vessel together to slow the flow of blood. This helps form a clot to plug the tear, starting the healing process.

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LAUGHTER
is the best medicine

Inheritance

The madam opened the brothel door in Glasgow and saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties.

"May I help you sir?" she asked.

"I want to see Valerie," the man replied.

"Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else," said the madam.

"No, I must see Valerie," he replied.

Just then, Valerie appeared and announced to the man she charged £5000 a visit. Without hesitation, the man pulled out five thousand pounds and gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs.

After an hour, the man calmly left.

The next night, the man appeared again, once more demanding to see Valerie.

Valerie explained that no one had ever come back two nights in a row, as she was so expensive. There were no discounts. The price was still £5000.

Again, the man pulled out the money, gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.

The following night the man was there yet again.

Everyone was astounded that he had come for a third consecutive night, but he paid Valerie and they went upstairs.

After their session, Valerie said to the man, "No one has ever been with me three nights in a row. Where are you from?"

The man replied, "Edinburgh."

"Really," she said. "I have family in Edinburgh."

"I know," the man said. "Your sister died, and I'm her solicitor. I was instructed to deliver your £15,000 inheritance in person."

Moral of the story: Three things in life are certain - 1. Death; 2. Taxes; 3. Being screwed by a legal man.



At the end of Sunday service, the priest asked the congregation: 'How many of you have forgiven your enemies?'

80% held up their hands.

The minister then repeated his question, all except one little old lady held up their hands.

'Miss Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?'

'I don't have any,' she replied smiling sweetly.

'Miss Jones, this unusual, how old are you?' said the priest

'Ninety,' she replied.

'Wonderful, Miss Jones, would you be so kind enough as to come down out front and tell us how a person of your age has not known any enemies in this world?' gushed the priest.

The sweet old lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation and said: 'I have outlived the bitches!'

A priest was celebrating the silver jubilee anniversary of his arrival in the parish. To mark the occasion the church had staged a special event at the town hall, to be attended by various local dignitaries.

Invited to make a speech, the priest went on: 'When I first came here, all those years back, my immediate thoughts were what a terrible town this was. For example, although obviously I cannot reveal his identity, the very person who entered my confessional told me how he had stolen money from the school charity box, thrown a brick through an old lady's window while drunk, and had been having an affair with the wife of the chief of police, but thankfully I soon discovered that this town had many warm-hearted souls.'

As others then paid tribute to the priest's service to the community, the mayor, who was the main speaker, apologized for arriving late, taking the stage, the mayor then began his speech, 'I well remember Father Richardson's arrival in this town twenty five years back, as a matter of fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him to confess...'

A school teacher was talking to her class of kindergarten boys about heaven. She said: 'If I sell my house and my car and give all the proceeds to poor people, will

I go to heaven?'

'No,' chorused the children.

'What if I quit my job and spend all my time helping orphans, then do I get to go to heaven?'

'No,' answered the children in unison.

'Okay, so just how do I get to go to heaven?'

One little boy shouted out: 'You gotta be dead first.'

"Un matin, un mari rentre au chalet après plusieurs heures de pêche et décide de faire une sieste.

Bien que ne connaissant pas bien le lac, la femme décide de sortir le bateau, car il fait si beau. Elle s'éloigne un peu, jette l'ancre et lit son livre.

Un garde-chasse arrive dans son bateau. Il s'arrête à côté de la femme et lui dit : "Bonjour, Madame, que faites-vous ?

"Je lis un livre," répond-elle (en se disant : "N'est-ce pas évident ?").

"Vous êtes dans une zone de pêche restreinte," l'informe-t-il.

"Je suis désolée, monsieur l'agent, mais je ne pêche pas, je lis."

"Oui, mais vous avez tout l'équipement nécessaire. Je vais devoir vous dresser une contravention."

"Pour avoir lu un livre?" répond-elle.

"Vous êtes dans une zone de pêche restreinte," l'informe-t-il à nouveau.



"Mais monsieur l'agent, je ne pêche pas, je lis."

"Oui, mais vous avez tout l'équipement nécessaire. Pour ce que j'en sais, vous pourriez commencer à tout moment. Je vais devoir vous dresser un procès-verbal et vous devrez payer une amende."

"Si vous faites ça, je vais devoir vous accuser d'agression sexuelle," dit la femme.

"Mais je ne vous ai même pas touchée," dit le garde-chasse.

"C'est vrai, mais vous avez tout l'équipement nécessaire. Pour ce que j'en sais, vous pourriez commencer à tout moment."

"Passez une bonne journée madame," et il est immédiatement parti.



The Truth about Men

Just because you get thousands of likes on your profile picture will not keep a man.

Being honest about things in your past will not keep a man.

Being faithful and loyal since day one doesn't keep a man.

Treating a man better than he's ever been treated before doesn't keep a man.

Making an effort every single day to make sure he knows you truly care will not keep a man.

Giving him all of your time that you can spare, doesn't keep a man.

You could have the best intentions in the world and could have the most sincere feelings, and you could be the most perfect woman in existence and you still wouldn't be able to keep a man.

The only way to keep a man is if that man wants to be kept by you.

With a man, you can tell he wants to be kept when the relationship gets very hard and he does everything to fight for you.

A man only fights for a woman he wants to belong to, so if he isn't fighting for you when things get hard, then that means he doesn't want to be kept by you anymore.

The truth I'm trying to make is, don't hold on to a man who doesn't want to be kept by you.

You're not giving up on him. It's quite the opposite.

It's him who gave up on you, and it's you who shouldn't waste any more of your time than you already have.

Know when it's time to let go, know when it's time to walk away, and know when it's time for him to be unkept.

Cody Bret

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

'Because someone bumped into me!!!'

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... 'What's in my cup?'

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace, and humility?

Anger, bitterness, harsh words, and reactions?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

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Mothering never stops

A mom will text her twenty-year-old child, letting him know it's going to rain and not to forget an umbrella.

She calls to see how the first day of school separation went for her grandkids and if her daughter made it to the car before tears streamed down her face.

She watches her daughter's baby, so she can shower and take care of her postpartum body.

She texts her forty-year-old son, making sure he's home safe from a wedding because knowing that is still the only way she can sleep well.

She buys her thirty-four-year-old daughter Wetzel's Pretzels when she goes to the mall because she knows how much her daughter loves them.

And no, she no longer needs to do these things, but she does them anyway.

Because a mother always wants to make life easier for her kids when she can

even when they're capable, responsible humans and can do all the things for themselves.

And she always wants to know they're safe.

Because mothering doesn't stop when her kids turn eighteen, move far away, or have their own kids.

It just changes.

Worthywords

Life's Lesson

'The Psychology of Money'

-- Morgan Housel

1. Building wealth takes time. More time than we may be willing to acknowledge. Think about Warren Buffet, who only became incredibly rich in his later years.

2. Sometimes it's not your talent, your skills, your qualifications, your connections, or even how wealthy you are, sometimes it's just luck. You gotta respect that. Think of Tony Elumelu. Be humble.

3. Some book chapters should be really short. Short chapters are easy to read. Not everything should be said in plenty of words. A word is enough for the wise, a short chapter is enough for the wise.

4. It is not so much about physical money, it is so much about what you think about money itself. The mindset is more powerful than the cash itself. Your mindset determines how much you can make, how much you can save, how much you can multiply, and ultimately, how happy you will be.

5. Stop buying things to please people who don't care. And in many cases, people really don't care. Society is always looking for the next gist, and you don't want to always be the gist, except if you are contesting for a political position. Make your decisions based on inner convictions, not because you want to impress a neighbour who probably doesn't care.

6. Be very careful about your attitudes towards money. It will determine how much of it you will make, control or use.

7. Always be optimistic. Pessimism never achieves anything. In the long run, only an optimist will still be around when the game is over. In spite of your present circumstances, whatever that may be, you need to believe that the future will be better. That's what can keep you going.

8. Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear. But that's not relevant for you, except you are the one driving the car. Be careful with the information you consume, not all of it is applicable to you.

9. Good things take time. Your investments in knowledge, in skills, in money, and in relationships will take time before they bear fruit. Be patient. There is a time to plant and a time to harvest. Be patient.

10. Everything has a price. Financial wealth has a price. Saving. Good investment. Knowledge. Skills. If you want financial wealth, be willing to pay the price. Pay the price for a financially secured life.

Tips from Grandma

Don't go where you're not invited.

Don't talk about what you don't know.

Don't open the fridge in other people's house.

Don't call someone after nine o'clock at night.

Don't visit someone at lunch.

Don't enter other people's bedroom without permission.

Always flush the toilet when you use it.

Always, always speak the truth.

Please & Thank You are good words; use them often.

Love the soul of people, not their physical; it is what is inside that matters.

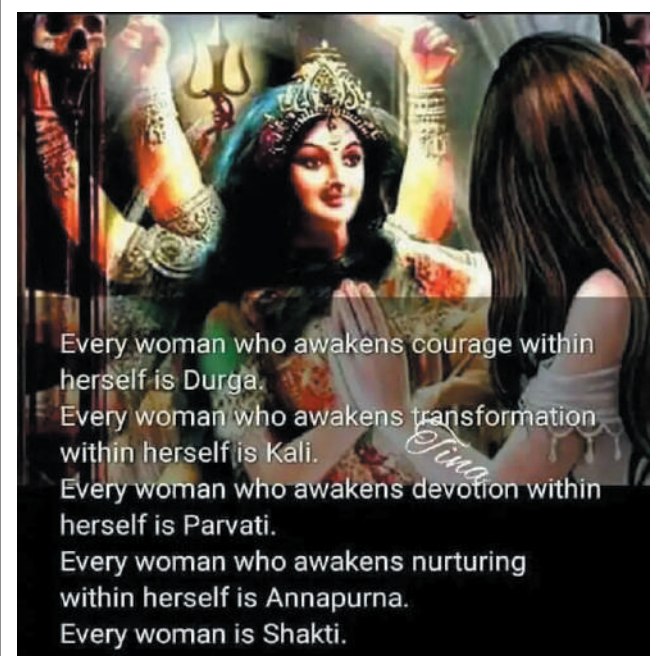
Be kind to your fellow humans & all living things.

Give from the little you have, expect nothing in return.

Be conscious of your words; they matter!

Wake up & be grateful.

Pray daily, because prayer brings peace to our heart & soul.



Every woman who awakens courage within herself is Durga.

Every woman who awakens transformation within herself is Kali.

Every woman who awakens devotion within herself is Parvati.

Every woman who awakens nurturing within herself is Annapurna.

Every woman is Shakti.

Health Tips

First Aid: What NOT to Do

Knowing the right thing to do when you get injured -- or when you're helping someone else -- can make a difference in the healing process.

Don't: lean back for nosebleeds

Tilting your head back sends the blood down your throat, which could irritate your stomach or even choke you. Better to sit down and lean forward just slightly. Don't lie down, and keep your head above your heart to slow the bleeding. Pinch the front of your nose with your thumb and forefinger for 5 minutes. Check if the flow has stopped. Repeat if needed. If your nose is still bleeding after 20 minutes, call your doctor or get medical help.

Don't: butter your burns

Greasy ointments can seal in the heat. Plus, butter or petroleum jelly might help trap bacteria that cause infection. Instead, run cool, not icy, water over your burn for 5-10 minutes and wash gently with soap. Go to your doctor or an urgent care clinic if your burn is bigger than your hand, or if it's on your hands, face, or private parts.

Do: push down on serious bleeding

Stanch the flow with gauze or sterile cloth over the wound. Use a clean T-shirt or sock if that's all you have. Raise the injured part to let gravity help slow the bleeding. You can bandage the wound to keep constant pressure on it. See a doctor for care afterward. Get medical care right away if the blood is spurting or if it won't stop.

Do: use the heimlich for choking

This manoeuvre can dislodge food or objects from choking a person's airway when they can't talk, cough, or breathe. To do the Heimlich, stand behind the person,

put your arms around their waist, and bend them forward. Put your fist just above the belly button, below the rib cage, and close your other hand over it. Give several sharp thrusts in and up until the item pops out.

Do: back slap for choking

The Red Cross suggests doing this only if you bend the person forward at the waist and support their chest with your other hand. Strike them between the shoulder blades several times. Then switch to the Heimlich manoeuvre and alternate until the food pops out. Never strike a choking person on the back if they're standing upright. That could actually send the food farther down their windpipe.

Do: keep a severed finger

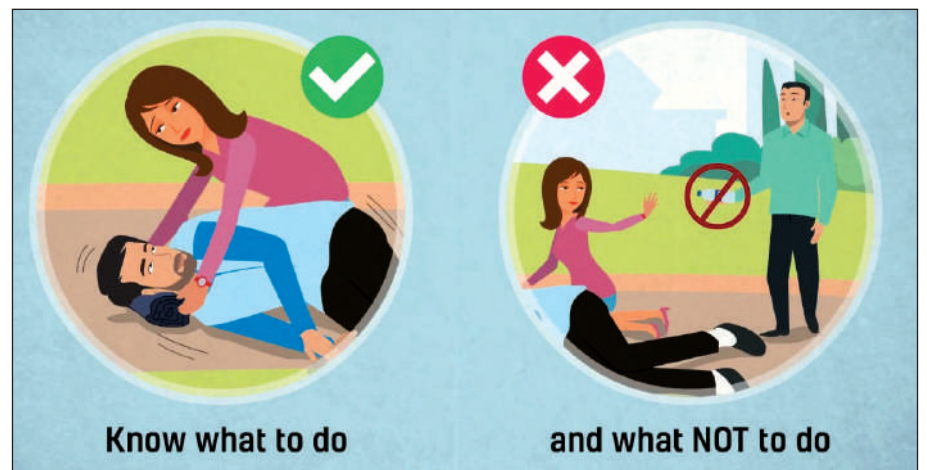
Clean the fingertip with water or, better yet, sterile saline solution or even contact lens solution. Then cover the digit in damp gauze and put it in a watertight bag on ice. Take care that the fingertip doesn't touch the ice directly, which could further damage it.

Don't: remove deeply stuck objects

You can probably take out a splinter on your own. But if a needle, fishhook, pencil, or something else is stuck deep in your skin, it's best to let your doctor remove it. If the site is sore, red, or if you suspect it's infected, get medical help. In the meantime, stop any serious bleeding by pressing on the wound and carefully bandage it. Take care not to push down the embedded object even deeper.

Don't: remove gauze on deep wounds

Even if the cloth is blood soaked, it's better to leave it and to add more gauze on top and keep up direct pressure on the wound. Taking off the dressing could disturb the blood clots that help seal the bleeding. This



Know what to do

and what NOT to do

is especially important if you're trying to stop the blood flow on a new wound.

Don't: rub an injured eye

If something feels stuck in your eye, blink to try to flush it out. You can also rinse with saline or contact solution or tap water. But if you think your eye is cut or punctured, or if something is clearly sticking out of it, get to a doctor right away. Don't attempt to pull out an object or use any medication. If necessary, tape the bottom of a paper cup around the eye to protect it.

Do: roll an unconscious person on their side

Then gently tilt their head back. This helps keep the tongue out of the way of the airway so they can breathe. This "recovery position" lets blood and vomit drain out of the mouth. Don't try this if the person may have injured their spine or neck, such as after a car crash. With infants, put them face down over your arm and support their neck and head with your hand. Just be sure to keep clear of the nose and mouth. Call 911.

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Relationships

6 ways to effectively defuse conflict in your relationship

Our attachment style is one of the most important aspects that affect how we understand the world, particularly in terms of our relationships, love, and intimacy. Even the most healthy and securely attached people have conflict. Conflict doesn't only have to be bad, it can improve communication or even your relationship.

The next time you have a conflict with a partner, friend or family member use these 6 ways to defuse conflict suggested by Therapist and Wellness Educator, Divya Robin, in her recent Instagram post.

1. Keep the argument centred on the present issue and not the past

When emotionally heated in a conflict, it can be tempting to bring up past situations and frustrations. Be mindful to focus on the present issue at hand so you and the other person are on the same page on what is being discussed. Remember that the present is in your control not the past.

2. Be open about your thoughts and feelings

You can't assume that the other person will know how something impacted you. How situations impact you is a



personal experience. Because of this breaking down what you are thinking and feeling is important, as it can give the other person clarity on how or why a situation is hurtful to you.

3. Be genuine and curious about the other person's feelings

You don't have to agree or fully understand someone's feelings to validate them. Being genuine about wanting to understand the person you are in conflict with

can go a long way, as it can show that it's important to you to form a healthy solution for the relationship.

4. Stay engaged in the discussion and resist the urge to avoid or withdraw

Many people withdraw (physically or emotionally) during the conflict because they feel overwhelmed. Take steps to stay engaged during conflict and even if that means taking breaks or space to think before approaching the other person. More productive communication happens when everyone is engaged in finding a solution.

5. Ask questions and avoid making assumptions

Ask clarifying questions to understand what the other person is talking about, and avoid making assumptions. Assumptions only lead people deeper into conflict as they form more disconnection. You can't read your partner's mind so be curious during conflict rather than thinking you know all the answers. Ways to do this is by asking questions like "could you clarify that?" or "I interpreted what you said? and Can you let me know if that's what you meant?"

6. Keep the focus on satisfying both yours and your partner's needs

Shift the focus from who is "wrong" to how you can meet both your and your partner's needs. When people feel that their needs are met, they feel more satisfied and connected.

From Parineeta to Kahaani: 5 Bollywood films that embrace the Spirit of Durga Puja



Making Indians, especially Bengalis, proud - Durga Puja has made it to the UNESCO World Heritage list. The festival is the first Asian festival to make its place on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

With Durga Puja right around the corner, beginning on September 25 and

ending on October 4, here is a list of Hindi films that embrace the essence of Durga Puja, as reported by Namrata Ganguly of HerZindagi..

Parineeta (2005)

Another film adapted from Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay's novel of the

same name, is the 2005 Hindi film *Parineeta* starring Saif Ali Khan, Vidya Balan, and Sanjay Dutt. Set in Kolkata, this Pradeep Sarkar directorial delves deep into Bengali culture with a whole sequence of Dutt doing the famous *dhunuchi* dance and Balan features in an iconic red border white saree.

Vicky Donor (2012)

Though the 2012 Hindi film *Vicky Donor* features Ayushmann Khurana as a Delhi-based boy, the Soojit Sircar directorial had glimpses of Durga Puja in Delhi. In the film, Khurana along with his love interest played by Yami Gautam go pandal hopping and clicking selfies in pandals all over Delhi.

Devdas (2002)

In the 2002 Sanjay Leela Bhansali film *Devdas* starring Shah Rukh Khan, Madhuri Dixit, and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, the famous dance sequence *Dola Re Dola* takes place at a Durga Puja mandap. Though Paro (Rai) and Chandramukhi (Dixit) never meet in the original novel by Sarat Chandra

Chattopadhyay, Bhansali put a twist on things and made one of the most memorable dance numbers Bollywood has ever given us. The actors feature in Bengali style red border white sarees as they sway together.

Kahaani (2012)

Durga Puja plays an important role in the 2012 Hindi thriller film *Kahaani*'s climax. The film stars Vidya Balan in the lead. The festival not only acts as a backdrop for a pivotal sequence but is also a metaphor. Throughout the film we see Kolkata preparing for Durga Puja through Sujoy Ghosh's lens and the film's climax is set on Vijaya Dashami (last day of Durga Puja).

Lootera (2013)

Based on O. Henry's short story *The Last Leaf*, the 2013 Hindi film *Lootera* directed by Vikramaditya Motwane begins with Durga Puja in the backdrop. The scene features the famous folk theatre of Bengal, Jatra, and captures its theatrical beauty.

Bollywood's hottest male stars, 2022

Here are the top 5 as reported by Jasmime Kaur of MSN:



Hrithik Roshan

Popular not just for his acting skills but also for his dance abilities, Roshan has won many awards in the past and is also one of the most highly paid actors in the film industry. Some of the honours include six Filmfare Awards, four for Best Actor, and one each for Best Debut and Best Actor. Roshan is 48 years old.

Tiger Shroff

Jai Hemant or more popularly known as Tiger Shroff is the son of veteran actor Jackie Shroff. He first appeared on the scene in 2014 with *Heropanti*, and later built a strong fan following with commercial films like *Baaghi*, *Baaghi 2* and *War*. He was in the Forbes top 100 among India's celebrities in 2018 and 2019. Shroff is 32 years old.

Sidharth Malhotra

Perhaps one of the most handsome faces on screen in India today, Malhotra first appeared in *Student of the Year* in 2012 as an actor, though he was already modelling at 18. He received a Filmfare Award for his very first movie. He also

fared well in the comedy *Hasee Toh Phasee* and in the action thriller *Ek Villain* in the same year.

Ranbir Kapoor

The son of veteran actor Rishi Kapoor and actress Neetu Singh Kapoor. He made his first movie with Sanjay Leela Bhansali titled *Sawaariya* in 2007 which unfortunately bombed big time at the box office, however, he went on to do a number of great movies that became super hits. These include *Wake Up Sid*, *Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani*, *Raajneeti* and *Jawaani Hai Deewani*. In 2018 his biopic of Sanjay Dutt in Sanjay won him the Best Actor award. He has in fact won six Filmfare Awards to date.

Shahid Kapoor

At one time, Shahid Kapoor was known as the rom-com king of Indian cinema, however, all that changed with his breakthrough role in *Kabir Singh* in 2019. He first shot to fame in *Ishq Vishk* and later in *Jab We Met* mainly for his good looks and candy-floss smile.

Kiara Advani proves she's the new golden girl of Bollywood

And once again, Kiara Advani has brought the web world to a standstill with her new look. The actress turned showstopper at an event in New Delhi recently and Kiara looked wow! With a sequin golden gown and an organza train, Kiara looked stunning, reports Times Now!

Over time, Kiara Advani has proven to be a very bankable fashionista. She moved from safe choices to experimental choices to trendy choices that everyone around her wants to replicate and recreate. From her glamorous lime coloured sequin gown to her airport looks that can leave anyone in awe.

With poker straight tresses, Kiara opted for gold eye-shadow and her staple white kokl rimmed eyes, glossy lips and perfectly contoured cheeks. With oodles of highlighter and mascara, Kiara rounded off her look with tinted lip gloss.

Kiara Advani's staple makeup look:

We've often seen Kiara rock the same makeup look and here's how you can replicate it.

- You need to begin with a shimmer primer to plump your face
- Add on your concealer and dab it gently (ensure to wet your sponge)
- Either use very little foundation or skip



the step for a light-weight look

- Use a dewy shimmer serum and dab it on
- Then comes in the contour and bold brow game
- Add on the mascara and use a white kohl pencil to add definition to your eyes
- Add highlighter to all the key points and opt for a slightly tinted lip gloss

Jennifer Winget married Karan Singh Grover because she was 'in love'

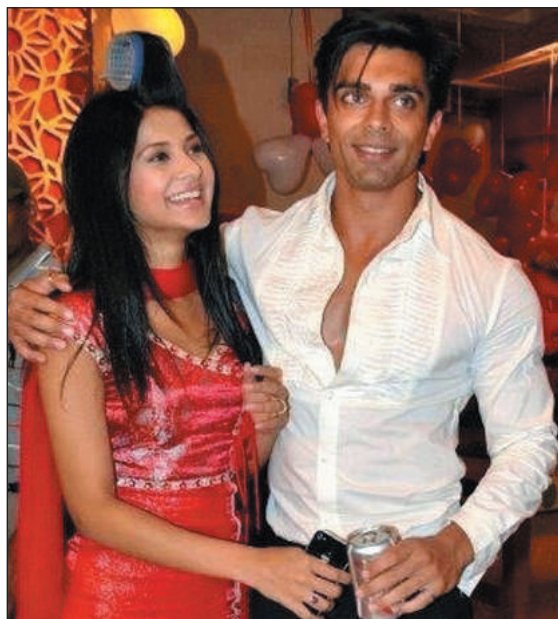
Jennifer Winget recalled that she was in love when she took the decision to get married to Karan Singh Grover but she feels that the timing was unfortunate.

Jennifer Winget, who was recently seen in *Code M Season 2*, made it big in the television industry after appearing in popular serials like *Kasautii Zindagii Kay* and *Dill Mill Gayye*. In *Dill Mill Gayye*, Winget shared screen space with Karan Singh Grover and with the audience shipping the reel-life couple, the two also got involved in real life and tied the knot. However, the marriage fell apart. In a recent chat, Winget spoke about how she chooses to remember only the "lovely memories".

Talking to Bollywood Bubble, the actor said that the decision to get married at a fairly young age came because "she was in love". "At that point, even if God would have told me that don't do it, I would have said, 'No, I want to,'" she said.

Jennifer Winget also said that it felt right at that time, but in hindsight, she feels that she and Karan Singh Grover were not ready for it. "It felt right then and I have some lovely memories of it. That's what I choose to remember. Unfortunately, I think both of us were not ready. It's not just him or it's not just me. I think both of us were not ready to take that step," she said.

Winget recalled that they had been friends for quite a while but the relationship falling apart was just "unfortunate". She said, "We had been friends for so long and we were like a house on fire every time we met. I don't know, it was unfortunate timing I guess."



In a previous chat with YouTuber Siddharth Kanan, Jennifer Winget had spoken about how the period of her separation was very "stressful" for her. "My separation was out in the public, and I wasn't even on social media. People were writing a lot of sh*t about him and me. And it was an invasion of privacy for both of us. That period was very stressful. I was lost and didn't know what was happening. I went back into my shell and work helped me to come back with this energy," she had said.

Jennifer Winget and Karan Singh Grover got married in 2012 and announced their separation in 2014.

Vibha Bhagat: 'There was a time when I could only afford one meal a day'

Vibha Bhagat who is currently being seen in the show *'Sasural Simar Ka'* opens up about her last two years which were full of struggles even though she had done enough in the television industry.

"I started my career in the entertainment industry with comedy, stand-ups, and theatre. Then when I got a chance in regional television, I grabbed it because I was too greedy to be able to showcase my talent. Then when I got offers from national channels and I had to fight a lot of to carve my own niche," shares Vibha.

She further adds, "The last two years have been the toughest for me, both professionally and personally. I lost my father and I wasn't getting work too. Due to which not only I was financially broke but emotionally too was shattered. A time came when I could only afford one meal a day maybe a fruit or a packet of biscuits. But we actors never talk about things like these because we chose a life like this. But finally, after two years, *Sasural Simar Ka* happened."

But Vibha didn't let those two years go in vain she focused completely on her.

"Those two years taught me what exactly I want from my life. I focused on myself by doing self-grooming and gave time to myself. I have PCOS and thyroid so I ensured that the levels stay normal for that I did three hours of workout every day at home and that kind of helped me get my



spark back too! I painted, meditated, and cooked, did everything which will make me feel good about myself and my existence. I cannot ignore the fact that I used to get anxiety attacks but somehow I rose through all that. My friends play a very big role in motivating me because it is a long time period and anyone can break down in a tough time like this," she signs off.

YOUR STARS

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Those who are in business can face unproductive expenditure. Timely action to discard outdated and financially loss incurring projects will save your money from going down the drain. Be mindful of a dispute with family members. Sagittarius natives might also plan to tie a knot with your long-loving partner soon.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 33

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

Financial liabilities are likely to be eased on recovering pending dues. You may get a chance to meet an old acquaintance at a social gathering. Some of you can take the chance of investing in a small property for a quick profit. Avoid all other distractions on the romantic front, no matter how alluring they may be.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 15, 21, 23, 26

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Faith in purpose and one's capabilities are likely to continue to drive Aquarians towards success and ultimately their goals. You are likely to succeed in building goodwill in your respective industry with your impeccable dealing and fair approach. If you are eligible, there is a good chance you are likely to discover a match.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 21, 26, 28, 39, 40

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Those in business should pay attention to minor details before taking any decision. If possible, take the opinion of an expert. Be wary of the choice of property and related documents before moving forward. Pisces natives in a romantic relationship will share a strong bond with their partner.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 9, 15, 20, 23, 27

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

You may crack a profitable deal in business, which in turn may bring a huge change in your financial status. It may not be possible for you to spend much time with your loved one. You may need to keep patience in your relationship. Things may improve soon.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 4, 6, 20, 28, 29

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Your past investments may fetch you good profits. Your financial status will improve as you may have new sources of income. Handle your relation with your partner with care. You should work towards bringing new energy in your relationship.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 9, 11, 18, 19, 21

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

Follow your intuition before making any new investments in fixed assets. You may spend on worthless stuff and this may affect your savings. Any past disputes may get resolved amicably. You may also enjoy a special dinner with your partner.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Analyze deeply before you decide to seize any opportunity. Your parents may feel awesome after a short pilgrimage organized by you. You will insist on privacy in your relationship and this will bring happiness between you and your partner.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 8, 19, 21, 27, 33

Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

There may be an increased flow of regular income and this will keep you satisfied. Children at home will focus on their studies. It may be an unfavourable time as regards your relationship with your partner. Take care of your verbal expressions; anything absurd may lead to a serious problem.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 24, 26, 31, 34, 39

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

You may be excited by the results you receive in financial transactions. People at senior level may be helpful to you. You may get a good increment at work. There may be an opportunity to meet a person you secretly love. Your beloved may be happy with your attitude.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

Those awaiting approval of their loan application are likely to receive positive news. The time may be right to buy and sell one property as the deal may bring handsome profits. Pay attention to your health, and avoid ignoring even minor issues as they can worsen in the long run.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 4, 9, 25, 30, 35

Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

Lots of improvements are likely to take place both in the private as well as the professional life of Scorpio natives. Those searching for a new job may get good opportunities while others may get a chance to lead new projects. Your romantic relationship is likely to be completely harmonious.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 15, 23, 26, 36, 37



Vendredi 9 septembre - 21.15



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mercredi 14 septembre	07.00 Local Prod: Profil 07.40 Local: Priorite Sante 08.09 Local: Rodrig 09.35 Local: Tous Egaux 10.00 Local: La Societe 11.10 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana 12.00 Le Journal 12.30 Tele: Muneca Brava 13.55 Local Production: Les Klips 15.21 D.Anime: Garfield Originals 15.24 D.Anime: Oum Le Dauphin... 15.36 D.Anime: Panda And Little... 15.59 D.Anime: Akili And Me 16.26 D.Anime: Paf, Le Chien 17.10 Serial: Superstore 17.40 Mag: Sand Tales 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Magazine 19.00 Local: Planet Bollywood 19.30 Journal & La Meteo 20.30 MBC Production 22.20 Film: Sniper Special OPS	07.00 DDI Live 10.00 Suhani Si Ek Ladki 12.00 Film: Akeli Mat Jaiyo Starring: Rajendra Kumar, Meena Kumari, Agha 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.23 Saare Tujhyachsathi 15.49 Bommarillu 16.07 Sondha Bandham 16.29 Serial: Meer Abru 16.53 Bhaag Na Bachhe Koi 17.10 Bhakharwadi 17.31 Serial: Kulvadh 18.00 Meteor Butterfly Sword 18.30 Local: DDI Magazine 19.00 Zournal Kreol 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna 20.06 Programme In Marathi 20.30 Film: Duniya Geli Tel Lavat 22.35 DDI Live	06.00 Mag: Rev: Global Auto... 06.56 Mag: Check In 07.25 Mag: Jade In Germany 08.45 Doc: Origami Code 09.50 Mag: Euromaxx 14.56 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures 17.49 Mag: Japan Video 18.07 Mag: Motorweek 18.30 Mag: Vous Et Nous 19.00 Student Support Prog... 19.35 Mag: The Inside Story 20.30 Local: News (English) 20.45 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures 20.50 Doc: Secret Des Plantes 21.41 Doc: Tresors Oublies De... 22.07 Mag: Initiative Africa 22.33 Mag: Focus On Europe 23.42 Mag: Motorweek 00.08 Mag: Vous Et Nous 00.36 Doc: Person 00.39 Mag: Arts.21 01.05 Mag: The Inside Story	01.28 Film: Crypto 03.57 Film: Le Souffle De La Viol... 05.18 Serial: Rubi 06.45 Film: Crypto 09.00 Serial: Galactica 09.45 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable 10.40 Tele: Fierce Angel 11.10 Serial: Elementary 12.05 Film: Le Souffle De La Viol... 13.30 Tele: Rubi 14.45 Film: Crypto 16.36 Serial: Galactica 17.22 Serial: The Baker And The... 18.09 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable 18.31 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas 19.00 Tele: Fierce Angel 19.37 Serial: Backstage 20.05 Tele: Missing Bride 20.30 Serial: Burden Of Truth 21.15 Film: Wolf 23.15 Tele: Rubi	07.08 Film: Pyaar Diwana Hota... 11.48 / 20.06 - Radha Krishna 12.17 / 20.26 - Anupamaa 12.49 / 20.02 - Mere Sai 13.19 / 20.46 - Agniphera 13.55 / 21.09 - Yeh Teri Galiyan 14.25 / 21.50 - Patiala Babes 14.35 / 22.15 - Main Maikhe Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo 15.00 / 21.46 - Yeh Hai Mohabbatein 15.22 Film: Love Ke Liye Kuch Bhi Karega Starring: Saif Ali Khan, Fardeen Khan, A. Shrivdasani 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Kundali Bhagya 19.00 Udaariyaan 19.30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise... 20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2 20.30 Radha Krishna 20.59 Anupamaa
jeudi 15 septembre	06.00 Local: Klip Seleksion 06.45 Local: Rodrig Prog- Zenn 07.40 Local: Ero Deryer Rido 08.10 Local: Elle 09.09 The Language Of Whales 12.00 Le Journal 12.30 Tele: Muneca Brava 13.45 Local: Music Tour 2022 15.21 D.Anime: Garfield Originals 15.25 D.Anime: Oum Le Dauphin... 15.40 D.Anime: Panda And Little... 16.42 D.Anime: The Treasure Island 17.10 Serial: Monster Hunt 17.28 Doc: World Capitals 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain 19.30 Le Journal 20.15 Local: Eclairage Economique 20.30 Film: Dabang 3 Starring Salman Khan, Sudeep, Sonakshi Sinha	07.00 DDI Live 10.02 Serial: Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gatha 11.06 Serial: Mann Mein Vishwas... 12.00 Film: Man Mandir 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.22 Serial: Saare Tujhyachsathi 15.45 Serial: Bommarillu 16.12 Serial: Sondha Bandham 16.32 Serial: Meer Abru 16.56 Bhaag Na Bachhe Koi 17.15 Bhakharwadi 17.47 Local: Bhajan Sandhya 18.00 Serial: Meteor Butterfly... 18.30 Mag: DDI Mag 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna 20.04 Local: Les Grandes Lignes 20.59 Local: Profil 21.14 Film: Band Aid With: Zoe Lister-Jones, Adam Pally	06.00 Mag: Motorweek 06.24 Mag: Vous Et Nous 06.52 Mag: Arts.21 08.17 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures 10.32 Doc: Solar Storms 11.42 Local: Vous Et Nous 12.43 Mag: The Inside Story 13.33 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures 15.00 Mag: Initiative Africa 16.35 Mag: Motorweek 18.00 Mag: Eco India 18.29 Mag: Shift 19.00 Student Support Prog... 19.34 Doc: Hotels 20.30 Local: News (English) 20.45 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures 21.48 Doc: Island Of White Antelopes 22.25 Doc: Concorde 23.12 Mag: Eco India 23.38 Mag: Shift	01.45 Film: Sniper Special OPS 03.07 Serial: Suits 03.48 Film: Wolf 05.48 Tele: Rubi 06.36 Serial: Burden Of Truth 07.18 Film: Sniper Special OPS 09.00 Serial: Dynasty 2 09.45 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable 10.37 Tele: Fierce Angel 11.00 Serial: Suits 11.41 Film: Wolf 13.41 Tele: Rubi 14.45 Film: Sniper Special OPS 16.40 Serial: Dynasty 2 17.21 Serial: Burden Of Truth 18.05 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable 19.00 Tele: Fierce Angel 19.34 Serial: Backstage 20.05 Tele: Missing Bride 20.30 Serial: Burden Of Truth 21.15 Serial: Knight Rider	07.00 Film: Love Ke Liye Kuch... 11.30 / 20.11 - Radha Krishna 12.00 / 20.28 - Anupamaa 12.31 / 20.32 - Mere Sai 13.02 / 21.09 - Agniphera 13.30 / 21.24 - Yeh Teri Galiyan 14.00 / 21.50 - Patiala Babes 14.30 / 22.15 - Main Maikhe Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo 15.00 / 21.46 - Yeh Hai Mohabbatein 15.23 Film: Dil Hain Betaab Starring Vivek Mushran, Ajay Devgn, Pratibha Sinha 18.00 Samachar 18.30 Kundali Bhagya 18.59 Udaariyaan 19.22 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise... 19.52 Sasural Simar Ka 2 20.16 Radha Krishna 20.59 Anupamaa



Jeudi 15 sept - 15.30

Stars: Vivek Mushran, Ajay Devgn, Pratibha Sinha



Jeudi 15 sept - 20.20

Star: Salman Khan, Sudeep, Sonakshi Sinha





Nita Chicooree-Mercier

La *boutik* du quartier a baissé le volume de la radio privée qui, d'habitude, harcèle les oreilles des premiers clients du matin par les *breaking news*. Cela participe davantage au maintien d'une culture du sensationnalisme médiatique visant à stimuler une remontée d'adrénaline chez les

auditeurs en leur rabattant les oreilles d'une série de méfaits des dirigeants, et ce, saupoudrée des faits divers d'agressions, de vols, d'accidents comme hors d'œuvre d'un menu du jour qui annonce la couleur et le profil des intervenants qui se relaient toute la journée à l'antenne pour animer la journée du bon peuple.

A ce rendez-vous matinal à la *boutik* se côtoie tout un éventail d'habitants du quartier : ouvriers, fonctionnaires, chauffeurs-livreurs, cadres, femmes au foyer, hommes et femmes d'affaires, étrangers résidents, collégiens et retraités de tous milieux. Les achats varient entre le journal du matin, un paquet de cigarettes, des légumes, des boîtes de conserve, des gâteaux-piments et, surtout, le pain chaud du matin en libre service dans une grande corbeille, faisant fi de toute hygiène. D'ailleurs, quelques doigts indélicats font des trous dans les *pains maisons* en appuyant trop fort sur la croûte croustillante.

- Alors, quelles sont les nouvelles ?

Les uns et les autres, parmi les habitués, échangent quelques mots tandis que d'autres, une fois passés à la caisse, filent d'un pas pressé vers leur voiture.

Manifestement, l'excitation de l'animateur de radio a peu d'effet sur eux. On se salue, on prend les nouvelles de la santé et on évoque les sujets comme la famille, ou on discute boulot et affaires. On dirait que le sensationnalisme extrait des malheurs du jour - vol, drogue, sexe, accident et agression aussi bien que l'acharnement médiatique sur les cibles préférés - a fini par devenir lassant.

Le défrichage du terrain près du marché à Triolet en vue de la construction du futur complexe sportif fait bien des heureux. Voilà enfin, dit-on, la concrétisation d'un projet qui dort dans le tiroir depuis 2010 pour un montant initial de Rs30 millions et qui, depuis, a atteint une somme effrayante. Il faut espérer que les concepteurs ont inclus une salle de yoga dans le futur complexe aussi bien qu'un espace alloué aux arts martiaux et qui pourrait être loué aux moniteurs de karaté et d'autres disciplines. Une salle de danse classique et moderne ne pourrait que combler les attentes des habitants. Jusqu'à présent, le nord de l'île manque cruellement d'infrastructures sportives et culturelles.

Sauf au tribunal des réseaux sociaux, on ne rencontre personne qui soit opposé au tram qui continue à creuser le sillon entre les villes. Les gens sont enclins à accueillir favorablement la modernité et le changement. Un brin de causette dans un garage porte justement sur les infrastructures, les routes

Au fil des news



Ile Maurice : un mélange de cultures. Pic - MeetYourJob

et les voitures. On est vite remis à sa place à la moindre remarque sur l'état des routes, les nids de poule qui abîment les pneus et entraînent les accidents.

- Non, non, les routes sont bonnes à Maurice, insiste ce propriétaire d'un 4x4.

- Taxes à l'importation et vignettes élevées ?

- Les Mauriciens ont de l'argent. Ce n'est plus comme avant.

Une dame, toute parée du pied à la tête de couleurs vives, acquiesce. Elle achète et loue des voitures. Ici, s'affiche l'optimisme de ceux qui sont déjà engagés dans un processus dynamique de réussite.

- Il faut bien trouver des recettes pour remplir les caisses de l'Etat. Transport gratuit pour jeunes et seniors, éducation gratuite et hôpitaux publics en progrès constants, etc.

Mécaniciens et clients concèdent toutefois que le service de santé publique a du chemin à faire pour être compétent et inspirer la confiance.

- Et la nouvelle route aérienne à la Réunion coûte des milliards ?

- Oui, c'est l'Europe qui paie. Un tunnel dans la montagne était envisageable.

Et chacun y va sur les clichés concernant les voisins de l'île d'à côté : assistanat, chômage, engouement pour les voitures, vacances payées par diverses aides sociales et aussi les bonnes prestations du service de santé français.

Les Mauriciens semblent bien renseignés et très ouverts sur la situation politique, économique et sociale de la région et du monde. Enfermés dans le confort de la bulle dom-tomienne, les voisins n'ont que récemment commencé à s'intéresser à ce qui se passe à Maurice et ailleurs.

C'est l'aveu du directeur de *Zinfo 974* sur la chaîne en ligne baptisée *ZinfoMoris 974*, drôle d'appellation qui englobe Maurice d'office dans la départementalisation 974, et ce, sans demander l'avis des Mauriciens. Sur cette radio de grande écoute à la Réunion et en France, et ailleurs par les Réunionnais, le directeur avoue que les gens vivant *là-bas* ne savent pas ce qui se passe à l'île Maurice et il déclare en même temps que ce pays est perçu comme un état mafieux et corrompu.

C'est à cœur joie et dans un français créolisé que se sont relayés la plupart des interviewés, ténors de la politique locale à l'ambition premier-ministérielle, à broser ce

tableau peu reluisant que le journaliste les avait invités à commenter. Tout le jargon des meetings et des radios privées défilait : mafia, la référence sexiste à la *cuisine*, institutions (prononcé *institsyon*) et démocratie en péril, prolifération de la drogue, barons proches du pouvoir, la situation à Agalega, etc.

Il est vrai que la loi française garde un œil vigilant sur les institutions du département 974, ce qui rend difficile la mise en pratique de toute tentation d'autoritarisme des petits chefs de la basse-cour politique locale. C'est donc une radio privée de l'île qui a enquêté sur la politique locale mauricienne.

On ne sait s'il existe encore cette entité amorphe qu'on appelle 'opinion publique' et si elle a voix au chapitre, étant donné les deux journaux - dont un est en mode de survie -, qui tiennent lieu de presse écrite.

Ici, en ce temps post-Covid, une floraison de journaux et de magazines garnit le stand des *boutiks* et des vendeurs sur les trottoirs de la capitale. La MBC radio anime des émissions d'intérêt public, tels que celles sur la santé, l'offre des conseils gratuits aux agriculteurs. Cela se fait rare dans d'autres contrées. Par ailleurs, la MBC Radio permet aussi à toute une gamme de langues de s'exprimer. On ne risque pas de s'ennuyer avec un monolinguisme contraignant.

Il y a un foisonnement de publications de tous genres et une créativité artistique en effervescence. Il y a un vaste chantier culturel à occuper, et qui ne demande qu'à être exploité. Du risque posé par le sucre artificiel aux conseils sans relâche sur la prévention des maladies, la télévision nationale veille à ce que le public soit bien informé sur tout ce qui peut préserver la santé de la population. Emissions et productions littéraires, artistiques et musicales, dans toute une gamme de langues locales, orientales et chinoise, un bouquet de chaînes internationales offert par l'opérateur national, allant du Japon aux Etats-Unis en passant par la Chine, l'Inde dans toute sa diversité linguistique, des perspectives différentes de la vision du monde politique vue de l'Angleterre, la France, la Turquie l'Allemagne, le Moyen Orient et l'Afrique font de Maurice une exception dans la région et dans le monde. Ne faudrait-il pas un déplacement des médias de la région sur place pour effectuer un reportage aussi sérieux ?



Tree of Knowledge

Madisyn Taylor

The Sun Is Always Shining

If darkness has fallen, know that the Sun is shining at this very moment, somewhere not too far away

There are times when gloom or darkness causes us to momentarily lose sight of the light. Although it is at these times when the thought of the sun can help us. Its warm, glowing rays brighten even our thoughts, and it's good to remember that despite appearances the sun is shining right now. We may not be able to see it at this very moment, but if clouds block our view, they are only filtering the sun's light temporarily. If darkness has fallen, we know that the sun is still shining at this very moment somewhere not too far away, and it's only a matter of time before it will shine on us again.

When we remember that the sun is still shining, we know that things are still in motion in the universe. Even if life feels like it is at a standstill, sometimes all we need to do is have faith and wait for the time when everything is in its perfect place. Or we can choose to follow the cues of the sun and continue doing our work and shining our light, even when we can't yet see results. In doing so we exercise our patience, making sure we are prepared when opportunity knocks and all other elements are in their right and perfect places.

The sun also reminds us that our own shining truth is never extinguished. Our light shines within us at all times, no matter what else occurs around us. Though the sun gives us daily proof of its existence, sometimes our belief in our own light requires more time. If we think back, however, we can find moments when it showed itself and trust that we will see it again. Like the sun, our light is the energy that connects us to the movements of the universe and the cycles of life and is present at all times, whether we feel its glow or not.