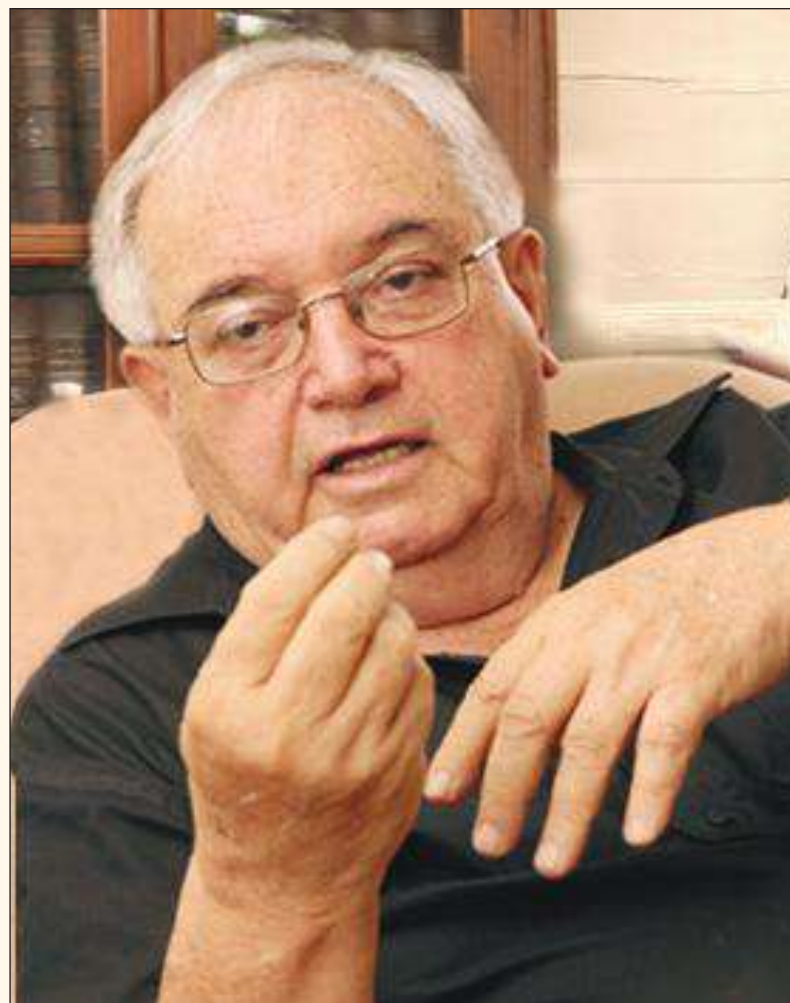


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Audit Report: Who really cares?

The report of the Director of the National Audit Office for the fiscal year 2021-2022 has been made public this week. If the report of the previous financial year had been of particular significance in light of the confirmation it brought to the veracity of the various allegations that had been levelled in relation to the 'Emergency Procurements' of drugs and equipment in the wake of the first lockdown in March 2020, the 2021-2022 report has again drawn attention to the considerable wastage of resources in diverse ministries. Systems have been bypassed, while loss has been occasioned in other places due to dereliction of duty and absence of adequate follow-up on projects.

No doubt more or other such cases will be uncovered next year. They will be picked up again by the Public Accounts Committee and commented upon adversely and the public will keep treating that as a routine occurrence. All this ritual, it seems, will not stop the wastage of public funds from continuing. In the meantime, the public will keep contributing by paying up all sorts of taxes to fill the coffers of the Treasury in support of this system of perpetuation of wasted expenditures.

The role of auditors in the private sector is to point out flaws in the system and not to implement remedial action; it is for the management of the concerned firm to recommend to the board actions to be taken for expeditious redress against the damage being done in the light of audit remarks. In the case of the public sector, it is the efficiency of the government's revenue collection and its spending that call the attention of the Audit Office. It is for the top civil servants to pick up the points raised by the Director of Audit, analyse the flaws that give rise to shortcomings (in the case of revenue collections) and abuses (in the case of expens-

es undertaken or not undertaken on time or undertaken in such a manner as to result in wasteful duplication of expenses). The initiative for proposing corrective actions should come from the top civil servants who should implement them unless not endorsed explicitly by the Ministers.

The procedure is more or less the same in the case of parastatal bodies, except that in these cases, the corrective action proposed by the public servants employed by those institutions has to be endorsed by the Boards of the parastatal bodies. In such cases, the Minister comes in but not as directly as it is the case in central government. The boards are of course accountable to their Ministries but less directly so than in the case of central government departments. Thus, the boards of parastatals are more prone to abusive decisions.

So, what does one do? Go on piling up annual audit reports, even if they drew attention to aggravating cases of abuses? Accept the reproaches of malpractices to which attention is being drawn as if they were matters of routine? Set up the resulting inaction against the lapses pointed out as a local trade mark for governance?

Action can only be taken effectively if the responsibility for seeing to it that what ought to be done correctly is laid down specifically on the shoulders of clearly identifiable individuals. It should be made clear right from the beginning as to who picks up the buck when things go wrong. Second, one cannot get away from punishment for under- or wrongful performance on public contracts and expenditures. It is when exemplary sanctions are actually made to apply that the tide of abuse will start being stemmed. Lawmakers have to explicitly set down sanctions to follow for deliberate slippage in the execution of public duties.

The Conversation

Presidents Are Not Kings

Manhattan grand jury votes to indict Donald Trump, showing he, like all other presidents, is not an imperial king

A Manhattan grand jury voted to indict former President Donald Trump on March 30, 2023, for his alleged role in paying porn star Stormy Daniels hush money. Trump lawyer Joe Tacopina confirmed the indictment.

American history is rife with presidents who have used their office to extend executive authority.

Presidents are not kings. George Washington once reflected on this distinction, saying, "I had rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."

But American politics and presidency scholars – including me – have long worried about the idea of an imperial presidency – meaning, a president who tries to exert a level of control beyond what the Constitution spells out.

Trump was just another example of a president acting as if he was king by just another name.

People stand behind a large banner that says 'indict Trump,' and hold up their own small signs in front of an official government building.

Expanding role of the presidency

While some early presidents, notably Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln, expanded the executive branch, most were constrained by the dominance of the legislative branch in their day.

The growth of the executive branch in terms of size and power began in earnest during the 20th century.

Franklin Roosevelt attempted to pack the Supreme Court to overcome opposition to his New Deal legislation, a series of public works and spending projects in the 1930s.

Roosevelt wanted to add a justice for every existing judge on the court who did not retire by age 70 – but it was a transparent attempt to alter the court's composition to favour his agenda, and the Senate shot it down.

Richard Nixon decided to impound money authorized for programs simply because he disagreed with them. Nixon had vetoed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 but was overridden by Congress. He still withheld money, which eventually culminated in a 1975 Supreme Court case, in which the



Former President Donald Trump speaks at an event in his Mar-a-Lago home in November 2022. Joe Raedle/Getty Images

court ruled against Nixon.

Trump's turn

Trump's actions and words throughout the presidency also suggest he believed that the office gave him overarching power.

For example, Trump reflected on his power over states to force them to reopen during the Covid-19 crisis, saying in April 2020, "When somebody's president of the United States, the authority is total." But governors actually maintained the control over what remained open or closed in their states during the pandemic.

Trump has also treated the independent judiciary as an inferior branch of government, subject to his control.

"If it's my judges, you know how they're gonna decide," Trump said of his potential judicial appointees in 2016.

Chief Justice John Roberts rejected Trump's view on this issue in 2018, saying, "We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges. ... What we have is an extraordinary group of dedicated judges doing their level best to do equal right to those appearing before them."

It's classified

There is a rigorous procedure if presidents decide to declassify information. This complex process involves all classified material being reviewed by appropriate government agencies and experts at the National Archives.

But Trump claimed at one point any documents he took home were already declassified.

He later asserted, "There doesn't have to be a process, as I understand it.

By Shannon Bow O'Brien, Associate Professor of Instruction, The University of Texas at Austin

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Free speech for the body politic?

Jan Arden

Rahul Gandhi's attacks in prepared speeches at Cambridge and London, of Indian democracy, reportedly broken or dead while Western powers are watching on, has come under intense fire as unbecoming criticisms on foreign soil of all Indian institutions from the Parliament, the Judiciary and investigating authorities in various financial fraud and corruption cases. A total absence of nuance and such wholesale statements considerably weakens the case being made by any politician. It would be akin and of the same stuff if a local big-wig were to say after nine years in power "LP did nothing while in office" to justify any of the government misfirings (water scarcity, lack of drains or social housing for instance).

While the new era of nationalism and pride ushered by the Modi-led BJP regime over 9 years is palpable, such a broad-brush foreign foray by Rahul Gandhi therefore could only forecast another disconnect between the Congress and the Indian electorate in 2024. While trying to backtrack, Mr Gandhi called his attacks in the UK an exercise in free political criticism, one that tries to tarnish Mr Modi personally either through the failed Rafale-Ambani narrative in 2019 and now the Adani-Modi narrative about which rumblings are raised.

The extent and scope of his free speech came under test in court when a Modi surnamed MLA complained about his 2019 campaign hustling question whether all Modis were thieves. Refusing to clarify, amend or apologise over four years, as is his right, despite the Surat court offering him the opportunity, Rahul Gandhi was condemned for criminal defamation to two years jail, a conviction which his lawyers have up till now failed to request a stay of execution pending appeal. His seat then became automatically vacant and the lodging provided to Mr Gandhi as MLA in Delhi will have to be vacated. He may yet file appeal against the Surat court judgment and a higher court will decide whether to reverse the shock of that decision.

Free and unfettered speech by politicians on soap boxes or convenience overseas schedules has its limits and most astute statesmen avoid being aggressive or have no qualms apologising when their drum-beat fails to elicit sympathy. The current furore Mr Gandhi has raised will roll itself out as the 2023 Karnataka polls, to be hotly disputed, gets under way, but his failure to make amends may remain a considerable sore in the Congress feet.

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A Surat court convicted Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in a criminal defamation case (Section 499 and 500 IPC) stemming from his alleged "Modi surname" remark. Pic - Law Trend

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Audit follow-up

Audit reports have systematically brought to light a variety of dysfunctionings in the government machinery, leading to losses and wastage that reach figures of Rs 10 billion or more these days. Matters and issues raised in such independent reports should serve as essential guidance for the authorities to amend and improve governance and such efforts over successive

NGC & Audit comments

Last week we commented about the effectiveness of the National Coast Guard (NGC), under Police command, as the only instrument, poorly equipped and structured for our maritime zone surveillance and the emergency actions that may be needed



to prevent ship beachings and wreckages near our shores. The plea was to consider how to operationalise and transform the agency from a coastal structure into an independent and autonomous maritime authority which, excluding the Port-specific area, would have the mandate, resources and professionalism we might expect from a naval security squadron guarding our national interests close to Mauritius, its outer islands and on the high seas.

The following quote from the Annual Report (2021-2022) of the Director of Audit, just out this Tuesday, is a pithy reminder of what we don't want as we move forward:

“...the number of ships available for the surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone was found to be inadequate. Out of a fleet of five ships, one was stranded for more than two years and was undergoing repairs, and another one was effecting limited operations due to defective rudder stock and issues of water ingress.

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years would have contributed to pacifying irate taxpayers who see part of their monies being diverted for corrupt purposes or being wasted. It was particularly galling to hear of corrupt emergency procurements in public health when the whole population was under pressure from the pandemic and the Ukraine war consequences. Neither the Pack & Blister saga nor the purchase of vaccines and drugs like Molnupiravir have as yet been fully thrashed out by ICAC.

This Audit has investigated and compiled for the benefit of lawmakers what proportion of those issues raised in two previous exercises have been addressed as a measure of how the findings of Audit Reports are treated in various Ministries/Departments. It makes terrible reading that 110 out of 158 and 120 out of 159 issues raised in years 2019-20 and 2020-2021 remain still unaddressed, which adds another 230 to those issues raised in this year's Report. Whether actions other than word salads are taken will unfortunately only be judged in the Audit Report of 2022-2023.

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Toutes les charges rayées contre Akil Bissessur

Par A. Bartleby



“The police have failed to enquire into the defence part of the accused...” — La magistrate Vidya Mungroo-Jugnath

C'est un sacré coup que vient de se prendre la police et plus particulièrement la Special Striking Team. En effet, la magistrate Vidya Mungroo-Jugnath a accédé à la motion d'Akil Bissessur pour la radiation de la charge provisoire de “possession of dangerous drugs for the purpose of distribution” qui pesait sur lui.

L'on se souvient tous de l'arrestation fracassante de l'avocat le 19 octobre 2022 puisque des vidéos de cette arrestation avaient amplement circulé sur les réseaux sociaux. L'on y voyait notamment Akil Bissessur refuser d'ouvrir la porte du domicile de sa compagne à la Special Striking Team, avant de s'emparer d'un sac et de quitter la pièce où il se trouvait.

Ce geste n'avait d'ailleurs pas manqué d'éveiller les soupçons sur le contenu du sac en question. Mais la magistrate - qui avait brillé de par son rôle dans l'affaire de l'enquête sur l'assassinat de Kaya Kistnen - a été parfaitement claire: “The police have failed to enquire into the defence part of the accused.”

Cette radiation renvoie la police, notamment la Special Striking Team, face à ses responsabilités. Le commissaire de police, embourbé dans les affidavits liés à la libération de Bruneau Laurette, devrait rapidement tirer les leçons de cette déculottée et mettre de l'ordre parmi ses troupes. Il est clair que l'image de la police est encore un peu plus écorchée et que la rumeur d'une police devenue un instrument de répression contre les opposants politiques prend de plus en plus d'ampleur. Elle pourrait même devenir un soupçon généralisé si pesant sur cette institution qu'elle aurait énormément de mal à s'en défaire si rien n'est fait rapidement.

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A défaut d'argumenter, on brandit désormais des photos à l'Assemblée nationale

C'est l'événement politique de la semaine. Avec la reprise des travaux de l'Assemblée nationale, les hostilités ont repris de plus belle entre le gouvernement et l'opposition.

La séance de mardi dernier s'annonçait explosive avec une PNQ axée sur l'affaire Franklin. Le PM s'est ainsi enfin exprimé sur cette affaire qui ne cesse de

décrédibiliser son gouvernement, apportant des précisions quant à la demande d'extradition du gouvernement français formulée en février de cette année.

La posture de Pravind Jugnauth semble claire. Il semble vouloir donner l'impression que l'ICAC, la police et la FIU font leur travail et qu'il doit juste les laisser faire sans intervenir. Cette posture tiendrait dans un pays où les institutions sont vraiment indépendants et dans une situation où le soupçon ne déborderait pas sur des membres du gouvernement.

Mais revenons à la séance de mardi... Les choses se sont envenimées lorsque deux députés de l'opposition ont brandi des photos de certains membres du gouvernement, dont le PM, en compagnie d'individus sur lesquels planent de sérieux soupçons de trafic de stupéfiants. Le PM a alors brandi, à son tour, une photo de Jasmine Toulouse, candidate malheureuse du MMM dans la circonscription no 14, que lui a passé Alan Gannoo.

Cette photo, qui a déjà fait le tour des réseaux sociaux, montre l'actuelle membre du comité central du MMM en compagnie de Franklin. Ce «post» a tout de suite provoqué des commentaires acerbes sur les réseaux sociaux, et l'on a vu le slogan “Je suis Jasmine” (emprunté du fameux “Je suis Charlie”) apparaître sur les différents groupes Facebook qui relayent les informations politiques.

Le Speaker de l'Assemblée nationale n'a pas réagi sur le coup, signifiant seulement qu'il viendra avec un “strong statement” concernant les photos brandies. Jasmine Toulouse s'est exprimée dans la soirée en affirmant qu'elle avait perdu un contrat de participation à un concert dans la foulée, accusant le PM de “ras bousé manzé dan labous mo zanfán”.

Cet épisode, navrant et honteux, confirme une tendance qui ne cesse de s'affirmer: celle de la dégradation du débat politique à Maurice. Certes, le PM a réagi à des provocations de deux députés de l'Assemblée nationale. Mais il se doit d'honorer son office et éviter de tomber dans des bassesses qui pourraient entacher cet office.

Le PM est le premier à être victime de photos compromettantes, et il sait fort bien que tout politicien est constamment abordé par des étrangers pour être pris en photo avec eux. Et il sait également que tout politicien rencontre des milliers de personnes, mais cela ne signifie nullement qu'il y a la moindre connivence avec ces personnes.

En brandissant la photo de Jasmine Toulouse, Pravind Jugnauth a lui-même utilisé un outil de communication dont sa famille et lui sont souvent victimes sur les réseaux sociaux. Il aurait dû s'élever au-dessus de ces provocations et se montrer pour ce qu'il se doit d'être: un



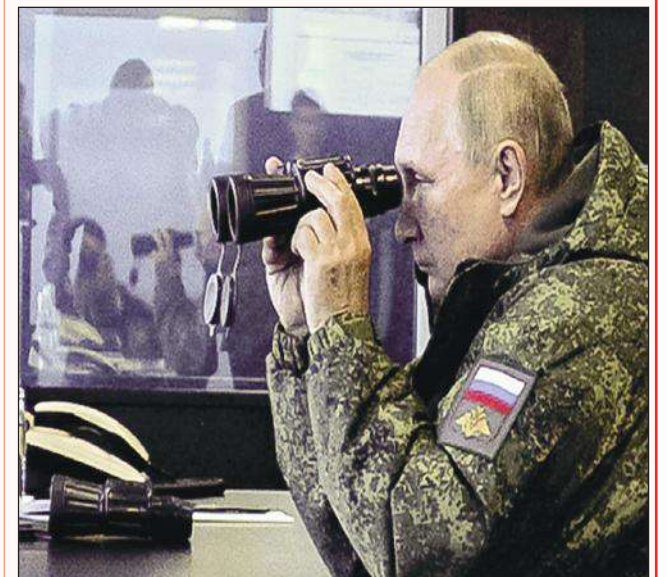
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homme d'Etat digne au tempérament calme. Il aurait aussi tout intérêt à démontrer aux Mauriciens qu'il est activement en train de *walk the talk* lorsqu'il affirme que son objectif est de casser les reins des mafieux.

On pourrait avancer que, dans les habitudes mauriciennes, cet épisode sera vite oublié et s'ajoutera à la longue série de faux pas qui hantent désormais les séances de l'Assemblée nationale. Mais ne nous y trompons pas car, selon certains, ce genre de pratiques témoigneraient d'un glissement populiste et dangereux. Lors de cet épisode, nous avons vu le PM réagir de manière inadéquate, mais nous voyons aussi des certains députés de l'opposition (qui affirmeraient vouloir gouverner différemment, dans la dignité) entrer dans un jeu malsain...

Est-ce que cette spirale sera un jour brisée ou bien est-ce que nous nous enfonçons de plus en plus dans la banalisation du populisme à l'Assemblée nationale? Toutes choses égales par ailleurs, la question demeure d'actualité.

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Armes nucléaires en Biélorussie: La Russie poursuit son plan malgré les critiques occidentales. P - Benin Web TV

Déploiement des armes nucléaires tactiques en Biélorussie par Vladimir Poutine

Cela fait un moment déjà que Vladimir Poutine était en discussion avec son homologue biélorusse Alexandre Loukachenko. À en croire Poutine, cela faisait même longtemps que Loukachenko avait réclamé le déploiement de ces armes. C'est presque chose faite avec la construction d'un entrepôt spécial qui devrait être complété d'ici début juillet.

Ce fait n'est absolument pas anodin puisque c'est la première fois depuis les années 90 que la Russie va entreposer des armes nucléaires en dehors de ses frontières (sauf pour ceux présents à bord de sous-marins nucléaires, bien évidemment). Cette décision est aussi hautement stratégique. Non seulement elle scelle un pacte de coopération militaire avec la Biélorussie, mais elle permettra à la Russie de poser un buffer sécurisé entre son territoire et la Pologne, et donc l'Europe de l'Ouest.

En effet, la situation géographique de la Biélorussie, située au nord de l'Ukraine et à l'est de la Pologne, en fait un rempart idéal pour la Russie. Attendons voir comment les Biélorusses accueilleront cette décision de leur président! Mais il est difficile d'imaginer que cela ne les inquiète pas.

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Déploiement des armes nucléaires tactiques en Biélorussie par Vladimir Poutine

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Poutine a été extrêmement évasif quant à la nature de ces armes, mentionnant uniquement qu'il s'agira d'armes tactiques. En jargon militaire, cela signifie que ces armes n'auront pas une capacité de déploiement importante et devraient se limiter à des missiles de courte portée, donc plutôt de nature défensive.

L'escalade continue donc dans cette région du monde et le conflit ukrainien s'approche encore un peu plus du risque de prolifération nucléaire. Vladimir Poutine a tout de suite balayé cette accusation de côté en mentionnant que les États-Unis positionnaient souvent des armes nucléaires sur les territoires de leurs alliés; et que la Russie ne faisait que s'inscrire dans une pratique déjà répandue et qui ne constituait pas un non-respect de la charte de non-prolifération des armes nucléaires.

Le Président américain Joe Biden, lui, a tout simplement commenté que ce déploiement était dangereux et aggravait une situation déjà très délicate.

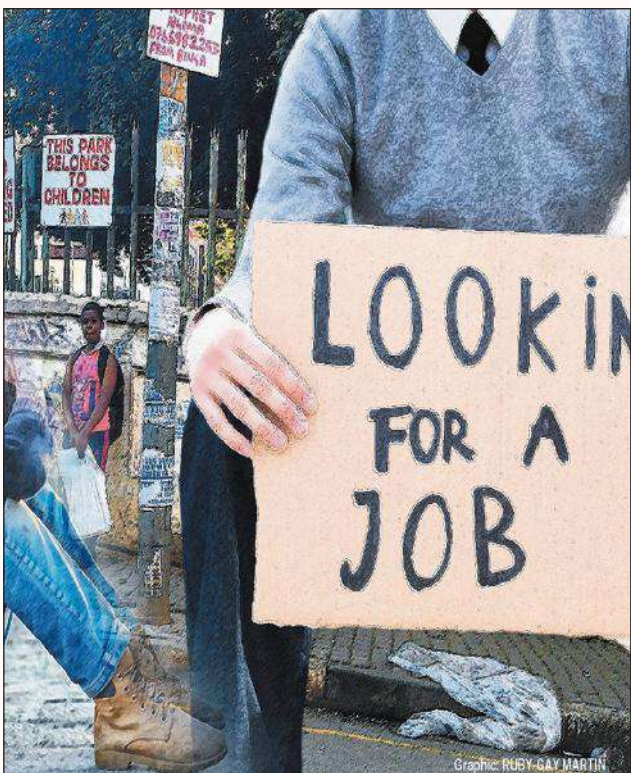
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Plainte d'un ancien lauréat

Un ancien lauréat fait le buzz sur les médias depuis la semaine dernière. En effet, il a livré un entretien au journal *l'express*, dans lequel il explique éprouver des difficultés à trouver un emploi dans la fonction publique après avoir terminé sa licence universitaire en Inde, où il aurait également été victime de discrimination.

Il est difficile de commenter ce sujet d'actualité lorsque l'on ne détient pas toutes les informations nécessaires. Sans tenir compte du fait qu'il ait été lauréat dans le passé, la plainte du jeune homme nous interpelle sur les perceptions à propos de certaines réalités du marché de l'emploi à Maurice aujourd'hui.

Autre fait extrêmement difficile à définir clairement à Maurice, ce sont les statistiques à propos du chômage. Cela découle d'une culture où le travail informel occupe une place importante dans l'économie, ce qui ne permet



pas à Statistics Mauritius d'avoir des données précises sur le taux réel d'inactivité. Mais, des données disponibles, nous savons que près de 50% des jeunes âgés de 18 à 25 ans sont au chômage, alors qu'ils sont à peu près 25% à l'être dans la tranche élargie des 18 à 30 ans. Que pourrions-nous en déduire?

Premièrement, il est extrêmement difficile pour certains jeunes de trouver un premier emploi à la fin de leurs études. Cela est généralement lié au manque d'intégration de ces jeunes sur le marché de l'emploi, et ce dès leurs études. Il appartient au gouvernement de proposer de nouvelles solutions aux jeunes et aux entreprises afin de faciliter des stages dans des entreprises et permettre ainsi à ces derniers d'offrir un contrat de premier emploi à un jeune diplômé.

La seconde raison est que le problème du 'mismatch' entre les formations dispensées et la demande des employeurs n'a jamais pu être réglé. Ce problème perdure depuis plusieurs années et certaines institutions tertiaires n'arriveraient pas à adapter leurs formations afin de mieux répondre aux besoins des industries. Il y a là clairement un manque flagrant de communication entre ces institutions tertiaires et les entreprises, ce qui fait que les formations dispensées restent déconnectées de la réalité des entreprises.

La troisième raison est que la fuite des cerveaux n'arrive pas à être compensée par les institutions locales. Il suffit de lire les rapports des différents audits sur l'Université de Maurice pour se rendre compte que le niveau académique ne correspond absolument pas au niveau requis dans des entreprises qui travaillent souvent avec des partenaires étrangers. En réponse à ce manque de savoir-faire et de formation, les entreprises préfèrent employer des étrangers sous le 'Occupational Work Permit' afin de combler le manque, notamment en ce qu'il s'agit de travail hautement qualifié.

Quelles sont donc les solutions proposées par le gouvernement pour répondre à ce problème d'intégration des jeunes sur le marché de l'emploi? Selon certaines personnes, il y aurait eu une tendance dans le passé : celle de caser ce types de jeunes dans la fonction publique. Cette réponse à ce problème épineux aurait aussi produit deux effets: on sécurise un emploi pour des jeunes qui n'ont pas les moyens d'être compétitifs sur le marché de l'emploi, mais, par la même occasion, cela permettrait de sécuriser non seulement des emplois mais également des votes. Ce serait ainsi tout un cercle vicieux qui se serait mis en place.

De ce point de vue, l'ancien lauréat a raison de se plaindre de l'immense difficulté de trouver un emploi dans la fonction publique selon les règles de *fair play*. Et ce problème devrait être adressé de manière urgente. Il est connu que la fonction publique devra faire face à de sérieux problèmes de productivité à l'avenir, ce qui signifie qu'une réforme en profondeur devra être mise en place par les futurs gouvernements. Pour faire simple, nous ne pourrions plus continuer à accroître la part de la fonction publique dans l'économie nationale. Bien au contraire, il faudra la réduire, et cela peut-être même drastiquement.

Il est ainsi intéressant d'écouter le témoignage de ce jeune homme qui se plaint de ne pas trouver un emploi dans la fonction publique parce qu'il n'a pas de *backing politique*. Telle en est sa perception. Mais on pourrait aussi lui poser la question suivante étant donné qu'en tant que lauréat, il fait supposément partie de l'élite du pays: ayant fait des études à l'étranger, comment se fait-il alors qu'il ne soit pas capable de trouver un emploi selon les règles de la concurrence du marché de l'emploi au niveau du secteur privé et des entreprises?



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Crise en Israël

Israël s'enfoncé depuis quelques temps dans une crise institutionnelle d'envergure. Le gouvernement de Benjamin Netanyahu essaye de faire passer une réforme constitutionnelle qui réduirait le pouvoir et l'indépendance de la Cour suprême d'Israël, créant de facto une situation où la séparation des pouvoirs entre l'exécutif et le judiciaire serait compromis.

Cette réforme est perçue par certains Israéliens comme une attaque directe contre les institutions du pays, et comme la volonté du gouvernement de Netanyahu de faire basculer le pays vers un régime autocratique, alors que d'autres Israéliens soutiennent ouvertement le régime de Netanyahu et les réformés proposées. C'est ainsi que sans surprise les rues des grandes villes israéliennes sont les témoins de grandes manifestations. Il en va de même pour le parlement israélien où les débats ont souvent débordé sur des scènes jamais vues par les Israéliens auparavant.

Les choses se sont un peu envenimées en début de semaine. Alors que le ministre de la Défense, Yoav Gallant, avait appelé à une suspension de la réforme afin de calmer les esprits, Netanyahu lui a donné la réplique en le limogeant de ses fonctions. Ceci a tout de suite produit des heurts entre manifestants et forces de l'ordre.

Cette crise, qui prend la forme d'une bataille politique sur l'enjeu de la séparation des pouvoirs, est en réalité beaucoup plus profonde que cela et trouve ses sources dans une division ethnique qui sépare le pays en deux. D'un côté, la région de Tel Aviv et ses régions du nord du pays, régions riches et prospères où résident une majorité de Juifs Ashkénazes, issus d'Europe centrale et orientale. Et de l'autre côté, les régions du sud, comme Sdérot, beaucoup plus pauvres et peuplées de Juifs Séfarades issus du Maghreb.

Ces derniers sont aujourd'hui le soutien majeur au régime de Netanyahu. Ce soutien se traduit par la volonté de refonder certaines institutions du pays afin que les Séfarades soient mieux représentés dans les affaires du pays, même si cela implique de donner un pouvoir potentiellement abusif au gouvernement de Benjamin Netanyahu.

Ainsi, en deçà des enjeux de la séparation des pouvoirs, se joue quelque chose de beaucoup plus profond en Israël puisque c'est - en réalité - une opposition ethnique au sein même du judaïsme qui est en jeu. Tout cela n'est pas sans rappeler ce qui se joue actuellement à Maurice aussi.

A. Bartleby



Anil Madan

Is Donald Trump eligible to Run for President in 2024?

Trump, a clear and present danger to American Democracy may yet be given the helm of the ship of state to say "Damn the torpedos!!"

Donald Trump is well-known for his outlandish outbursts. Of late, he has seemed even more unhinged than ever before. Perhaps it is the fear of an impending indictment stemming from one of the several criminal investigations into his conduct both as President and in running The Trump Organization. Or, perhaps it is simply an effort to grab the headlines as he has done so often.

Earlier this month he predicted, incorrectly, that his arrest was imminent. On his social media site, in capital letters, he wrote: "THE FAR & AWAY LEADING REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WILL BE ARRESTED ON TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK. PROTEST, TAKE OUR NATION BACK!"

That call for "PROTEST" and to "TAKE OUR NATION BACK" evoke memories of his infamous speech on January 6 when he said: "And we fight. We fight like hell. And if you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore." That phrasing has been characterized by many, particularly Democrats and members of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol as a call to violence. I shall have more to say on whether that is a fair interpretation.

The FBI has arrested almost 940 people for their participation in the January 6 event at the Capitol. As of earlier this month, 43 were convicted, 481 pleaded guilty and 382 were awaiting trial. Most of those awaiting trial are out on bail. However, some remain in jail and have been awaiting trial for almost two years. A significant number of those charged and convicted or who pleaded guilty received prison sentences. Supporters of Donald Trump including members of Congress, most notably, Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, have rallied to the support of the convicted criminals as well as those awaiting trial. They have falsely accused the federal government of torture and abuse of prisoners and even gone so far as calling the prison where some of them are housed, the Patriot Wing.

These right-wing Trump supporters refuse to see that January 6 event as an incipient insurrection, and some even deny that it was a riot. Tucker Carlson, the Fox News talk show host who has been afforded exclusive early access to hours of video footage of the January 6 attack by Kevin McCarthy, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, has selectively culled scenes from the footage and lied about the nature of the attack on the Capitol, saying: "These were not insurrectionists. They were sightseers."

Donald Trump sensing that this is another hot button issue on which he can rally his base of supporters has, on more than one occasion, praised the January 6 attackers/rioters and stated that, if reelected to the Presidency, he would seriously consider pardoning all those charged with crimes in connection with the January 6 events. He has also purportedly told his confidants that he would,



Trump lost the 2020 election to Biden. But could he win in 2024? Pic - NBC News

“In assessing Donald Trump’s infamous speech on January 6, 2020, in addition to the words about fighting, Trump also said: “I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.” When one looks at the entire speech, the words “fight” or “fighting” appeared 23 times. It is fair to say that Trump was not necessarily referring to physical fighting, but to making one’s voice heard... It is virtually impossible to say that by these words, Trump was condoning violence, never mind imminent violence...”

early in his next term, issue pardons for higher-level people who aided and abetted him in his post-election crusade to overturn the results of the election he lost.

Recent polls showing that Trump still holds a commanding lead for the Republican Party’s presidential nomination, with some 54% favoring him and other potential candidates, announced (Nikki Haley), and not so far formally announced (Pence, DeSantis, Pompeo, etc.), way behind, suggest that if the primaries were held now, Trump would likely win the party’s nomination.

In the face of this, many Americans ask how a man who has made election denial his signature and has been characterized as a clear and present danger to American constitutional democracy by Judge J. Michael Luttig, a respected former federal appellate judge, can run for and become President again. In fact, Luttig testified before the Jan. 6 Committee to that effect, and Harvard Law Professor Emeritus Laurence Tribe has dubbed him the “patron saint of the conservative legal movement.”

The short answer is that he can and there may be no way to stop him from running if he is the Republican nominee. Of course, if he doesn’t with the Republican party’s nomination, he could run as an independent but there are some states that do not permit such maneuvering, so it would likely be a futile quest.

A government of laws and not of men

For an explanation of my short and emphatic answer, let us begin with the notion that America prides itself as having a government of laws and not of men. Therefore, we must look to the law as our guide. The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land so we look first to the qualifications one must have to become President. Article II states: “No Person except a natural

born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.” As one can see, Trump meets these basic qualifications.

But what of disqualifications? The Constitution has one clear cut disqualification and one conditional disqualification. The relevant part of the clear disqualification is found in section 3 of

the Fourteenth Amendment: “No person shall... hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, ... who, having previously taken an oath... as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.”

So, the question is, has Donald Trump engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States? Clearly, he is a person who previously had taken an oath as an officer (President) of the United States to support the Constitution.

The answer to this question is a rather confused one. Legally, no, but in his heart, yes. But what is in one’s heart is not necessarily enough to convict. As former President Jimmy Carter said, he had “looked upon a lot of women with lust.” And he added: “I’ve committed adultery in my heart many times. This is something God recognizes I will do — and I have done it — and God forgives me for it.” Unfortunately, the American electorate was not as forgiving as God.

In assessing Donald Trump’s infamous speech on January 6, 2020, in addition to the words about fighting, Trump also said: “I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.” When one looks at the entire speech, the words “fight” or “fighting” appeared 23 times. It is fair to say that Trump was not necessarily referring to physical fighting, but to making one’s voice heard. And he spoke of it in many contexts.

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For example, he said: For years, “Democrats have gotten away with election fraud and weak Republicans. And that’s what they are. There’s so many weak Republicans. And we have great ones. Jim Jordan and some of these guys, they’re out there fighting. The House guys are fighting.” It is virtually impossible to say that by these words, Trump was condoning violence, never mind imminent violence.

The legal significance of this goes back to a seminal case decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, *Brandenburg v. Ohio*. That case included this statement: The defendant had been charged with, and convicted of “advocat[ing]... the duty, necessity, or propriety of crime, sabotage, violence, or unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing industrial or political reform.”

Perhaps even more ominous was this: “We’re not a revengent organization, but if our President, our Congress, our Supreme Court, continues to suppress the white, Caucasian race, it’s possible that there might have to be some revengeance taken.” And in what Trump seems to have echoed (perhaps, for a change, he had a good lawyer edit his speech), in his January 6 speech, the defendant said: “We are marching on Congress July the Fourth, four hundred thousand strong. From there, we are dividing into two groups, one group to march on St. Augustine, Florida, the other group to march into Mississippi. Thank you.”

Constitutional guarantees of free speech

The Supreme Court ruled that the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free press do not permit a State to forbid or proscribe advocacy of the use of force or of law violation except where such advocacy is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action. The court elaborated: “the mere abstract teaching... of the moral pro-



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priety or even moral necessity for a resort to force and violence is not the same as preparing a group for violent action and steeling it to such action.” A statute which fails to draw this distinction impermissibly intrudes upon the freedoms guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments. It sweeps within its condemnation speech which our Constitution has immunized from governmental control.”

Given these constraints, Trump’s January 6, 2020, speech does not remotely rise to the level of imminent incitement to insurrection.

Trump’s second impeachment presents another potential constitutional difficulty to precluding a run for

reelection. His second impeachment included a charge of incitement of insurrection. A United States statute provides: “Whoever incites, sets on foot, assists, or engages in any rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States or the laws thereof, or gives aid or comfort thereto, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and shall be incapable of holding any office under the United States.”

So, if the January 6 speech and even Trump’s conduct preceding that fateful day amounts to giving aid or comfort to rebellion or insurrection against the United States, he could be disqualified.

But there is a catch. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution states in relevant part: “No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, ... nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb...”

The question is whether Trump’s acquittal on the impeachment charge absolves him from being retried under the federal statute. To answer that, we must first ask if being deprived of the opportunity to run for the presidency is considered “jeopardy of life or limb.” My guess is probably not. But the Fifth Amendment does not state that the prior trial must have been in a court. Given the composition of our Supreme Court, anything is possible.

This is where the conditional disqualification comes in. The Constitution provides that: “Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.” Trump was charged with incitement of insurrection but was acquitted of the charges and of the attempt to disqualify him from holding office under the United States. It may well be that he has dodged a bullet.

Just as Jimmy Carter had lust in his heart, I have no doubt that Trump had insurrection in his heart.

But even though we elect Presidents hoping that they have the best interests of the country in their hearts, what they actually have in their hearts is neither relevant, nor a disqualification unless the voters discern evil intent.

So, Trump, a clear and present danger to American Democracy may yet be given the helm of the ship of state to say “Damn the torpedos!!”

Cheer...
Bwana

NCG & Audit comments

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A third ship was undergoing refit and could not carry out any operations for eight months. These impacted on the operational capability of the National Coast Guard in so far as maritime surveillance is concerned...”

There are admittedly so many other priorities in the Police Force that the fate or re-organisation of the NCG may seem peripheral. Indeed, we need only recall some dysfunctions as reported variously by Senior District Magistrate’s findings or rulings : the older cases of alleged physical brutality and torture, the judicial enquiry in the Kistnen murder case, the absence of any response for further enquiries pressed for by the magistrate or

the DPP, the provisional charge against lawyer Akil Bissessur which has been struck out, the overhauling of ADSU in the wake of ICAC’s money-laundering investigations in the Franklin affair after three or four years of trust as the main drug investigating police agency... In the meantime, the drug barons on the west coast have invested the region and infected some of our key policing institutions as implied by the PM himself. Yet the lack of any effective surveillance of coastal drug traffic over the past few years should be a cause for considerable concern about the NCG’s abilities to control those waterways between our sister islands for drug importation.

It must be recognised that the 1988

National Coast Guard Act that gave birth to the NCG is in itself sufficiently broad-ranging to cover most of the duties expected of a maritime protection agency, with in addition, Dornier aircraft, helicopters and radar stations. It has over the years benefited considerably from expert assistance from India, either in qualified crew and personnel or in facilities for vessel purchase or outfitting. It is by that Act that the NCG is fully empowered to fire warning shots, halt and board any vessel in the exercise of its duties and authority and one would assume, even more so to avert a pending marine emergency of the Wakashio type. Yet again, despite coastal radars, air and naval patrol vessels, we failed from preventing the diversion of MV Wakashio from its expected sea-route onto our coral reefs.

Further, perhaps in view of those

repeated problems with some elements of the NCG flotilla reported above, we rely mostly on India and other friendly nations for many of the piracy patrolling activities or search and rescue operations over our extended maritime zone. But the fact remains that our unhappy experiences with NCG ships, corvettes or frigates spending more time in repairs and maintenance are not what we should be expecting today from a more active role with the assistance of our traditional friends and allies.

The Audit Report confirms that it is high time to conduct an independent in-depth review of our NCG command and reporting structure, its flotilla needs and identify, rid and replace those naval elements that have been problematic for far too long.

Jan Arden



Prakash Neerohoo

Leasing and Drug Trafficking

The magnitude of drug trafficking with its concomitant unexplained wealth reveals another story. One of laissez-faire policy

Is leasing the preferred option for drug traffickers and other practitioners of illicit trades to acquire a vehicle for personal or business use?

There are two ways to acquire a vehicle (car, truck, van) from an automobile dealership:

- a purchase financed 100% by the purchaser from their own funds or a bank loan.
- a lease over a number of years (say 5 years) with an option to buy the vehicle upon termination of the lease at a net residual value (the original price less the total of lease payments made).

It looks like drug traffickers prefer leasing over financing a purchase because the latter involves the outright payment of a huge amount of money that may trigger an enquiry as to the source of funds. Since section 5 of the Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2002 (FIAMLA) does not allow a cash payment exceeding Rs 500,000 at one time, they would not pay millions of rupees in cash. Hence, for a Sports Utility Vehicle or luxury vehicle (Mustang, Raptor Ford, BMW, Mercedes Benz) that costs a few million rupees, they would prefer to lease it by paying a monthly instalment in cash.

Let's take an example.

A luxury car costing Rs10 million is leased at 5% annual interest for five years (payable in 60 instalments). The

total cost of the vehicle, including interest and 15% VAT, is Rs 12,075,000. The monthly lease payment would be Rs 201, 250. The trafficker would prefer to pay Rs 201, 250 monthly in cash to stay below the threshold of Rs 500, 000 under FIAMLA. If he had purchased the vehicle, he would have had to fork out Rs 12 million at one go, which would have raised questions about the source of funds, unless he took a loan from a bank. In the latter case, the bank would have asked for adequate collateral or evidence of stable and regular income.

Therefore, leasing is a means of circumventing the law about minimum cash payment allowable. Ideally, the leasing company would have required lease payments by bank transfer or credit card, which would leave an audit trail of the transaction. However, it looks like all lessors are accepting cash payments. Otherwise, how do we explain that so many luxury vehicles are on the road without any red flag being raised as to the sources of funds of purchasers. Besides, it is reported that one individual has paid Rs 600,000 in cash six times for car servicing. How did he exceed the threshold of Rs 500,000 in cash payment asked without any questions from the service provider?

The public is astounded by the daily news about the seizure of moveable assets belonging to suspected drug traffickers (vehicles, boats, etc.) by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and the arrest of suspects based on money laundering charges set under the FIAMLA. The news reveals one business activity (automobile sale and leasing) that is supposed to be regulated but has obvious malpractices or loopholes in the way the regulations are followed or applied. The ICAC is focusing on money laundering charges, which carry a fine under the FIAMLA, but is neglecting the more crucial aspect of sources of funds (apparently linked to drug trafficking).

Under section 6 of FIAMLA, a person may be convicted of a money laundering offence notwithstanding the absence of a conviction in respect of a crime which generated the proceeds alleged to have been laundered.



Therefore, the ICAC may well charge suspects for money laundering without considering the crime (drug trafficking) that generated the funds.

Even if no evidence of drug trafficking is found, there is the question of unexplained wealth. It should not be hard for any investigator to trace the acquisition of assets (both moveable and immovable) to a source of funds by looking at the person's assets and liabilities, bank statements, economic activities, legal business entity, if any, and the beneficial ownership of business entities (sole proprietorship, company, or trust).

It is said that the country's anti-money laundering strategy is high on legal provisions but low on compliance and enforcement. For some time, Mauritius was on the EU/FATF blacklist of jurisdictions for strategic deficiencies in its Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) legislation. After it was delisted, we thought that things would improve in terms of compliance and enforcement activities by regulatory institutions (FSC, BOM, Financial Intelligence Unit, MRA, Integrity Reporting Services Agency) and in terms of financial governance and accountability in general. The magnitude of drug trafficking with its concomitant unexplained wealth reveals another story. One of laissez-faire policy.

Roland Fayolle passed away recently after a short illness. We last met, along with his wife Margaret, when they attended the launch of my book 'My Most Memorable Patients' at the Nouvelle Clinique Ferriere in November last.

He was one of the very few college friends with whom I had kept in touch: the fact that he also lived in Curepipe was certainly a factor in this. Joining Royal College Curepipe in Form IA in 1957, we moved up till the last year in UVIA in 1964. As these things go, I always found myself sitting in the last row, and Roland was in the first row seated next to HKC Fan Lun. Uday Fulena was also in the first row, and the three of them formed a trio who continued their friendship in the UK where they went for studies.

At RCC in those days, early on it was almost intuitively known who would be in the laureate category: Roland and HKC were the clear favourites almost from the word go, and were always the first ones ready to answer the abstruse and abstract queries in maths that were raised by our legendary teacher Robert d'Unienville. I was hopeless in that subject but gradually

In Memoriam: Jean Roland Fayolle



lost my inferiority complex vis-à-vis their brilliance in it as in due course I found myself plunging into biology with enthusiasm.

Unlike me, Roland shone in sports as well. Once we had a verbal spat during a basketball match, when I teased him by imitating our history teacher Mr Low. He was Scottish, and had a stammer, and when calling out Roland to read he would say 'F..F.. Fayolle.' That was long forgotten

whenever we met much later after our paths had diverged on leaving RCC and afterwards had returned to Mauritius as professionals.

While I went on to do medicine Roland proceeded to Loughborough University in UK to do a BTech (Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, and when we met many years later he was working at Dynamotors. He went on to obtain diplomas in Contract Law and Business Administration, and after leaving Dynamotors in 1999 he moved to Robert Le Maire as Executive Manager. Among others he was a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (FCIET UK), member of the UK Engineering Council and member of local professional engineering body. Before he fell ill he was Managing Director of Predictive Maintenance Ltd and of Energy Management Ltd, besides being board member of CEB. Renewable energy was his forte, and he wrote an article on this topic which was published in this paper.

I was honoured to interact with him and his family in my professional capacity, but

also socially. I thus got know that he was already a great-great grandfather when I was not even grandfather yet! In fact, last year I had the pleasure of meeting one of his great grandsons who had accompanied his dad and great-grandma to my consultation. But I had occasion to enjoy the company of Roland and Margaret with their other friends at their house in Curepipe, and feast on delightful food and traditional English cake and custard.

Roland had kept contact with Fan Lun and Fulena – the former a physician in Canada and the latter a consultant to IATA in Geneva (where I would meet him when attending the World Health Assembly). In fact, a couple of times when one of them had come visiting, Roland gathered a few of us former classmates for a meal at Gymkhana Club. Inevitably nostalgia about our RCC days and our legendary teachers figured high during our conversation.

With the passing of Roland a vital link thus snaps. This, alas, is the way of life...

My deepest condolences to Margaret and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. RIP dear Roland.

RN Gopee

Yvan Martial, Journaliste et historien

“Nos politiciens d’aujourd’hui ne sont pas les seuls coupables de la dérive de notre pays. Nous, électeurs mauriciens, sommes autant coupables”

Lorsque le bruit court que les partis politiques se préparent pour les élections, les spéculations tournent autour du comportement des partis, notamment le principal parti au pouvoir et celui de l’opposition. Bien entendu, l’attitude de l’électorat est aussi analysée. Et pourtant, les attentes de la population demeurent vaines un fois que les élections sont terminées. Pour comprendre ce paradoxe, nous avons sollicité Yvan Martial, journaliste et historien, fin observateur du paysage politique local.

Mauritius Times: Certaines personnes qui sont sur le terrain disent avoir noté un certain “flottement” de l’électorat – et ce, pas seulement au niveau urbain. Les raisons de ce “flottement” ne sont pas très claires, mais il semble que les choses ne sont pas aussi nettes qu’auparavant. Pensez-vous que le vent est effectivement en train de tourner en faveur de l’opposition?

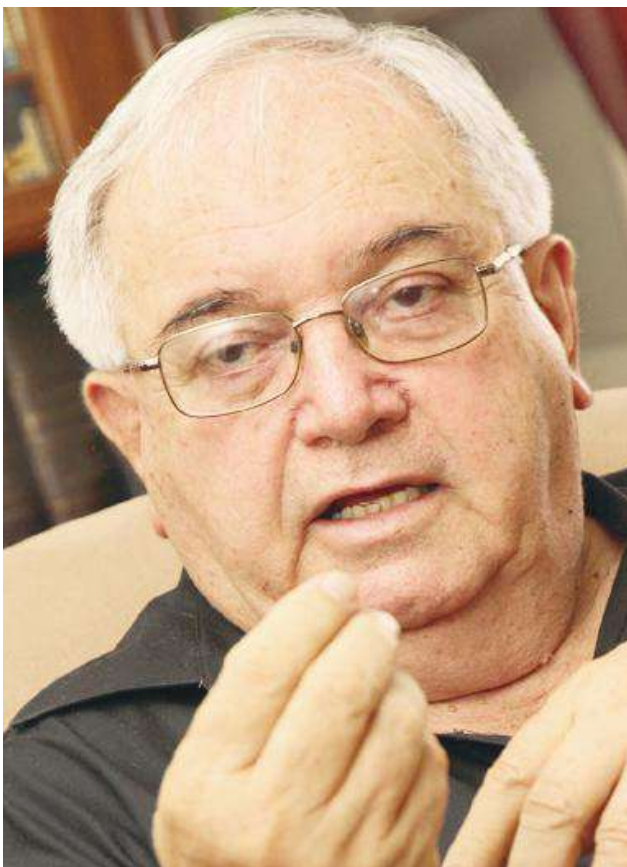
Yvan Martial: J’espère de tout cœur, même pas militant, que notre opposition tellement atomisée conservera encore suffisamment d’expérience stratégique pour balayer d’un revers de main définitif cette fausse bouée de sauvetage que pourrait être un « certain flottement électoral ». Observez les volutes «bleuâtres qui montent d’un cigare». Bien fou serait celui qui voudrait s’appuyer sur tant de volatilités pour prendre parti !

La réalité m’apparaît tout autre. Professionnellement parlant, je dois ingurgiter quotidiennement la propagande vespérale mi-jugnauthienne, mi-religieuse, sinon prosélytiste, de la MBC, la *Ministers’ Broadcasting Corporation*, que suit aveuglément la moitié de notre population, surtout celle qui est rurale.

Les sbires du Pouvoir tellement culinaire tiennent solidement en otage un téléspectateur sur deux. Ils connaissent leur métier ces mercenaires. Ils n’ont pas leur pareil pour retourner tout débat contre l’opposition, se contentant de cette soupe populaire journalistique, qu’est la conférence de presse tenue dans des hôtels huppés. C’est hélas le dernier endroit où elle peut multiplier les effets de manche, les trémolos dans la voix, la pesée de mots creux, les accusations sans lendemain.

Nul opposant ne possède la conviction tellement fallacieuse de tel ou tel ministre. Le mensonge le plus illogique, le plus incohérent, devient vérité incontestable quand elle est débitée par des menteurs aussi patentés, sans oublier la religiosité d’appoint, voulant faire accroire que Dieu puisse être du côté de pareils larrons.

Mais il nous appartient de descendre ce Dieu, peut-être cloué sur la croix de nos turpitudes, l’armer du fouet vengeur pour que, comme jadis, il chasse encore nos politiciens les plus indignes, en criant de toutes ses forces divines:



“Jusqu’au prochain *Nomination Day*, la zizanie minera notre opposition tellement fantomatique comme jamais auparavant. Sommes-nous sûrs que chaque pilier de l’opposition sera capable de résister à un clin d’œil de Pinocchio l’invitant à prendre place dans le gruyère ministériel ? Tout pilier séduit et partant affaiblira d’autant l’opposition déjà fragilisée. Le mal sera d’autant plus grand que le traître aura droit à moult propagandes télévisées pour vomir sur ses anciens compagnons de lutte, sur les guerres de tranchée minant une opposition de pacotille...”

«Vous avez fait de la classe politique mauricienne un business de bandits, de voleurs, d’exploiteurs d’hommes, de négriers, de sirdars anti-coolies, d’oligarques. Disparaissez bande de mécréants! Vous multipliez les prosternations et les faces de carême, pour mieux dissimuler votre égoïsme dévastateur. Vous feriez de beaux... caveaux. Mais les marbres de Carrare n’escamotent pas la putréfaction qu’ils renferment».

Ce lavage quotidien répété - non contré - des cerveaux risque fort de coûter cher à notre opposition désunie lors des prochaines législatives. Puisse une possible raclée lors des Municipales, pouvant servir de *gadjack* électoral à la dynastie jugnauthienne, être le coup de fouet pouvant contraindre à notre opposition émietlée de voir enfin la cruelle réalité en face et se ressaisir. C’est notre ultime espoir, comme le dit si bien Reza.

* Plusieurs raisons pourraient expliquer un tel “flottement” de l’électorat: la cherté de la vie ces

temps-ci, le grand déballage concernant le trafic de drogue dans le pays, les révélations sur la richesse non déclarée tirée de ces activités illicites, les allégations de pot-de-vin par rapport à la carte d’identité et l’octroi des ‘State Lands’ pour l’organisation, entre autres, des ‘rave parties’... Mais l’électeur mauricien a démontré qu’il ne réagit pas toujours de façon très rationnelle. Qu’est-ce que votre expérience journalistique vous a enseigné sous ce rapport?

Rien de nouveau sous le soleil mauricien, sinon du MSM. La cherté de la vie remonte à *lé temps margoze*. Le commerce de la mort, on en parlait déjà à l’époque des *Amsterdam Boys*, des barons de la drogue sur l’estrade du *Sunray* et au *Garden Party* gubernatorial, des enveloppes aussi bourrées de billets de banque que certains coffres-forts, se baladant dans les corridors ministériels. Et cela est le fait de vantards prétendant vouloir juguler le commerce de la mort et l’assassinat de la jeunesse mauricienne...

La carte d’identité demeure un atout en toute main ministérielle, pourtant bien fournie et garnie. «Jamais assez», c’est la devise d’éternels satisfaits, ministres compris. *Macarena* précède les *Rave Parties* mais, en respectant mieux peut-être, le caractère sacré de certains lieux de pèlerinage. Un *Macarena* que n’a pas désavoué avant l’élection partielle du No8 (2009-2010) un célèbre Pinocchio. Qui ne dit mot, consent, sinon approuve, même *in petto*. Le Festival des Terres, tellement duvalier, anticipe pareillement ces chassés convoités car tellement oligarchiques.

Chassez le naturel et il revient au galop. Plus ça change et plus c’est pareil, sinon pire. De Charybde en Scylla. Pleure, pays bien aimé... S’il te reste encore des larmes, bien sûr... L’électorat mauricien en a tellement vu et entendu avant même 1982, que, nouveau Lucien de Rubempré, il perd ses illusions. Avant les prochaines législatives, les pires d’entre nous marchanderont-ils aux plus offrants leur pouvoir inscrire trois croix sur un bulletin de vote à glisser dans une urne électorale peut-être déjà bourrée?

Mais gare aux effigies politiques des billets de banque de Rs1,000 et Rs 2,000. Elles pourraient provoquer des retournements de veste de dernière seconde dans le secret de l’isoloir. Un nouveau billet de banque de Rs5,000 à l’effigie d’un menteur ne surprendrait personne, hormis les bigleux.

* L’opposition vous paraît-elle crédible pour qu’elle puisse ‘challenge’ efficacement l’alliance gouvernementale et amener un changement au niveau de leurs préférences électorales?

Ne comparons pas émiettement et trame serrée. Ne confondons pas viande hachée et steak saignant que servent les meilleures cuisines politiques du pays, même à proximité d’un lac sacré. Serions-nous encore au lendemain du 7 novembre 2019 et d’une énième déculottée électorale, que nous aurions pu encore croire en l’infime possibilité d’une alliance anti-MSM digne de ce nom.

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Qu'avons-nous fait depuis sinon régresser de semaine en semaine, en tolérant d'inacceptables guéguerres et autres nouveaux déchirements d'opposants encroûtés dans leur ego surdimensionné, vivant sur des nuages d'avant le 11 juin 1982. N'importe quel amateur de football télévisé et donc mondial, puisque ce sport ne se pratique plus ou presque à Maurice, vous dira que c'est à la veille des rencontres les plus cruciales que les meilleures équipes s'entredéchirent, entre autres parce que le capitaine est attribué à X au lieu de l'être à Z.

Jusqu'au prochain *Nomination Day*, la zizanie minera notre opposition tellement fantomatique comme jamais auparavant. Sommes-nous sûrs que chaque pilier de l'opposition sera capable de résister à un clin d'œil de Pinocchio l'invitant à prendre place dans le gruyère ministériel? Tout pilier séduit et partant affaiblira d'autant l'opposition déjà fragilisée. Le mal sera d'autant plus grand que le traître aura droit à moult propagandes télévisées pour vomir sur ses anciens compagnons de lutte, sur les guerres de tranchée minant une opposition de pacotille.

Le pire est à venir et nous sommes tellement veules, tellement collabos, pour reprendre l'insulte si bien trouvée par Ananda Devi Nursimooloo-Anenden pour décrire la bassesse de deux femmes ministres anglaises, voulant se blanchir l'épiderme (plutôt coloré) en expulsant du Royaume-Désuni des immigrants, ressemblant tellement à leurs ancêtres. De quoi penser aux Mauriciens qui veulent expulser les Bangladais de cette terre d'accueil séculaire qu'est notre pays.

*** En l'absence de sondages d'opinion fiables, des questions subsistent quant à l'accueil que réserveront les militants et les travaillistes à une nouvelle alliance entre Navin Ramgoolam et Paul Bérenger, et si elle produira les mêmes effets et le même résultat que celle de 2014. Votre opinion?**

A qui devons-nous cette absence de sondages d'opinion fiables sinon à ceux qui en ont le plus besoin? Autrement dit nos partis d'opinion.

D'aucuns diront que l'opposition n'a pas de sous pour financer ces sondages d'opinion. Faux débats. Il leur suffit d'interroger leur base avec l'honnêteté voulue pour savoir s'ils ont la cote ou s'ils perdent le terrain pouce par pouce.

D'aucuns ajouteront encore plus perfidement que nos partis d'opposition n'ont peut-être plus de base. Il convient alors de tirer l'échelle. Que vaut un parti sans base? Qui voudra recruter un *helper* sans corps pour soutenir sa tête?

Seul Danton peut, avant d'être guillotiné, dire à son bourreau: «Tu montreras ma tête au Peuple. Elle en vaut la peine». Mon opinion ici n'a absolument utilité car elle ne saurait influencer des bases de partis peut être inexistantes. Mais tout n'est pas perdu pour notre pléiade de partis d'opposition. Ils ont amplement le temps d'ici les prochaines législatives de fermer leurs grandes gueules, tellement bavardes et inutiles, sinon à noircir des pages et des pages de journaux, pour répéter semaine après semaine et *ad nauseam* les mêmes ritournelles. On aurait envie de leur donner ce conseil :

'Fermez vos gueules, mais ouvrez vos oreilles. Ne



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dites rien aux *Ti-Dimounn* sur le terrain mais écoutez ce qu'ils ont envie de vous dire, ce qu'ils ont envie de vous demander pour que notre Population recommence à croire dans l'utilité des politiciens.'

Ne me demandez surtout pas ce que ces innombrables *Ti-Dimounn* pourraient bien vouloir dire à nos politiciens consentant enfin à se mettre à leur écoute. C'est à eux qu'il faut poser cette question. Nul besoin de finances ici. Il suffit de payer de sa personne politicienne. A chacun sa circonscription et les vaches seront bien gardées.

Une dernière remarque: ces sondages d'opinion pré-électorales sont des secrets non d'État mais de parti. Ils sont faits pour être décortiqués seulement entre stratèges ou en Politburo. Ils ne doivent pas être rendus publics car ils rendraient alors service à l'ennemi. Il se peut même que des partis d'opposition soient assez compétents pour n'avoir pas attendu mon conseil valant ce qu'il vaut pour se mettre déjà à l'écoute de ce que pense et veut la Base. Tant mieux en pareil cas. Car l'espoir peut renaître.

Pinocchio rencontre quotidiennement des gens par milliers devant d'accommodantes caméras. Mais ces milliers sont préalablement triés sur le volet. Il ne faut pas confondre encenseurs et *Ti-Dimounn*. Pinocchio peut donc être autant couillonné que nos chefs d'opposition

désunie, absolument allergiques à la moindre critique. Obeegadoo, Ganoo et Collendavelloo en savent quelque chose pour ne citer que les derniers militants déçus par le stalinisme ambiant prévalant encore à River Walk et à Hennessy Park, derniers fiefs connus d'une vaste aura capable de faire du 70% à Triolet comme en septembre 1970.

Quitte à me répéter, je dis que la victoire est encore possible pour une opposition soudée autour du leader que désignerait une majorité (à trouver) de *Ti-Dimounn*. Une fois ce dernier désigné par la *vox populi*, il lui suffirait de s'engager auprès de ses partisans de permettre aux principales régions du pays (Nord, Est, Sud, Ouest, Port-Louis, Plaines-Wilhems Hautes et Basses) de désigner sans contestation possible une candidate femme et un candidat jeune de moins de 30 ans, soit généralement deux nouveaux candidats, pour que cela produise un électrochoc tel que l'électorat plébiscitera pareille ouverture sur le petit peuple.

Du coup voilà notre opposition dotée d'ailes féminines et jeunes pouvant fonctionner durablement. Tout succès réside dans une saine délégation de pouvoirs. Le reste est baratin.

*** Malgré l'échec de presque toutes les pétitions électorales devant nos cours de justice, on pourrait s'attendre à ce que les mêmes modalités par rapport à l'organisation des prochaines élections pourraient aussi produire les mêmes résultats qu'en 2019. C'est sans doute un risque que l'opposition ne voudrait pas prendre une nouvelle fois. Qu'en pensez-vous?**

Maintenons les pétitions électorales mais pour la forme seulement et en espérant seulement de la part d'éventuels pétitionnaires que leurs requêtes s'appuient sur des arguments juridiques valables. Faute de quoi, ils se trompent eux-mêmes et nous avec. Cela est impardonnable.

Notre histoire électorale ne connaît pas de pétitions à succès ayant entraîné un changement radical de régime. Dans un sens, cela est réjouissant car elle (cette histoire) a connu quelques réussites bien spécifiques, en raison de failles bien précises dont suffisamment legalistes pour priver d'élection un brave Romriky Ramsamy (Circonscription No29, Curepipe, 1959) pour n'avoir pas totalement respecté son patronyme, tel qu'il figure sur son acte de naissance.

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Passé le mi-mandat, les pétitions électorales en souffrance devraient être rayées d'office. Il suffirait pour cela que notre Justice se montre plus ferme et sévère à l'égard des demandes de renvoi, visant seulement à gagner du temps mais indûment.

Notre système électoral n'est peut-être pas parfait mais il est celui en vigueur et tous ceux qui participent à un quelconque scrutin doivent en tenir compte et s'organiser en conséquence. Tout parti politique voulant être crédible doit pouvoir compter sur des agents compétents dans chaque bureau de vote et à chaque étape du déroulement du scrutin et du dépouillement des suffrages.

Tous les manquements notés doivent être dûment et immédiatement notifiés aux autorités concernées, comme à la direction des partis. Ces informations doivent demeurer disponibles à tout moment aux membres du public, surtout avant la proclamation des résultats.

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Tout arbitrage de notre Commission électorale doit être respectueusement accepté même avec des réserves, quitte à être contesté ensuite en Justice.



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L'opposition n'a pas d'autre choix que d'accepter les règlements en vigueur. L'alternative serait alors de ne pas participer à un scrutin qu'elle considère inéquitable et vicieux. Elle ne doit toutefois pas oublier que l'électorat lui a donné à maintes reprises la possibilité (avec de dangereuses majorités de plus de trois quarts de voix) de modifier les règlements électoraux datant de 1965 (Banwell et Greenwood) pour empêcher que les dérives, dont elle se plaint en 2023, ne se répètent lors des prochaines législatives. Tous nos partis d'opposition ont déjà partagé le Pouvoir avec le MSM des Jugnauth. Ne nous prenez pas pour des imbéciles.

* Cette question concernant l'organisation des élections nous amène à celle par rapport aux dysfonctionnements ou même le blocage des institutions publiques clés du pays - l'ICAC, la police, la Commission électorale, la Electoral Supervisory Commission... C'est du moins la perception dans le grand public. Comment réagissez-vous à cela?

Nous ne pouvons ici que répéter ce qui a été dit au sujet des pétitions électorales. Nous, électeurs mauriciens, avons plus d'une fois donné à nos différents gouvernements depuis le 7 août 1967 de modifier comme bon nous semble l'administration du pays que nous laissent les occupants anglais nous imposant notre Indépendance politique pour mieux se débarrasser de nous, sans nous avoir dérobé préalablement notre archipel des Chagos.

Nous devons avoir le courage nécessaire pour reconnaître que, depuis, le pays est chaque jour moins bien gouverné que la veille. Quelques exemples serviront à illustrer parfaitement cela. Nous nous plaignons volontiers de l'autonomie régressive de nos institutions par rapport aux diktats politiques de plus en plus nombreux, envahissants, staliniens. C'est oublier que jusqu'au 12 juin 1982, tout fonctionnaire avait le droit de dire « merde » à tout politicien, fût-il son ministre de tutelle, s'il pensait que ce dernier outrepassait ses prérogatives et se permettait de lui donner un ordre par-dessus son chef hiérarchique.

Il lui suffisait de dénoncer ce malotru auprès de son

supérieur hiérarchique pour que, dans les 24 heures, le litige soit porté à la connaissance de Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, via le secrétaire permanent et le chef de la fonction publique (alors un certain Dayendranath Burrenchobay) et pour que ce politicien soit vertement remis à sa place, fût-il un *Senior Minister*.

Avant le 12 juin 1982, les hauts fonctionnaires qualifiés, compétents, connaissant parfaitement leurs dossiers, n'hésitaient pas à conseiller leur ministre de tutelle sur l'attitude correcte à avoir en telle ou telle circonstance. Et si cela déplaisait audit ministre, l'affaire était portée à l'arbitrage suprême de Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. Malheur alors pour le ministre s'il avait cherché à exercer une pression induue sur un fonctionnaire. Notre pays va depuis à vau-l'eau car des apprentis sorciers pensent pouvoir remplacer le tandem Seewoosagur Ramgoolam/Dayendranath Burrenchobay.

Nos politiciens d'aujourd'hui ne sont pas les seuls coupables de la dérive de notre pays, sinon de son naufrage programmé. Nous, électeurs mauriciens, sommes autant coupables et responsables de nos malheurs, comme ceux des enfants de nos enfants. Notre faute impardonnable est de n'avoir pas su, lors de chaque scrutin général, plébisciter les 60 meilleurs candidats réclamant nos suffrages. Nous nous infantilisons chaque jour davantage, au point d'être absolument incapables de comprendre ces deux vérités fondamentales :

1. Nous sommes incapables, journalistes compris, de comprendre que lorsqu'on nous dit « le gouvernement donnera ceci ou cela », il s'agit en fait des contribuables et des consommateurs qui devront faire de nouveau les frais de nouvelles promesses ministérielles forcément démagogiques et onéreuses.

2. Nous plébiscitions de parfaits imbéciles pour administrer notre pays à notre place et la première bêtise qu'ils préfèrent en occupant leurs nouvelles fonctions, c'est ceci : « Nous ne pouvons rien faire si la population ne fait pas le job à notre place ».

Un exemple: Il faut sauver notre unique planète.

Réponse ministérielle: « Je ne peux rien faire si chaque Mauricien ne fait pas le boulot à ma place », même si le minus est le seul à être grassement payé à la fin de chaque mois par contribuables et consommateurs.

Autre exemple : Il faut éradiquer le trafic de la mort.

Réponse ministérielle: Le cabinet ne peut rien faire si chaque Mauricien n'a pas le courage de dénoncer, au risque de sa vie, les commerçants de la mort.

A quoi bon d'ailleurs les dénoncer s'ils sont si bien protégés? Est-ce nécessaire de donner d'autres exemples?

* Par ailleurs, cette perception de blocage des institutions semble être confirmée par l'allégation d'infiltration de ces mêmes institutions, faite par le Premier ministre. Il a dit au Parlement mardi dernier qu'il est, par ses fonctions, l'homme le mieux informé du pays. Vous vous attendez aussi à ce qu'il agisse en conséquence?

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J'ai heureusement autre chose à faire professionnellement que de m'intéresser aux larmoyantes jérémiades vespérales télévisées de celui qui prétend succéder à des Seewoosagur Ramgoolam et autres Anerood Jugnauth. Mais tant qu'il fera l'objet du plébiscite de l'électorat majoritaire de mon pays, je respecterai à la lettre cette volonté populaire et nationale, même si je la tiens en partie responsable d'une partie des malheurs s'abattant sur le pays des enfants de nos enfants.

* L'actualité reste dominée par l'affaire Franklin qui est à l'évidence une source d'embarras pour certains dirigeants politiques. Il est probable que ce que nous avons vu jusqu'à présent, ce n'est que la pointe de l'iceberg, et on n'en sait pas trop sur le lien qui existerait entre les différents réseaux de trafiquants et les partis politiques. Pensez-vous que nous en sommes arrivés là?

Franklin est un enfant de chœur comparé à ceux et surtout celles lui ayant permis d'agir jusqu'ici en pareille impunité. Je subodore qu'on l'utilise pour empêcher que l'attention générale ne se porte sur des méfaits encore plus graves.

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L'homme est un loup pour ses semblables. Je me sais seulement coupable de n'avoir pas pu faire davantage pour empêcher que notre pays bien aimé ne se dégrade autant. J'ai une admiration sans borne pour tous les militants, journalistes, politiciens, syndicalistes, professeurs, fonctionnaires, religieux, travailleurs sociaux, entrepreneurs, travailleurs, serviteurs d'autrui, qui ont le courage, malgré tout de se lever chaque matin, de sortir de leur confort et bien-être, pour apporter une nouvelle pierre à l'édification d'un pays Maurice plus fraternel.

Ne comptez pas sur moi pour jeter la première pierre à qui que ce soit, ici-bas. J'ai une conscience trop aiguë de mes innombrables défauts, dont j'aurai à répondre, pour oser porter un jugement sur qui que ce soit, fût-il mon Premier ministre. Il a sa conscience. Elle seule le jugera à la fin de sa vie.

Son travail est loin d'être une sinécure. Il a de très lourdes responsabilités. Il faudrait être fou pour vouloir être à sa place. Je le prendrai simplement plus au sérieux quand il me donnera la preuve qu'il est davantage capable de prendre conseil d'éminents compatriotes, ayant toute mon estime et admiration. Alors je saurais mon pays en de bonnes mains.



Representative image. Pic – India Times

Japanese employee fined over \$11,000 for taking smoke breaks...

A Japanese civil servant recently landed in hot waters for smoking during work hours more than 4,500 times in 14 years. He received a penalty of about \$11,000, reports Hindustan Times..

The authorities in Osaka laid down the law on the 61-year-old civil servant along with two of his colleagues, who were in the finance department. In September 2022, the human resource office received an anonymous tip that the trio were secretly stashing tobacco. After learning about the incident, their supervisor called them and warned of dire consequences if they were caught smoking again. However, the trio continued smoking.

The 61-year-old director-level employee was then asked to return 1.44 million yen of his salary, in addition to his disciplinary wage reduction, the outlet reported. He was deemed to have violated the "duty of devotion" under the Local Public Service Act.

The prefectural government revealed that the man clocked up 355 hours and 19 minutes of smoking on duty.

Osaka has some of the strictest smoking laws in the world. It introduced a total ban on smoking cigarettes in government premises including office and public spaces in 2008. Government employees were banned from smoking during work hours in 2019.

Concerns grow over welfare of Sri Lankan Tamil asylum seekers trapped on Diego Garcia

The United Nations Refugee Agency has told Channel 4 it's concerned about the welfare of asylum seekers trapped and isolated in a makeshift camp overseen by the UK, and has asked for access.

Around 100 Sri Lankan Tamils have been stranded on the remote Indian Ocean territory of Diego Garcia for 18 months, reports Channel 4 News.

They say they are living in "prison-like conditions".

Five of the most vulnerable have been sent to Rwanda for treatment after attempting to take their own lives.



The United Kingdom removed the people who lived in the Chagos Islands to establish the military base. Pic - AP

Their lawyers went to the High Court in London last Friday 24 March to try to stop them being sent back.

Germany immigration plan: 60,000 workers from outside EU, 3 new options



The government wants more people to come to Germany from abroad to study or train for a profession, and then work there. Pic - Image: DPA

Germany announced draft reforms on immigration, skills training and promoting immigration aimed at plugging labour shortages in the country. "With this, we are laying the foundation for a new start

in migration policy," Germany's finance minister Christian Lindner tweeted.

Following the reform, the number of workers from countries outside the EU will be increased by 60,000

people a year, offering foreign workers three pathways to enter the country- the first will be professional or university degree recognised in Germany, and an employment contract, the second for those with a minimum of two years of experience working in a relevant sector and the third is a new "opportunity card" for individuals who do not have a job offer but wish to find work, reports Hindustan Times.

The opportunity card will have a points-based system that takes into account qualifications, language skills, professional experience, connection to Germany and age, Reuters reported.

Earlier a report claimed that by 2035, Germany will be short some 7 million skilled workers.

Spouses of H-1B visa holders can work in US, says judge

In a big relief for foreign workers in the US tech sector, a judge has ruled that spouses of H-1B visa holders can work in the United States.

In the process, US District Judge Tanya Chutkan dismissed a lawsuit filed by Save Jobs USA which had approached the court to dismiss the Obama-era regulation that gave employment authorization cards to spouses of certain categories of H-1B visa holders.

Tech companies such as Amazon, Apple, Google, and Microsoft had opposed the lawsuit. The US has so far issued nearly 100,000 work authorisations to spouses of H-1B workers, a significantly large number of whom are Indians, reports PTI.

In her order, Judge Chutkan said the primary contention of Save Jobs USA is that Congress has never granted the Department of Homeland Security authority to allow foreign nationals, like



The H1B visa programme is designed to allow skilled foreign workers to come to the United States and work for American companies. Pic - AFP

H-4 visa-holders, to work during their stay in the United States.

But that contention runs headlong into the text of the Immigration and Nationality

Act, decades of executive-branch practice and both explicit and implicit congressional ratification of that practice, she wrote.

The judge wrote that Congress has

expressly and knowingly empowered the US Government to authorize employment as a permissible condition of an H-4 spouse's stay in the United States.

The fact that the federal government has had longstanding and open responsibility for authorizing employment for similar visa classes further manifests Congress' approval of it exercising that authority, she said.

The Department of Homeland Security and its predecessors have authorized employment not just for students, but also for their spouses and dependents, Judge Chutkan wrote in the ruling.

The H1B visa programme is designed to allow skilled foreign workers to come to the United States and work for American companies. However, until recently, H1B spouses were not allowed to work, which often placed a significant financial burden on families, he said.

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North Korea executes citizens for drug use, sharing S. Korean media and religious activities. Pic – PBS

N Korea executes people for sharing videos, religious activities

North Korea executes people for drugs, sharing South Korean media, and religious activities as it stifles its citizens' human rights and freedom, its rival, South Korea, said in a report on Thursday.

South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean affairs, based the 450-page report on testimony collected from 2017 to 2022 from more than 500 North Koreans who fled from their homeland, reports Reuters.

Reuters could not independently verify the South Korean government's findings but they were in line with U.N. investigations and reports from non-governmental organisations.

The report gave details of rampant state-led rights abuses in communities, prison camps and elsewhere, including public executions, torture and arbitrary arrests.

Deaths and torture regularly occur in detention facilities and some people were summarily executed after being caught trying to cross the border, the ministry said.

The report came as South Korea seeks to highlight its isolated neighbour's failure to improve living conditions while racing to boost its nuclear and missile arsenals.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said the report should better inform the international community of the North's "gruesome" abuses, saying North Korea deserved "not a single penny" of economic aid while it pursues its nuclear ambitions.

Indian-origin Daniel Mookhey becomes treasurer in Australia, takes oath on Gita

Daniel Mookhey became the first politician of Indian-origin to become the Treasurer in any Australian state as he took his oath of allegiance on the holy Bhagavad Gita. Daniel Mookhey was sworn in along with New South Wales (NSW) Premier Chris Minns and six other ministers.

Daniel Mookhey was elected by the Labour to replace Steve Whan in the New South Wales upper in 2015 with which he had then become the state's first politician of Indian background. Then also, he had taken the oath on the Bhagavad Gita. Daniel Mookhey's parents migrated from Punjab to Australia in 1973. He holds three university degrees and has previously worked as a consultant, reports Hindustan Times..

New South Wales' new parliament will also have the maximum number of Indian-origin members. These include: Daniel Mookhey, CharishmaKaliyanda, Gurmeh Singh and deputy premier Pru Car.

US drug body approves 1st over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal drug Narcan

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved the over-the-counter use of Emergent BioSolutions Inc's Narcan, making it the first opioid overdose reversal drug to be sold nationwide without a prescription.

The approval for OTC use of Narcan, Emergent's naloxone-based nasal spray, will help increase its availability and align the federal government's stance with states that have provisions to offer the drug without prescription through a pharmacist.

Naloxone rapidly reverses or blocks the effects of opioids, restoring normal respiration, especially when given within minutes of the first signs of an overdose, reports Reuters.

The agency's decision is in line with the unanimous recommendation of an independent panel of advisers in February in favor of allowing OTC use of the drug.

Drug-related overdose deaths in the United States



The overdose-reversal drug Narcan is displayed. Pic - AP

rose about 15% year-over-year to more than 100,000 in 2021, as per official data.

Shares of the Maryland-based company rose 5.5% before the bell.

Fresh clashes in France pension protests fuel domestic crisis



Flags are seen during a demonstration as part of the 10th day of nationwide strikes and protests against French government's pension reform in Paris. Pic - Reuters

Fresh clashes erupted in France Tuesday between protesters and police as tens of thousands took to the streets to show their anger against President Emmanuel Macron's pension reform that has sparked a major domestic crisis.

The day of nationwide protests and strikes called by unions is the tenth since mid-January against the law, which includes raising the retirement age from 62 to 64, reports AFP.

The movement has turned into a major challenge to Macron who won a second term in elections last year and presents the biggest crisis of his second mandate. An eleventh day of protest action has now been scheduled by unions for April 6.

Some 13,000 police deployed nationwide on Tuesday after last Thursday saw the most violent clashes yet between protesters and security forces.

French police have been accused of using excessive force -- both by

protesters and rights bodies -- and this has further fuelled the anger of demonstrators.

In eastern Paris, police fired tear gas and launched a charge after some protesters, dressed in black with their faces covered, raided a grocery store and started a fire as the march closed in on Place de la Nation.

Police said at least 27 people were arrested in the capital by the afternoon and that they had been targeted by protesters throwing stones and bottles.

Nearly two weeks after Macron forced the new pensions law through parliament using a special provision, unions have vowed no let-up in mass protests to get the government to back down.

A state visit to France by Britain's King Charles III, which had been due to begin on Sunday, was postponed because of the unrest.

The French interior ministry put

Tuesday's turnout at around 740,000 protesters nationwide, down somewhat on the 1.09 million who took to the streets last Thursday.

The CGT union said over two million protested, also down in its estimation of 3.5 million on March 23.

Young people were prominent in Tuesday's protests, with many blockading universities and high schools.

Mass transit in Paris was heavily affected, with traffic both on metros and suburban trains disrupted.

On Monday, workers blocked entry to the Louvre in Paris, the world's most visited museum, forcing its closure.

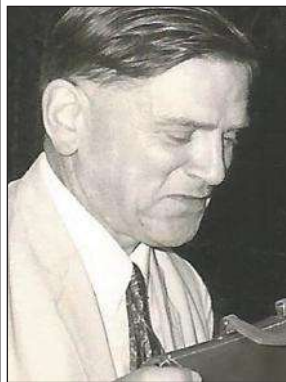
As on previous strike days, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Palace of Versailles outside the capital were also shut on Tuesday.

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• *Little minds, like weak liquors, are soonest soured.* — Anonymous

Peter Ibbotson

Race in Britain II

The Briton believes instinctively in freedom and has no hatred in his heart or mind for the coloured person

Some sections of the British press have been trying to create the impression that a mass invasion of Britain by coloured people is taking place. Nothing could be further from the truth. In April this year, the total population of Britain was over 50 million; the estimated

coloured population was a mere 190,000.

Far from the coloured immigrants all being from the West Indies or Africa, there are large annual immigrations from India and Pakistan. Recently, West Indian immigration has fallen, whereas from India and Pakistan it has risen considerably. However, the governments of both lands have taken measures designed to restrict emigration from their countries to Britain.

It is important to realise why coloured people come to Britain. True, there is the psychological link between the countries of the Commonwealth; Britain is the "mother country" even to those who have never seen it. But the West Indies have traditionally been an area from which workers have emigrated in search of jobs. West Indians helped to build the Panama Canal. West Indians before the war went in thousands to the USA, and in lesser numbers to Venezuela, to the oilfields. But these openings have now been stopped up, so they have turned to Britain. Says the November 1958 issue of *African and Colonial World* (a monthly devoted to consideration of colonial and Indian affairs, and obtainable from Nalanda): "The basic reason for West Indians and other Commonwealth citizens coming to this country is because of the economic conditions in their own territories. There is widespread unemployment and underemployment throughout the West Indies, India and Pakistan — something like 15 per cent of the workers of Jamaica have no jobs to go to." (That is a rate of unemployment comparable with that in Mauritius.)

Even so, only 130,000 people entered the UK as immigrants in 1956 — the latest available figure. And that total includes people from every place. In the same year, however, as many as 150,000 people left the UK permanently. Thus, UK emigrants exceeded UK immigrants by some 20,000 — in other words, the people who left their jobs and homes in the UK outnumbered those who entered the UK to take up jobs and enter homes! In 1957, more Britishers left the UK for Africa (Rhodesia, Nyasaland and the Union) than Africans entered Britain. More people emigrate from Canada each year than from the whole of Africa. And over 60,000 immigrants from Ireland enter the UK each year — twice as many as from the colonies and protectorates

Earlier I quoted *African and Colonial World* on the topic of why colonials come to Britain. The London *Daily Mirror*, on the same topic, had this to say on September 3: "Jamaica is the big money island where jobs are few and pay is poor. The £30,000,000 bauxite industry employs fewer than 5,000 people. The luxury tourist business, earning £10,000,000 a year, has jobs for only 5,700. One out of every five Jamaican workers is permanently out of a job. And there is big seasonal unemployment among those who do have a job. Pay is as low as this — an unskilled hand in the cigar

business earns £2 11s for a 53-hour week. A van driver gets £4 15s. A Grade One railway foreman gets 5£ 10s. Unemployment pay does not exist. The Jamaicans come here for work." The Mauritian equivalents of these three rates of pay quoted would be Rs 34.35 for the cigar worker; Rs 62.35 for the van driver; and Rs 72.35 for the foreman.)

Treating the Jamaicans as typical of the West Indians in the UK, the *Daily Mirror* asked six questions. Are they wasters? Are they criminals? Are they heathens? Are they stealing our women? Are they stealing our homes? Are they stealing our jobs? To all, the answers were "No". In three years, Jamaicans sent home over £10,000,000 worth of postal orders to their dependants and relatives in Jamaica. The Institute of Race Relations in its recent pamphlet *Colour in Britain* referred to the West Indians' frugal and thrifty habits. No Jamaican may leave the island without police clearance; those with criminal records cannot leave. Half the Jamaicans now coming to Britain are bringing their wives, and many who came alone in the past have now been able to pay the fares for their families to join them. Three out of five Jamaicans are members of a church or church group. Many live in houses which white people would not live in. Many have, by practising thrift, bought their own houses or have undertaken in renovations in rented accommodation. And lastly, many have gone into jobs where there was a shortage of labour — so that they weren't taking a white worker's job from him.

A dispassionate analysis of why coloured people come to Britain, and of the numbers involved in the annual immigration of the coloureds into Britain, makes one realise that the anti-coloured feelings have no logical, tangible basis.

Why therefore did the Notting Hill riots at the end of September suddenly flare up, in a country which had a long tradition of race tolerance?

To begin with, Notting Hill is an area of London with a long tradition of a shifting population. It adjoins Paddington, a centre for coloured immigrants where all the available accommodation had been taken, so that Notting Hill was an overspill area. There the coloured people formed the hard core of virtually the only substantial permanent population in Notting Hill. As the coloured people came to the area, non-Britishers bought up large old houses and let them off to coloured people at very high rents without any restrictions on overcrowding. Some of this accommodation had a bad reputation; some of the houses thus bought up and let had previously been used as brothels. In any case, much of the area where these houses were situated was an area where (i) organised prostitution had flourished; and (ii) there was a criminal community.

Employment was no difficulty. Most coloured people in the area were respectable workers; there was a very small minority which, however, earned a bad name for the whole community — a flashy, wide boy, near-criminal minority which included a number of actual criminals, including a few men living on the immoral earnings of organised prostitutes. But until July 1958 there was no violence offered against the coloured people; and when it began, it was a teddy-boy gang which started the trouble. In July 1958 some 15 teddy-boys imagined that they had been insulted by the coloured owner of a café. They attacked and damaged the café and got away untraced. Two weeks later they returned and used



sticks to break up furniture and crockery; this time 6 were arrested and later fined £ 40 (over Rs. 525) each. After this incident, the local teddy-boys decided that coloured people generally were a proper target for attack: and they moved into Notting Hill after an abortive attack (involving window-breaking) on a coloured man's house in Shepherd's Bush.

On the night of August 23-24, "a coloured man was attacked at a public house in Notting Hill by some white men, who struck him with dustbin lids and broken milk bottles. They escaped without trace. At one o'clock that morning milk bottles were thrown at the windows of two houses occupied by coloured people in Bramley Road... Between three and five the same morning, in various parts of N. Hill, six West Indians were attacked and badly injured by teddy-boys welding iron bars. Nine youths were arrested... It was they who were later sentenced to terms of imprisonment of four years each. They were stated in court to have admitted that they were 'nigger-hunting', by which they meant looking for coloured men 'to beat them up'." (Quotation from the pamphlet *Colour in Britain*, by James Wickenden, published by the Institute of Race Relations.)

The following week, more rioting occurred, and it went on spasmodically for nearly a fortnight. The coloured minority was criticised in sections of the press for defending itself against the attacks of the hooligans and teddy-boys; the whole Notting Hill affair was seized upon by irresponsible political parties and groups as an excuse to demand the exclusion of coloured people, or immigration quotas, or deportation of the coloured people. But the Government refused to limit immigration from the colonies; it announced its refusal after the Labour Party had firmly rejected any suggestion of restrictions on immigrations when it (after the next general election) becomes the next British government.

It is clear from the evidence available that the Notting Hill riots were due to hooligans, they sprang from the original attack on the café in July. People were attracted to Notting Hill by newspaper reports of the riots; but it is also clear that many of the newspaper reports were sensationalised and inaccurate. A handful of people were involved in the attacks on the coloured people; but the great majority of Britishers were sympathetic towards the immigrants who had been subjected to attacks. And it was felt that the jail sentences of four years passed on the nine youths, who unprovokedly attacked and wounded the six West Indians with iron bars, were well merited. It is clear too that there is in Britain no substantial body of people actuated by racial discrimination against their fellow-men. A few hysterical Fascists may go about painting "Keep Britain White" slogans on walls; but they are not typical of the average Britisher. There is in Britain no organised racial prejudice as there is in Mauritius or in the French colonies in Africa. The Briton believes instinctively in freedom and has no hatred in his heart or mind for the coloured person.

Krishnanand Gupta's 'Spirituality and Beyond'

A search for the meaning of life

'Spirituality and Beyond', a collection of poems by Krishnanand Gupta, was launched last week by Hon Kavydass Ramano, Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, in the presence of Lady Sarojini Jugnauth and Mrs Santi Bai Hanoomanjee, former Speaker of the National Assembly and Sir Bhinod Bacha, and other distinguished guests.

Presenting the book of poems, the author said that it is the third phase of his spiritual journey in life. In the first phase, he was pitched between humanism and spirituality as expressed in his similar book 'Between Earth and Sky', written in 1975. In the second phase, he moved from 'Humanism to Spirituality', which is also the title of the book he released in October 2021. The present collection of poems expresses his reflections on spirituality, probes further into the inner self and tries to decipher what lies beyond spirituality.

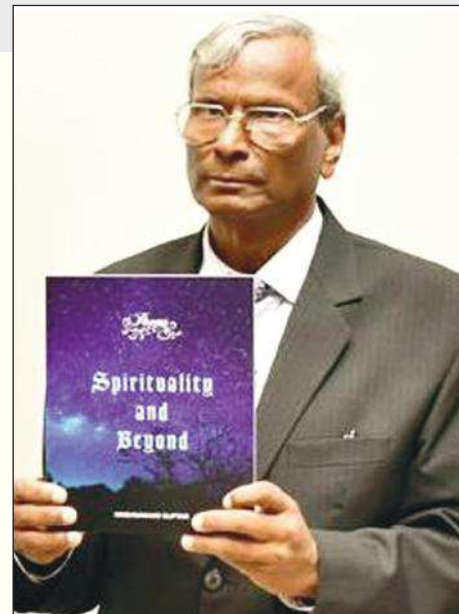
As conveyed in the poem "Treading

Down the Memory Lane" spirituality was ingrained in him since his childhood days:

*"When chanting spiritual hymns
Was the paroxysm of pleasure,
When teachings of moral rhymes
Were absorbed with zealous desires"*

According to Mr Gupta, spirituality involves a search for the meaning of life, the root cause and purpose of life. In his poem "The True Purpose of Life", he expresses the view that the goal of life is to elevate mankind, make the world a better place to live in and to be at peace with oneself. In fact, a thread of spirituality runs through all the 30 poems in this collection, which includes poems such as "The March of Time", "Time is a Precious Gift", "What is this World if Full of Stress", "Prisoners" and "It is not Enough to feed the Human Body".

In the poems "Staying Connected", and "Message to a Young Person", the author conveys messages for the attention and benefit of the younger generation. The moral and spiritual precepts that he trans-



mits therein are those that he has personally experienced and practised in life. "The First Step", "You Reap What You Sow", "Karma" and "Just one Word" carry messages that are relevant to everybody. "Liberation", "Journey of the Soul" and "Beyond Spirituality" express the inner wish

of the poet, which is not to be born again:

*"But to be ever free from the cycle
Of birth and death and its daily hassle,
Free from the earthly web of illusion
And to seek divine unification."*

The book, to some extent, bears the imprint of his readings of Vedic philosophers of India and great spiritual poets, such as Rabindranath Tagore and Shri Aurobindo Ghose. However, according to the author, the emotions, thoughts and perceptions he has articulated in his poem book have been shaped by what he has personally lived, experienced and felt during his journey of life.

Mr Gupta has opted for poetry as a medium of expression as, in his view, it is the best vehicle to express the utterings of the soul and enables us to convey profound messages and deep emotions in a few words. According to him, perusal of poems, particularly spiritual poems, confers genuine pleasure and leads to the peace of mind of readers.

'Spirituality and Beyond' is available at Nalanda Bookshop and will shortly be available in the book stores of Editions de l'Océan Indien.

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You're the president of the United States, you can declassify just by saying it's declassified, even by thinking about it."

These comments help substantiate Trump's belief in his absolute authority. There are specific procedures in place to manage declassification that do not involve psychic powers.

One real superpower

If the American presidents have one superpower, it is the power of the pardon. American presidents can pardon people, and the legislative and judiciary branches cannot prevent it.

Past presidents have used pardons largely in the service of justice, but at times to also reward personal friends or connections. But Trump took it even further, using this power seemingly as a way to reward his loyal supporters – and says he will seriously consider pardoning the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol rioters if he is reelected.

Trump also apparently considered granting himself a pardon as a way to avoid any prosecution for his involvement with the Capitol attack.

A self-pardon would also potentially place any president in constitutional murky water.

A 1919 Supreme Court ruling declared that a pardon "carries an imputation of guilt and acceptance of a confession of it." So, if Trump had pardoned himself for anything, he would have admitted to having committed a crime – for which he could still potentially be impeached or investigated under any applicable state law, which is not covered by a presidential pardon.

Presidents Are Not Kings

After office

Since leaving office, Trump has attempted to claim post-presidential executive privilege, independent of the current administration. But President Joe Biden – who must first give Trump this privilege – never extended it to his predecessor.

Trump's defense that he was allowed to store classified documents at Mar-a-Lago as a result of executive privilege has largely been unsuccessful in the courts.

Trump has also used his time as president to avoid any lawsuits that emerged after he left office.

In January 2023, a federal judge shot down Trump's attempt to dismiss a 2022 defamation lawsuit filed by the writer E. Jean Carroll, who says Trump raped her in the 1990s. Trump denied the rape in 2019.

In court, Trump argued that anything he said as president should be protected and he should be given immunity during that period.

Though a ruling is still pending, Carroll has argued in court that immunity would apply only if Trump were referring to presidential matters, and not personal ones.

Everyone is held to the same rules

American presidents serve a limited amount of time governing before they return to the general population's ranks.

Those privileged enough to hold the top office in the US are still citizens. They are held to the same laws as everyone else and, the founders believed, should never

be held above them.

Throughout history, many presidents have pushed the boundaries of power for their own personal preferences or political gain. However, Americans do have the right to push back and hold these leaders

accountable to the country's laws.

Presidents have never been monarchs. If they ever act in that manner, I believe that the people have to remind them of who they are and whom they serve.

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How much energy do we really need?

Researchers have been grappling with the question of how much energy societies actually need to satisfy everyone's most basic needs for many years, but as global scenarios of climate stabilization assume strong reductions in energy demand growth in the face of the climate crisis -- especially in developing countries -- finding an answer is becoming crucial. In their study published in the journal *Nature Energy*, IASA researchers attempted to find out whether meeting everyone's most basic human needs is in fact an impediment for stabilizing climate change.

"People have long worried that economic development and climate mitigation aren't compatible -- that the growth required to bring billions of people out of poverty would make it impossible to reduce net emissions to zero -- which is a requirement for climate stabilization. Until now, the research community however had no way to separate out the energy needs for eradicating poverty from coun-



tries' overall demand growth. Without this, vast inequalities and unsustainable consumption patterns in developing countries were being ignored," explains study lead author Narasimha Rao, a researcher in the IASA Energy Program, who is also on the faculty of the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

The researchers chose three developing countries, Brazil, India, and South Africa, and for each country asked what material requirements were underpinning basic human needs; and how the energy

resources required to meet these basic needs vary in different contexts (e.g., climate or culture) within each country. In order to do this, they developed a new way of deriving energy demand from basic services rather than from economic growth, so that energy for poverty eradication could be separated from those for affluence.

The results show that the energy needs for providing decent living standards to all in the chosen countries are well below their current national energy

use, and also well below average global energy use per capita. Energy for providing good health and education is far less than that for physical infrastructure, transit and buildings. These energy needs can however be further reduced if countries provide extensive affordable public transit and use local materials in building construction.

The findings further indicate that affluence, more than basic needs, drives energy demand, and that the bulk of future energy growth in these countries will likely serve the middle classes and affluent, even if governments prioritized poverty eradication. This suggests that close attention should be paid to lifestyles and how they evolve in developing countries. The researchers further emphasize that developing countries have different resource needs to meet the same human development goals. Brazil, for instance, has comparably high energy intensity of mobility due to a high dependence on cars. Because of these differences, developing countries will face different costs and challenges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from raising citizens' quality of life above a basic standard. Future pledges in the Paris Agreement will have to consider these differences to ensure that countries perceive their efforts as comparable and fair.



Do all animals have belly buttons?

Some animals have belly buttons that are easy to see, but others have ones that are more difficult to spot.

A belly button or tummy button is technically known as a navel or umbilicus.

Humans have belly buttons because before we are born, we are connected to our mothers via an umbilical cord. This is a tube that delivers nourishment to the unborn baby, known as an embryo, and removes waste. It runs from the placenta – an organ in the mother that provides a source of food and oxygen – to the tummy of the embryo.

Once a baby is born, it can get nourishment such as milk through its mouth, and the umbilical cord is no longer needed. The umbilical cord shrivels up and drops off after a few weeks. So, a belly button is basically a scar from where the umbilical cord used to attach to the baby's tummy.

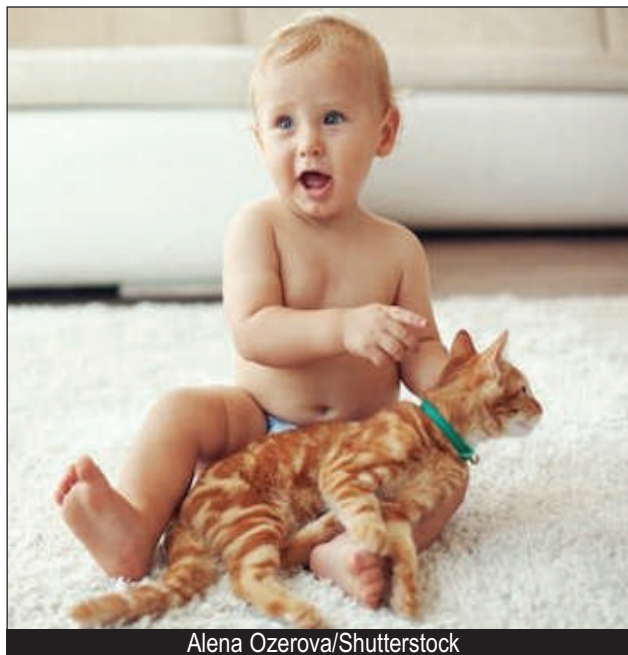
Humans are part of the group of animals called mammals, and other mammal babies develop inside their mother in the same way, getting nourishment from the placenta via an umbilical cord.

Belly buttons are quite large in humans, so they are pretty obvious. They are also visible in large mammals such as dolphins, orangutans and whales. Smaller mammals like cats, dogs and mice also have them, but the scars do not form large holes and they are often covered by hair or fur.

Other animal babies develop in different ways, though. Animals are actually separated into three groups, depending on how the embryos develop.

The first type is the one we have already talked about – when the embryo develops inside the mother and gets the food and oxygen it needs from the placenta.

The second type is animals that lay eggs. These animals, including reptiles, birds, amphibians and some



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mammals, don't have a placenta to provide food for their babies. So, do they have a belly button too?

Animals that lay eggs

Animals that develop in eggs, rather than in a womb, still need food. But, instead of getting this from the mother, the food is present in the egg in a special area known as the yolk sac. This is the yellow bit that you see in the middle of a fried egg. Don't worry, there are no babies in the eggs that you eat – they are unfertilised, meaning that they wouldn't ever develop into babies.

The embryos in fertilised eggs aren't able to drink the nutritious yolk through their mouths, in the same way that

human embryos can't drink until they are born. Instead, the embryos inside the eggs are attached to the yolk sac by a smaller feeding tube called the yolk stalk that goes to the tummy of the embryo.

The yolk stalk is similar to the umbilical cord, and it also dries up once the baby hatches as it is no longer needed. So, yes, animals that come from eggs do have a belly button scar, but it is usually so tiny that you would have difficulty seeing it.

But what about reptiles like lizards or snakes? They don't have a placenta, like mammals, but they often don't lay eggs. They are in the third group of animals.

Ovoviviparous animals

For these animals, the embryo develops inside an egg, but the egg stays inside the mother. These animals are called ovoviviparous animals. Sometimes the mother lays the eggs just before the babies are born, which is what the duck-billed platypus, an Australian mammal, does. Often, the eggs hatch inside the mother, so she gives birth to live-born babies. This is how some sharks and rays are born.

Reptiles like snakes or lizards are often ovoviviparous. Although they are live-born, they have not been attached to their mother via an umbilical cord. Instead, they have received nourishment through the yolk sac, via the yolk stalk.

So, yes – all animals have a belly button. Even dinosaurs had belly buttons! Recently, a fossil of a relative of triceratops was found with a belly button scar very similar to the scars found on modern-day alligators.

The animals that have been attached to a mother through an umbilical cord, though, generally have a much larger belly button than those that have been attached to an egg yolk via an egg stalk.

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The Telephone Pole

Three technicians guys go into an interview for a job at the local telephone company. They were all three great candidates and very well qualified.

The boss brings them into the office and says: "Okay, you three look the best on paper but I gotta know if you have what it takes for the day-to-day work. So, I'm gonna give you 1 day to impress me - set as many telephone poles as you can and report back tomorrow."

They all three go to work setting poles and return the next day into the boss' office. The boss asks one by one how many they set.

The first guy set 13. "Wow, 13 - that is impressive!" the boss tells him happily.

The second guy set 9. "Well," said the boss, "not as good as the first guy but still it is impressive."

He turns to the third guy. "How many did you set?" the boss asks.

"Two," the man replies triumphantly, his blond hair waving in the wind.

"TWO?? That's it?!?"

The manager was shocked. "That's barely any! What were you doing all day?"

"Well, I didn't want to have to be a snitch... but these other guys? They only put theirs halfway in the ground!"

The Burglar and the Sad Guard

A burglar was sneaking into a museum, and he had to get past the guard on duty.

As he snuck behind the guard, he couldn't help but notice the guard had his head in his hands, and he was crying.

"I can't believe I've worked here for 10 years, and everyone has forgotten my birthday again!" he moaned. "Longer hours, more work, and no appreciation! I can't do this anymore!" the guard said to himself as he continued to sob.

The burglar could easily sneak past, but found



himself feeling bad for the guard. Instead of proceeding with his plan, the burglar's sympathy for the guard got the better of him. He marched right down to the museum curator's office and kicked in the door.

There sat the director of the museum, the head of HR, and the head of security in a meeting.

"What are you doing here? How did you get pass the guard?" shouted the museum director.

"Gentlemen," said the burglar, "I'm afraid you've let your guard down."

The government had a scrap yard out in the countryside.

Parliament said, "Someone may steal from it at night." So, they created a night watchman position and hired a person.

Then Parliament said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So, they created a planning department and a person to write the instructions and a person to do time studies.

Then Parliament said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing his tasks correctly?" So, they created a Quality Control department and hired a person to do the studies and a person to write the reports.

Then Parliament said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So, they created a timekeeper and a payroll officer position and hired two people.

Then Parliament said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So, they created an administrative section and hired an Administrative Officer, Assistant administrative Officer and a Legal Secretary.

Then Parliament said, "We have had this project in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget. We must cut back on the overall cost." So, they laid off the night watchman.

An elderly lady staying alone surprised a burglar in her kitchen. He was planning to steal. With no weapon in reach, all she could think of doing was to quote the Scriptures at him and so she held up her hand and shouted out: "Acts 2:38."

The burglar instantly froze in fear, allowing the lady to get to the phone and dial 911. When the police arrived a few minutes later, the burglar was still quaking in

terror. After arresting him, the officers were puzzled as to how an elderly woman with no weapon had managed to strike such fear into him.

She replied: "I simply quoted the Scriptures. He must be a God-fearing fellow."

While questioning the burglar at the station, the officer asked him: "What was it about the Scriptures that had such an effect on you?"

"Scriptures? What scriptures?" replied the burglar. "I thought she said she had an axe and two .38!"

An armed robber held up a bank.

The bank teller said: "This is your first attempt, isn't it?"

"What makes you say so?" he shouted through the slit in his mask.

"Because you're pointing the wrong end of your shotgun."

The world's most eminent scientists were preparing an elaborate experiment to ask the ultimate question. After spending a long time gathering all the different makes of computer in the world together in one area, they connected all the monitors and keyed in one question that had been baffling humanity for centuries: "Does God exist?"

Suddenly there was a loud crash, a huge ball of smoke and flame, and all the screens went blank, just one printer remained operational, and as it spluttered into action, one of the scientists ran over to read the answer.

The printout read: "There is now."



Shopping for a Psychic

In a small town there lived a gypsy psychic, who was known to read minds, do divinations, etc.

One day, she went to shop for clothes.

After trying all kinds of outfits, a sales person approached her and asked if she can bring her some things.

"Sure," said the psychic, and the girl went to get her dresses.

When she came back, the psychic looked at the clothes and then raised an eyebrow.

"There is no way these will fit me, they are all 'Large!'"

"I've been working at this a while," said the sales girl, "believe me, I think these will fit you." "Nope. No way," said the psychic.

"How do you know if you haven't even tried them on?" said the frustrated girl.

"Trust me," said the psychic, "I'm a medium."

I feel like I should
clean the house, so
I'm going to
lay down and
have a nap
until that
feeling
passes!



The Fortunate

Dr Wada in Japan advocates calling people over 70 years old as "fortunate people" rather than "elderly people".

He summed up the secret of 70-year-olds becoming "lucky ones" into '42 sentences'. Seniors over the age of 70 do not need regular physical examinations because the "standard of health" varies from person to person. He also said: "Don't believe what doctors say." This is because doctors are in contact with "patients", so they do not understand what health is. At the same time, he also opposes the long-term use of multiple drugs by the elderly, and advocates "only take necessary drugs when necessary." In other words, "taking medicine to prevent something" makes little sense.

According to this point of view, the elderly do not need to take sleeping pills frequently. Loss of sleep time as you age is a natural phenomenon, and no one dies from insomnia. 24 hours a day, sleep

whenever you want, wake up whenever you want, this is the privilege of the elderly.

Dr Wada's '42 sentences'

- * Keep walking.
- * Take a deep breath when you feel irritable.
- * Exercise so that the body does not feel stiff.
- * Drink more water when the air conditioner is on in summer.
- * The more you chew, the more energetic your body and brain will be.
- * Memory declines not because of age, but because of long-term non-use of the brain.
- * No need to take a lot of medicine.
- * Only do what you love, not what you hate.
- * No matter what, don't stay at home all the time.
- * Eat whatever you want, the fat body is just right.
- * Do everything meticulously.
- * Don't deal with people you hate.
- * Rather than fighting the disease to the end, it is better to live with it.
- * You can't fall asleep and don't force it.
- * Doing happy things is best for boosting brain activity.
- * Find a family doctor early.
- * Don't be overly patient or force yourself, there is nothing wrong with being a "bad old man".
- * Stop learning or you will grow old.
- * Don't be greedy for vanity, it's good to have everything you have now.
- * Innocence is the privilege of the elderly.
- * The more troublesome things are, the more interesting they are.
- * Do what is good for others.
- * Live leisurely today.
- * Desire is the source of longevity.
- * Live as an optimist.
- * Cheerful people will be popular.
- * The rules of life are in your own hands.
- * Accept everything calmly.



Why we need best friends.

Because they laugh at the same stupid things we do.

Because they give us honest advice.

Because they are there for us even if they're thousands of miles away.

Because they celebrate with us when we're at our best, but still love us at our worst.

Life's Lesson Live rich and don't just die rich!

The younger generation is moving away from real estate, whereas the Seniors are still engrossed emotionally in real estate.

The seniors have built houses not only for themselves but also for their children, and even for those who have settled abroad or outside the home state.

The next generation is least interested in these houses, howsoever the elephant house. They have no time to look at these gigantic properties. The next generation is very asset light.

One such senior citizen died at the age of 85. His wife had already passed away a few years ago. One son lives in London and the other one in New Zealand. They have the nationality of those countries. Neither was interested in the house their father had built in his prime age.

The father had written a will before his death to give all the property equally to both his children. The sons did not have time to get all the property in their names and then sell it. Both of them made a power of attorney to sell the property in someone's name. Thereafter the proceeds from the sale of the property were sent to their home country.



Our second traditional investment is in gold and silver items. Investing in gold and silver is often very emotional. This is done in the form of ornaments for daughters-in-law or for grandchildren, instead of buying pure gold.

The new generation often does not like old fashioned jewellery items. As such, they are broken down into new designs. It goes back and forth. The new generation prefers to wear imitation or fake rather than genuine jewellery.

In some countries, gold is kept in pure form as an investment and a very little quantity in jewellery items.

The third emotional investment is children's higher education.

Occasionally, senior citizens take out loans for their children's higher education by cutting down on their hobbies/needs. When the children get jobs, they pay off debts but in some cases the parents have to repay these loans.

Going beyond this, some seniors are investing in policies or other

investments to facilitate education for their grandchildren.

Taking out a loan for children's education is understandable but why to invest in grandchildren's education now, especially when your children have already started investing in Systematic Investment Plan (SIPs) for their children's education, etc.

How is our mindset? We don't want to ask financial help from our married children. But taking care of grandchildren is our responsibility! Thinking of own children throughout their life and again thinking of grandchildren in old age?

Your lifespan is increasing. Your costs are rising. Think about it. Do not forget your own pleasure in thinking of others. Live life for yourself. It is rightly said that ... most people spend miserly all their lives and make the next generation rich.

So, you are above 60+, and now life expectancy has increased a little.

Live your life well. Spend on your hobbies, friends and fulfil your wish list, so that you live rich and don't just die rich!

On the Beauty and Importance of songs

As a singer, you have to bring the soul to the song.
— Lata Mangeskar

Life is a song - sing it. Life is a game - play it. Life is a challenge - meet it. Life is a dream - realize it. Life is a sacrifice - offer it. Life is love - enjoy it. — Sri Satya Sai Baba

When your time comes for your soul to depart from your body, sing your death song and die like a hero going home. — Anonymous

Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought. — EY Harburg

Every day we should hear at least one little song, read one good poem, see one exquisite picture, and, if possible, speak a few sensible words. — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

If in the twilight of memory, we should meet once more, we shall speak again together and you shall sing to me a deeper song. — Khalil Gibran

With good music, yes, we can bring people together because a good song will touch your soul no matter what and where it is coming from. — Guru Randhawa

Music, at its essence, gives us memories. And the longer a song has existed in our lives, the more memories we have of it. — Stevie Wonder

Every heart sings a song, incomplete, until another heart whispers back. Those who wish to sing, always find a song. At the touch of a lover, everyone becomes a poet. — Plato

Watch for all that beauty reflecting from you and sing a love song to your existence. — Rumi

Vivre est une chanson dont mourir est le refrain. —Victor Hugo

Being Mum & Dad 5 common types of discipline that parents mostly try

Whether you are a parent of one or four, raising kids is never an easy task. No set guidelines or handbook can tell you how to raise your kids in a better way. Every child is different and they need to be dealt with differently. Along with love, care and protection they also need to be disciplined when required.

Most parents might not enjoy this part of parenting, but discipline plays a crucial role in shaping your kid's personality, helping them to do better in future. Not every child has the same thought process and nature; similarly, not every child can be disciplined in the same way. Here are 5 common types of discipline that parents mostly try with their pros and cons.

Positive discipline

This type of discipline is based on the praise and encouragement method. In positive discipline, parents often help the child find a sense of belonging in the world around them and try to teach them



problem-solving skills to help them tackle the situation when they do not behave properly rather. Positive discipline is based on the concept of mutual respect where parents sit and talk to their little ones whenever they make any mistakes.

Gentle discipline

Gentle discipline is more about redirecting the problem for the time being to prevent kids from behaving badly. In this, parents, rather than yelling or punishing, use humour and distraction to deal with the situation when their kids demand something they do not like. It is a

supportive teaching process. Like if kids refuse to finish their homework, parents would tell them the consequences gently and humorously and later help their kids figure out how to finish the work.

Boundary-based discipline

The boundary-based discipline is all about setting limits and clear rules. In this way of discipline, kids are apprised about the consequences of flouting the rule or misbehaving. According to the Child Mind Institute, setting boundaries is important to children not just to instil discipline, but also in other aspects. It is crucial that kids

know that they need to respect the boundaries of others.

Behaviour modification

Behaviour modification discipline is a combination of both positive and negative consequences. Parents praise and reward the good behaviour of kids and misbehaviour is discouraged or ignored. Studies suggest that this strategy helps conditioning kids and unlearning bad behaviour. Some parents see this as bribes, while as per others it is an excellent way to raise kids.

Emotion coaching

Emotion coaching is showing empathy and being supportive to kids of their needs and feelings. Along with this, parents also set clear limits in this type of disciplinary method. Parents believe that children's behaviours are based on their feelings and needs and it is important to teach them how to express these feelings and needs appropriately.

The bottom line

All five types of discipline have their pros and cons. But it is hard to say which one is the best and would benefit your child. What you should do depends on you, your kid's behaviour and family. No single strategy can work on all the kids.

Well-being

Keep your friends close – they might hold the key to living longer

Socialising every day with your chums in later life more than halves the risk of death within five years, study suggests

The Book of Proverbs teaches that: "Just as lotions and fragrance give sensual delight, a sweet friendship refreshes the soul."

Now researchers have shown that friends really are a balm and seeing them regularly in later life may even help extend lifespan.

For people in their 80s, socialising every day more than halves the risk of dying in the next five years, compared to living a solitary existence, experts have found.

While one in five of the most isolated died in the five-year follow-up, just one in 14 people with active daily social lives passed away, reports Sarah Knapton of The Telegraph.

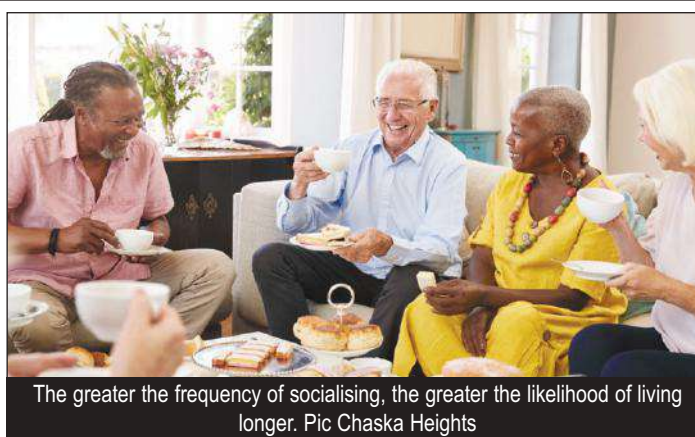
Stress-busting qualities

The team found a "dose response" with the greater the frequency of socialising, the greater the likelihood of living longer.

Researchers from the West China Hospital at Sichuan University said they were unsure why socialising might extend life, but have suggested that having lots of friends may encourage healthier behaviours, increase physical activity and help reduce stress.

The link remained even when accounting for other factors such as health and wealth which could have prevented people from getting out and about.

Writing in the 'Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health', Dr Sen He said: "This study found that frequent participation in social activity was associated with prolonged overall survival time.



The greater the frequency of socialising, the greater the likelihood of living longer. Pic Chaska Heights

Tackling loneliness in later life

According to Age UK, more than two million people in England over the age of 75 live alone, and more than a million older people say they go over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member.

Previous studies have shown that loneliness is not just an emotional state of mind, but it actually triggers genetic changes which cause illness and early death.

The University of California found that social

isolation appears to trigger the "fight or flight" stress signal which affects the production of white blood cells.

It also increases activity in genes which produce inflammation in the body while lowering activity in genes which fight off illness, promoting high levels of inflammation in the body.

'Threshold effect' in older age

For the new study, researchers looked at people enrolled in the Chinese Longitudinal Healthy Longevity Survey, an ongoing, prospective nationally representative study of older people living independently, which began in 1998.

The researchers said there appeared to be a "threshold effect" in older age where more frequent socialising was key to a longer life.

Social participation rates decrease significantly over time in people aged over 85, and the experts said more should be done to help very old people maintain healthy social lives.

Some research even suggests that social isolation might shrink the brain and increase the risk of developing dementia.

Health Tips

Wild blueberries could help burn fat during exercise

Consuming a cup of wild blueberries daily for two weeks can help the body burn more fat during exercise, according to a new study.

The research, published recently in the journal 'Nutrients', is the first to examine the fat-burning effects of wild blueberries during exercise in non-elite athletes.

The blueberries can help accelerate fat oxidation in the body, the process by which fatty acid molecules are broken down for energy, found scientists, including those from the California Polytechnic State University in the US.

However, citing some of the limitations of the study, researchers said it included only 11 males and no women, reports The Independent.

They said further research and including more participants can help verify the results and shed more light on the fat-burning effects of the berries.

The 11 healthy, aerobically trained males were instructed to follow a diet that included consuming 25 grams of freeze-dried wild blueberries each day for two weeks.

Each participant exercised on a bike for 40 minutes at Cal Poly Humboldt's Human Performance Lab, and their urine and blood samples were collected before and after cycling. Their blood samples were collected every 10 minutes during the workout as well.



Priyanka Chopra Jonas shares why she left Bollywood

Priyanka Chopra Jonas revealed on a podcast that after years of working in Bollywood, she was no longer getting cast for roles which ultimately inspired her transition to Hollywood.

In the episode of "Armchair Expert With Dax Shepard," which aired Monday, she said her move was a result of Bollywood politics, a shrinking pool of opportunities in India and a fresh start elsewhere, reports Brahmjot Kaur of NBC News.

"I was being pushed into a corner in the industry," she said on the podcast. "I had beef with people (I had disagreement with people), and again, I'm not good at playing the game. I was kind of just tired of the politics."

Chopra Jonas rose to fame in India after winning the Miss World beauty pageant in 2000 and taking on roles in several Bollywood films, making a name for herself through most of the 2000s and 2010s. She said a slew of unsuccessful films made her rethink and diversify her career.

"I was panicked, and my mom was panicked. She said, 'You're going to be 30 soon. You know that's old in this industry. They want to work with 20-year-olds, so you need to think about a new revenue stream if you're going to sustain yourself,'" she told Shepard.

It led to her experimenting with film production — and later a music career.

"I'm not a nepo baby. I didn't have the kind of support that exists in a big way in Bollywood movies. There are multigenerational actors that get in and get multiple opportunities versus the ones that come from outside," she said during the episode. "You don't have your uncle making a new movie for you just because the last one tanked. You have to hustle for it."

Chopra Jonas credited her short-lived music career as her transition to Hollywood after being signed to Interscope Records. "I need a break, and this music thing gave me an opportunity to go to another part of the world," she explained.

After spending most of her time in the U.S., Chopra Jonas said she was told to consider finding representation there.

"I was having trouble back home being cast in the movies I wanted to be cast in, so I did it and then it started," she said.

Chopra Jonas has since found success in Western entertainment, with a number of roles in shows and films like "Quantico," "The Matrix Resurrections" and "Baywatch."

Aishwarya Rai on being removed from Bollywood films 'Became obvious that it can happen to me too'

After Priyanka Chopra opened up about 'being pushed into a corner in the industry (Bollywood)', an old video of Aishwarya Rai talking about being removed from five films surfaced online, reports Hindustan Times. Aishwarya said she was taken aback and hurt when these films were taken away from her without an explanation. She talked about it with Simi Garewal on her show.

In the video, Simi is seen referring to Shah Rukh Khan as she said, "You were working together in five films, weren't you? Aish. *Veer Zara* was written for you." Aishwarya chuckled a little and replied, "There were a couple of films that were supposed to happen with me. But suddenly they weren't happening, without any reason whatsoever. I have never had the answer to why."

When Simi asked if her exit from the films was her decision, the actor said, "No, it wasn't my decision."

"You obviously are taken aback, confused and of course hurt. You wonder about it," she shared her feelings after being removed. Simi further proceeded, "Did that experience change your outlook about the way things work in Bollywood?"

Aishwarya told her, "You become more aware of what you've heard about, like in terms of... situations, people having an domino effect on another people or another projects. It became obvious that it can happen to me too...with all your apparent box office success or 'secure positioning' in the industry."

Aishwarya and Shah Rukh were slated to star together in a few films including *Chalte Chalte*, *Kal Ho Naa Ho* and *Veer Zaara*. Talking about it, Simi in the same interview also mentioned Aishwarya if she'd ever



questioned Shah Rukh for his decision. She answered, "It's not in my nature to. If a person feels a need to explain it, they will. If they never did, they never intend to. So, it's not in my nature to get into questioning what and why. Probably within myself, but I wouldn't go up to a person and ask why. By the grace of God, I'm not defined by the other."

In 2003, Shah Rukh told India Today, "To start a project with someone and then change her for no fault of hers is very difficult. It is very sad as Ash is a good friend. Personally I think I did wrong. But as a producer it made sense. I apologised to Ash."

Aishwarya and Shah Rukh were last seen together in Karan Johar's *Ae Dil Hai Mushkil* in 2016. Aishwarya will be next seen in Mani Ratnam's *Ponniyin Selvan: 2*.



Marriage on cards for Parineeti Chopra and AAP MP Raghav Chadha?

AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha was spotted having a meal with Parineeti Chopra at a high-end restaurant in Mumbai last week. Rumours suggest that the politician-actor duo are dating, after they were seen having multiple 'dates'.

Chadha was questioned by the media about his connection with the actress amid the rumours. A reporter outside the Parliament asked Raghav about rumours of his marrying Parineeti. The leader laughed in response and said that he would eventually reveal the truth and till then to restrict the questions to politics, reports Times of India.

Recently Parineeti was also caught by the paps at Mumbai airport. When asked about her shaadi plans, the actress blushes and left the spot. AAP MP Sanjeev Arora took it to Twitter dropping hints about the duo and congratulated them for their union.



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Shubhaavi Choksey

'Money and fame will come and go, but it's the people who are important to me'

Actress Shubhaavi Choksey opens up on leaving *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2*, bond with Ektas Kapoor, evolution of TV, friendships with Nakuul Mehta, Sakshi Tanwar and more.

Shubhaavi Choksey has been a part of the Indian TV industry since the revolution came on in the early 2000s. She started her journey with *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*, and most recently she was a part of *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2*. Recently, Shubhaavi got into a conversation with Bollywood Bubble where she opened up on leaving the show. She also reflected on her journey in TV, making some surprising revelations...

You have had an illustrious journey on Indian television, and even today you continue being as relevant. How has this journey been for you?

Honestly, initially I was very lucky that I got *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*. It was supposed to be a one-month cameo, which got extended to 11 months. During this while, my character got changed from positive to negative and that worked for me. Then I took a sabbatical and came back with *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain*. Whenever opportunity has knocked on my door, it has all worked out for me.

Be it *Kasautii Zindagii Kay* or *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2*, your parts have a negative shade but they aren't villainous. Do you see as an accomplishment to have made this niche for yourself or more like stereotyping?

If you have to break a stereotype, only you could do it. Nobody else can do it for you. Fortunately, or unfortunately, the memory span of the audience of looking at you in a certain way on screen can be changed. One role you do with a different look, in a different light, the audience's perception changes as well. You just need that one role that can change your life.

As for me, I don't regret anything. When I got TV offers, I was very thankful. Tv gave me monetary stability. I had lost my dad and needed a continued income. Though I wanted to do theatre, I was happy that I was getting television and offers got increasing. I always got to work with actors and

directors who helped me get better. So, I got to learn while getting paid for it.

You have always had a very strong relationship with people you have worked with. How do you nurture those equations after a show gets over?

Money and fame will come and go, but it's the people who are important to me. I always have been surrounded by people who love me not for what I am on screen, but who I am in real life.

Sakshi Tanwar and I speak to each other every year and it's been 10-15 years. We met after a long time recently and we started from where we left off. Even Smriti Irani ma'am. I have learnt so much from her. It's unreal.

***Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2* was one of the most special shows in your career. How difficult did it get to say goodbye to it?**

"Honestly, I believe there is a time for everything. My time with BALH was for one-and-a-half years and that was very difficult for me. I lived very far away from the set and my health had taken a toll, which had never happened on a show before. Nakuul Mehta and I were two people, I don't know why, who would keep getting some kind of allergy often. So, physically it was a very difficult show for me. I kept getting really ill on and off.

But considering the people I had around me on set, it was quite fantastic. When you perform a scene with Nakuul, even if I would be very tired, I'd get charged up. It's brilliant to work with him. And so is Disha Parmar. She is such a quiet girl but so sorted and warm. It's amazing to meet a main lead like that.

You have a cameo in *Bekaboo*. Most of your landmark shows have come with Ektas R Kapoor. How has that equation flourished on and off the screen?

The first time I met and interacted with Ektas Kapoor was during the narration of *Kasautii Zindagii Kay* in 2018. I have done 3 big shows with her before that, but then I would just go wish her on her birthday and then leave as I sleep very early. The first time I had a proper conversation with her was during *Kasautii* narration, and the third conversation happened during *BALH* narration. In between, we met once. So, I have met Ektas a total of 4 times, out of which 3 were narrations.

But I feel so lucky that she always keeps me in mind. Even when I was on a break, she called me for *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2*. I feel there is some sort of connection between us and I will forever be indebted to her."

YOUR STARS

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Those born under the sign of the Sagittarius are recognized for their love of exploration and sense of adventure. This coming week, you might get the feeling that you're being drawn towards new adventures or chances. Enjoy your natural sense of wonder and don't be afraid to try new things—especially if they excite you. It is impossible to predict where it will take you.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 9, 11, 19, 20, 30

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

You are recognized for your ability to get things done and your strong work ethic. It is likely that you will need to remind yourself to relax and take some time to appreciate the results of your hard work. Make sure that you are taking care of both your physical and mental health while you are taking some time off for yourself, whether it is a trip that is long overdue or just some time to relax.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 20

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Put your ingenuity, imagination, and fresh outlook to use in order to discover fresh approaches to outdated challenges. It's that your capacity to think creatively and unconventionally is exactly what's needed to bring about positive change. You will be able to enjoy a good level of physical fitness. Many of your past health problems will be cured.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 15, 14, 20, 33, 40

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

You are known to have strong intuitive abilities and a compassionate nature. Throughout next week, you might notice that you are particularly attuned to the feelings of those around you. Use that compassion to help others who are struggling to make ends meet. Your presence can make all the difference, whether it's offering someone a shoulder to weep on or simply lending an ear to listen.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 15, 16, 20, 30, 31

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

In order to triumph over a challenging obstacle, you will need to draw upon those talents you possess. Don't give up, whether you're dealing with a problem at work or in your personal life. You only need to keep moving forward, and you will eventually succeed where others have failed. You will enjoy a very pleasant and joyful time with your spouse and children.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 10, 11, 15, 21, 30

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

You need to exercise some financial restraint. Unanticipated costs have the potential to throw off the equilibrium of your budget. Take a few slow, deep breaths, and bring to mind that you have the ability to be resourceful. There will however be some sweet and romantic moments in your married life. If there are past differences, they will be resolved.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 13, 20, 23, 25, 26

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

You are a natural communicator, but this week you may find it challenging to express yourself. Don't worry about it, whether it's because of a misunderstanding or simply because you feel tongue-tied. Before you talk, give yourself some time to think about how you're feeling and what you're thinking about. You'll be able to articulate what you mean to others more precisely if you accomplish this first.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 9, 12, 33, 36

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

You might find yourself in a position to help a friend or family member who is struggling to make ends meet. Your thoughtfulness and compassion will be greatly appreciated by anyone you interact with, be it a close friend, a member of your family, or even a complete stranger. There are indications of ups and downs in the health aspects.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 12, 19, 25, 26, 27

Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

It's important for you, to keep your ego in check, even if you're known for your self-assurance and magnetic personality. Keep in mind that it is not embarrassing to ask for assistance when you are in need of it. There is no shame in admitting that you are unable to handle everything on your own. You will however be able to maximize your financial resources.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 13, 20, 29, 30

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

Those born under the sign of the Virgo are noted for their thorough disposition and attention to detail. This week, you may need to let go of your need for perfection and adopt a more laid-back approach. There are instances when "good enough" is all that is required. Don't let the quest of perfection prevent you from making progress in other areas of your life.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 18, 25, 26, 30, 34

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

It's possible that you'll need to make a difficult choice this week that may throw off your equilibrium. Put your faith in your gut feelings, and be confident in the knowledge that the decisions you make will bring you a deeper sense of harmony. The time will be very favourable for you to enjoy a good health. You will be inclined towards a disciplined daily routine.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 14, 21, 26, 29, 37

Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

The intensity and passion that characterize Scorpions is well-known. During this coming week, you may need to utilize such abilities in order to address a difficult circumstance head-on. Avoiding disagreement or talks that make you feel uncomfortable is a mistake. Your capacity to maintain concentration and dedication will carry you through to a positive outcome in this situation.

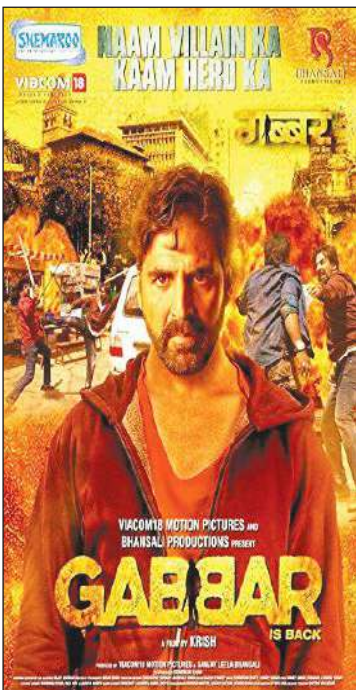
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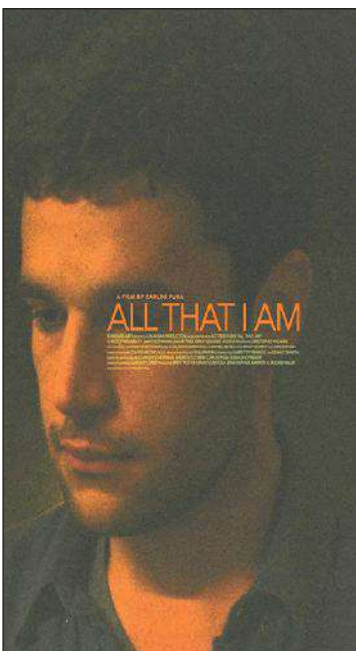
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06.15 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
 08.00 Local: Profil
 08.35 Local: Nou Later Nou Lamer...
 11.10 Tele: Rubi
 12.00 Le Journal
 12.40 Tele: Fierce Angel
 13.25 MBC Production
 14.35 D.Anime: L'Heure Du Conte
 15.21 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier
 15.31 D.Anime: Tempete De Boule...
 15.52 D.Anime: The Adventure Of...
 16.38 D.Anime: Cleopatra In Space
 17.15 D.Anime: D.I.Y. Discover...
 17.25 Mag: Bricks 'O' Brian
 18.00 Live: Samachar
 18.31 Serial: Surya Puran
 18.55 Serial: Jag Jaanani Maa...
 19.30 Journal & La Meteo
 20.25 Local: Les Grands Noms...
 21.40 Serial: For Life
 23.00 Le Journal

06.00 D.Anime: Bricks 'o' Brian
 06.47 D.Anime: Gon
 09.34 Mag: The World Is Yours
 10.00 Local: Zanfan Nou Zil
 11.01 Local: MBC Production
 11.55 Local: Autour Des Valeurs...
 12.00 Le Journal
 12.25 Local: Les Grands Noms...
 12.30 Tele: Tour De Babel
 14.30 Local: Metie
 15.00 Live: Samachar
 15.21 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier
 15.32 D.Anime: Tempete De...
 16.38 D.Anime: Dee Dee The Little...
 17.11 D.Anime: Panda Fanfare
 18.00 Samachar
 18.30 Enter: Taare Zameen
 19.30 Journal & La Meteo
 20.25 Local: MBC Production
 21.25 Film: L'Etranger
 avec Craig Fairbrass, James Caan,
 Jason Patric

06.00 D.Anime: Bricks 'o' Brian
 06.24 D.Anime: Fast And Furious
 07.35 D.Anime: The Adventure Of...
 08.08 D.Anime: PAF, Le Chien
 10.00 Local: Zanfan Nou Zil
 10.30 Mag: Sand Tales
 11.00 Local: Nu Rasinn
 12.00 Le Journal
 12.40 Tele: Tour De Babel
 14.05 Local Prod: Elle
 15.00 Live: Samachar
 15.21 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier
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 16.47 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
 17.11 D.Anime: Panda Fanfare
 18.00 Live: Samachar
 18.30 Local: Nora Fatehi
 19.30 Le Journal
 21.25 Film: All That I Am
 With Christopher Abbott, Gaby...

06.00 Serial: Chicago PD
 07.00 Film: All That I Am
 08.30 L'incroyable Hulk
 09.30 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
 10.00 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
 11.10 Tele: Rubi
 12.00 Le Journal
 12.30 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
 13.17 Tele: Love And Wealth
 13.40 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
 14.10 L'incroyable Hulk
 15.21 Film: Jonathan
 17.15 Tele: Fierce Angel
 18.00 Live: Samachar
 18.30 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
 18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
 19.30 Le Journal
 20.25 Serial: Riviera
 21.15 Serial: Madam Secretary
 22.00 Serial: Blue Bloods
 22.45 Serial: Fierce Angel
 23.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

MBC 2

07.00 DDI Live
 10.00 Serial: Meer Abru
 11.20 Serial: Pyar Ke Sadqay
 12.02 Film: Dear Comrade
 15.00 Live: Samachar
 15.22 Serial: Saare Tujhyachsathi
 15.45 Serial: Bommarillu
 16.04 Serial: Sondha Bandham
 16.27 Serial: Rabba Mainu Maaf...
 16.44 Serial: Saaton Vachanwa...
 17.11 Serial: Bhakharwadi
 17.30 Serial: Ishaaron Ishaaron...
 18.01 Serial: Oh! My Sweet Liar!
 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
 20.00 Serial: Yeh Dil Mera
 20.44 Local: Anjuman
 21.15 Local: Namaz-E-Jumma
 22.02 DDI Live

07.00 Film: Anpadh
 Starring Ashok Kumar, Parikshat
 Sahni, Zarina Wahab
 09.55 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
 11.01 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo
 11.28 Serial: The Demi-Gods And...
 11.56 Serial: Nanda Saukhya Bhare
 12.19 Serial: Mooga Manasulu
 12.43 Serial: High School
 15.00 Live: Samachar
 15.25 Film: Lootcase
 Stars: Kunal Khemu, Rasika
 Dugal, Vijay Raaz
 17.45 Mag: DDI Mag
 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
 20.00 Serial: Vidrohi
 20.30 Serial: Porus
 21.00 Film: Gabbar Is Back
 Starring Akshay Kumar, Shruti
 Haasan, Sunil Grover
 23.04 DDI Live

07.00 Film: Sajna Saath Nibhana
 11.03 Serial: Azhagu
 11.20 Jag Jaanani Maa
 Vaishnodevi
 11.39 Serial: Surya Puran
 12.06 Film: Rishyey
 14.38 Mag: DDI Mag
 15.00 Samachar
 15.20 Mooga Manasulu
 15.42 Serial: He Mann Baware
 16.04 Serial: Sondha Bandham
 16.30 Local: Yaadein
 17.03 Serial: Siya Ke Ram
 17.48 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
 18.30 Local: Tita Tita Nu Avanser
 19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
 19.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
 20.05 Serial: Porus
 21.15 Serial: Crime Patrol
 22.02 Serial: Naagin Season 3


07.00 Local: Son Ladan Mem
 07.21 Local: Rodrig Prog
 08.12 Local: Profil
 08.30 Local: Music Tour 2022
 09.36 Local: Itinerer Rodrig
 09.54 Local: Rodrig Prog
 10.25 Local: Rodrig - Klip Selekt...
 11.30 Serial: Tetelestai
 12.01 Local: Nu Rasinn
 13.05 Local: Son Ladan Mem
 13.18 Local: Rodrig Prog
 14.19 Local: Itinerer Rodrig
 15.00 Local: Arsiv MBC
 15.31 Film: The Gospel Of John
 17.29 Serial: Tetelestai
 18.00 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
 18.30 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
 19.20 Local: Le Magazine De
 L'Emploi
 19.29 Local: Rodrig Prog
 20.00 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
 20.30 Local: Business Connect

MBC 3

07.00 Mag: Border Crossing
 07.51 Doc: Paradis Perdus
 08.42 Doc: Tokyo Phoenix, The
 Rise Of Modern Japan
 09.25 Mag: Saladeria
 12.05 Mag: Shift
 14.56 Doc: Saladeria
 15.01 Doc: Cool & Clever
 16.59 Mag: Eco India
 17.25 Mag: Carnet De Sante
 17.45 Doc: Foodland
 19.00 Student Support Prog...
 20.30 Live: News
 20.53 Doc: Books
 21.55 Mag: Sky Eye
 22.21 Doc: Growing Up In Mongo...
 23.04 Mag: Life On Us
 23.46 Doc: Foodland
 23.50 Doc: The Healing Power Of...
 00.32 Mag: World Stories
 00.46 Doc: Castless

06.00 Foodland: Veggie Feasts
 06.45 Mag: World Stories
 06.57 Mag: Our Voices
 07.31 Mag: Euromaxx
 07.57 Doc: Innovation On Board
 09.23 Doc: Saladeria
 10.37 Doc: Life On Us
 12.21 Doc: Castles
 12.55 Mag: Euromaxx
 13.50 Doc: Expedition Kachgar
 17.30 Mag: Sky Eye
 18.08 Doc: World Capitals
 19.01 Mag: The 77 Percent
 19.30 Doc: Japan Video Topics
 20.30 Local: News (English)
 20.50 Doc: The Secrets Of Vanuatu
 21.48 Doc: Snapshots
 22.13 Doc: The Great Meat Debate
 23.22 Doc: Saving The Temples...
 00.05 Doc: World Capitals
 00.09 Doc: Tea-New Ideas For...
 00.32 Doc: Smoothie Mania

06.00 Doc: World Capitals
 07.06 Mag: The 77 Percent
 07.25 Mag: Check In
 09.34 Doc: Persons
 10.33 Doc: Hello, A.I
 12.28 Mag: In Good Shape
 13.27 Mag: Check In
 13.53 Les Montagnes Du Monde
 14.36 Doc: Books - The Greatest
 14.43 The Secrets Of Vanuatu
 15.31 Doc: Persons
 17.08 Doc: Saving The Temples...
 18.29 Doc: Smoothie Mania
 19.06 Doc: World Famous Writers
 19.37 Doc: Meru
 20.30 Live: News (English)
 20.50 Doc: Heritage
 21.49 Doc: A Mediterranean...
 22.15 Doc: Extreme Climate Event
 23.00 Doc: The Bitter Sweet Deal
 23.39 Doc: World Capitals

07.00 Film: Super Bheem
 18.08 MBC Production
 12.02 Film: Khote Sikkay

 14.59 Live: Samachar
 15.33 Bhagwan Ab Ho Kitne Door
 16.02 Kundali Bhagya
 18.00 Live: Samachar
 18.29 Local: Ved Ki Shikshayen
 19.00 Local: Akshay Dhaara
 19.59 Local: Charcha
 20.29 Film: Seeta Aur Geeta
 23.11 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
 23.32 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

Cine 12

01.17 Film: The Ottoman Lieutenant
 03.37 Film: Three Doors From...
 05.18 Tele: Tour De Babel
 06.48 Film: The Ottoman Lieutenant
 08.45 Serial: Chicago Pd
 09.30 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
 09.57 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
 10.22 Tele: Fierce Angel
 11.00 Serial: Timeless
 11.46 Film: Three Doors From...
 13.31 Tele: Tour De Babel
 14.45 Film: Wolves
 16.35 Serial: Chicago PD
 17.15 Serial: Madam Secretary
 18.05 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
 18.26 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
 19.00 Tele: Fierce Angel
 19.34 Serial: Hank Zipzer
 20.05 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
 20.30 Serial: Le Livre Perdu Des...
 21.20 Film: The Thaw

01.12 Film: The Thaw
 02.50 Serial: Galactica
 03.35 Serial: Blacklist
 04.16 Serial: Deux Flics A Miami
 05.12 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana
 09.23 Serial: Le Livre Perdu Des...
 06.48 Film: Grace And Goliath
 08.30 Serial: Madam Secretary
 09.11 Serial: Blacklist
 10.45 Film: Three Doors From...
 12.15 Serial: Galactica
 13.30 Serial: Timeless
 14.55 Tele: Missing Bride
 16.24 Serial: Le Livre Perdu Des
 Sortilèges
 17.02 Film: Origine Inconnue
 18.50 L'agence Tous Risques
 19.35 Serial: Hank Zipzer
 20.05 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
 20.30 Series: Le Livre Perdu Des...
 21.15 Film: The Huntress

02.27 Serial: Killjoys
 03.08 Film: L'Etranger
 05.05 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'ana
 06.14 Serial: Le Livre Perdu Des
 Sortilèges
 06.55 Serial: Island Doctor
 08.33 Serial: Madam Secretary
 09.11 Film: L'Etranger
 10.42 Film: Origine Inconnue
 12.20 Serial: Killjoys
 13.30 Serial: Timeless
 15.35 Tele: Missing Bride
 17.05 Serial: Le Livre Perdu Des
 Sortilèges
 17.47 Serial: Killjoys
 18.45 Serial: L'incroyable Hulk
 19.36 Serial: Hank Zipzer
 20.05 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
 20.30 Serial: New Amsterdam
 21.15 Serial: Suits
 22.00 Film: Poker Night

06.00 Doc: World Capitals
 06.30 Mag: Bricks 'O' Brian
 06.52 D.Anime: PAF, le Chien
 06.59 D.Anime: Ubongo Kids
 07.25 D.Anime: Harvey Girls...
 07.48 D.Anime: The Adventures...
 09.00 Film: Dino Dana
 10.34 Serial: Creeped Out
 11.55 Doc: World Famous Writers
 11.58 Mag: The Inside Story
 13.45 Film: Vinski Et La Poudre...
 15.24 D.Anime: Early Learning
 15.26 D.Anime: Les Nouvelles...
 15.36 D.Anime: Zoonicorn
 16.11 Serial: Rainbow Rangers
 16.34 D.Anime: Yo Yo
 16.49 D.Anime: Miraculous...
 17.12 Mag: Lab 360
 17.16 Mag: Bricks 'O' Brian
 17.33 Mag: Mimetismes
 18.00 Doc: Foodland
 18.29 Mag: The 77 Percent

Bollywood TV

07.00 Film: Fida
 11.30 / 20.30 - Radha Krishna
 12.00 / 21.00 - Anupamaa
 12.28 / 21.30 - Mere Sai
 12.56 / 22.00 - Kismat Ki Lakiron
 13.31 / 22.03 - Yeh Teri Galiyan
 13.59 / 22.30 - Patiala Babes
 14.25 / 23.00 - Highway On My
 Plate
 14.53 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
 15.24 Film: Humko Tumse
 Pyaar Hai
 Starring: Arjun Rampal, Amisha
 Patel, Bobby Deol
 18.00 Live: Samachar
 18.30 Kundali Bhagya
 19.00 Udaariyaan
 19.28 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke...
 20.04 Sasural Simar Ka 2

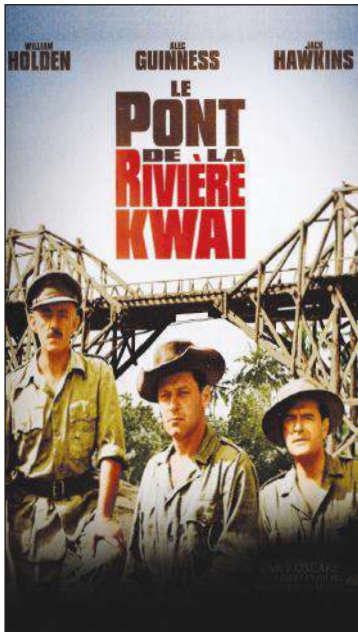
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 04.19 Anupamaa
 05.04 Mere Sai
 05.32 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
 05.44 Yeh Teri Galiyan
 06.13 Patiala Babes
 08.00 Yeh Teri Galiyan
 10.00 Kalari Kids
 10.13 Sasural Simar Ka 2
 12.00 Serial: Udaariyaan
 14.04 Serial: Anupamaa
 16.15 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
 18.00 Samachar
 18.30 Film: Super Singh
 Starring: Diljit Dosanjh,
 Sonam Bajwa, Pawan
 Malhotra
 20.59 Kalari Kids
 21.14 Porus
 21.36 Naagin Season 5
 22.17 Yeh Teri Galiyan

00.00 Serial: Sasural Simar Ka 2
 01.56 Udaariyaan
 03.50 Anupamaa
 06.10 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
 08.00 Kalari Kids
 08.14 Main Maike Chali Jaungi...
 10.01 Kundali Bhagya
 11.51 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
 14.00 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
 16.08 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
 17.33 Live: Samachar
 18.38 Film: Phool Aur Kaante
 Starring: Ajay Devgan,
 Madhoo, Aruna Irani
 20.53 Serial: Kalari Kids
 21.03 Serial: Naagin Season
 21.46 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
 23.33 Main Maike Chali Jaungi
 Tum Dekhte Raahiyo
 01.24 Kundali Bhagya
 03.29 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se

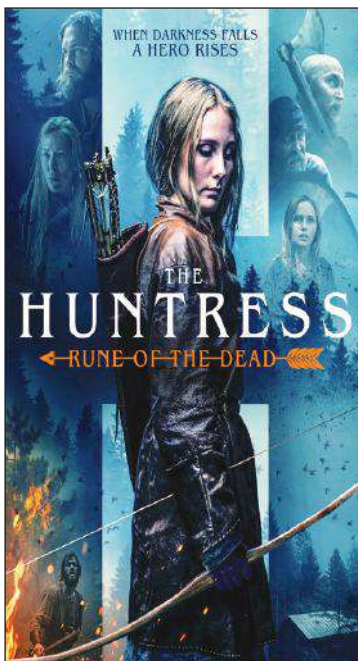
08.00 Taare Zameen Par
 11.29 / 20.30 - Radha Krishna
 12.00 / 21.00 - Anupamaa
 12.30 / 21.30 - Mere Sai
 13.00 / 22.00 - Kismat Ki Lakiron
 13.21 / 22.03 - Yeh Teri Galiyan
 14.00 / 22.30 - Patiala Babes
 14.30 / 23.00 - 100 Years Of
 Indian Cinema
 15.00 / 21.46 -
 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
 15.24 Film: Andolan
 Starring: Sanjay Dutt, Govinda,
 Mamta Kulkarni
 18.00 Live: Samachar
 18.30 Kundali Bhagya
 19.00 Udaariyaan
 19.31 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
 20.01 Sasural Simar Ka 2
 20.00 Radha Krishna
 20.29 Anupamaa



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Mercredi 5 avril - 21.15



Jeudi 6 avril - 20.50



Programme TV



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MBC 1

06.00 Serial: Chicago PD
08.45 Serial: Blue Bloods
09.30 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
11.10 Tele: Rubi
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Love And Wealth
14.12 L'Agence Tous Risques
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.20 Film: The Bounty Men
16.45 Mag: Hollywood On Set
17.15 Tel: Fierce Angel
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.20 Film: Le Pont De La Riviere Kwai
23.15 Serial: Deux Filcs A Miami
With: Don Johnson, Philip Michael Thomas, Sandra Santiago

MBC 2

06.30 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
07.00 Local: Business Connect
11.02 Local: Proze Dime
12.00 Local Prod: Rodrig Prog
13.17 Local: Metie
13.38 Local: Tous Egaux
15.30 Film: The Gospel Of Matthew
17.30 Serial: Tetelestai
18.00 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
18.30 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.20 Local: Le Magazine De...
19.29 Local: Rodrig Prog
19.46 Local: Son Ladan Mem
20.00 Local: Ong An Eta Dalert
20.30 Local: Priorite Sante
21.00 Local: Paroles Agricoles
21.30 Local: Radio Vision
22.30 Local: Mots & Ecrits
23.00 Le Journal

MBC 3

07.00 Film: Super Bheem In Dragonpur
08.10 MBC Production
12.00 Film: Phandebaaz
Starring Dharmendra, Moushumi Chatterjee, Prem Chopra
15.08 Live: Samachar
15.37 Serial: Badki Malkaain
16.00 Serial: CID
16.44 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.35 Local: Tark Vitark
19.00 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
19.30 Mag: MBC Production
20.02 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
20.30 Film: Vardaan
22.48 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.21 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

Cine 12

06.00 Doc: Foodlands: Veggie...
06.28 Mag: The 77 Percent
06.55 Doc: World Heritage
07.32 Mag: In Good Shape
08.45 Mag: Tomorrow Today
09.46 Doc: Stolen Soul
10.28 Doc: Glacier Express
11.15 Doc: Foodland: Veggie...
11.18 Mag: Eco At Africa
12.03 Doc: World Heritage
13.13 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures
13.59 Mag: Saladeria
15.00 D.Anime: L'Heure Du Conte
18.05 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto...
18.26 Mag: Health Living
19.00 Doc: World Heritage
19.31 Mag: Check In
20.05 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
20.35 Live: News
20.50 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures
21.28 Mag: Happiness Is On The...

Bollywood TV

05.01 Film: Andolan
Starring Sanjay Dutt, Govinda, Mamta Kulkarni
11.33 / 20.29 - Radha Krishna
12.03 / 20.57 - Anupamaa
12.20 / 21.27 - Mere Sai
12.50 / 22.07 - Kundali Bhagya
13.18 / 22.37 - Udaariyaan
14.00 / 23.07 - Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
14.31 / 22.25 -
Other: Radha Krishan
15.26 Film: John Jani Janardhan
Starring Rajinikanth, B. Thyagarajan, Rati Agnihotri
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.03 Udaariyaan
19.33 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise

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07.00 Film: Le Pont De La Riviere Kwai
09.30 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
10.00 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
10.25 Tele: Fierce Angel
11.10 Tele: Rubi
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Love And Wealth
13.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.37 Mag: Hollywood On Set
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.21 Film: Matriarch
17.15 Tele: Fierce Angel
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
19.00 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.30 MBC Production
21.25 Serial: New Amsterdam
22.15 Serial: Suits
Avec Gabriel Macht, Rick Hoffman

07.00 Priorite Sante
08.45 Local: Rodrig Prog
09.38 Local: Music Tour 2022
11.35 Serial: Tetelestai
12.04 Local: Rodrig Prog
14.01 Local: Radio Vision
15.30 Film: The Gospel Of Mark
17.30 Serial: Tetelestai
18.00 Tel: La Beaute Du Diable
18.30 Tel: A Que No Me Dejas
19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
19.30 Local: Rodrig Spor
20.00 Local: Toc Toc Doc
20.45 Local: En Forme
21.00 Local: Agir Ensemble
21.26 Local: Les Klips
22.18 Local: Arsiv 241
23.00 Le Journal Televisé
23.45 Local: Rodrig Prog
01.30 Local: Rodrig Spor
02.32 Local: Toc Toc Doc
02.47 Local: En Forme

07.00 Film: Super Bheem Bana Vajraveer

08.10 Mag: MBC Production
12.00 Film: Bandhan
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Serial: Bhagwan Ab Ho Kitne Door
16.00 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki
18.00 Live: Samachar
19.00 Local: Tirth Yatra 2022
20.00 Local: Virasat
20.30 Film: Litti Chokha
23.05 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.36 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

06.03 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto...
06.29 Mag: Healthy Living
06.44 Mag: Red Carpet
06.59 Doc: World Heritage
07.08 Mag: Made In Germany
07.34 Mag: Check In
08.00 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures
09.59 Doc: Behind The Mystique
11.34 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto...
12.01 Mag: Healthy Living
12.30 Doc: World Heritage
13.34 Doc: La Route De La Soie
14.32 Mag: Euromaxx
15.00 D.Anime: L'Heure Du Conte
15.15 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
15.38 D.Anime: The Adventure Of...
17.31 Mag: Bricks 'O' Brian
20.05 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
20.50 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures
21.15 Film: The Huntress
Avec: Moa Stefansdotter, Yohanna IdhaViva, Östervall Lyngbrant

05.22 Film: John Jani Janardhan
Starring Rajinikanth, B. Thyagarajan, Rati Agnihotri
11.27 / 20.06 - Radha Krishna
11.57 / 20.26 - Anupamaa
12.54 / 20.02 - Mere Sai
13.24 / 20.46 - Kundali Bhagya
13.51 / 21.09 - Udaariyaan
13.25 / 21.50 - Patiala Babes
14.19 / 22.15 -
Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
15.24 Film: Mohabbat Ki Arzoo
Starring: Bedi Bakhtiar, Rakesh Bedi, Ashwini Bhawe
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

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06.00 Serial: Chicago PD
06.45 Mag: Close Up
07.20 L'Incrovable Hulk
08.00 Serial: New Amsterdam
08.45 Serial: Suits
11.10 Tele: Rubi
12.00 Le Journal
12.30 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
14.35 Tele: Love And Wealth
13.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.10 L'Agence Tous Risques
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.22 Film: The Night We Met
17.00 Tele: Fierce Angel
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
18.56 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: Mubarakan
With: Anil Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Ileana D'Cruz

07.00 Local: Toc Toc Doc
07.36 Local: Agir Ensemble
09.24 Local: Arsiv 241
10.00 Live: Messe Chrismale
11.45 Serial: Tetelestai
12.14 Film: Evangile Selon St Jean
17.30 Serial: Tetelestai
18.00 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable
18.30 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.20 Local: Le Magazine De L'emploi Et Des Metiers
19.30 Local Rodrig Prog
20.00 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
20.30 Local Meshiagare
21.00 Local: Radio Vision
22.42 Local: An Eta Dalert
23.00 Le Journal Televisé
23.49 Local: Rodrig Sa
00.15 Local: Rodrig Prog
01.50 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
02.20 Local: Meshiagare

06.00 Mag: Motorweek
06.24 Mag: Vous Et Nous
06.57 Mag: Arts.21
07.55 Doc: Planet Home
11.26 Mag: Motorweek
11.38 Local: Vous Et Nous
12.37 Doc: World Heritage
12.40 Mag: The Inside Story
13.06 Doc: Planet Home
16.12 Mag: Motorweek
17.21 Mag: Arts 21
18.00 Mag: Eco India
18.35 Local: Talk On Ramadan
19.30 Mag: Japan Video Topics
20.30 Local: News (English)
20.53 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures
21.48 Mag: Saladeria
22.17 Doc: Smoothie Mania
23.48 Doc: Foodland: Veggie...
23.51 Doc: Eco India
00.09 Mag: Shift

06.00 Doc: Foodland: Veggie....
06.30 Mag: Bricks 'O' Brian
06.51 D.Anime: P'tit Cosmonaute
07.24 D.Anime: Harvey Girls...
07.47 D.Anime: The Adventures...
08.15 D.Anime: PAF, le Chien
08.23 D.Anime: Llama Llama
08.46 D.Anime: All Hail King Julien
09.08 Mag: Recipes For Kids
09.15 Film: Pirates
10.50 Mag: Sand Tales
11.09 Serial: Creeped Out
13.45 Film: Vinski Et La Poudre Magique
15.15 D.Anime: D.I.Y. Discover
15.31 D.Anime: Zoonicorn
18.30 Film: My Son My Savior
20.02 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
20.50 Film: Santa Fe
22.24 Mag: Saladeria
22.28 Doc: Tokyo Phoenix...

06.54 Film: Dulaara
Starring Govinda, Karisma Kapoor
11.00 / 20.26 - Radha Krishna
11.29 / 21.01 - Anupamaa
12.27 / 21.31 - Mere Sai
12.57 / 21.56 -
Kundali Bhagya
13.24 / 22.20 - Udaariyaan
13.59 / 22.52 - Kuch Rang Pyar...
14.25 - Mag: Highway On My...
15.00 / 21.46 -
Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.24 Film: Khatta Meetha
Starring Akshay Kumar, Trisha, Rajpal Yadav, Urvashi Sharma
18.00 Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
18.59 Udaariyaan
19.31 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
20.01 Sasural Simar Ka 2



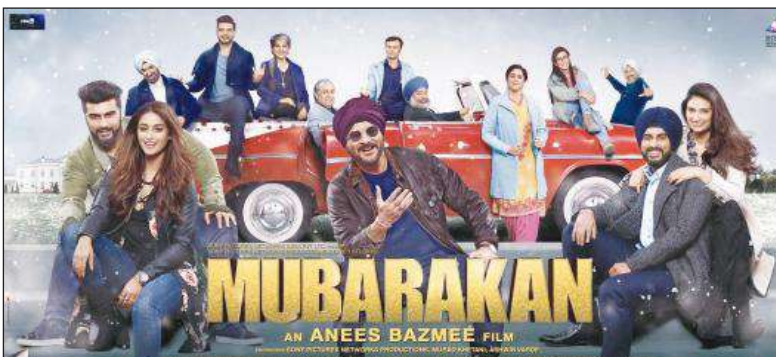
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Stars: Anil Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Ileana D'Cruz



Jeudi 6 avril - 20.30

Star: S. Kapoor, K. Kapoor, Fardeen Khan, Kim Sharma



Dalai Lama identifies the reincarnation of Mongolia's spiritual leader

Beijing is eager for more control over the selection of Tibetan Buddhist leaders like the Dalai Lama



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More than 5,600 people had gathered for a March 2023 ceremony in Dharamsala, India, when the Dalai Lama indicated toward a young child beside him.

According to the Dalai Lama's website, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism identified the boy as

the latest reincarnation of the Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa Rinpoché, the faith's leader in Mongolia. The previous Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa, the ninth to hold the title, died in 2012.

Due to the tense relations between the Dalai Lama and the Chinese government, however, recognizing someone as the reincarnation of a Buddhist figure is not only religiously significant, but politically fraught. After annexing Tibet in the 1950s, China has sought control over the spiritual lineages of Buddhist leaders, particularly the Dalai Lama himself. In 2011, the Chinese foreign ministry declared that only the government in Beijing can appoint the next dalai lama and that no recognition should be given to any other candidate.

The current and 14th dalai lama, Tenzin Gyatso, will be 88 in July 2023, and the Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa in Mongolia is traditionally one of the Buddhist leaders who recognizes the dalai lama's successor.

Locating the 14th dalai lama

The current Dalai Lama was enthroned when he was about 4 years old and was renamed Tenzin Gyatso.

The search for him began soon after the 13th Dalai Lama died. Disciples closest to the Dalai Lama set about to identify signs indicating the location of his rebirth.

There are usually predictions about where and when a dalai lama will be reborn, but further tests and signs are required to ensure the proper child is found.

In the case of the 13th Dalai Lama, after his death his body lay facing south. However, after a few days his head had tilted to the east and a fungus, viewed as unusual, appeared on the northeastern side of the shrine, where his body was kept. This was interpreted to mean that the next dalai lama could have been born somewhere in the northeastern part of Tibet.

Disciples also checked Lhamoi Latso, a lake that is traditionally used to see visions of the location of the dalai lama's rebirth.

The district of Dokham, which is in the northeast of Tibet, matched all of these signs. A 2-year-old boy named Lhamo Dhondup was just the right age for a rein-



Students interact with the Dalai Lama during a visit to Chandigarh University at Mohali, in northern India. pIC - Keshav Singh/Hindustan Times via Getty Images

arnation of the 13th dalai lama, based on the time of his death.

When the search party consisting of the 13th dalai lama's closest monastic attendants arrived at his house, they believed they recognized signs that confirmed that they had reached the right place.

Dalai lama memoirs

The 14th Dalai Lama recounts in his memoirs about his early life that he remembered recognizing one of the monks in the search party, even though he was dressed as a servant. To prevent any manipulation of the process, members of the search party had not shown villagers who they were.

The Dalai Lama remembered as a little boy asking for the rosary beads that monk had worn around his neck. These beads were previously owned by the 13th Dalai Lama. After this meeting, the search party came back again to test the young boy with further objects of the previous Dalai Lama. He was said to have correctly chosen all items, including a drum used for rituals and a walking stick.

China and dalai lama

Today the selection process for the next dalai lama remains uncertain. In 1950 China's communist government invaded Tibet, which it insists has always belonged to China. The Dalai Lama fled in 1959 and set up a government in exile. The Dalai Lama is revered by Tibetan people, who have maintained their devotion over the past 70 years of Chinese rule.

In 1995 the Chinese government detained the Dalai Lama's choice for the successor of the 10th Panchen Lama, named Gendun Choeki Nyima, when he was 6 years old. Since then China has refused to give details of his whereabouts. Panchen lama is the second most important tulku lineage in Tibetan Buddhism.

The Tibetan people revolted when the

newly selected 11th Panchen Lama was detained. The Chinese government responded by appointing its own Panchen Lama, the son of a Chinese security officer. The panchen lamas and dalai lamas have historically played major roles in recognizing each other's next incarnations.

China also wants to appoint its own dalai lama. But it is important to Tibetan Buddhists that they are in charge of the selection process.

Future options

Because of the threat from China, the 14th Dalai Lama has made a number of statements that would make it difficult for a Chinese-appointed 15th dalai lama to be seen as legitimate.

For example, he has stated that the institution of the dalai lama might not be needed anymore. However, he has also said it is up to the people if they want to preserve this aspect of Tibetan Buddhism and continue the dalai lama lineage. The Dalai Lama has indicated that he will decide, on turning 90 in four years' time, whether he will be reborn.

Another option the Dalai Lama has proposed is announcing his next reincarnation before he dies. In this scenario, the Dalai Lama would transfer his spiritual realization to the successor. A third alternative Tenzin Gyatso has articulated is that if he dies outside of Tibet, and the Panchen Lama remains missing, his reincarnation would be located abroad, most likely in India. Experts believe the Chinese government's search, however, would take place in Tibet, led by the Chinese-appointed panchen lama.

Finally, he has mentioned the possibility of being reborn as a woman – but he added in interviews in 2015 and 2019 that he would have to be a very beautiful woman. After this comment received widespread criticism in 2019, his office released a statement of apology and regret for the hurt he had caused.

The Dalai Lama is confident that no one would trust the Chinese government's choice. The Tibetan people, as he has said, would never accept a Chinese-appointed dalai lama.

No matter the outcome, I believe the process of finding the 15th Dalai Lama will certainly be different. It will likely take place outside of Tibet and under the watch of international media and a global Tibetan diaspora – with much at stake.



Tree of Knowledge

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Transforming Anger to Light

When we have anger that is lingering, we can give it to the earth to transmute and give a new purpose.

As humans, we all have anger, sometimes more than others. A healthy way of purging our anger from our bodies is to give it to Mother Earth. We can imagine ourselves being grounded as the electrical energy passes from us into Mother Earth below. We can see that energy go straight to the earth's core where it becomes part of the continuous growth process of our planet and is transformed from negative to positive, from dark to light.

When we choose to give our anger to the earth, we trust our connection with the natural world we live in and the great universe that fuels it all. Mother Earth will lovingly transform your anger into light so no need to feel guilty about unloading to her.

We can make this offering of our energy from any location, whether many stories up or on a ship at sea. We know the earth is below us, supporting us and sustaining us. If we have the opportunity to physically connect to the earth by going outdoors and touching unpaved ground, we may find it easier to connect to nature's energy flow.

It may also be easier to receive the flow of positive, calming, healing energy that comes to fill our bodies when we have emptied ourselves of our anger. To begin, sit and breathe deeply, ask Mother Earth to accept your anger, and imagine it coming down your spine out of your tailbone, and into the earth's deep core. To finish, be sure to honour and thank the earth for her loving service.

When we work with our anger this way, we acknowledge that like everything else it is merely energy that can be used positively or negatively. During our grounding meditation, we may be given direction to channel this energy for its best use. We may find that the earth can help us cleanse misplaced energy to use for its rightful purpose. When we do this with gratitude, we know that we are not misusing the earth for our own selfish purposes. Instead we are connecting ourselves with the energy of our homeland, and when we do this we nurture the earth as it nourishes us.