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Freedom of Information

Scandals usually come to the surface following whistleblower tip-offs – which in the case of the St Louis Gate scandal led to the investigation by Burmeister & Wain Scandinavian Contractor (BWSC) into allegations of misconduct; or following government splits in the wake of which the public will be gratified with a volley of mutual insults and accusations by the two sides which have parted company. The St Louis Gate scandal might never have surfaced, had it not been for the African Development Bank's communiqué of 8 June 2020, wherein its Office of Integrity and Anti-Corruption concluded that BWSC had financially rewarded members of the Mauritian administration and others, for providing access to confidential tender-related information. The responsible Minister was made to step down even before ICAC could start its own enquiry. Potential scandals would otherwise be swept under the carpet, and the public kept in the dark. Ultimately it is the same public which has in the long term to pay the price for questionable decisions and corruptive practices in the public sector in connivance with private sector operators, local or international.

If we go by the long list of scandals that have hogged the headlines over the last few years, it would seem that we are well on our way to touch the bottom. Among others are the Dufry scandal, the Alvaro Sobrinho scandal, the Yerrigadoo/Bet 365 and Glen Agliotti affairs, later the purchase by Government of a private hospital which was revalued barely weeks after it had known an initial valuation which went on to swell up disproportionately the acquisition price for the government and taxpayers. There was also the earlier Bel Air Sugar Estate IRS affair which came to the forefront on a suspected case of bribe taking. All these are blatant examples of questionable practices usually resulting from departures from pre-established norms – such departures being shielded from public scrutiny or made possible thanks to the absence of public information on sensitive public matters and decision-taking.

It should have been the normal practice, in all such cases generally, for departures from pre-established norms to be duly documented in files in such a manner as to make them tamper-proof. This would allow for subsequent inquiries to gather sufficient corroborative evidence to successfully indict one or more persons for actions contrary to law. For long, it has been suspected that ministers or some top bosses in the public sector give verbal instructions so as not to record embarrassing facts. Where public servants act on such verbal instructions, they do so at their own risk and peril. The lessons learnt from the many cases in the past should have made them alive to the dangers of acting outside an established order just to please so-and-so who are usually not available to give support when investigators or auditors close in on actions taken contrary to establishment rules.

It would appear that we also have some serious

problems with the public procurement process. There are allegations of irregularities having been unearthed at the level of the Central Procurement Board with the discovery of fake bid securities repeatedly submitted in the past by some bidders in relation to the construction of schools and infrastructure works at the airport, etc. What is unknown to this day is what police inquiries would have established in these cases. There are also the pending cases before the ICAC. The outcome of many of its inquiries therein remain unknown to this day. As if the frailty of our public procurement processes was not bad enough, the pandemic and its associated emergency procurements particularly for in-sourcing ventilators, vaccines and various medical materials and pharmaceuticals have been rife with allegations of impropriety yet no inquiry has been completed yet.

Such aberrations as are evident in these cases have been going on most probably because of arbitrary discretion exerted by certain persons who are in a position to take or influence decisions. In most cases where questionable dealings are suspected, there is one common factor: the absence of transparency. This is a practice that successive governments have been bequeathing to each other for a long enough time without redressing the situation.

We have been promised a Freedom of Information Act by successive electoral alliances, which could have acted as an important deterrent against abuse. True, there may well be good reasons (e.g., commercial, national security or other) where disclosure may actually hamper the public sector, but surely there has been ample time to reflect and formulate a Bill that deters corrupt practices without endangering government workings on sensitive issues. Why then is it not materialising? In a reply to the PQ by the Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum), on 23rd May, the PM repeated essentially his previous stance since 2021 in Parliament that "I did in fact bring out the far-reaching implications of such a piece of legislation, especially its negative impact on public service delivery and on our public finance, particularly at this juncture, and the apprehended unintended negative consequences of such a piece of legislation" adding further that "the provisions [of such an Act] would inevitably have huge impact not only on Government recurrent budget but also on public service delivery."

We fail to understand the argument of the PM about the prohibitive cost of an FOI Bill while public monies are currently being spent on a variety of less worthy projects and the Minister of Finance is painting at the same time a rosy picture of our economy. As a parallel thought, government makes use of public funds to commission reports, studies or fact-findings of clear public interest that are then kept away from the public sphere. That can only breed a culture of impunity and demoralise honest staff in all institutions. The time has perhaps come for all body politic to stop kicking the can down the road.

The Conversation

Corruption in South Africa

Former CEO's explosive book exposes how state power utility was destroyed

One repeated theme of the memoir 'Truth to Power: My Three Years Inside Eskom', by Andre de Ruyter, former CEO of South Africa's troubled power utility, Eskom, is that "negligence and carelessness had become cemented into the organisation".

Dirt piled up at even the newest power stations until it damaged equipment, which stopped working – and some equipment disappeared beneath a layer of ash.

Integrity had been displaced by greed and crime:

Corruption had metastasised to permeate much of the organisation.

As a political scientist who has, among other topics, followed corruption and kleptocracy, this book ranks among the more informative.

De Ruyter (or his ghost writer) delivers a pacy, racy adventure thriller. Chapter after chapter reads like a horror story about Eskom, whose failure to generate enough electricity consistently for the past 15 years has hobbled the economy.

The book is also a sobering indication that parts of South Africa now fester with organised crime.

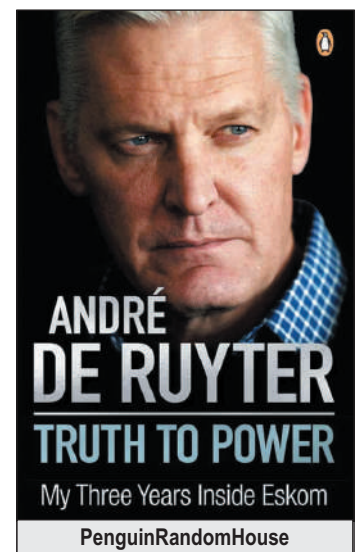
This book merits its place alongside 'How to Steal a City' and 'How to Steal a Country'. These two books chronicle how corruption undermined respectively a city and a country to the level where they became dysfunctional.

Brazen looting

Another take-away is the devastating indictment of De Ruyter's immediate predecessors as CEO, Matshele Koko and Brian Molefe. They appear as incompetent managers who ran into the ground what the Financial Times of London had praised as the world's best state-owned enterprise as recently as 2001. Both Koko and Molefe have been charged with corruption – at Eskom and the transport parastatal Transnet, respectively.

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Provisional Charges - DPP vs Police

Jan Arden

This week, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in its courageous legal stand has reprimanded the Office of the Police in court about any abusive usage of the provisional charge (PC), in this case against lawyer Rama Valayden. «The DPP urges the police to close the enquiry at the earliest. The DPP strongly recommends the CP not to resort instantly to the lodging of PCs invariably in all cases» summed up Jacques Panglose, chief legal counsel for the lawyer as the case was dismissed in Court.

Lawyer Rama Valayden, as Opposition activist and former journalist Harish Chundunsingh, arrested and bailed out the week before (as we reported here), are both known for their forthright publicly aired views on radios and in various venues about the government's actions or inactions. The ability to criticise publicly is part and parcel of a functional democratic state that respects and guarantees freedom of expression and beliefs without unbecoming or slanderous terms. There are no reasons why that constitutional right should raise hackles on the necks of a few police grandees, and specifically those who take it upon themselves to arrest, charge, then enquire for unending months before sending any file directly to Court or to the DPP for advice. The image of a police force, in high-profile or politically exposed cases, that is either struggling to find its bearings or perceived to be acting at the beck and call of politicians in power, may even be construed as a downhill slide that should be hemmed in urgently. The police force has evidently an arsenal of considerable powers to maintain law and order but the greater those powers, the more caution needs to be exercised.

Need we recall that several laws including those on ICTA or the IBA are open to abuse without some common sense and legal aptitudes from police forces or that free criticism of Ministers or government actions can hardly be qualified as obstructing or perverting the course of justice in a democratic set-up. Regular allegations of «drug planting» have already soured people's faith in the even-handedness of some sections of the

police force. The fact that many Opposition voices and activists, including lawyers, feel necessary to watch their cars and homes for unwanted intrusions by lurking agents is an unprecedented development. Needless to say how much the population and the country depend on a police force that is credible, independent and professional.

A flashback to a June 2016 exchange in Parliament, as reported in *News on Sunday*, sets the scene about how far we have progressed or regressed on the paths laid out by late Sir Anerood Jugnauth, a past PM and President of the Republic, but also a QC with legal upbringing that the MSM respects. To a PQ of Opposition MP Reza Utteem, SAJ avowed that since January 2015, under the new political regime, some 14,700 PCs had been brought about by Police of which only some 9,500 were taken to court under a firm charge. Having 5,200 PCs dropped or dismissed by courts, many for frivolous and vexatious reasons, was explained away by SAJ, who basically implied that the police have to use their discretion and judgement in weighing the nature of the case, the necessary investigations carried out and are satisfied of the evidence available justifying the reasonable grounds to act. He also announced that a new Police and Criminal Evidence Bill (PACE) would be shortly on the table with appropriate safeguards including the prevention of police officers from arresting third parties without those necessary investigations, the time limits for concluding enquiries relating to PCs and that handcuffs not be used to humiliate suspects.

We might also recall that, following the controversies surrounding arbitrary arrests and a hotch-potch of dismissed PCs, the editor-in-chief of *Weekly* magazine, Touria Prayag, launched her book entitled *Provisional Charges: The untold human stories* in 2016 in front of an audience of guests, at La Maison de l'Étoile, in



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Eurêka, Moka. SAJ was surely not merely speaking for the gallery, but it remains to be seen how far we have progressed since those statements made seven years ago.

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Soopramanien Kistnen's murder - Will the police act?

We also learned this week that the DPP has recommended police prosecutions, since November 2022, against Yogida Sawmynaden in the case of the alleged fake employment of widow Kistnen as «Constituency Clerk» by the former Minister. It seems that the investigation is long over and, after the file was sent to the DPP's Office, the latter asked the police to open the information and to do what is required in light of its advice. Six months later, nothing is known if and when the police might decide to enter a case amply investigated and reported in the press.

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related matters («Kistnen Papers», constituency clerk...) are such a scaldingly hot potato that the police and the CCID/MCIT are unable to figure out what their duty should be. The ICAC also seems to have stumbled on its own indigestible pound of venison in the matter of the Black Label Stag Party despite the serious corruption allegations levelled against a minister, a PPS and a senior political agent against some 700 acres of land lease to stand-in(s) of drug baron Franklin.

Today, a free press/media despite ominous restrictions, the DPP and an independent judiciary are what remain of our constitutional mechanisms to protect against abuses. Were it not for the brave stand of the PMSD, whose exit from government in 2017 deprived SAJ and his then backers like Nando Bodha, Roshi Bhadain, Ivan Collendavelloo, the required qualified parliamentary majority to force through the inglorious Prosecution Commission to oversee and control the Office of the DPP, the republic would have also lost that leg.

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The electorate will pronounce on the fate of the yes-men

As if on cue, Cabinet, kow-towing to the PM's inability to hold the elections of municipal councils which could have immensely negative bearings on the general elections to be held soon, duly approved on Friday last their third successive postponement despite a raft of Opposition voices inside and outside Parliament decrying the perversion of democratic principles. The Bill was rushed through all its hearings on Tuesday night and voted into law by the early hours of Wednesday.

The first two postponements were justified on the basis of the pandemic, which incidentally had not prevented India holding its massive scale general elections under Covid, and they were seen as somewhat flimsy pretexts for our small island state. That the mayors and councilors last elected in 2015 have now been given a two-year prolongation on the basis that a new administrative cadre would be desirable for our cities is obviously as flimsy as it gets.

Some might be surprised that such stalwarts of freedom and democracy in their MMM days as Collendavelloo, Ganoo, Obeegadoo or Ramano have without any murmur of protest joined the ranks of yes-men. Ultimately, the electorate at general elections will pronounce on their fate.

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Monseigneur Jean-Michaël Durhône, nouvel évêque de Port-Louis

Voyons-nous un processus d'émancipation se mettre en place à Maurice?

Par A. Bartleby



Monseigneur Jean-Michaël Durhône, le nouvel évêque de Port-Louis en remplacement de Monseigneur Piat. P - MBC

La nouvelle est tombée en fin de semaine dernière: Monseigneur Jean-Michaël Durhône est le nouvel évêque de Port-Louis et remplacera Monseigneur Piat.

Cette nomination est un événement à bien des égards. Tout d'abord, c'est la première fois depuis que l'Eglise catholique est implantée à Maurice - soit depuis le début de la colonisation française - qu'un évêque ne sera pas issu de la communauté franco-mauricienne. Et ce n'est absolument pas anodin.

Les prises de position récentes de Monseigneur Piat à l'encontre du gouvernement parlaient ouvertement d'inégalités structurelles qu'il fallait résorber, et la nomination de Monseigneur Durhône doit se comprendre comme s'inscrivant directement dans cette ligne de pensée. En effet, Monseigneur Piat avait surpris plus d'un en prenant position ouvertement alors que les questions d'inégalités structurelles hantent aussi l'Eglise depuis des siècles. Après tout, ne faudrait-il pas mettre de l'ordre dans sa propre maison avant de critiquer les autres? entend-on les échos ici et là...

Est-ce que c'est maintenant chose faite? Le symbole est certes moderne et envoie un message fort, mais il faudra attendre de voir comment Monseigneur Durhône s'y prendra pour moderniser l'Eglise catholique à Maurice. Monseigneur Piat avait parfaitement raison lorsqu'il parlait d'inégalités structurelles, et toute personne qui s'intéresse un peu à l'histoire de l'esclavage sait parfaitement bien que le rôle de l'Eglise fut ambiguë.

D'un silence éloquent au début, cela a pris plusieurs décennies de traite esclavagiste afin que l'institution romaine commence à réagir, avant de se ranger du côté des abolitionnistes. Mais ce processus fut long et le rôle central de l'Eglise pour l'incorporation des esclaves dans la hiérarchie de la société plantocratique (à travers l'évangélisation requise par le Code Noir) fait partie intégrante de la constitution des rapports de pouvoir entre les dominants et les dominés à Maurice. Rapports de pouvoir qui perdurent toujours aujourd'hui par la division du capital et la division du travail à Maurice.

Ce constat se traduit de manière simple: jusqu'à la nomination de Monseigneur Durhône, l'évêque de Port-Louis n'était pas représentatif de la majorité des fidèles de l'Eglise catholique à Maurice. Cela constituait une anomalie profonde dans un pays obsédé par la représentativité, et le fameux "malaise créole" trouvait tout autant sa source

dans ce défaut de représentation au sein de l'Eglise, que dans les inégalités socio-économiques présentes dans le pays.

Processus d'émancipation

Monseigneur Durhône se trouve donc en face d'une immense responsabilité: celle d'être le premier évêque de l'île Maurice indépendante qui ne soit pas issu de la classe des dominants mais de celle des dominés. Voyons-nous un processus d'émancipation enfin se mettre en place à Maurice? Seul le temps le dira, surtout que nous ne savons en réalité pas grand-chose de Monseigneur Durhône.

Contrairement à un certain nombre de prêtres extrêmement vocaux et revendiquant la théologie de la libération, Monseigneur Durhône est connu pour être un homme timide et discret. Et, contrairement à d'autres prêtres, Monseigneur Durhône n'a jamais pris position sur des questions sociales ou économiques à Maurice. Nous verrons donc bientôt ses positions et ses combats, au fur et à mesure que nous apprendrons à connaître l'homme.

À Monseigneur Durhône, toutes nos félicitations pour sa nomination et tous nos vœux de courage et de résilience pour l'immense tâche qui l'attend.

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Bien que Y. Sawmynaden bénéficie de la présomption d'innocence, une arrestation changerait la donne pour le colistier de Pravind Jugnauth. P - Zinfos-Moris

Le DPP recommande l'inculpation de Yogida Sawmynaden

Alors que la deuxième *private prosecution* de Simla Kistnen avait été rayé le 27 mai 2021, le bureau du DPP n'est pas resté inactif dans l'affaire de l'emploi fictif. En effet, le DPP a recommandé depuis novembre 2022 la mise en inculpation de Yogida Sawmynaden dans cette affaire.

Cette demande d'inculpation pose un problème quant à une arrestation possible d'un membre de l'Assemblée nationale. Bien qu'il bénéficie actuellement de la présomption d'innocence, une arrestation changerait la donne pour le colistier de Pravind Jugnauth.

L'article 34 (h) de la Constitution indique, par exemple, qu'aucune personne ne pourrait être qualifiée pour siéger au Parlement s'il se trouve dans une situation délictueuse par rapport aux lois lui permettant de siéger au Parlement. En d'autres termes, si Yogida Sawmynaden est jugé coupable dans l'affaire de l'emploi fictif, alors cela entraînerait sa disqualification en tant que membre du Parlement, appelant naturellement à une élection partielle dans la circonscription numéro 8.

Nous ne sommes pas encore dans ce cas de figure, mais cette affaire vient s'ajouter au cas de Suren Dayal contre le Premier ministre lui-même et qui pourrait voir une disqualification de ce dernier à l'issue de la décision du *Privy Council* attendue en juillet.

Que ferait alors le chef du gouvernement? Serait-il dans l'obligation d'une dissolution de l'Assemblée nationale, avec des élections générales anticipées? Ou bien sortirait-il un autre lapin de son chapeau? Avec le renvoi des

élections municipales, il semble clair que Pravind Jugnauth se prépare à toute éventualité. Il sait que le terrain est actuellement glissant pour lui, avec les affaires qui s'empilent. Il navigue ainsi en eaux troubles, et - de mémoire - il n'y a pas de précédents réels à la situation politique actuelle.

En effet, un échec du MSM aux élections municipales pourrait sonner le glas du gouvernement s'il devait tout de suite se lancer dans une bataille électorale nationale. Mais ne pas organiser les élections municipales, cela envoie également le message que le gouvernement prépare les élections générales anticipées, si la séquence qui le mènera au mois de juillet devait être négatif pour lui.

Le gouvernement semble donc jouer son va-tout sur les prochains mois, qui s'annoncent compliqués, et la fenêtre de tir n'a jamais été aussi opportune pour l'opposition. Mais est-ce que cette dernière est prête à relever le défi d'une séquence qui pourrait se dérouler à vitesse grand V, ou bien resteront-ils dans les *starting blocks* quand les courses seront lâchées?

Ce qui est sûr, c'est que l'alliance des partis de l'opposition tant attendue continue à se faire attendre, ce qui permet au Premier ministre de naviguer comme bon lui semble et sans aucune pression politique réelle.

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Élections présidentielles en Turquie: Sacrée gymnastique politique d'Erdogan

Recép Tayyip Erdogan brigue actuellement un troisième mandat à la présidence de la République de Turquie. C'est la première fois qu'il n'a pas été élu au premier tour de l'élection présidentielle, devant batailler pour un deuxième tour, depuis 2014. Mais le président sortant reste en position de force même s'il n'a pas passé la barre des 50% au premier tour de l'élection présidentielle.

Cela constituait déjà un événement dans la sphère politique turque, démontrant une érosion du pouvoir d'Erdogan. Mais les choses ne sont pas aussi simples que cela. Déjà, le parti du président sortant a été reconduit avec une majorité confortable au parlement turc, ce qui laisse à penser que les Turcs ne prendront pas le risque d'une cohabitation entre gouvernement et présidence. De plus, le candidat d'extrême-droite Sinan Ogan a appelé à un report de ses voix en soutien à Erdogan.



Erdogan a compris quelque chose que ses adversaires ont toujours du mal à saisir: ce n'est pas dans la rationalité que se trouvent les avenues de la prise du pouvoir... P - DW

Tout laisse donc penser que le président sortant sera reconduit pour un troisième mandat ce dimanche, ce qui relève d'une sacrée gymnastique politique.

Tout d'abord, au vu de la situation actuelle de la Turquie, tout pouvait laisser penser qu'Erdogan n'aurait aucune chance de remporter cette élection. L'économie turque est dans une impasse, avec un taux d'inflation avoisinant les 45%.

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Élections présidentielles en Turquie: Sacrée gymnastique politique d'Erdogan

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Le pays se relève à peine d'une série meurtrière de tremblements de terre qui ont exposé les limites de la gestion publique en matière de catastrophes naturelles. Et le régime d'Erdogan est perçu comme étant gangrené par la corruption et le népotisme clanique.

Et pourtant, sauf accident, Erdogan se dirige relativement facilement vers un troisième mandat. Comment expliquer ce phénomène, notamment dans un pays connu pour sa tradition politique laïque et démocratique?

En fait, l'exemple d'Erdogan démontre un certain changement de culture politique où les enjeux chers au peuple ne sont pas ceux que les partis de l'opposition brandissent comme des armes contre le pouvoir.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan porte une vision de son pays et tient une rhétorique qui touche les masses et les classes populaires, quelle que soit la situation économique ou sociale. Il a réussi à capter l'imaginaire d'une partie importante de la population quant aux projets actuels du pays et quant au positionnement idéologique et identitaire de la Turquie dans le monde. De ce point de vue, il s'inscrit directement dans la lignée des gouvernants comme Modi ou Netanyahu qui utilisent des outils similaires: un nationalisme jouant sur la frontière entre la démocratie et l'illibéralisme.

Ce positionnement parle au peuple et répond à ses aspirations de puissance et de progrès, même si les faits de la gouvernance politique ne suivent pas forcément. Ainsi Erdogan a compris quelque chose que ses adversaires ont toujours du mal à saisir: ce n'est pas dans la rationalité que se trouvent les avenues de la prise du pouvoir, mais dans l'émotion et l'affectivité de l'électorat.

Et Erdogan est passé maître dans ce domaine, ce qui explique qu'il sera sans doute réélu à la présidence de la République de la Turquie ce dimanche, et ce, malgré une opposition qui aura su se mobiliser et faire front.

Est-ce que cela vous fait penser aux prochaines élections à Maurice?

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Dette chinoise et crise économique

Le cas du Sri Lanka avait interpellé, il y a quelque temps de cela. Ce pays s'était endetté à des niveaux inouïs auprès de la Chine afin d'investir dans d'immenses projets d'infrastructures (port, autoroutes, facilités sportives grandioses, etc) sur son territoire. Tout avait très bien commencé et la coopération avec la Chine fut vantée comme une alternative enfin crédible face au FMI et aux pays occidentaux. Mais le pays connut un glissement économique qui le mena vers une crise économique et politique sans précédent depuis maintenant plus de deux ans.

Se retrouvant dans l'incapacité d'honorer son *loan servicing*, le gouvernement sri-lankais a dû abandonner la gestion de son port à la Chine et le pays se retrouva plongé dans la spirale infernale de devoir augmenter les taxes pour pouvoir honorer ses dettes. Cela avait produit un impact immédiat sur le niveau de vie de la population sri-lankaise, en faisant basculer les classes populaires dans une pauvreté immédiate.

Ce cas aurait pu sembler isolé, mais c'est loin d'être le cas. En effet, de plus en plus de pays ayant contracté des dettes auprès de la Chine se retrouvent dans une situation



La coopération avec la Chine fut vantée comme une alternative enfin crédible en face du FMI et des pays occidentaux. P - Benar News

extrêmement délicate, et notamment le Pakistan, le Kenya, la Zambie, le Laos, la Mongolie, la Serbie et le Monténégro. La Chine a commencé à rappeler certains de ses prêts auprès de ses pays, ce qui les force à réorienter leurs dépenses budgétaires vers leur *loan servicing*, ainsi que des coupes budgétaires sur leurs dépenses domestiques (dépenses énergétiques, sociales, alimentaires, etc).

C'est exactement comme cela que la spirale d'un effondrement économique rapide peut se mettre en place et mettre des populations entières à genou. Mais pourquoi un rappel des dettes maintenant?

Belt and Road Initiative

Il faut comprendre le contexte dans lequel la Chine prêtait de manière aussi généreuse, mais avec des conditions extrêmement dures. C'est la mise en place du projet des nouvelles routes de la soie (Belt and Road Initiative - BRI) qui poussa le gouvernement chinois à pratiquer une politique de coopération internationale importante.

Il était essentiel pour la Chine d'élargir sa sphère d'influence diplomatique afin de négocier l'implémentation de mégaprojets permettant l'acheminement du "Made in China" sur une partie de plus en plus importante du globe. Autoroutes, aménagements portuaires, chemins de fer... Tout était pensé pour permettre une accélération de la circulation des biens et des personnes. Mais l'accélération des biens et des personnes n'est possible que dans le cadre d'une accélération des capitaux eux-mêmes. Il s'agit là du fondement même du principe de la mise en place des outils de la mondialisation.

Car c'est bien cela qui est en jeu pour la Chine: construire une alternative à la mondialisation occidentale. Une nouvelle voie au monde unipolaire de l'après-guerre froide en quelque sorte. Pour cela, la diplomatie chinoise a su profiter de la montée d'un sentiment anti-occidental de plus en plus palpable, notamment sur le continent africain, dans le Golfe arabe, dans les Balkans et l'Asie Mineure et dans certaines régions d'Amérique latine. Certains de ces pays, comme le Sri Lanka, se sont même jetés à corps perdu dans le projet chinois, en y voyant un moyen d'accélérer leur développement.

Sauf que les choses, qui pouvaient sembler idylliques au début, ne l'étaient absolument pas. Et au fur et à mesure de l'avancée des projets du BRI, les problèmes ont commencé à surgir. Retard de chantier, projets mal aboutis (voire même à l'arrêt), corruption importante des élites politiques, postures extrêmement dures de la Chine dans les contrats... Il serait possible de comparer cela à un piège qui commencerait à se refermer sur certains des pays qui avaient contracté le plus de dettes. Et il est maintenant temps de passer à la caisse, sans que les projets du BRI soient viables, économiquement.

Est-ce que cela signifie que le BRI tant vanté par la Chine est un immense éléphant blanc qui ne fonctionnera jamais de la manière qui était promis? Il est difficile de le dire à ce stade, mais il est certain que nous sommes loin de cette nouvelle mondialisation heureuse que voulait nous

vendre Xi Jinping.

Quant à Maurice, avec le recul des années, il est clair que ne pas être signataire du BRI était une décision sage et courageuse. Imaginons nous un moment dans la même situation du Sri Lanka... Voilà un fait qu'il faut signaler dans un pays où on a parfois l'impression que toutes les décisions nationales relèvent de la catastrophe.

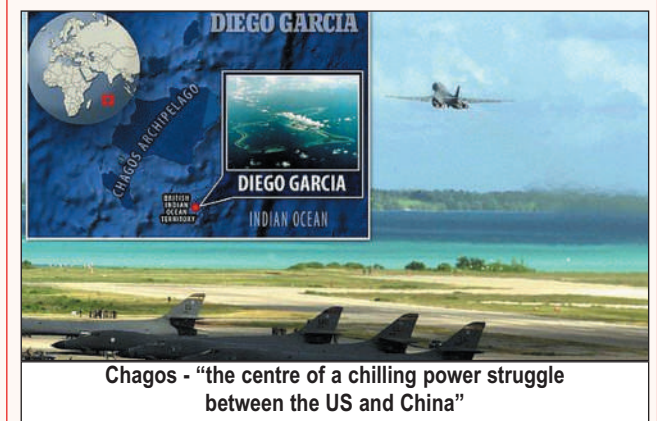
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Maurice au cœur du jeu de pouvoir mondial ?

Maurice a fait parler d'elle cette semaine dans le *Daily Mail* en Grande Bretagne. En effet, un article qualifie notre pays de "the unlikely centre of a chilling power struggle between the US and China".

Les raisons de cette posture : le fait, selon l'auteur de l'article, que Xi Jinping souhaiterait récupérer les facilités militaires de Diego Garcia afin d'y installer une base chinoise une fois que Maurice aura récupéré l'Archipel des Chagos.

Cela fait un moment que la menace chinoise est brandie en Grande Bretagne afin de tenter de déstabiliser les négociations pour le retour des Chagos à Maurice. On se souvient qu'un député avait même soulevé ce point au 'House of Commons', ce qui avait forcé la diplomatie mauricienne à réagir et à rassurer qu'aucune négociation n'était ouverte avec la Chine pour l'installation de facilités militaires sur nos territoires.



Chagos - "the centre of a chilling power struggle between the US and China"

En fait, une analyse rapide de la situation régionale nous permet de comprendre que Maurice n'a absolument pas intérêt à négocier un tel accord avec le gouvernement chinois. Nous ne sommes pas signataire du 'Belt and Road Initiative', même si nous gardons de très bons rapports avec notre partenaire chinois. Et ce dernier est en négociations avancées avec le gouvernement malgache pour l'installation d'une base militaire d'envergure sur la Grande Île. Cette base, si la négociation aboutit, va renforcer la présence chinoise à l'est du continent africain, avec une base déjà opérationnelle à Djibouti.

Maurice a toujours pratiqué la diplomatie de la voie du milieu - si chère au gouvernement indien par exemple - ce qui nous permet de travailler avec un maximum de partenaires hautement stratégiques pour nos intérêts sécuritaires et économiques. D'ailleurs, le gouvernement mauricien a souvent fait savoir (par le biais de son ambassade aux Nations-Unies) que la posture du pays par rapport à la question de la base américaine à Diego Garcia était simple: nous sommes ouverts à une renégociation du bail afin de toucher la rente rattachée à la location de l'île.

Pourquoi donc un tel article, qui fait écho à une posture dont la véracité reste à être prouvée? Il est clair que nous sommes - ici - dans le domaine de la propagande et de la désinformation, et qu'un seul pays a un intérêt à brouiller les pistes et à remuer la boue dans une négociation qui semble avancer bien: la Grande Bretagne.

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consequences, as we know by experience, can be immediate, others can manifest later. Either way, good or bad, results of actions undertaken are inevitable.

It would be recalled that in the 1970s the President of Uganda, Idi Amin, brutally drove the hardworking Ugandans of Indian origin out of the country. They were given little time to wind up their enterprises, properties and belongings and prepare themselves to leave. There was looting and killing, and they were forced to run away in a hurry clutching preciously whatever little they could carry.



Indian PM Modi receives warm welcome in Papua New Guinea, PM Marape touches his feet. Pic - News 18

The majority fled to England, and in due course with the same zeal for hard work, savings, education, and driven by hope and optimism, they were able to replicate what they were best at in Uganda: wealth creation for their newly adopted country.

In an ironic twist of karma, shortly into his mandate, the successor of Idi Amin, President Museveni, made an appeal to them to come back to the country tempting them with promises and generous terms as regards their former properties and resumption of their businesses. Understandably, very few did so as they were already so well settled in the UK.

A similar drama unfolded in Fiji in 1987, when army officer Sitiveni Rabuka overturned the duly elected Prime Minister of Indian origin in a coup. This led to the exodus of thousands of Fiji Indians which adversely affected the country's economy.

But again, the wheel has turned: 'On May 14, an emotional Prime Minister of Fiji Sitiveni Rabuka apologised to Fijians of Indian origin for the military coup of 1987. Rabuka's apology comes ahead of the India-Pacific Island summit, where PM Narendra Modi is

Fiji PM Sitiveni Rabuka apologises to Fijians of Indian origin

The wheel of karma keeps turning, that is, no one can escape from the universal law of cause and effect. Every action as a cause has a consequence or effect, which in turn can itself act as a cause. Some

expected to announce a number of initiatives. Rabuka admitted that they have wronged Fijians, particularly the Indo-Fijian community', who left Fiji to seek a better living elsewhere – Australia, New Zealand, the US where I have had the opportunity to meet some of them and appreciate commonalities in language, food, and other customs.

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Unique welcome to PM Modi in Papua New Guinea

But PM Rabuka did not stop there. As if to make further amend, on Monday last he conferred Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the highest civil honours of Fiji, during the latter's visit to attend the third India-Pacific Islands Co-operation Summit – FIPIC, held in Papua New Guinea (PNG). This caught my attention for an issue of medical interest in PNG (see below). On the same occasion, PM Modi was also conferred the highest honours of PNG (the Logohu) by its Governor-General.

According to Indian press reports, Modi is the first Indian PM to visit the country. The welcome he was given at the airport by the Prime Minister James Marape has gone viral, because it was unique for two reasons. Papua New Guinea generally doesn't give a ceremonial welcome to any leader coming after sunset, but an exception was made for Modi. Secondly, Marape bent down to touch the feet of Modi, as is the Indian custom to show respect to an elder or a guru.

Speaking at the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) summit in Port Moresby, PNG, Modi told the leaders of 14 Pacific Island nations that India would be a 'reliable' development partner, pointing out that 'Those we considered trustworthy, it turned out they were not standing by our side in times of need. During these challenging times, an old saying has proven true: "A Friend in need is a friend indeed". I am glad that India stood with its Pacific Island friends during this challenging time [the Covid pandemic]. Whether it was vaccines or essential medicines, wheat or sugar; India, in line with its capabilities, has been assisting all partner countries.'

The FIPIC summit was launched during Modi's visit to Fiji in 2014. In 2015, the second FIPIC summit was held in Jaipur. This is the third summit. India is trying to boost ties and cooperation with the Pacific Island nations, which include, apart from Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, the Republic of Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. To this end India has outlined a 12-step action programme that will be implemented in the region in, amongst others, the fields of education, IT and cybersecurity, healthcare that will include building a 100-bed super-specialty hospital in Fiji and sea ambulances. These will complement the other ongoing development assistance projects that are ongoing. There are about 3000 Indians who are present in PNG and they turned out in massive numbers to greet Modi at the airport.

Kuru disease

One of my favourite quotations is a line from a text I used in medical school, Harrison's *Principles of Internal Medicine*: 'To the doctor, as to the anthropologist, nothing human is unusual.'

I remembered it when in the final year Dr J.D. Spillane from London who was an expert in Tropical Neurology, gave a lecture at my medical college in Calcutta in 1970 on **kuru disease**, which he was researching. In fact, he was on his way back to the UK from Papua New Guinea, where the disease was first described among the Fore people and had been proven to be the consequence of their practice of funerary cannibalism. Children and women in particular were fed the cooked brain of dead relatives which contained the infective particles or prions. Children who became infected developed encephalopathy, leading to weakness, tremors, and impairment of walking. Often the disease was fatal. The physician who was teaching us neurology, Dr Chaudhary, had apparently trained under Dr Spillane, whom he introduced.

This discovery by Dr Spillane's team was an example of successful field epidemiology. Health education and promotion led to the elimination of the practice and the eradication of the disease.

Leading by example

From President-philosopher Radhakrishnan to Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and now Modi, Indian leaders have walked tall on the world stage gaining much respect and being listened to. It is widely accepted that Modi has taken this dimension of Indian leadership to a higher level, witness the almost reverential manner in which he has been received as a guest at the recently concluded G7 meeting in Hiroshima Japan, and then in Sydney where he began a visit to Australia.

The Bhagavad Gita teaches that people tend to imitate what their leaders do, and hence the supreme responsibility of the latter to be exemplary in their behaviour when fulfilling their role in their country. Wherever they have settled in the world, Indians have been perceived as being accommodative and living in peace and harmony, contributing through their hard work to the national weal, emulating the best that their thinkers and leaders have bequeathed.

Unfortunately, in our country for some time now we are having to suffer the darker aspects of some of our leaders, who instead of being exemplars have preferred a lifestyle based on the instincts, giving primacy to lust, arrogance, ostentatious living, with scant concern if any for what awaits the upcoming and future generations. In other words, instead of 'high thinking and simple living' as the adage goes, it's corrupted thinking and lowly living which, alas, tends to be aped by those who have a similar mindset.

This is in contradiction to their citations from the scriptures during haranguing at cultural functions where this shouldn't have any place. As at date, there is no indication of any attempt to change for the better before it is too late. Such a great disservice, and a shame, to the community, the people, and the country!



Anil Madan

China ends the rules-based order without firing a shot

Beijing's signal is that America no longer dictates what is acceptable and what is not

On May 24, 2023, the Rules-Based Order, at least as defined by America and its western allies, if it ever existed, suffered a mortal blow. Russia's Prime Minister chirped that the bilateral ties between his country and China are at an unprecedented high level, as the two countries signed a set of agreements on trade and cooperation.

China rejects Western criticism of its ongoing embrace of Putin and Russia, insisting the relationship does not violate international norms. The declared position is that China has the right to collaborate with whichever country it chooses, and their cooperation is not targeted at any third countries.

The not-so-subtle message is that China rejects the West's characterization of Russia as a pariah state out of step with the values that all nations must recognize and respect. China has not distanced itself from Putin's invasion and has pointedly rejected the idea that sanctions are warranted or will be respected by China. The only exception is that China does not wish to see secondary sanctions imposed on its companies.

China's embrace of Russia is not new. In February 2022, just three weeks before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with Russian troops amassed on Ukraine's borders, President Xi Jinping hosted President Putin at the opening of the Olympic Games in Beijing. Even as President Biden was saying that US intelligence assessed that an invasion was imminent, Presidents Xi and Putin released a declaration that their bilateral partnership is greater than a traditional alliance and that their friendship would know no limits.

It is ironic that just a week ago, China was promoting itself as a neutral peacemaker between Russia and Ukraine. This latest bilateral signing with Russia puts the lie to any claim of neutrality. But, of course, no one should have been fooled by such claims. China presented no peace plan of any substance, and its approach would essentially validate Russia's invasion and territorial gains.

China's lean toward Russia has been transparent

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and blatant. In March this year, President Xi visited Russia and referred to Putin as a “dear friend.” Meanwhile, since the invasion of Ukraine, China has increased its imports of Russian oil and trade with Russia is at \$70 billion, up 40%.

China's assertion that its cooperation with Russia is not targeted at any third countries is, of course, nonsense. China's actions are clearly targeted at the US and are part of a broader and ongoing Chinese effort to dilute and diminish America's geopolitical influence, standing, and even relevance.

Russian Prime Minister Mishustin got no blowback when he declared that the relationship between Beijing and Moscow is “characterized by mutual respect of each other's interests, the desire to jointly respond to challenges, which is associated with increased turbulence in the international arena and the pressure of illegitimate sanctions from the collective West.”

The Chinese representatives did not object to that characterization. China has, of course, ignored western sanctions in continuing to import Russian oil as has India. And to be fair, NATO countries as well as the US also continued to import Russian oil after sanctions were first imposed. President Xi emphasized that China and Russia should find ways to “upgrade the level of economic, trade and investment cooperation.” Locking up Russian energy supplies is one obvious strategic maneuver for China.

President Xi's approach emphasized that the strategy behind President Nixon's opening to China is a failure. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who was Nixon's point person in the approach to China described the advantage of the rapprochement to China thus: “Well, it set up a triangular relationship between Russia, the United States and China, in which we attempted to be closer to each of them than they were to each other.” So much for that.

There is something more important at stake here. The accord with Russia is another notch in President Xi's belt as he seeks to diminish America's relevance on the world stage. In March, China was indeed a peacemaker as it brokered a truce between Iran and Saudi Arabia, bringing an end to decades of hostilities between the two Middle East countries.

The deal is significant in two respects. First, it was done without the involvement or blessing of the US, long the power broker in that region. Second, it puts Beijing's stamp of legitimacy on both Iran and Saudi Arabia. Iran

is on the threshold of having nuclear weapons. Both countries have come under fire for human rights abuses. Beijing's signal is that America no longer dictates what is acceptable and what is not.

A positive side benefit of the rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia has been the effort to bring the proxy war between those two countries to an end.

President Xi's broader goal is to recast the so-called rules-based order that he sees as unfairly advantaging the West. One might recall the meeting in Anchorage between Secretary of State Blinken and his Chinese counterpart when the Biden administration first came to office. China insisted that it has its own form of democracy. China's embrace of Russia and its approach to



China's accord with Russia is another notch in President Xi's belt as he seeks to diminish America's relevance on the world stage. Pic - Reuters

Saudi Arabia and Iran emphasize the rejection of America's right, along with its allies, to define what it means to be a democracy and their right to demand respect for human rights. It is also a rejection of the West's power to impose economic sanctions. Sub silentio, President Xi is holding himself out as the savior of smaller nations the world over. The message is that America is not the only player on the world stage.

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And perhaps President Xi will see this as an opportunity to pressure Taiwan to come into China's fold. A Chinese naval blockade of the island is not out of the question. China's declaration that it seeks a reunion with Taiwan through peaceful means perhaps indicates that it hopes to annex that island nation without firing a shot.

The dilemma for America and the West is this: how do you respond to the shot that has not been fired?

Cheerz...
Bwana



Bangladesh promises free, fair polls after US warns of visa curbs.
Pic- Al Jazeera

Bangladesh vows to hold free, fair elections after US threatens visa curbs

Bangladesh will take steps to tackle and prevent unlawful practices or interference in its elections, authorities said on Thursday, a day after the United States threatened curbs on citizens of the South Asian nation who undermine them, reports Reuters.

Concern flared after accusations of vote-rigging and

the targeting of the political opposition marred national elections in 2014 and 2018, charges denied by the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said the United States is adopting a new policy to restrict visas for Bangladeshis who undermine the democratic election process at home.

"The government apparatus will take necessary measures to prevent and address any unlawful practices or interference ... to compromise the smooth and participatory conduct of the elections," the Bangladesh foreign ministry said in response.

Hasina, who has kept tight control of the South Asian nation since coming to power in 2009, has been accused of human rights violations, obliteration of press freedom, suppression of dissent and the jailing of critics, including many supporters of the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

The BNP has been calling for Hasina to step down and for the next election, due in January 2024, to be held under a neutral caretaker government, a demand her government has rejected.

"This new visa policy proves once again that the international community is certain that a free and fair election is not possible under this government," said a senior BNP leader, Zaheeruddin Swapan.

Buckingham Palace rejects request to return Ethiopian prince's remains

Buckingham Palace has declined a request to repatriate the remains of Prince Alemayehu, an Ethiopian royal who was buried at Windsor Castle in the 19th century, reports allAfrica.com.

Prince Alemayehu was taken to England following the Battle of Maqdala in 1868 when British soldiers looted his father's imperial citadel.

According to the BBC, Queen Victoria took an interest in Alemayehu and arranged for him to study at elite schools before he was sent to the military training academy at Sandhurst. He left after less than a year for the English city of Leeds, where he died of pneumonia, an inflammation of the lining surrounding the lungs, at age 18 in 1879. He was buried at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle at the request of



Prince Alemayehu or Alamayou of Ethiopia was the son of Emperor Tewodros II of Ethiopia

Queen Victoria.

The Ethiopian government had previously asked the British royal family for his remains to be returned to his homeland, and his family told the BBC that they too had requested the repatriation.

However, Buckingham Palace has released a statement indicating

that the removal of the prince's remains could disturb the resting place of numerous others in the catacombs of St George's Chapel. The palace spokesperson emphasised the need to preserve the dignity of the departed while acknowledging the responsibility to honor Prince Alemayehu's memory. The statement also mentioned that the royal household had previously accommodated Ethiopian delegations' requests to visit the chapel.

Thousands of treasures, sculptures, and other artworks - many of them dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries - were looted by British colonists and remain in the British Museum. The return of artifacts that were looted in the colonial era has become an increasingly pressing issue for some Western nations.



London recruiting mercenaries from Middle East, Africa for Ukrainians offensive.
Pic - Pakistan Point

UK website advertises military job for Africans, Middle East to join Ukraine War for Shs93 Million Salary

A UK job site dubbed Adzuna is advertising vacancies for Africans and citizens of Middle East States to join the military voluntary program that is aimed at assisting Ukraine in its war with Russia.

Adzuna is a job aggregate and search engine that operates in over 20 countries and is visited by at least 10 million visitors per month.

In one of their job postings, a European Union Citizenship Program needs permanent staff mostly from African and Middle East countries to join a "High Contract" payment program.

The advertising company for the job vacancies is located in Sands End, London, United Kingdom.

"We invite citizens from the Middle East and North Africa to participate in a voluntary program to assist Ukraine on a competitive basis," the job advert reads in part.

As part of the requirements, those who intend to apply should be military specialists with good health and psychological ability.

The qualified candidates will be deployed to participate in the Ukrainian Counteroffensive.

"Participants must understand all risks and sign a waiver of claims," the advert states.

The contract of the job will fetch at least Shs93 million (US 6000 dollars) in payment.

However, as part of the conditions, after the contract expires and compliance with requirements is verified, accelerated citizenship in the UK or EU is guaranteed.

The United Kingdom is the second largest donor of Ukraine having committed £4.6 billion in military assistance to Ukraine so far.

The UK is also hosting a training programme (Operation Interflex), which is supported by several allies, with the aim of training 30,000 new and existing Ukrainian personnel by the end of 2023.

Germany slips into recession with negative first quarter

Germany fell into a recession around the turn of the year, official figures published Thursday showed, as Europe's largest economy contracted by 0.3 percent over the first three months of 2023.

The poor performance was the second consecutive quarter of negative growth, following a 0.5-percent contraction in the last three months of 2022, as Germany battled an energy crisis unleashed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, reports AFP.

The dwindling of energy supplies from Russia following the outbreak of the war sent prices soaring,



A shopping street in the German city of Stralsund. Pic - CNN

stoking inflation and weighing on the economy.

The impact of higher prices was felt particularly by consumers in the first quarter of 2023, according to Destatis, as they reined in spending on items such as food and clothing.

Germany, which had long been heavily reliant on Russian energy imports, was left particularly exposed following the Russian invasion.

The recession was less severe than some early predictions made at the start of the conflict, but mild winter weather and the easing of supply chain problems following the Covid pandemic were "not enough to get the economy out of the recessionary danger zone", said Carsten Brzeski, head of macro at the ING bank.

Germany's last recession came as the coronavirus pandemic swept through Europe at the start of 2020, prompting governments to effectively shut down large swathes of the economy.

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Saudi Arabia, Canada end 2018 human rights dispute; to restore ties

Saudi Arabia and Canada will restore full diplomatic relations, the kingdom said Wednesday, following a 2018 dispute over human rights that saw Riyadh expel Ottawa's ambassador and freeze new trade.

The decision, also announced by Canada's foreign ministry, came after talks last year between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the sidelines of the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum in Bangkok.

In 2018, the Saudi government expelled Canada's ambassador and recalled its own envoy to Ottawa, while freezing all new trade over vigorous calls for the release of activists jailed in the kingdom.

The reconciliation was based on "the desire for both sides to restore diplomatic relations between the two



Canada and Saudi Arabia normalise diplomatic relations after 2018 split. Pic - Dunya News

countries on the basis of mutual respect and common interests," Canada's foreign ministry said.

The latest announcement follows a frenetic stretch of high-stakes Saudi diplomacy triggered by the kingdom's surprise Chinese-brokered rapprochement deal with Iran announced in March.

Since then, Saudi Arabia has restored bilateral ties with Syria and ramped up a push for peace in Yemen, where it leads a military coalition against the Iran-backed

Huthi rebels.

Saudi Arabia is also hosting representatives of Sudan's two warring generals, and, with the US, brokered a seven-day humanitarian ceasefire that took effect Monday.

The 2018 row erupted in the wake of a Saudi crackdown on women's rights activists.

Canada at the time said it was "gravely concerned" over the new wave of arrests of rights campaigners, including award-winning women's rights activist Samar Badawi, and called on Riyadh to "immediately release them."

Even as Saudi Arabia instigates sweeping social and economic changes as part of its "Vision 2030" reform agenda, human rights remain a concern to critics.

In recent months, Saudi Arabia has been criticised for decades-long prison terms handed down to two women who tweeted and retweeted posts critical of the government.

In 2022, Saudi Arabia executed 147 people in total -- more than double the 2021 figure of 69, according to an AFP tally.

One in four young men in UK agree with influencer Andrew Tate's views on women

YouGov data seen by The Independent reveals that 26 per cent of men in the UK aged between 18 and 29 who had heard of the misogynistic influencer agreed with his opinions on women.

Some 28 per cent of men between 30 and 39 who had heard of Mr Tate, a former kickboxing world champion turned "success coach", back his outlook on women.

Three in 10 men aged between 30 and 39 who were aware of him agreed with his views on masculinity and what being a man involves, while a quarter of men in the 18 to 29 age bracket backed Mr Tate on this.

Campaigners told The Independent the influencer is a "legitimising force" for misogynistic ideas and his luxurious lifestyle is "a dangerous mask" for "violent and misogynistic content" which is "drip-fed" to his audience.

Mr Tate, who has more than 6 million Twitter followers, was arrested in Romania in late December alongside his brother Tristan Tate and two other suspects. They are accused of human trafficking, rape and forming a criminal gang to sexually exploit women.

The influencer has suggested rape victims "bear some responsibility" for being assaulted

The influencer was released from jail with his younger brother at the beginning of April after they won an appeal



One in four young men agree with Andrew Tate's views on women, poll finds. Pic - The Independent

to be held under house arrest -- with the influencer seeing his house arrest extended for an additional 30 days last month. All four deny the allegations and none have been charged.

YouGov provided those surveyed with a list of some of his most controversial views about women:

- The influencer has suggested rape victims "bear some responsibility" for being assaulted
- He has referred to married women as "property" that their husbands own
- The influencer has said in a heterosexual relationship the woman should remain at home
- Tate has argued it is wrong for women to have lots of sexual partners but men are allowed to

Rosie Carter, director of policy at 'Hope not hate', told The Independent: "Tate is hinting at things that bring out people's worst instincts," she said. "Tate's content can open the door to young men encountering more extreme content. If the extreme misogyny appeals to them, it can become more extreme. They could potentially end up exploring far-right forums."

The Independent previously reported on research by the Centre for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) which unearthed 47 videos of Mr Tate pushing what it describes as "extreme misogyny".

The report uncovered adverts on videos where Mr Tate discusses fighting women, saying "grip her up by the neck" in a video, which has been viewed 1.6 million times, as well as referring to putting his "imprint" on 18 to 19-year-old women in footage viewed 8.4 million times.

Message to our enemies': Iran on testing ballistic missile

Iran successfully tested a 2,000 km-range ballistic missile on Thursday, Iranian state media said, two days after the chief of Israel's armed forces raised the prospect of "action" against Tehran over its nuclear programme.

Iran, which has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East, says its weapons are capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases in the region, reports Reuters.

Despite opposition from the United States and European countries, Tehran has said it would further develop its



State News agency IRNA said the missile was called Kheibar. Pic - Radio Farda

"defensive" missile programme.

"Our message to Iran's enemies is that we will defend the country and its achievements," said Iranian Defence Minister

Mohammadreza Ashtiani.

State TV broadcast what it said was footage of an upgraded version of Iran's Khoramshahr 4 ballistic missile with a

range of 2,000 km that can carry a 1,500 kg warhead.

State News agency IRNA said the missile was called Kheibar, a reference to a Jewish castle overrun by Muslim warriors in the early days of Islam.

Israel, which the Islamic Republic does not recognise, sees Iran as an existential threat. Iran says its ballistic missiles are an important deterrent and retaliatory force against the United States, Israel and other potential regional adversaries.

The nuclear agreement, which Washington ditched in 2018, imposed restrictions on Iran's nuclear activities that extended the time Tehran would need to produce enough fissile material for a nuclear bomb, if it chose to. Iran denies seeking nuclear weapons.

Jean Claude de l'Estrac

“Le peu d'empressement de Ramgoolam à conclure les négociations d'alliance est suspect”



‘Un jugement défavorable du Privy Council à Pravind Jugnauth déstabilisera profondément le MSM et le gouvernement’

Mauritius Times: Le troisième renvoi des élections municipales pour deux ans, ce qui fait que les prochaines élections pourraient se tenir au plus tard en juin 2025, est une autre indication que le leader de l'alliance gouvernementale entend se donner le temps, sauf imprévu émanant du *Privy Council*, de compléter son mandat et de présenter un bilan solide (avec l'augmentation de la pension de vieillesse, projets infrastructurels, etc.) afin qu'il soit beaucoup mieux armé pour affronter les prochaines législatives. La tenue d'élections anticipées paraît donc improbable dans ces circonstances?

Jean Claude de l'Estrac: Ce nouveau renvoi est surtout une nouvelle confirmation de la dérive autocratique du régime. Si cela était nécessaire, le *Privy Council*, qui est notre ultime Cour constitutionnelle, vient de rappeler dans un cas similaire (Trinidad-et-Tobago), la portée antidémocratique du renvoi des élections au-delà des termes fixés

L'état de notre démocratie intéresse beaucoup de citoyens et d'observateurs politiques de longue date comme Jean Claude de l'Estrac. Il se penche sur la situation politique locale, notamment le troisième renvoi des élections municipales, la popularité du gouvernement de Pravind Jugnauth, le charisme du leader du Parti Travailleiste (PTTr) sur un électorat plus jeune et plus généralement sur l'échiquier politique. Il s'attarde aussi sur la géopolitique de l'océan Indien et interroge les réactions de certains diplomates dans ce contexte.

par le loi.

C'est grave, mais ce n'est pas une première. Dans le passé, des gouvernements Parti Travailleiste-PMSD, tout aussi autoritaires, avaient également renvoyé les élections municipales comme ils avaient renvoyé des législatives et aboli les élections partielles. C'est plutôt pathétique de voir ces deux mêmes partis politiques pousser aujourd'hui des cris de putois et entendre le leader du PMSD justifier le maintien des conseillers-jouisseurs à leur poste. À l'époque, tous les conseillers MMM avaient démissionné considérant que le mandat donné par les électeurs avait expiré. Autre temps, autre mœurs.

Quant à votre «imprévu» du *Privy Council* sur la pétition de Suren Dayal, je continue à trouver improbable une décision des *Law Lords* visant à déboulonner le Premier ministre de Maurice. Mais s'ils sont dans le même état d'esprit que ceux qui ont condamné récemment Trinidad et Tobago, tout est possible.

* Toutefois, si l'on se fie aux grands titres qui font la une des journaux de temps à autre concernant certaines décisions ou d'autres affaires impliquant des membres du gouvernement, on aurait l'impression que 'the die is cast' pour l'alliance dirigée par Pravind Jugnauth. Mais il y a loin de la coupe aux lèvres pour en arriver là, non?

Pour connaître le 'mood' de l'électorat, il ne faut pas se fier uniquement aux journaux et aux réseaux sociaux. Ils donnent une vue bien partielle des vues de l'électorat. La presse écrite est aujourd'hui faiblement diffusée. Les réseaux sociaux sont plus souvent des vecteurs de la dés-

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Et puis, le climat actuel me rappelle un phénomène que nous avons déjà connu. Quand le pouvoir se montre intolérant et répressif, les électeurs se recroquevillent, ils ne disent plus rien, ils se taisent et attendent le moment de se venger. Nous avons connu dans le passé ce comportement que le *Campaign Manager* que j'étais avait qualifié de «vote sous-marin». Je ne serais pas étonné qu'un fort courant sous-marin soit en train de se constituer. De par sa nature, il est difficile d'en mesurer l'ampleur.

* La cherté de la vie ces temps-ci, le grand déballeage concernant le trafic de drogue dans le pays, les allégations de pot-de-vin par l'octroi des 'State Lands' pour l'organisation, entre autres, de 'rave parties'... On aurait cru que ça allait chauffer sur le plan politique, mais rien ne se passe. Ça se termine comme un simple «feu de paille» ayant uniquement des effets temporaires et à court terme comme on a pu le voir ces derniers mois. Quel est le pire qui puisse arriver?

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Il y a, à mon sens, deux explications à cette léthargie que vous constatez.

La première est due à la passivité, l'égoïsme, la veulerie d'une partie de l'électorat. Il est occupé à ses petites affaires, il s'accommode de la corruption à son niveau, et sauf pour une petite minorité, surtout des jeunes, il s'en contrefiche des valeurs, des vertus, de l'honneur.

Pour contrer cette descente aux enfers, il eût fallu des leaders, des hommes et des femmes politiques, capables de dire leur fait aux électeurs, capables d'éveiller les consciences, de leur montrer une autre voie, celle de l'effort, de la discipline, de l'ambition. Ce n'est pas une conférence de presse, chaque samedi matin, dans un hôtel de luxe, qui mobilisera le peuple.

* Pensez-vous qu'un jugement défavorable du *Privy Council* à l'égard de Pravind Jugnauth pourrait avoir une conséquence très grave pour le MSM dans l'immédiat et pour le leader lui-même?

Il ne se fait pas de doute qu'un jugement défavorable à Pravind Jugnauth déstabilisera profondément le MSM et le gouvernement.

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☞ Suite de la page 10

Pour en mesurer l'ampleur, il faudra attendre de connaître le libellé du jugement dans ce cas.

*** A voir ses réactions vis-à-vis de la personne et ses révélations sur sa vie privée, ce qui semble inquiéter Pravind Jugnauth le plus, ce n'est pas les affaires qui entachent le gouvernement mais bien plus le leader du Parti Travailleiste. Navin Ramgoolam jouit donc, à ses yeux, d'un important capital de sympathie et de soutien politique, et il faut l'abattre politiquement - à n'importe quel prix?**

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Est-ce suffisant pour qu'il retrouve son électorat perdu? Peut-être bien si l'on tient compte du fait que les écarts de voix entre les candidats des deux alliances aux dernières élections ne sont pas considérables dans un certain nombre de circonscriptions - 1,2,3%.

*** Navin Ramgoolam a fini par se faire accepter par le leader du MMM et celui du PMSD comme candidat au poste de Premier ministre pour une durée de cinq ans dans le cadre d'une alliance PTr-MMM-PMSD - et non pas pour deux ou trois ans comme convenu au départ. Toutefois, il ne semble pas qu'il soit disposé à officialiser cette alliance PTr-MMM-PMSD de sitôt. A quel jeu joue-t-il?**

Je ne crois pas que la proposition de servir encore cinq ans au poste de Premier ministre à partir de 2024, comme offerte au septuagénaire Navin Ramgoolam, soit une idée électoralement très séduisante.

J'aurais estimé plus attractive la proposition d'un gouvernement de transition, Ramgoolam passant la main à un plus jeune leader, homme ou femme, au bout de deux ou trois ans.

Compte tenu des circonstances actuelles, Bérenger en position de numéro deux dans l'alliance et un Ramgoolam relativement âgé, le choix de l'éventuel successeur de Ramgoolam au Parti Travailleiste est stratégiquement capital à la fois pour les Travailleistes et pour l'alliance, si cette dernière se concrétise.

Cette alliance PTr-MMM-PMSD, si elle se concrétise, ne doit pas surestimer sa force de frappe. Le grand risque pour l'opposition aux prochaines élections, c'est la dispersion des voix. Il y aura une pléthore de partis qui vont grap-

piller des voix sans obtenir de majorité ni même des élus, ce qui en fin de compte arrange les affaires du MSM.

*** La présence de Paul Bérenger aux côtés de Navin Ramgoolam pourrait ne pas bien passer au sein d'une bonne partie de l'électorat travailliste, tout comme celle du leader du PTr auprès des militants. Pensez-vous que l'arithmétique électorale fera l'affaire lors des prochaines élections, ou accentuera-t-elle au contraire l'abstention comme notée en 2014 - même si les circonstances sont quelque peu différentes?**

Vous avez raison. On sait maintenant que les élections peuvent faire mentir les mathématiques. Est-ce que les mêmes causes produiront les mêmes effets? C'est probable sauf que les électeurs ont une nette tendance au vote-sanction plutôt qu'au vote-adhésion. Dans ce cas, c'est le MSM de Pravind Jugnauth qui paiera le prix fort. Ce n'est pas Ramgoolam qui gagne, c'est Jugnauth qui perd.

*** Qu'en est-il d'une alliance PTr-PMSD? Les adversaires farouches des années 60 sont devenus au fil des années des "alliés naturels", et Xavier Duval passe mieux au sein de l'électorat travailliste. Un tandem Ramgoolam-Duval a-t-il de meilleures chances qu'un trio incluant Bérenger?**

Ce scénario n'est pas à écarter. Le peu d'empressement de Ramgoolam à conclure les négociations est suspect à mes yeux...

*** Par ailleurs, fait assez rare, mais intrigant toutefois: l'ambassadeur américain Henry Jardine s'est récemment déclaré préoccupé par les arrestations de quelques dirigeants politiques de l'opposition extraparlamentaire. Qu'est-ce qui explique ce qui pourrait être perçu comme une ingérence dans les affaires intérieures de Maurice par l'ambassadeur américain?**

Il n'y a pas que les Américains. Les chancelleries européennes sont également très préoccupées par le dépérissement de la démocratie à Maurice. De plus en plus, les Etats se donnent un droit d'ingérence, surtout lorsqu'il s'agit de défense de la démocratie et des droits humains. Ce n'est pas s'ingérer que de se dire préoccupé par des arrestations intempestives d'opposants politiques. Vous avez lu le communiqué du G7 sur la Chine...

Ce qui est autant préoccupant, c'est l'effet de toutes ces dérives sur l'état d'esprit de ces investisseurs dont nous avons tant besoin. Il ne faut pas croire que la dégringolade du pays dans tous les indices internationaux de bonne gouvernance sera sans effet sur l'économie. Jugnauth se tire des balles dans le pied.

*** La démarche de l'ambassadeur américain intervient presque au moment où Washington aurait fait part de ses préoccupations, selon le quotidien britan-**

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nique le Daily Mail, quant à l'avenir de sa base de Diego Garcia dans l'éventualité d'un transfert de souveraineté sur l'archipel des Chagos à Maurice. Est-ce juste une coïncidence?

Je ne crois pas que ces faits soient liés.

Les préoccupations géostratégiques et militaires américaines par rapport à Diego Garcia sont anciennes. Hier elles étaient motivées par la présence de l'URSS dans l'océan Indien, aujourd'hui par celles de l'arrivée de la puissante marine chinoise sur ses voies de navigation. C'est la raison pour laquelle les Américains ne bougeront pas d'un pouce de Diego Garcia, et je reste sceptique quant à un transfert de souveraineté mauricienne sur une base américaine même si Washington est conforté par la forte influence de son allié indien sur la diplomatie mauricienne.

La thèse du Daily Mail à l'effet que «Xi Jinping has set his sights» sur Diego Garcia est infondée. Les Chinois se sont fait une raison à Maurice ; ils savent qu'ils ne peuvent pas damer le pion aux Indiens.



Prakash Neerohoo

La FOI est-elle coûteuse?

Le journal *L'express* du 24 mai 2023 rapporte que le chef du gouvernement a refusé au Parlement une demande d'introduire une *Freedom of Information Act* (FOI) parce qu'elle est "coûteuse" et que certains pays regrettent de l'avoir introduite.

L'argument du coût ne tient pas la route si l'on se base sur l'expérience de certains pays développés, dont le Canada. Au Canada, la *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) existe à deux paliers de gouvernement: le gouvernement fédéral et le gouvernement provincial. La FOI est un outil démocratique formidable dans la mesure où elle permet aux citoyens d'accéder à des informations que possède le gouvernement sur les politiques publiques. Elle est fondée sur le principe de la transparence dans les affaires publiques. En principe, la FOI permet l'accès à des informations qui ne sont pas disponibles dans le domaine public (sites web, documents officiels).

Sous la FIPPA, toutes les informations qui ont un



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intérêt public peuvent être divulguées sur demande. Évidemment, la loi prévoit certaines exceptions qui ne permettent pas de divulguer des informations de caractère sensible telles que les *Cabinet Papers*, les renseignements sur la sécurité nationale ou les informations personnelles comme les dossiers fiscaux des contribuables.

En général, le gouvernement fédéral et les gouvernements provinciaux au Canada s'acquittent bien de leurs obligations sous la FIPPA. Les citoyens, les médias et autres entités de groupe (partis politiques, cabinets de conseil, etc.) qui font des demandes d'informations sont servis dans des délais raisonnables et à un coût raison-

nable.

Dans mon expérience de spécialiste fiscal au sein d'un gouvernement provincial au Canada, j'ai eu l'occasion de considérer des demandes d'information sur la fiscalité en provenance de citoyens ou d'autres parties privées. Je peux dire que toutes les demandes sont acceptées, sauf celles qui tombent sous les exceptions. Les clients ne se plaignent pas des frais qu'ils doivent payer pour recevoir une information quelconque.

Le gouvernement lui-même n'a pas de frais élevés à encourir pour traiter les demandes d'information sous la FOI. Tous les fonctionnaires concernés sont formés dans l'administration de la FOI et les réponses aux demandes passent au préalable par un contrôle rigoureux selon une hiérarchie de responsabilité et de décision déterminée.

En général, la presse fait un usage judicieux de la FOI pour accéder à des informations non-publiques qui leur permettent de mieux comprendre un dossier ou une politique publique en termes de contexte et de perspective.

En matière de transparence, la "default position" est de révéler autant que possible tout ce qui a un intérêt public, sujet aux exceptions réglementaires.

Corruption in South Africa

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The standard joke about corruption is "Mr Ten Percent" – meaning a middleman who adds 10% onto the price of everything passing through his hands. Under Koko and Molefe, this had allegedly ballooned into "Mr Ten Thousand Percent".

For example, De Ruyter writes that Eskom was just stopped in the nick of time from paying a middleman R238,000 for a cleaning mop.

Corruption focused on the procurement chain. One middleman bought knee-pads for R150 (US\$7,80) and sold them to Eskom for R80,000 (US\$4,200). Another bought a knee-pad for R4,025 (US\$209) and sold it to Eskom for R934,950 (US\$48,544). The same applied to toilet rolls and rubbish bags. One inevitable consequence of corruption on such a scale was that Eskom's debt, which was R40 billion (US\$2.076 billion) in 2007 (the year that former president Jacob Zuma came to power), ballooned to R483 billion (US\$25 billion) by 2020 – which incurred R31 billion (US\$160 million) in annual finance charges.

De Ruyter reveals that the "presidential" cartel (meaning one of the local mafias) pilaged Matla power station, the "Mesh-Kings" cartel Duvha power station, the "Legendaries" cartel Tutuka power station, and the "Chief" cartel Majuba power station. He writes that the going rate for bribes at Kusile power station is R200,000 (US\$10,377) to falsify the delivery of one truckload of good quality coal. Kusile is one

of the two giant new coal-fired power stations which Eskom is relying on to end power cuts.

The book says a senior officer at the Hawks, the police's priority crimes investigation units, tipped off De Ruyter how he was blocked in all his attempts to combat corruption at Eskom. Senior police officers, at least one prosecutor, and a senior magistrate, have also been bribed by the gangs.

Nonconformist

Eskom had 13 CEOs and acting CEOs in 13 years. Twenty-eight candidates, most of them black, rejected head-hunters' offers to become CEO of Eskom. De Ruyter who was previously CEO of Nampak, took a pay cut (to R7 million) to accept the job, in the hope of accelerating Eskom's transition from coal to renewables.

At the time of his appointment some commentators alleged that he was an African National Congress (ANC) cadre deployed to Eskom. The ANC's cadre deployment policy is aimed at ensuring that all the levers of power are in loyal party hands – often regardless of ability and probity. But De Ruyter came into conflict with the ruling party.

What caught De Ruyter out was the viciousness of the political attacks on him: smears of racism and financial impropriety. He had to devote many hours of office time to refuting them:

occupying that seat at Megawatt Park comes with political baggage.

Megawatt Park is Eskom's head office in Johannesburg.

The book's early chapters summarise how he was one of those Afrikaners with Dutch parents, who did not conform entirely to apartheid norms. The Afrikaner folk imposed the apartheid regime onto South Africa for 42 years. In his high school years, he became a card-carrying member of the Progressive Federal Party, a liberal anti-apartheid opposition party, antecedent of the Democratic Alliance, which is now the official opposition to the governing party.

Poisoning

De Ruyter's book mentions organising a routine Eskom stakeholders' meeting at a guesthouse in Mpumalanga province.

To save time, he ordered that food be served on plates to table places, instead of buffet arrangements. The guesthouse management refused, due to fear of facilitating poisoning one or more guests – only buffet arrangements could thwart that.

He says that in Tshwane (Pretoria), the seat of government, the National Prosecution Authority no longer orders takeaway lunches for delivery to their premises. Instead, standard procedure is that a staff member buys lunches for all at random take-away shops.

This sinister development culminated in De Ruyter himself being poisoned with



cyanide in his coffee in his office, demonstrating how mafia-type gangs had recruited at least one Eskom headquarters staff member.

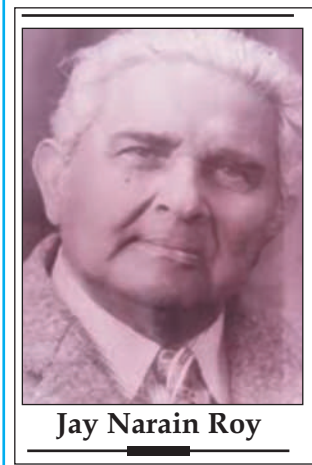
Unintended consequences

In several places De Ruyter also touches on other issues. The unintended consequence of some government policies, such as localisation and preferential procurement, is that it costs Eskom two and a half times more to pay for each kilometre of transmission cable than it costs Nampower Namibia's power utility, just across the border.

What stands out from this memoir is that the success of a company demands that a CEO, managers, artisans, guards, and cleaners all take the attitude that the buck stops with them – seven days a week – and act accordingly.

Keith Gottschalk, University of the Western Cape

● No man should enter into alliance with his enemy, even with the tightest bonds of union. Water made ever so hot will still quench fire. — Hitopadesa



Is the Constitution satisfactory?

Every day we are beginning to realise that the new Constitution is quite unsatisfactory. The only point about which there was some measure of disagreement was the constituencies. As far as the constituencies are concerned, the position is, to my mind, quite good. There are many who have qualms of conscience in regard to the single-member system. Such things arise when one selfishly thinks of one's own chances. That cannot be the consideration. A system of this sort is tested by at least three successive elections. One election may even be disastrous. The second will tend to balance but the third will stabilise prejudices and tendencies and will produce the results it was destined to produce.

The other good is the suffrage. It is there that we can congratulate ourselves on a definite progress. The adult suffrage is not quite the same as universal suffrage. But it is a great step forward. The most unsatisfactory feature of the Constitution is the type of government it seeks to establish. Nobody can say that we have anything comparable to Responsible Government. This can be established only in one way: the Governor should, under the Constitution, be bound to call upon the leader of the majority party winning the elections to form a government. the leader may form a party government if he has a clear majority, or he can join some other parties to form a coalition. Such coalitions are formed after the parties have agreed to certain fundamental principles of government.

The advantage of a party or coalition government is that the initiative of the governance of the country is entirely in the hands of the representatives of the people. They can view things from the angle of the electorate and emphasise the results upon the life of the average man. The system has two other advantages. The leader of the majority party forming the government will be known as the Prime Minister, and by the very fact

of this post and designation, on him devolve certain superior responsibilities of appointing the other Ministers and of keeping a vigilant supervision on the working in a compact and composite manner of all the ministries. This is what is known as collective responsibility. The Ministry, as a whole, pursues a well-laid policy, and all the Ministers are feverishly geared to further that policy and that ideal.

The present system cannot, in any manner, be called democratic in the sense that democracy is signalled by its institutions. The Government of Mauritius defies definition. It is neither even a diarchy nor a hybrid organism. In its very spirit lies the seed of its frustration; in its manner of composition lies the grave of my country.

It could be good as a too-temporary transient, apprentice measure, but the impossibility of cohesion and the seat of the initiative should kill all hopes of this country. How can it be otherwise when the Ministry is a queer patch, when people yoked together are not always prepared to see the same way or to speak the same language and when officialdom zealously reserves to itself the motive power of the government?

As a student of politics, I am acquainted with many twisted constitutions in history. I should, however, say that ours is by no means one with which the representatives of the people can continue to have sympathy if they want to serve the country and the people in accordance with their pledged words. I am glad that there is an ever-growing movement in the country, particularly among Left Labourites, to agitate to change the Constitution in so far as the structure of government is concerned so that we may for the first time have a taste of real Responsible Government. Today, legally and constitutionally, the responsibilities of government vest in the Governor in the same way that they vest in the Queen of England. But the analogy stops there. Here the Governor appoints Ministers in a manner that cuts across the essence of democracy.

The Governor asks the Council to elect a number of Ministers. In many cases it is bound, with the help of the unelected section of the Council, to upset the results of

the polls. But that is not the only undemocratic process. The Satrap proceeded to nominate Ministers from other members of Council with a view not to satisfying the legitimate aspirations of the people but to satisfying diverging interests and sections. A Ministry of this kind can never work in cohesion and harmony when it comes to grips with fundamental issues. By the very nature of things, it is meant not to touch upon fundamental issues. It has to restrict itself to minor, flimsy matters and stand in stout defiance of commonsense as a vast make-believe.

The initiative and responsibilities governance being in the hands of high officialdom, the appointment and dismissal of Ministers rest entirely in the hands of the Governor. The Ministry is not bound to resign following a defeat on certain important issues in Council. In this way we find that the entire democratic process completely falsified, and it cannot, by any manner or means, take us to the righteous fulfilment of our destiny.

We must make it quite plain to the government and to the country that we shall go to the polls with the declared policy of struggling in and outside the Council for Responsible Government as it is understood in civilized parlance. We shall leave no stone unturned until this rightful demand is granted. If there is lethargy or resistance, it may, in the interest of the people, be absolutely necessary to refuse to accept to be Ministers and to create a deadlock, a governmental vacuum.

The time has come to come to grips with some of the fundamental economic problems, including the problem of wages and employment. We would place this problem as a top-priority, and we shall demand results from the Ministry at the very start of the new session. It is problems like these that will reveal in its nakedness the utter helplessness of the new Constitution. If that problem is not sought to be solved in its top-priority, we shall consider it our duty towards the electorate to withhold our cooperation with the government. We place the people first, and then anything else afterwards, and nothing will deter us from our determination to fight ceaselessly towards the establishment of a Responsible Government.

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This 26th May 2023

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Name: Jessen VALAYODAPILLAI
This 26th May 2023

How I read books



Robin Sharma
Humanitarian and Leadership Missionary

Books have enriched, upgraded, and saved my life.

...when all was well, great books strengthened my creativity, artistry, productivity and jubilation.

...when things were hard they delivered hope, guided my way and offered a literary lighthouse that helped me navigate rough seas.

I thought it might bring you reward if I walked you through my process around receiving the knowledge from books.

So here we go:

Step1: Continuous learning is the great battle proofer

The single-finest way to lead your field is to increase your skills relentlessly. You truly want to become so good at what you do that no one else in the world can do what you do. That's not about being naturally gifted. It's about reading every relevant book you can get your hands on, so you grow into a genuine master of your craft.

Step 2: Buy more books than you can ever read

Investing in a book is reaching for your promise. I buy more books than I know I will read in my lifetime. It makes me happy to get a book. Gives me hope. Activates my energy. And allows me to assemble a library that will be a legacy for my children.

Step 3: Go for range and challenge

I purchase books on productivity, metaphysics, history, psychology, emotional healing, keeping positive, executing on high-value targets, scaling a business and on the lives of great human beings. Go for a wide range and definitely read works that push you to think differently. So, you can produce uniquely.

Step 4: Read the table of contents

When I pick up a book, I study the front and back cover. Then I scan the table of contents to get a sense of where this is going. Next, I block out a clear space of time and clean up all distractions. I read with deep focus, not to snack on content. Because building a "content-snacking brain" will yield a snacking sort of life.

Step 5: Highlight and take notes

When I read, I read slowly and deliberately. I highlight, generally with a red felt marker (yes you can highlight the eBook and yes you can use audiobooks, which have served me so well for decades). I also make notes in the margins and do diagrams on those few pages at the end that publishers leave blank. Live and breathe your experience with the book. Let it change you.

Step 6: Follow your moods

On some days I'm in the mood for a book that will kickstart my A-game. On other hand, I wish to read fiction or poetry. I'm not dogmatic about what I read. Instead, I allow The Muse to lead me into what I need to learn (or enjoy).

Step 7: Download your notes

On finishing a book, I write out the best insights in my journal. What you capture becomes cemented.

Step 8: Decode the lessons

Finally, I take the notes and make them into game charts and dream sheets. I crunch the information and build them into clear plans and implementation steps. Then I get to work on them.

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Mother's Day: Myths About Motherhood

-- Radhika Ravi Rajan

It's Mother's Day on Sunday. Why not celebrate Mother's Day this year in a different way? By removing the world "guilt" from the dictionary of every mother you know and love: your wife, your mother, your sister, your colleague, your Boss, and your friend? You can do it by busting the great Motherhood myth and adore each Mother as unique...

Myth No. 1: Mothers shower love always

The expectation that a mother has to always be "nice" to her children, though highly aspirational, is one of the toughest roles all mothers are expected to play! While all mothers do love their children, when they live with them and look after them 24x7, it's natural for them to show their annoyance, especially when the kids are naughty...

Myth No. 2: Mothers create balance

The second myth is that a good mom knows how to balance it all! That she perfectly balances her various roles - as nurse, daycare, nightcare, teacher, linguist, homework-doer, disciplinarian, whathaveyou, with perfect ease! Yes, and Mothers have special inbuilt weighing machines!

Myth No. 3: A mother is always with her kids

The third biggest myth is that a "good" mom spends most of her time with her kids. But the fact is, and more so when mothers today are working moms, that it's the quality of time that mothers give their



children, not so much the quantity, that defines a mother. In any case, even working mothers are always trying to find a way to spend more time with their kids...

Myth No. 4: It's the best job in the world

Everyone thinks the best way to encourage mothers is to rate their job as the best job in the world. But mothers know only too well that if Motherhood were advertised in the job columns, it would, in writer Kathy Lette's words, read: Hours - constant; Food and Entertainment: supplied by yourself; Sick leave: none; Multitasking: a must.

Myth No. 5: It's the ultimate fulfillment

While motherhood is, indeed, one of

the most fulfilling roles that mothers play, when we describe it as the ultimate fulfillment, we're sort of not allowing other facets of ourselves to develop. Then, it resembles a conspiracy of sorts not to let women make other aspects of their life, like wifehood, careerhood, just as fulfilling...

Myth No. 6: Mothers get support from family

There's another myth floating around, that mothers get support from family in raising their kids. While it's true in many lucky cases, for majority of mothers, they're on their own for most of the tasks related to parenting, whether it's related to pacifying a baby or changing nappies.

Myth No. 7: It brings couples closer

Yet another myth is that Motherhood brings couples closer because of all that bonding. Unfortunately, this is hardly true. parenting takes such a toll on marital life that couples actually forget what they had before the little bundle of joy arrived. So, in fact, mothers too need a lot of petting and kissing to put them back on track...

Myth No. 8: Mothers learn to learn from their mothers

Gosh! This one takes the cake! The moment you become a mother, your mother (or worse, your mother-in-law) thinks you have plenty to learn from them because you know nothing! As if they got training from the School of Motherhood. While tips are welcome, let's ourselves discover the nuances of motherhood.

Myth No. 9: Mothers adore their newborns

Of course, mothers adore their newborns, but there are times when your tired body and mind prevent you from bonding with your precious newborn (as you ideally should because the new arrival really needs it!) So, contrary to popular belief, mothers end up feeling terribly guilty that they did not adore their newborns. Please spare them that!

Happy Mother's Day!

So, bust all that hype about motherhood and appreciate it for what it really is: A job of a lifetime...thus, show your gratitude to the one who not only gave birth to you but the one who raised you... because, as talkshow host Oprah Winfrey put it, "Biology is the least of what makes a mother..."

Mothers never die

*And when good-byes meant only till tomorrow!
And here I was looking into a good-bye forever
and that too from my mum. That night, I also
saw her becoming a child...*

-- Sandeep Sharma

It is 10 years now since my mother passed away Death came as *mukti* or salvation to her since she had been suffering for long from cancer. Perhaps God could bear it no longer; hence He took her in His arms She chose to be with me the last day as I sat the whole night with her until the early hours of the morning when she departed While sitting beside her that fateful night and seeing her slowly disappear into oblivion, I mulled over my childhood. A time when 'getting high' meant on a swing; when drinking meant drinking fruit juice, when dad was the only hero, when love was mom's hug, when dad's shoulder was the highest place on earth, when our worst enemies were our siblings, when the only thing that could hurt were wounded knees, when the only things broken were toys, when friends used you for nothing other than for borrowing pencils.

And when good-byes meant only till tomorrow! And here I was looking into a good-bye forever and that too from my mum. That night, I also saw her becoming a child as she recollected her childhood talking, in a



semi-conscious state, with her long gone mother: how her mother had brought her up and how she played in her lap. She spoke so sweetly and with her graceful smile that for once I started to believe that she was not going. The quietness of the night and my mother's words somehow reassured me that nothing would happen.

The night went by and my sister came by to relieve me. I got up to go to the washroom and kept looking back at my mum. The angel was there with all her charm. I told my sister that I would be back soon. Hardly

had I reached the washroom and my sister summoned me back with a shriek. I ran. The angel was disappearing slowly towards the heavens. I lifted her and placed her head in my lap. Before I realised what had happened, she was gone. I shouted, I howled, 'Please come back, mama. Don't leave me.' How could she go away? Then came the words of the doctor who was trying to console me: 'See, your mother waited till you went to the washroom to leave her body so you would not witness that moment.'

Financial abuse of older adults by family members more common than scams by strangers

Despite numerous telephone, mail and internet scams directed toward older adults, relatives may perpetrate more financial elder abuse than strangers, suggests a new study by experts at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

Using a unique source of frontline data -- instances of elder abuse reported to the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) resource line, Keck School researchers were able to identify the most common types of elder abuse reported and profile the alleged perpetrators.

Of the nearly 2,000 calls logged for the study, more than 42% (818 calls) alleged abuse. Financial abuse was



the most commonly reported at nearly 55% (449 calls).

Family members were the most frequently identified perpetrators of alleged abuse at nearly 48% of calls in which relationship could be determined. The most common abuse perpetrated by family was financial abuse (61.8%), followed by emotional abuse (35%), neglect (20.1%), physical abuse (12%) and sexual abuse (0.3%).

Of the calls that alleged abuse by a family member, more than 32% reported more than one abuse type.

"We expected to find that financial abuse was the most common abuse reported," says Gali Weissberger, PhD, lead author of the study. "But despite the high rates of financial exploitation perpetrated by scammers targeting older adults, we found that family members were the most commonly alleged perpetrators of financial abuse. In fact, across all abuse types, with the exception of sexual abuse and self-neglect, abuse by a family member was the most commonly reported."

Elder abuse affects an estimated one in 10 older adults annually, but is often underreported. Aside from its physical, psychological and social impact on victims, their families and society, elder abuse attributes to more than \$5.3 billion in U.S. annual health care costs.

"The results highlight the importance of developing effective strategies to prevent future abuse," says Weissberger. "Our next step is to conduct more studies targeting high-risk individuals and to better understand additional risk factors."

Your heart's best friend: Dog ownership associated with better cardiovascular health

Owning a pet may help maintain a healthy heart, especially if that pet is a dog, according to the first analysis of data from the Kardiozive Brno 2030 study. The study examines the association of pet ownership -- specifically dog ownership -- with cardiovascular disease risk factors and cardiovascular health. The results are published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes.

The study first established baseline health and socio-economic information on more than 2,000 subjects in the city of Brno, Czech Republic.

The study compared the cardiovascular health scores of pet owners overall to those who did not own pets. Then it compared dog owners to other pet owners and those who did not own pets.

"In general, people who owned any pet

were more likely to report more physical activity, better diet and blood sugar at ideal level," says Andrea Maugeri, Ph.D., a researcher with the International Clinical Research Center at St. Anne's University Hospital.

The study demonstrates an association between dog ownership and heart health, which is in line with the American Heart Association's scientific statement on

the benefits of owning a dog in terms of physical activity, engagement and reduction of cardiovascular disease risk.

Dr Maugeri says that the study findings support the idea that people could adopt, rescue or purchase a pet as a potential strategy to improve their cardiovascular health as long as pet ownership led them to a more physically active lifestyle.



Who was the first person to speak English?

Hundreds of years ago, people spoke Old English – but it is very different to English today.

The first speaker of English did not sound like you or me. That's because language changes all the time. You have probably noticed that the language of your grandparents differs from yours. You can imagine then how very different English was when it was first spoken in Britain many centuries ago.

The earliest speakers of English spoke Old English. I am using the word "speakers" because there must have been more than one speaker: after all, we use language to talk to others.

Old English developed in a turbulent period of British history. This was just after the Romans had left Britain, around 1,600 years ago. The Romans had colonised Britain but they abandoned the country in the fifth century because the Roman empire was collapsing all around them.

The Romans who ruled Britain spoke their language, Latin. But most of the people who lived in Britain when the Romans were there – and before that too – spoke a Celtic language. This Celtic language was rather like Welsh, but again much older than the present-day Welsh language.

After the Romans left Britain, Germanic tribes who were on the move throughout Europe in the fifth and sixth centuries invaded. These tribes were the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes. The language they spoke is known as North Sea Germanic.

The first English speakers

Once they settled in Britain it became Old English, which is also sometimes called "Anglo-Saxon". From the Angles comes the word "English" and from the Angles and Saxons together comes the word "Anglo-Saxon". I teach Old English to students of English at university.



So Old English or Anglo-Saxon is the oldest form of the English language that was spoken and written in England in the early Middle Ages, the period from roughly 450 to 1050. Very few Celtic words were taken over into Old English. The word "brock" (meaning "badger") is one of the rare exceptions.

Do we know the names of the first speakers of Old English? Two names are mentioned in ancient legends that tell the story of how the Angles and the Saxons arrived in Britain.

According to these legends, the British (when they were still Celtic speakers) asked two Germanic leaders, Hengest and Horsa, to come to Britain to help protect the country after the Romans had left.

Hengest and Horsa arrived in Britain with lots of other people from their tribe and conquered the land. We have no way of knowing if these legends are true, but if they are we have here the names of the two chieftains who

brought their language to Britain.

An Old English poet

There is one other name that deserves to be mentioned, and that is Caedmon. He is the first poet in English whose name is known. The story of his life is told by the monk and historian Bede, who lived in the north of England from around 673 to 735.

Bede not only tells the story of Hengest and Horsa, but he also tells us about Caedmon, who was a cowherd. Bede wrote that Caedmon could not read or write and received the ability to compose beautiful poetry as a gift from God. The first poem that Caedmon was inspired to create is a poem in praise of God. The first two lines of this poem will give you a taste of Old English:

Nu sculon herian heofonrices Weard,
Metodes mihte and his modgepanc

In modern English, this means: "Now we must praise the guardian of the heavenly kingdom, the Ruler's might and his plan".

You might think this is not really English at all. But we still use some of the words used in Old English – "and" and "his" are both in these two lines of poetry. Other words have survived too, though we often spell and pronounce them differently. See if you can spot the Old English words for "might" and "now" in these lines from Caedmon's poem.

Caedmon looked after the cattle in a monastery in Whitby in Yorkshire. One of my university students studying Old English comes from Whitby and she told me that her school is named after our first named English poet: Caedmon College. His legend lives on.

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'Don't sell that cow'

A 99-year-old spiritual Leader lay quietly. He was dying.

The disciples had gathered around his bed and reciting some holy verses trying to make his last journey divine and pleasant.

They wanted to give him warm milk to drink but he declined.

One of the disciples took the glass back to the kitchen and decided to add some brandy considering it as good for health. He poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at spiritual leader's bed, they lifted his head gently and held the glass to his lips.

The very frail man drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, he had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As his eyes brightened, the disciples thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Sir..." the disciples asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us."

He raised himself up very slowly in the bed on one elbow, looked at them and said:

"Don't sell that cow."

Joke Hypnotist

A woman comes home and tells her husband, "Remember those headaches I've been having all these years? Well, they're gone."

"No more headaches?" the husband asks. "What happened?"

His wife replies, "Margie referred me to a hypnotist. He told me to stand in front of a mirror, stare at myself and repeat 'I do not have a headache' three times. It worked! The headaches are all gone."

"Well, that's wonderful," says her husband.

"You know, you haven't been exactly a ball of fire in the bedroom these last few years. Why don't you go see the hypnotist and see if he can do anything about it?" suggests the wife.

The husband agrees to give it a try.

Following his appointment, the husband comes home, rips off his clothes, picks up his wife, carries her to the bedroom, puts her on the bed and says, "Don't move, I'll be right back."

He rushes into the bathroom and comes back a few minutes later jumps into bed and makes passionate love to his wife like never before.

His wife with a satisfied look on her face says, "Boy, that was wonderful!"

The husband again says, "Don't move! I will be right back."

Goes to the bathroom again comes back and round two was even better than the first.

The wife sits up and her head is spinning.

The husband once more says, "Don't move, I'll be right back."

With that, he goes back into the bathroom.

The wife now overcome with curiosity, quietly follows him and there in the bathroom she sees him standing at

the mirror and saying,

"She's not my wife,

She's not my wife,

She's not my wife!"

His funeral service will be held next Wednesday.

The phone rings and the lady of the house answers, "Hello."

"Mrs Joshi, please."

"Speaking."

"Mrs Joshi, this is Doctor Kanitkar from Max Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his blood sample to the lab last week, a blood sample from another Mr. Joshi arrived as well... We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not too good."

"What do you mean?" Mrs Joshi asks nervously.

"Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's (memory loss) and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which."

"That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?" questioned Mrs Joshi.

"Normally we can, but MEDICARE will only pay for these expensive tests once."

"Well, what am I supposed to do now?"

"The MEDICARE Helpdesk recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him."

If a woman listens to you for less than 5 minutes then, she is your daughter

If a woman listens to you for about 15 minutes then, she is your sister.

If a woman listens to you for over 30 minutes then, she is your mother.

And ultimately...

If a woman pretends to listen to you all the time but does not remember a word of what you said no matter how important, then she is...

Yes, Yes... You are correct: she is deaf.

Why unnecessarily bring wife into every joke?

A group of tourists was visiting a crocodile farm, and they were in a floating structure in the middle of a crocodile lake.

The farm owner shouted: "Whoever jumps into the water and swims to shore will receive 10 million dollars.

The silence was deafening.

Suddenly, a man jumped into the water. He was chased by crocodiles, but with great luck, he was unharmed.

The owner announced: "We have a winner!!!"

After receiving their reward, the man and his wife returned to the hotel room.

The man tells his wife: "I did not jump in myself ... Someone pushed me !!!"

His wife smiled and said coldly: "It was me!"

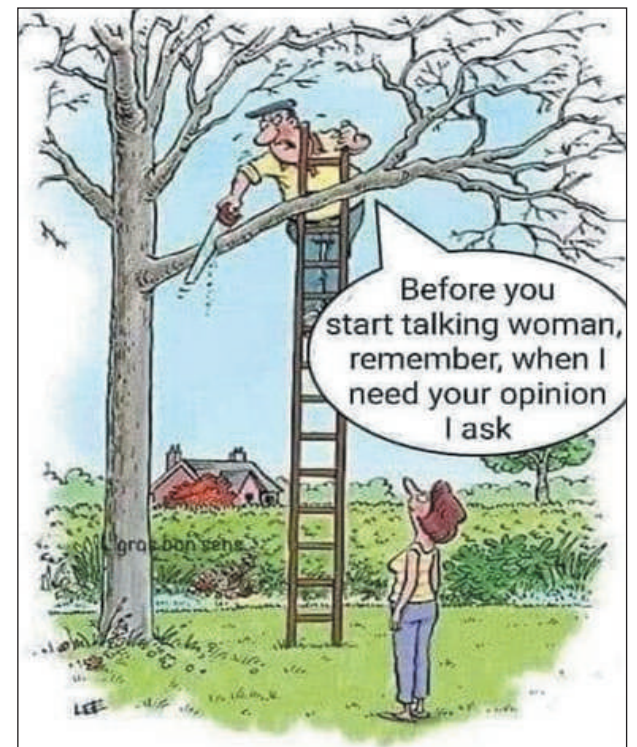
Moral of the story: "Behind every successful man, there is always a woman to give him a little push."

A husband said to his wife: 'I miss my family, I hope you will prepare lunch tomorrow, so I can invite them, it's been a while.'

The wife said with a sigh: 'God willing, it will be good.'

The husband said: 'OK, I will invite them.'

The next morning, the husband went to work and at one o'clock he came home, and said to his wife: 'Did you cook lunch? My family will come in an hour.'



And the wife said: 'No, I did not cook, because your family are not strangers, they can eat what is in the house.'

The husband said: 'God forgive you! Why didn't you tell me yesterday that you won't cook and they will soon be arriving, what will I do?'

The wife said: 'Call them and apologize to them, after all, they are not strangers.'

The husband left the house upset and after a few minutes, there was a knock on the door. The wife got up, opened the door and was surprised to see her family, brothers, sisters and children!

Her father asked her, 'Where is your husband?'

She said to him: 'He left a while ago.'

Her father said, 'Yesterday, your husband invited us for lunch. Is it possible for him to invite us and leave the house?'

The wife was stunned by the news, and began rubbing her hands, puzzled that the food in the house was not befitting for her family. She called her husband and said to him: 'Why didn't you tell me that you intended to invite my family for lunch?'

He said to her: 'My family is your family, and yours is mine. There's no difference.'

She said to him: 'Please bring ready-made food with you when coming, there is no food at home.'

The husband said: 'I am very far from home and your family are not strangers, feed them from the food in the house as you wanted to feed my family.'

At a hotel restaurant, a man sees an attractive woman sitting alone at the next table.

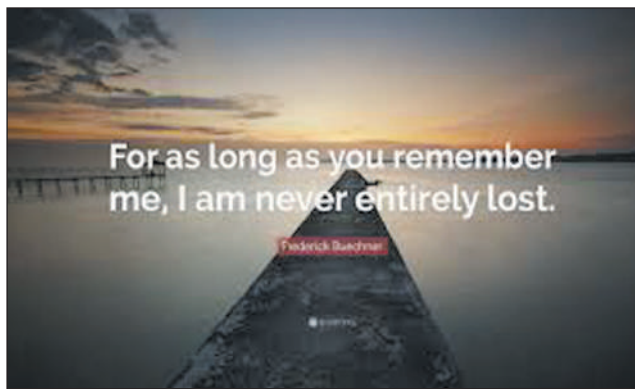
Suddenly, she sneezes, and a glass eye comes flying out of her eye socket. It hurls by the man, and he snatches it from the air and hands it back to her.

"This is so embarrassing," the woman says, and she pops her eye back in place. "I'm sorry to have disturbed you. Let me buy dinner and make it up to you. May I join you?" He nods.

The woman is a stimulating conversationalist, stunningly pretty, and the man finds they have a lot in common.

He gets her phone number and asks, "You are the most charming woman I've ever encountered. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?"

"No," she replies. "You just happened to catch my eye."



Life Talk

When you remember me

-- Frederick Buechner

When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are.

It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us.

It means that if we meet again, you will know me.

It means that even after I die, you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart.

For as long as you remember me, I am never entirely lost.

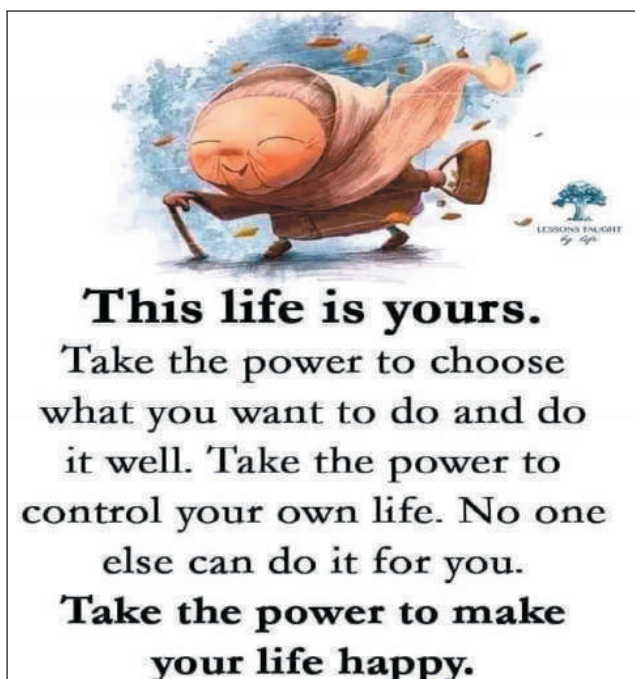
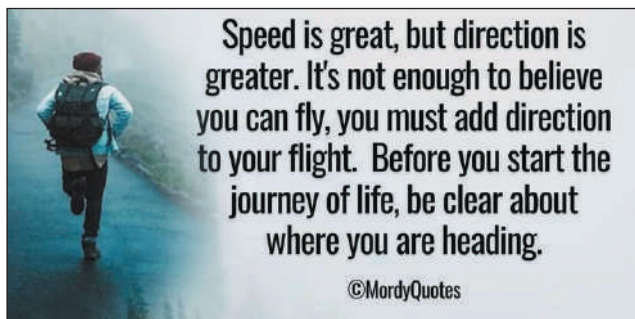
When I'm feeling most ghost-like, it is your remembering me that helps remind me that I actually exist.

When I'm feeling sad, it's my consolation.

When I'm feeling happy, it's part of why I feel that way.

If you forget me, one of the ways I remember who I am will be gone.

If you forget, part of who I am will be gone.



25 Things about Life

I wish I had known 10 years ago

1. Struggle is good

Never say "I can't take it anymore." Say "Bring it on!"

2. Don't complain

Complaining is the biggest waste of time there is. Either do something about it, and if you can't, shut up about it.

3. Spend time with people you love

That's your family and best friends. If you don't have a family, create one. Most people in life are only visitors. Family is for life.

4. Don't start a relationship if you're not in love

I've done this more than once. You kind of like someone and think: "We might as well give it a shot." Not a good idea. You're either in love, or you are not. Don't fool yourself. It's not fair to you and the other person.

5. Exercise daily

I didn't get this until recently. A healthy body is where you have to start everything in life. If you can't build a healthy and strong body, what CAN you build in life?

6. Keep a journal

No, keeping a journal is not for children. It helps you to become a better thinker and writer. "I don't want to be a writer" you might think. Well, how many emails and texts do you send a day? Everybody is a writer.

7. Be grateful

Say 'thank you' to everyone and everything. "Thank you for this beautiful day." "Thank you for your email." "Thank you for being there for me."

8. Don't care about what people think

We all die in the end, do you really think it matters what people think of you?

9. Take more risks

Don't be such a wimp.

10. Pick an industry, not a job

If you want to become good at something, you need to spend years and years doing that. You can't do that if you hop from industry to industry. Pick an industry you love and start at the bottom. You will find the perfect role for you eventually.

11. Lead the way

When you find yourself in a situation where everyone looks at each other, it's time for you to lead. You're a leader when you decide to become one. There's no initiation or a title. Just a decision.

12. Money isn't important

It really isn't. But you have to train yourself not to care about money. Don't become too dependent on the stuff you own — otherwise, the stuff will own you.

13. Be nice

I don't mean you should be a pushover. You can be someone that doesn't take shit and be nice about it. Just don't insult people, think you're better than them, or act like an idiot.

14. Learn every day

You've got to train your brain to stay alert. You don't have to read a book a day to learn every day. Learn from your mistakes. Learn from the people around you — be open to what they can teach you.

15. Rest before you are tired

Even if you love your job, and every day seems like a holiday, you need to take time to rest. You're a human and not an android, never forget that.

16. Don't judge

What is Success?

Success is being able to go to bed each night with your mind at Peace.



Just because people make different choices than you, they are not stupid. Also, you don't know everything about people, so don't judge them — help them.

17. Think about others

Just be mindful, that's all. We all have families, bills to pay, and our own issues. Don't always make everything about yourself.

18. Give without expecting something in return

Don't keep score. You will become a bitter person if you do that. Give solely for the joy of giving. If you get something in return, great, if you don't, great.

19. There's no end game

We, as a species, just are. Don't try to figure it all out. Enjoy your journey.

20. Enjoy small things

I like clichés because they are true. Especially this one. You know why? Everyone says they know it, but no one lives up to it. They just chase big things.

21. Don't take yourself so serious

Yeah, yeah, you're an individual, and people have to take you seriously, I get it. But at the end of the day, we're all a bunch of ants trying to chase the same things. Lighten up.

22. Don't blame people

What's point? Do you want to punish them? You don't do that to people. Also don't blame yourself — you're only human.

23. Create something

Not to leave a legacy, you won't be here to see it anyway, but to be of use. Make music, write a book, build a table, anything. You'll feel good about yourself, plus you give something back to people to use or enjoy.

24. Never look back too long

Reflecting on the past is only good for one thing: Learning.

25. Take action

Don't just sit there, do something. Without action, there is no outcome.

You might know a lot. But like Socrates, you and I know nothing at all. So, we have to keep learning.

Health & Balance

Is your Smartphone Harming your Health?

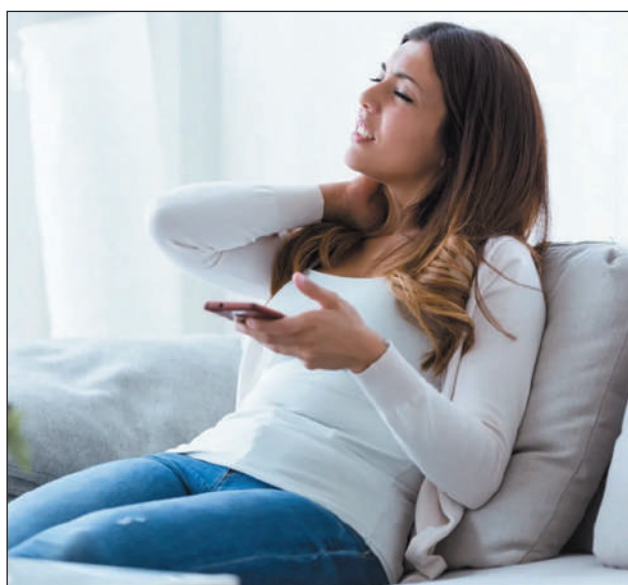
Germs, texting and driving, an awkward neck position -- your phone may be doing you more harm than good

Your cellphone probably goes with you everywhere. Ever check it while you were in the bathroom? And when's the last time you cleaned it? Ever? It makes sense that there might be bacteria, viruses, or other germs on it. One study found 1 in 6 phones has E. coli bacteria on it, probably because people didn't wash their hands well. On the bright side, it's a hard surface, which usually makes it harder for germs to survive. Still, it's probably a good idea to wipe it down now then.

Text Neck Syndrome: Too much time looking down at your phone can strain your neck muscles and cause tightness or spasms. You might even get nerve pain that goes to your back, or to your shoulder and down your arm. Take breaks at least every 20 minutes to stretch and arch your back. Try not to hunch forward. It helps to hold your phone higher up when you text, too. Posture exercises from yoga or Pilates will help you stay strong and avoid neck pain.

Awkward Phone Calls: Ever pinch the phone between your shoulder and ear while you do something else? It's not a natural position. Do it for too long and you'll probably notice that your neck hurts. If you can't avoid it, take breaks and move your neck in other directions to keep it loose.

Text and Drive: Just don't do it. Sending a text takes 5 seconds of your attention. That seems so quick. But it's not harmless. At 55 mph, your car goes about length of a football field -- more than enough space to cause a



Your phone could be hurting your health. Pic- Shutterstock

serious car wreck. Scientists figure this means you may be as much as 23 times more likely to crash. And the risk is the same whether you type or "voice text." You're 4 times more likely to crash when you talk and drive. If you really need to take or make a call, pull over.

Surfing at Night: Too much of any light after the sun goes down can mess up your sleep, which is linked to diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and other health problems. And the "blue light" your smartphone gives off is especially bad. Keep your bedroom dark for better rest. You can also help your nighttime sleep if you get lots of natural light during the day.

Walkin' or Talkin' -- Not Both: You're walking down the sidewalk and need to send a quick text. How long does it take? A few seconds? Enough time to trip and fall. Just stop for a moment. Those seconds aren't worth an accident. And it's not just outside: The most common injuries happen while talking on the phone at home -- usually muscle and tendon strains, broken bones, and

head injuries.

Cancer Risk? Studies don't show any solid link to cancer or even tumours in people. It's something scientists continue to study. If you're worried about the radiation from cellphones, you can limit your cellphone use, or use it in speaker mode or with a headset or earpiece.

Trigger Thumb: This is when your thumb gets stuck in a bent position or pops when you try to straighten it. This pop can hurt. It happens when the sheath surrounding your thumb tendon thickens so that the tendon can't slide freely. Lots of texting or typing on a cellphone, or just holding a smartphone tightly, can cause trigger thumb. The treatment includes cutting down on your cellphone use.

Interference: If you use your mobile phone very close to medical devices like pacemakers or implantable defibrillators, they may not work the way they're supposed to. The phones can even interfere with certain kinds of hearing aids. Talk to your doctor if you notice any problems with your medical device, especially if it happens when you use your smartphone.

Eye Problems: The shorter wavelength of the blue light that smartphones give off can tire your eyes very quickly and cause pain. It may even damage your cornea (the clear lens on the front of the eye) and harm your vision. If you notice these problems, it's best to limit your time with blue-light digital devices like smartphones and computers, or at least to take breaks often to rest your eyes.

Can You Hear Me Now? Even if you don't look at it, just putting a phone in plain view when you talk to someone can get in the way of making a strong connection. It's especially a problem in close relationships and when you're talking about something meaningful. Maybe save that social media update for later and focus on the person sitting right in front of you in real life.

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Health Four eye conditions caused by diabetes

There are two types of diabetes, where type 2 diabetes is more common than type 1 diabetes. Usually, people with high blood sugar often find it difficult to see the fine details of an object. This is because eye health and diabetes are linked. Diabetes can affect your eye health and lead to various eye-related complications. Here are four eye problems that can be caused by uncontrolled blood sugar.

Blurry vision

Diabetes can make your eye lenses swell, which can lead to blurry vision. So, if you are suffering from diabetes and suddenly notice your vision getting blurry you do not need to change your glasses immediately.

Get your blood sugar tested and make sure it's under the reference value to rectify the blurry vision problem. It

might take up to 3 months to get your normal vision back. Also, do not forget to discuss the issue with your doctor.

Cataracts

Just like a camera, the natural lens of your eyes help you see and focus on an image. When the lens gets cloudy or dirty, it is an indication that a cataract has been formed. Anyone can get cataracts, but people with diabetes might get them earlier than people who do not have diabetes.

A cloudy lens cannot let your eye focus the way it

should. Surgery is required to remove the cataract. In the surgery, a cloudy lens is removed with an artificial lens.

Glaucoma

People suffering from diabetes are more likely to get glaucoma, which is of several types. In glaucoma, pressure builds up inside your eye as the fluid doesn't drain the way it should. This can damage the nerves and blood vessels, leading to changes in vision.

The most common form of glaucoma is open-angle glaucoma, which can be treated by medication. The medications lower the pressure by speeding up drainage and reducing the liquid inside your eye.

Diabetic retinopathy

A retina is a group of cells at the back of your eyes

that take the light. These turn into images that the optic nerve sends to your brain. Damage to smaller blood vessels in your retina can cause diabetic retinopathy. If not detected and treated on time, you might even go blind.

An eye examination is a must

A yearly eye check-up is important to find out any underlying problem. This can prevent the problem from getting worse in the future.

Signs of emergency

- Black spots in your vision
- Holes in your vision
- Flashes of light
- Blurry vision

Building & Land Use Permit Application

Notice for Permission for Land Use within Residential Zone

Take notice that Ramsurn Jairay will apply to the District Council of Rivière du Rempart for a Building and Land Use Permit for a proposed Staircase and Conversion of an existing building at Ground Floor to be used as a General Retailer Shop/Victualler and Beauty Parlour at First Floor and Addition of a Second Floor to be used as Apartment at Off Coastal Road, Roche Noires.

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

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PeeCee finally breaks silence on her past relationships with Bollywood stars

Priyanka Chopra is currently busy promoting her recently released film ‘Love Again’, appearing on Alex Cooper’s podcast ‘Call Her Daddy’ and making some revelations about her dating life from back when she was single and not married to singer Nick Jonas. In the past, the Bollywood diva has been allegedly linked to her co-stars, including names like Shah Rukh Khan, Harman Baweja and Shahid Kapoor, and she is not holding anything back from responding to all the questions that her fans want to know. Scroll below to read the scoop.

PeeCee is now happily married to singer Nick, and the couple shares a daughter named Malti Marie. Priyanka is one of the most popular Bollywood actresses, especially on social media, with over 87 million followers on Instagram.

Talking to Alex Cooper, Priyanka Chopra said “I went from relationship to relationship to relationship. I did not give myself time at all between relationships till my last one.”

The Citadel actress continued, “I think I worked a lot, and I always ended up dating the actors that I worked with. And I think that I just thought I had an idea of what a relationship should be like, and I kept seeking that and trying to fit the people that came into my life into my idea of that relationship, and I’ve dated great people.”



Priyanka Chopra concluded by saying, “Yeah, the relationships may have ended really badly some of them, but like the people that I’ve had, I’ve dated in my life, have been really wonderful.”

Priyanka’s reaction to hubby Nick Jonas’ dating history

Priyanka also said that she didn’t pay attention to her man’s past, with him previously being in high-profile romances with the likes of Selena Gomez, Miley Cyrus and Olivia Culpo.

“We are talking about the future... I always say this – I don’t read my book backward. I believe you go forward in the chapters,” reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The couple started dating in May 2018 — two months before he proposed — but when they first came into each other’s lives, Priyanka was hesitant.

She said: “I didn’t even date Nick at that time because

I was just, like, ‘I need to know why I keep repeating my mistakes.’”

“And the repeating of the mistake was always feeling like I need to be the caretaker.”

“Always feeling like it’s okay to cancel my job or my work or my meeting or my priority to be to make sure that he’s propped up... I just started feeling invisible in my relationships. (But) my husband makes me feel so seen. And so heard.”

The ‘Sucker’ hitmaker made the first move when he slid into his future wife’s DMs with a very direct message.

She recalled: “Literally, his message was, ‘I’ve been told we should meet’. How cocky? So sexy.”

Once she had been on Google and seen the music video for his track ‘Close’, she decided to give him a chance.

She said: “(I thought), ‘That body deserves at least a date.’ Every time he sings that song on stage for me, I get weak in the knees... I landed on that video and I saw it and I had to like open the window or something.”

She fired back with her own cheeky message, teasing: “My response to him was, ‘Why don’t you text me? My team can see my DMs.’ ”

Five years later, Priyanka explained his support for her helps keep their relationship strong.

She said: “He’s the most excited about the shows that I’m doing, he was most excited, you know, when I’m on a carpet. He’ll step aside and he’ll take like pictures of me. That’s what you want. You want your man to be your champion.”

Sara Ali Khan at Cannes red carpet debut:

‘It’s kind of a reality check. Suddenly you realise just how small a fish you are’

Bollywood actor Sara Ali Khan, daughter of well-known stars Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh, maintains that all the connections and relationships that she has forged in the Hindi film industry, she has done it all by herself. She assured that neither of her star parents is behind those relationships, reports The Indian Express. Sara, who made her Bollywood debut in the 2018 film *Kedarnath*, recently made her debut at the Cannes Film Festival.

“Every relationship I have established in the film fraternity has been very independent equation, which is very nice because I have never felt the pressure to follow through with my father’s friends or my mother’s friends,” Sara told Film Companion.

She added that even her mother has constantly advised her to carve her path and chart her own journey instead of depending on her parents. Sara shared, “She (Amrita) says, ‘Everyone has their own journey, and you should chalk out your own and this is not for me.’”

During the interview, Sara also mentioned what she has taken from each of her parents. She said, “My father is a thinker, he is a bit of a planner, he is a traveller and I have inherited that from him. Mum is happy to be on her own and not explore much. My father has the need to explore, travel, eat different kinds of food, and see the whole world. Mom is the epitome of strings, she is emotionally very strong. She sleeps with a lot of peace. I don’t think I have her peace as yet. But, both of us are emotional beings at the core. She has never pretended to be somebody that she is not.”

Sara made her red carpet debut at the 76th Cannes Film Festival. While on the red carpet, the Simmba actor realised how much more she has to do in her life. She said: “It’s kind of a reality check. Media back home has spoilt me a little bit. So, suddenly you realise just how



small a fish you are in what is not even a pond but a sea literally and how much further you have to go and push the boundaries.”

Sara Ali Khan is awaiting the release of Laxman Utekar’s film *Zara Hatke Zara Bachke*, where she is cast opposite Vicky Kaushal. The film will hit the theaters on June 2. After the rom-com, she has *Ae Watan Mere Watan* and *Murder Mubarak* in the pipeline.

Building & Land Use Permit Application

Notice for Permission for Land Use within Residential Zone

Take notice that Sarzad Sudoolla will apply to the District Council of Rivière du Rempart for a Building and Land Use Permit for a proposed Aluminum Workshop at Off The Vale Road B 12.

With the following Electrical Engines.

- 1: One Driling Machine - 700w
- 2: One Driling Machine - 500w
- 3. Cutter - 1600W

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

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Building & Land Use Permit Application

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Take notice that RHS Training School will apply to the District Council of Pamplémousses for a Building and Land Use Permit for a proposed Addition of Third Floor to be used as a Primary School at Market Road, Triolet.

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Building & Land Use Permit Application

Notice for Permission for Land Use within Residential Zone

Take notice that Bolaky Vidianand will apply to the District Council of Rivière du Rempart for a Building and Land Use Permit for Extension and Renovation of an Existing Goat Shed and construction of a Store > 100M2, including a Watchman Quarters at Off St Philomene Road, L’Ile d’Ambre, Poudre d’Or Village.

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'Mere Dad Ki Dulhan'- Giving love a second chance

Sony Entertainment Television's *Mere Dad Ki Dulhan* that stars Varun Badola, Shweta Tiwari, and Anjali Tatrari in the lead roles has been successfully keeping the viewers hooked to their screens. With its theme that true love can be found at a later stage in life, *Mere Dad Ki Dulhan* has garnered immense popularity. Here are 6 reasons that make it a successful show.

1. Adorable father-daughter duo (Amber and Niya Sharma)

The duo shares a relationship that is very different from the one that we usually witness in quintessential Indian families. Amber (Varun Badola) and Niya (Anjali Tatrari) are not just father and daughter, but they are like best friends who share every aspect of their lives with each other. From their movie nights to fighting over whose turn is to cook, to sharing their secrets with each other, they give major father-daughter goals. Much progressive about their thoughts, Amber gives Niya relationship advice and Niya turned cupid for him to find his Dulhan!

2. Progressive outlook

The show highlights the progressive notion that it is never too late to find love. Age is no barrier just like Amber found his true companion in Guneet (Shweta Tiwari) much later in life, so can everyone. It is giving the middle-aged people the confidence to consider giving love a second chance - a modern thought for middle-aged people to find their ideal companion to live the rest of their life with.

3. Niya played Cupid for her Dad and found a Dulhan for him

As seen in the show, Niya breached the stereotypes and set a strong example that children can be the matchmakers for their parents too. She was mature enough to understand that her father needed a partner to live and love for the rest of his days. Ever since his wife passed away, Amber had become a little grumpy and Niya encouraged him to find love again. What is life without love! And



just when he was least expecting it, he found true love in Guneet and it was cherry on the cake when she didn't just propose to Amber, she proposed to Niya too.

4. Amber and Guneet's cute chemistry

Amber and Guneet share an amazing chemistry on-screen. The two are giving all the middle-aged people serious couple goals, by showing the audience what a middle-aged couple goes through in a relationship and the courtship phase. It is a visual delight for the audience to see a refreshing wave of the romance of middle-age couple and how they support each other throughout and help each other grow and cater to each other's needs, too.

5. Empowered women of Mere Dad Ki Dulhan family

Women in the show are empowered and make their own decisions. For example Guneet was unmarried till she was middle-aged because she didn't find the right match for her, or Niya taking a leap and expressing her feelings to Kabir.

6. Wedding Planner

Niya Sharma, who is the official Wedding Planner for #Amneet's wedding, left no stone unturned in making each wedding function memorable. From Roka to Haldi, Mehendi, Sangeet, and even the dream fairy-tale wedding setup of Amber and Guneet was planned by Niya. The Sangeet was a rocking affair and the wedding was as magical as a dream sequence in a movie!

'Om Shanti Om' actor Nitesh Pandey dies of suspected heart attack in a hotel

Actor Nitesh Pandey, who is known for his role in *Om Shanti Om*, died in Nashik. As per reports, he died of a heart attack at the age of 50 on Wednesday.

As per news agency ANI, Nitesh was found dead at a hotel in Igatpuri, Nashik in Maharashtra. Prima facie, the cause of death seems to be a heart attack. A police investigation is underway. As per ANI, the questioning of hotel staff and people close to him is being done.

Filmmaker Hansal Mehta tweeted, "Three young persons. Three actors. Passed away in a span of 3-4 days. Rest In Peace dear colleagues. This is such an unkind time. Prayers with their grieving families. #AdityaSinghRajput #VaibhaviUpadhyay #NiteshPandey."

Nitesh began doing theatre in 1990. In 1995, he got his first acting opportunity in a show, *Tejas*. He has worked in serials such as *Manzilein Apani Apani*, *Astitva Ek Prem Kahani*, *Saaya*, *Justajoo* and *Durgesh Nandini*. He played the role of Anwar



Sheikh (Om Kapoor's assistant) alongside Shah Rukh Khan in the 2007 film *Om Shanti Om*. He was also a part of *Khosla Ka Ghosla*. Nitesh did theatre shows such as *Aastha* and *Misal Pav* with Sudha Chandran.

Nitesh was seen in several films such as *Mere Yaar Ki Shaadi Hai*, *Dabangg 2*, *Mickey Virus*, *Shaadi Ke Side Effects*, *Hunterr*, *Madaari*, *Rangoon*, and *Badhaai Do* among others.

He was also part of several serials such as *Kuch Toh Log Kahenge*, *Pyaar Ka Dard Hai Meetha Meetha Pyaara Pyaara*, *Ek Rishta Saajhedari Ka*, *Indiawaali Maa* and *Hero-Gayab Mode On*. He was last seen in *Anupamaa*.

YOUR STARS

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Sagittarius, you might have a greater sense of restlessness than normal this week. Make the most of this enthusiasm by venturing to unfamiliar regions or trying out new experiences, but don't lose sight of the obligations and commitments you have. It is essential to strike a balance between being adventurous and having a secure foundation for one's life.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 9, 12, 15, 22, 30

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

You might find yourself approaching your objectives in a way that is more methodical and structured than you have in the past, Capricorn. Take advantage of this chance to get closer to achieving your long-term goals, but also make it a point to give yourself time off and engage in other activities that will help you prevent burnout. You will be interested in making your married life more exciting and romantic. You will get average results on that front.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 17, 20, 23, 26, 30

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Your enthusiasm for engaging in social activities will reach an all-time high, Aquarius. You'll be in high demand among your friends and co-workers, so take advantage of this occasion to expand your professional network and forge new relationships. Just make sure you schedule some time for yourself to relax and refuel your energy reserves.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 15, 17, 25, 31, 40

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

You could find that you are more intuitive and empathic than normal this week. This could be a good thing for you. Make use of this energy to cultivate deeper connections with other people as well as actions of kindness and compassion in your daily life. In addition to this, it is essential to establish positive boundaries and guard your energy against individuals who have the potential to sap it.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 17, 22, 24, 31, 35

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

This coming week there is a favourable alignment of the stars for you. You'll find that you have a lot of energy and motivation, both of which will help you conquer any obstacle that stands in your way. Because your self-assurance and excitement will be contagious, you shouldn't be shocked if other people look to you as a source of motivation. Just remember to schedule in some time for self-care so that you can get your energy levels back up.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 20

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Spend some time thinking about the things that are important to you, such as your objectives and ideals, and consider whether or not your actions reflect those things. It is also an excellent time to concentrate on your relationships and to engage in some heart-to-heart dialogue with the individuals in your life who are most important to you.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 10, 14, 16, 33

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

You're going to feel completely at home this coming week. You'll have the perfect opportunity to show off your humour and charm, and you won't have any trouble connecting with other people. Make the most of your social energy by expanding your network and making new friends, but don't forget to set aside some time to bolster the connections you already have. You will also be fully inclined towards maintaining those work which were lagging behind.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 15, 19, 30, 31, 40

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

You'll experience more intense feelings of emotion than normal this week. , Cancer. It is essential to pay respect to your emotions and not make any attempt to bury them or ignore them. Instead, use this as a chance to engage in some self-care and nurture yourself as you go through this. You could also find that spending time in natural settings or engaging in creative pursuits can be particularly helpful for you.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 18, 20, 26, 30, 32

Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

You'll find that both your creativity and your enthusiasm are at an all-time high. Because you will be filled with thoughts and ideas, you shouldn't be hesitant to experiment with new things and take some chances. To make sure that your goals can actually be accomplished, you must remember to combine your idealistic thinking with a healthy dose of realism.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 4, 7, 16, 17, 23

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

You can have feelings of disorganization or lack of focus this week. Spend some time prioritizing the items on your list of things to do and dividing up the jobs into manageable portions. In order to avoid misunderstandings or disagreements with other people, it is essential to communicate effectively with them. You will continue to have good communication with your in-laws. There will also be good progress in your livelihood areas.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 13, 14, 20, 21, 29

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

During the course of this week, you might find that you have a strong need for more harmony and balance in your life. Take advantage of this chance to rethink your priorities and make any necessary adjustments now while you have the chance. It is also an excellent time to concentrate on your health and well-being and to initiate some beneficial routines in your life.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 11, 12, 19, 20, 30

Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

This coming week, you may discover that you are more inclined to reflect on your own thoughts and feelings, Scorpio. Spend some time thinking about the events you've had in the past and how they've contributed to making you the person you are today. It is also an excellent time to concentrate on your spiritual or metaphysical practices and to look for fresh ideas and motivation in the world around you.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 19, 21, 22, 28, 31



Vendredi 26 mai - 21.15



Samedi 27 mai - 21.00



Dimanche 28 mai - 21.52



Programme TV



vendredi 26 mai

MBC 1

06.01 Serial: Rich Man, Poor Man
06.55 Film: Juste Un Peu D'Alchimie
08.46 Serial: Suits
09.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
10.00 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter
10.55 Tele: Marimar
11.15 Serial: Zoo
12.00 Le Journal
12.35 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.25 Tele: Missing Bride
13.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.15 Serial: Burden Of Truth
15.21 Film: Waterworld
17.35 The Gardener's Daughter
18.31 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
20.30 Film: Les Parapluies De Cherbourg
22.40 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

MBC 2

06.30 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
08.34 Local: An Eta Dalert
10.30 Local: J'ai Faim
11.14 Local: Groov'in
12.02 Local: Festival Fim Afrikin
12.36 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
13.07 Local: Mots & Ecrits
15.17 Local: An Eta Dalert
15.30 Local: Rodrig Sa
15.56 Local: Groov'in
18.03 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
18.30 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.30 Local: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
20.04 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...
21.00 Local: Come On Let's Dance
22.00 Local: La Societe
23.00 Zournal Kreol
23.20 Local: Arsiv MBC No 212
23.45 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
00.11 Local: Nou La Ter

MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.10 MBC Prod: Amrit Vaani
10.07 Serial: Agniphera
12.00 Film: Love You Papa
Starring: Akhil Kotak, Prapti Ajwalia, Jitendra Thakkar
14.00 Mag: DDI Mag
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Bhagwan Ab Ho Kitne Door
16.00 Serial: Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein
16.30 Serial: Bhakharwadi
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Mati Ke Mol
19.29 Local: Khel Khiladi
20.00 Local: Yeh Shaam Mastani
21.00 Film: Panchayat
22.29 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.49 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan
00.14 MBC Prod: Mati Ke Mol
00.39 Local: Gulmohar Ki Chaon...

Cine 12

06.03 Mag: Eye On SADC
06.41 Mag: Carnet De Sante
07.28 Mag: Tomorrow Today
07.54 Mag: Salad Area
08.29 Doc: Girls For Future
09.12 Doc: Smoothie Mania
09.57 Doc: A Postcard From Pyon...
10.34 Doc: The Bridge Of Minor...
11.13 Mag: Eco India
12.10 Mag: Border Crossing
12.33 Mag: Tomorrow Today
12.59 Doc: Volcano Stories
15.00 D.Anime: Denis et Moi
15.06 Serial: Les Blagues Et Toto
15.19 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
15.31 D.Anime: Best Furry Friends
15.48 D.Anime: Shezow
16.10 D.Anime: Inspecteur Gadget
16.31 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
16.43 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
17.06 Mag: Lab 360

Bollywood TV

14.25 Serial: Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.00 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.26 Film: Panga
Starring Kangana Ranaut, Jassi Gill, Richa Chadda, Neena Gupta
18.31 Live: Samachar
18.31 Kundali Bhagya
19.01 Udaariyaan
19.31 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
20.01 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.30 Radha Krishna
21.01 Anupamaa
21.30 Mere Sai
22.01 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
22.31 Yeh Teri Galiyan
22.59 Patiala Babes
23.29 Film: Panga
Starring Kangana Ranaut, Jassi Gill, Richa Chadda...

samedi 27 mai

05.20 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'Ana
06.31 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
06.55 Serial: Riviera
07.45 Serial: L.A.'S Finest
08.30 Serial: Blue Bloods
09.15 Serial: Blacklist
09.55 Serial: Deux Flics à Miami
10.45 Serial: Kojak
11.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Serial: The Magicians
13.25 Tele: Missing Bride
15.20 Film: The Last Dragon Slayer
17.10 Tele: Tour De Babel
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Enter: Taare Zameen
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: Baby Driver
22.18 Serial: Being Human
23.30 Le Journal
00.15 Tele: Rubi

06.00 Local: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
07.29 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
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10.29 Local: Rodrig Prog
12.00 Local: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
12.28 Local: Les Grands Noms...
12.33 Local: Lir - Ekir Kreol...
13.06 Local: Voyage AU Feminin
13.37 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...
14.15 Local: Zafan Nou Pei
15.30 Local: Rodrig Prog
16.06 Local: Son Ladan Mem
18.00 Serial: Airwolf
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.20 Magazine De L'Emploi
19.40 Local: Glwar Dantan
20.10 Local: Les Petite Genies
20.45 Local: Mum, My Super Star
22.45 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion
23.00 Le Journal
00.21 Local: Rodrig Otantik

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.26 MBC Prod: Mati Ke Mol
10.35 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte Hai
11.43 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo
12.25 Local: Gulmohar Ki Chaon...
12.55 Local: Khel Khiladi
14.14 Enter: Taare Zameen Par
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.21 Film: Dharam Veer
Starring: Dharmendra, Jeetendra, Zeenat Aman
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Sayings Radha Krishna
20.30 Serial: Vidrohi
21.00 Film: Mahaan
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Waheeda Rehman, Parveen Babi
23.53 DDI Mag
01.15 Local: Satrangi
01.46 Duniya Mein Is Saptah

06.24 D.Anime: Fast And Furious
06.46 D.Anime: Gon
09.16 D.Anime: Tempete De Boulettes
10.02 Serial: Malory Towers
11.43 Doc: The Trillion Tree Plan
12.09 Doc: Terre D'Abondance
14.16 Doc: Glacier Express
15.00 D.Anime: Denis Et Moi
15.08 Les Blagues De Toto
15.20 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
15.47 D.Anime: Shezow
16.11 D.Anime: Inspecteur Gadget
16.33 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
16.39 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
17.01 Serial: Apple Tree House
18.00 Doc: World Capitals
20.01 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
20.30 Live: News
21.40 Film: Lost And Found
23.00 Doc: Person
23.03 Doc: Snapshots

08.00 Yeh Teri Galiyan
10.00 Kalari Kids
10.20 Sasural Simar Ka 2
12.12 Udaariyaan
14.05 Anupamaa
16.00 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise..



18.31 Film: Good Newwz
Starring: Akshay Kumar, K. Kapoor Khan, Diljit Dosanjh, Kiara Advani
20.50 Serial: Kalari Kids
21.17 Serial: Porus
21.24 Naagin Season 05
22.06 Yeh Teri Galiyan

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03.00 Film: Lost And Found
04.40 Tele: Les Trois Visages D'Ana
06.00 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
06.22 Film: Baby Driver
08.10 Serial: Absentia
08.55 Film: The Last Dragon Slayer
10.40 Serial: Under Pressure
11.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
12.00 Le Journal
12.40 Film: L'Homme Du Nulle Part
14.15 Serial: The Good Doctor
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.25 Film: After The Wedding
17.25 Tele: Tour De Babel
18.31 Enter: Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
19.16 Sayings Radha Krishna
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: Mothers And Daughters
With: Susan Sarandon, Christina Ricci, Sharon Stone, Eva Amurri, Courteney

06.00 Rodrig: D'Jam
06.26 Rodrig Prog: Kot Nou
06.45 Local: Aktiv
07.31 Local: Rodrig Prog
10.00 Local: Les Petits Genies
10.30 Local: Glwar Dantan
11.01 Local: Nu Rasinn
12.02 Local: Une Histoire D'Amour
12.30 Local: Les Petits Genies
13.30 Local: Elle
14.30 En Direct: Messe
16.15 Local Production
18.00 Serial: Airwolf
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.20 Local: Inspiration
20.45 Local: Les Klips
21.44 Local: Elle
22.36 Local: Retrouvizer
23.20 Local: Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La
00.12 Local: Arsiv MBC
00.38 Rodrigues: Nu Lakwizin

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
09.20 Local: Khoobsurat
11.00 Local: Bhajan
12.02 Film: English Vinglish
14.08 Mag: DDI Mag
14.59 Live: Samachar
15.33 Local: Satrangi
15.58 Duniya Mein Is Saptah
16.35 Mag: DDI Mag
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.29 Sayings Radha Krishna
19.00 Local: Tohar Rashi
19.30 Local: Tohar Farmaish
20.10 Local: Yaadein
20.30 Serial: Porus
21.02 Serial: Naagin Season 3
21.44 Serial: Crime Patrol
22.27 Serial: Chhotki Dulhin
23.11 Serial: Bhaag Na Bachhe Koi
00.12 Local: Planet Bollywood
00.38 Local: Tohar Rashi

06.25 D.Anime: Fast And Furious
06.47 D.Anime: Gon
07.10 D.Anime: Harvey Girls...
09.55 Mag: Recipes For Kids
10.19 Serial: Malory Towers
11.21 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto...
11.47 Mag: In Good Shape
12.17 Doc: Albatros Et Gorfou...
13.33 Doc: Dead Sea Guardians
15.01 D.Anime: Denis Et Moi
15.18 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
15.30 D.Anime: Best Furry Friends
15.46 D.Anime: Shezow
16.29 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
16.41 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
18.00 Doc: World Capitals
18.28 Doc: Foodland
19.00 Mag: Healthy Living
20.00 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
20.30 Live: News
21.42 Film: Beaute Fatale

00.00 Kalari Kids
02.05 Udaariyaan
04.00 Anupamaa
05.53 Kuch Rang Pyar Ka Aise...
08.00 Kalari Kids
08.13 Main Maike Chali Jaungi...
10.02 Kundali Bhagya
12.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
14.03 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
16.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
18.43 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
20.08 Film: Goodbye
Starring A. Bachchan, Rashmika Mandanna, Neena Gupta
22.28 Serial: Naagin Season
23.11 Serial: Main Maike Chali Jaungi Tum Dekhte Rahiyo

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06.00 Serial: Rich Man, Poor Man
07.00 Film: After The Wedding
08.45 Serial: Airwolf
09.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
09.45 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
10.18 The Gardener's Daughter
11.50 Tele: Marimar
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Missing Bride
13.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.15 Serial: Airwolf
15.21 Film: Mothers And Daughters
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
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: Billions
22.15 Serial: Blue Bloods
22.47 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

07.07 Local: Inspiration
08.00 Local: Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La
10.30 Local: Arsiv MBC
11.00 Local: Les Klips
12.00 Local: Nu Rasinn
13.00 Local: La Journee Sous Le Regard Du Seigneur
12.52 Local: Rodrig: Komanter
13.43 Local: Retrouvizer
14.51 Local: Inspiration
15.18 Local: Tipa Tipa Nu Avance
16.02 Local: Les Klips
17.00 Local: Le Challenge
17.09 Local: Radio Vision
18.04 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
18.30 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.30 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
20.00 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
20.30 Eclairage Economique
20.45 Local: Tous Egaux
21.14 Local: Rado Vision

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
09.35 Serial: Chhotki Dulhin
10.21 Serial: Bhaag Na Bachhe Koi
12.02 Film: Dil Diwana
14.16 Mag: DDI Mag
14.59 Live: Samachar
15.21 Bhagwan Ab Ho Kitne Door
15.40 Kundali Bhagya
17.31 Radha Krishna
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.29 Local: Ved Ki Shikshayen
19.00 Local: Radha Krishna
19.30 Local: Excerpts From Shiv...
20.10 Local: Vaad Vivaad
20.30 Film: Ghar Dwaar
22.52 Serial: Jijai Chhat Par Hain
23.14 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan
23.35 Local: Ved Ki Shikshayen
00.23 Local: Gayatri Jayanti 2023
00.49 Local: Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek
01.29 Local: Vaad Vivaad

06.00 Doc: World Capitals
08.00 Doc: Nos Cinq Sens
08.55 Doc: Person
09.44 Doc: Happy
10.26 Shaking Up The Art World
11.09 Doc: World Capitals
11.37 Doc: Foodland
12.13 Mag: Healthy Living
12.27 Mag: Carnet De Sante
13.11 Doc: Nos Cinq Sens
15.00 D.Anime: Denix et Moi
15.18 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
15.31 D.Anime: Best Furry Friends
15.46 D.Anime: Shezow
16.09 D.Anime: The Adventure Of Puss In Boots
16.33 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
16.39 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent
18.55 Doc: World Heritage
19.00 Student Support Prog
21.36 Film: The Final Land

14.25 Serial: Zindagi Mere Ghar..
15.00 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.26 Film: Jab Pyar Kisise Hota Hai
Starring: Salman Khan, Twinkle Khanna, Johnny Lever
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.31 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
20.08 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.36 Radha Krishna
21.06 Anupamaa
21.27 Mere Sai
22.04 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
22.35 Yeh Teri Galiyan
22.57 Patiala Babes
23.30 Film: Jab Pyar Kisise Hota Hai
Salman Khan, Twinkle Khanna, Johnny Lever



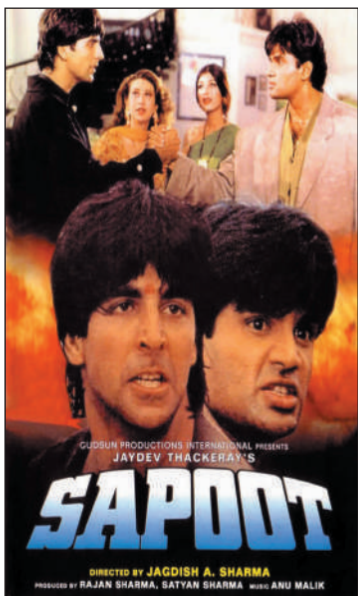
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Mercredi 31 Mai - 20.50



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MBC 1

05.35 Serial: L'Envers Du Paradis
06.00 Serial: Rich Man, Poor Man
07.15 Serial: Riviera
08.09 Serial: L.A.'S Finest
08.54 Serial: Blue Bloods
09.35 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
09.59 Local: A Que No Me Dejas
10.24 The Gardener's Daughter
10.50 Tele: Marimar
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.09 Tele: Missing Bride
13.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.10 Serial: L'Incroyable Hulk
15.21 Film: L'Homme De Nulle Part
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
17.59 Live: Samachar
18.31 Serial: Wagle Duniya
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
20.30 Film: Sorority Sister Killer
21.55 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

MBC 2

07.10 Eclairage Economique
09.31 Local: Radio Vision
10.30 Local: Rodrig Prog: Saver
11.11 Local: Le Rendez Vous...
12.00 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
12.30 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
13.31 Local: Tous Egaux
13.46 Local: Rodrig Mo Pei
14.37 Local: Itinerer Moris
15.28 Local: Viens Decouvrir
16.51 Local: Aktiv
18.00 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
18.32 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.30 Journal Kreol
19.25 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef
19.48 Local: Son Ladan Mem
21.31 Local: Mots & Ecrits
23.00 Local: Music Tour 2022
00.25 Local: Arsiv MBC No 251
00.52 Local: Rodrig Prog: It's My Day

MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.04 Local: Ved Ki Shikshayen
08.30 Local: Gayatri Jayanti 2023
08.56 Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek
09.36 Local: Vaad Vivaad
10.06 Serial: Kundali Bhagya
11.33 Serial: Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Paraya Ghar
Starring: Rishi Kapoor, Jaya Prada, Raj Babbar
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain
16.45 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Tark Vitark
19.00 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
20.00 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
20.30 Film: Amar Rahe Ye Pyar
23.03 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.35 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

MBC 5

06.03 Mag: Eco At Africa
08.47 Mag: Salad Area
09.54 Doc: Rwanda And The Price...
10.37 Doc: Albania's Last Trains
11.26 Mag: Eco At Africa
11.52 Mag: The 77 Percent
12.55 Mag: In Good Shape
13.21 Doc: Business Presentent...
14.23 Mag: Washington Forum
15.04 D.Anime: Les Blagues De...
15.22 Splash And Bubbles
15.33 D.Anime: Best Furry Friends
15.42 D.Anime: Shezow
16.10 D.Anime: The Adventures Of...
16.31 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
17.05 Mag: Lab 360
17.13 Mag: Apple Tree House
17.28 Mag: National Anthem
18.01 Doc: Foodland
18.26 Mag: Healthy Living
18.45 Mag: Red Carpet

Bollywood TV

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.26 Film: Ek Hi Raasta
Starring Ajay Devgn, Raveena Tandon, Raza Murad
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.03 Udaariyaan
19.33 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
20.06 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.38 Radha Krishna
21.08 Anupama
21.37 Mere Sai
22.08 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
22.38 Yeh Teri Galiyan
23.06 Patiala Babes
23.30 Film: Ek Hi Raasta
Starring Ajay Devgn, Raveena Tandon, Raza Murad
02.15 Kundali Bhagya
02.44 Udaariyaan
03.14 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi

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07.10 Film: Sorority Sister Killer
08.45 Serial: Airwolf
09.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
09.55 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
10.20 The Gardener's Daughter
10.45 Tele: Marimar
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Missing Bridge
13.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.15 Serial: Airwolf
15.21 Film: The Last Dragon Slayer
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
18.31 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.30 Local: Focus Live
21.30 Serial: Chicago Med
22.15 Film: Viking, La Naissance D
23.35 Le Journal
01.10 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

07.05 Local: Les Grands Moments
08.02 Local: Paroles Agricoles
09.00 Local: Arsiv MBC
09.30 Local: Radio Vision
10.31 Local: Rodrig Prog
11.03 Local: Music Tour 2022
12.00 Local: Rodrig Prog
12.31 Local: Son Ladan Mem
13.07 Le Journee Sous Le Regard
13.20 Local: Priorite Sante
14.30 Local: Rodrig Prog: Rod'Art
15.18 Local: Nu Rasinn
16.41 Le Journee Sous Le Regard
18.00 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
18.33 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.00 Journal Kreol
19.20 Le Magazine De L'Emploi
19.30 Local: Rodrig Spor
20.36 Local: Toc Toc Doc
20.51 Local: En Forme
21.06 Local: Agri Ensemble
21.37 Local: Les Klips

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.26 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
08.56 Local: Prakriti Ki God Mein
09.22 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
10.00 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
11.32 Serial: Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Pathar Ke Sanam
Starring: Manoj Kumar, Waheeda Rehman, Pran
15.30 Serial: Bhagan Ab Ho Kitne Door
16.00 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Other: Radha Krishna
19.00 Local: Kala
20.00 Local: Virasat
20.35 Film: Bandhan Rakhi Ka
Starring Yash Kumar, Richa Dixit, Vinod Mishra, Priya Jha
22.39 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.03 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

06.29 Mag: Red Carpet
08.45 Doc: Salad Area
09.42 Doc: Smoothie Mania
10.28 Doc: The Dirty Business...
11.17 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto...
11.43 Mag: Healthy Living
12.02 Doc: World Heritage
12.33 Mag: Check In
14.30 Mag: Business Africa
15.00 D.Anime: Les Blagues De...
15.17 Les Nouvelles Aventures...
15.22 D.Anime: Splash And Bubble
15.34 D.Anime: Best Furry Friends
15.45 D.Anime: Shezow
16.08 D.Anime: The Adventure Of...
16.32 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
16.47 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
17.09 Mag: Lab 360
17.57 Doc: Foodland
18.00 Mag: Motorweek
21.46 Film: Baby Driver

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.24 Film: Sapoot
Starring: Akshay Kumar, Sunil Shetty, Karisma Kapoor
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
21.06 Anupama
21.36 Mere Sai
22.05 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
22.31 Kabhi Kabhie ittefaq Sey
22.58 Patila Babes
23.31 Film: Sapoot
Starring Akshay Kumar, Sunil Shetty, Karisma Kapoor

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06.00 Serial: Rich Man, Poor Man
07.15 Serial: Absentia
08.05 Serial: Chicago Med
08.50 The Baker And The Beauty
09.35 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
09.54 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
10.25 The Gardener's Daughter
10.50 Tele: Marimar
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Missing Bride
13.40 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
14.10 Serial: L'incroyable Hulk
15.21 Film: Baby Driver
17.15 The Gardener's Daughter
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
18.56 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: Sweetiee Weds Nri
Stars: Himansh Kohli, Zoya Afroz, Darshan Jariwala

07.13 Local: Toc Toc Doc
09.30 Local: Come On Let's Dance
11.10 Local: Les Klips
12.00 Local: Rodrig Spor
12.30 Local: Saver Kil Tirel
12.51 Local: Toc Toc Doc
13.11 Local: En Forme
13.36 Local: Agir Ensemble
14.02 Local: Rodrig-Klip Seleksion
15.48 Local: Come On Let's Dance
16.49 Local: Aktiv
17.05 Local: Radio Vision
18.00 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
18.31 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
19.20 Le Magazine De L'Emploi
19.30 Local: Li Bon Ou Konnin
19.48 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
20.30 Meshiagare, Bon Appetit!
20.45 Local: Evasion
23.00 Le Journal
23.20 Local: An Eta Dalert

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.04 Mag: Tirh Yatra
08.27 Local: Kala
08.53 Local: Anjoria
09.19 Local: Virasat
09.34 Local: Gyan Vigyan
10.03 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki
11.27 Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai
Starring: Padmini Raj, Kapoor Pran
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain
16.00 Serial: Agniphera
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Amrit Vaani
19.06 Local: Swami Dayanand
19.32 Local: Akshay Dhaara
20.06 Local: Hunarbaaz
20.31 Serial: Surya Puraan
21.37 Serial: Jag Jaanani Maa

06.03 Mag: Motorweek
09.25 Doc: Smoothie Mania
09.54 Doc: Nepal: Snowland...
10.37 Doc: Riding The Rails...
11.22 Doc: Foodland
11.51 Mag: Vous Et Nous
12.20 Doc: World Heritage
13.28 Doc: Secrets Des Plantes
14.28 Mag: Close Up
15.04 D.Anime: Les Blagues De...
15.22 Splash And Bubbles
15.33 D.Anime: Best Furry Friends
15.42 D.Anime: Shezow
16.10 D.Anime: The Adventures Of
16.39 D.Anime: Mondo Yan
17.10 Mag: Lab 360
17.29 Mag: National Anthem
17.35 Mag: Healthy Living
17.57 Doc: Foodland
18.30 Mag: Eco India
18.42 Mag: Carnet De Sante

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.21 Film: Welcome
Stars: Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Nana Patekar, Anil Kapoor, Feroz Khan
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
21.02 Anupama
21.30 Mere Sai
22.01 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
22.31 Kabhi Kabhie Lttefaq Sey
22.59 Patiala Babes
23.30 Film: Welcome
Stars: Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Nana Patekar, Anil Kapoor, Feroz Khan
02.01 Kundali Bhagya



Jeudi 1 Juin - 15.30

Stars: Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Nana Patekar, Anil Kapoor, Feroz Khan




Jeudi 1 Juin - 20.30

Stars: Himansh Kohli, Zoya Afroz, Darshan Jariwala





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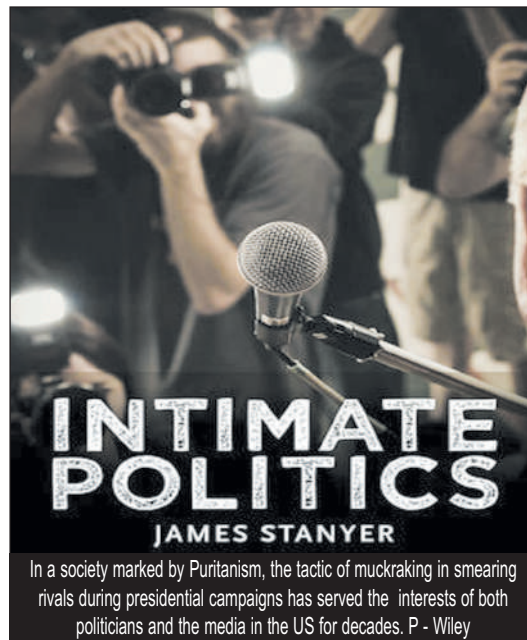
Not so long ago a daily newspaper posted a photo of the wife of a most prominent minister having a drink at a cocktail party and smiling at the CEO of a parastatal body, and the title was 'La photo qui fait jaser' (the talk of the town photo). The online version of the newspaper kept

posting the photo for more than a year whether you wanted to see it or not on your screen. The ground reality is that it was neither the talk of the town nor the village simply because folks around have other priorities to attend to than interpret smiles and the private matters of public figures. Besides being a malicious attempt at sullyng the reputation of the lady and her guest, it was a glaring invitation to arouse the base instinct of voyeurism in the local public and in the Mauritian diaspora across the world, and in the process reap financial profits from thousands of clicks.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, US President during the Great Depression in the 1930s called the journalists who hounded him to find out his womanizing habits: muckrakers. The President borrowed the word from John Bunyan's 1678 allegorical tale 'The Pilgrim's Progress' in which one character, called the Muckraker, is tasked to rake up trash and clean the way all along the pilgrimage. So, he smells trash all the way. Ever since, muckraking consists in finding and spreading scandal relating to public figures. In a society marked by Puritanism, the tactic of muckraking in smearing rivals during presidential campaigns has served the interests of both politicians and the media in the US for decades up to now.

How does the public react? It depends on cultural traits, doesn't it? Lying and cheating in whatever forms are unacceptable to Americans. Generally, the French treat sex issues casually and dismiss the infidelity of their male leaders with a shrug but will tear them apart in case of self-enrichment due to their high-ranking posts in the government. Had the Sofitel

Another Muckraking Show



scandal in New York, involving the former IMF director, happened in France, there would have been a cover-up. Dominique Strauss-Kahn remains a respected figure, continued to give courses in economics at the prestigious Institut d'études politiques in Paris. He has settled in a gorgeous villa in Marrakech, Morocco, and is far richer now as a consultant for governments of various African countries. The privilege of very bright people, no doubt.

Mauritian folks are more inclined to let the private lives of public figures remain private.... though they broadly expect a high standard of behaviour from political leaders who represent them. Parliamentary delinquency is no novelty over the past two decades, let alone the case of a former Leader of the Opposition who came to blows with opponents in the august Parliament, promptly filmed by the MBC and broadcast for every household to watch.

Policemen are first row witnesses of the unacceptable behaviour of politicians, especially during nighttime alcohol binges when they are unscrupulously insulted and bullied by the drunken public figures. However, the policemen are decent enough

not to leak these incidents to the press, which would have ruined the career of prominent figures for good. But they do talk it over at home, and their folks have the decency not to make the various incidents a matter of household gossip.

Should we say that people are getting more rational and do not give in to slander and palaver of all hues? Nor do they get at one another's throat on account of party loyalty. At the end of April, the prayer ceremony for *haldi* at a relative's place in Triolet was interrupted by the pundit to greet the former prime minister, ex-Pradan Mantri. Later on, in the evening, conversation in a small group popped up on the career and future prospects of the LP leader, though briefly. It was a wedding after all, not the time to spread negativity.

Fortunately, this is not Europe where animosity runs high and ends up in verbal assaults and aggression on account of different party affiliations. Over here, there is no hypocrisy over ideological differences because there are none. And someone concluded that the public is attuned to the game of musical chairs among parties and to the press singing a different tune from the same repertoire every five years. So, there is no need for the public to get worked up and be judgemental every time a ruckus is raised in the media.

The last scene of 'Animal Farm' comes to mind, the scene where friends and foes are friends at the end of the day; they dress alike, share the same objective for winning elections, eat petits fours and happily clink glasses at the Assembly despite all the mudslinging, below-the-belt attacks, and muckraking. It sounds like an overstatement, there are differences in the way of running the country and the commitment to further progress and growth to higher levels. There are important events happening around the world that all political parties and the press can focus on. Leave gossip, voyeurism, and puerile behaviour aside. Give us a break!



Tree of Knowledge

Madisyn Taylor

When you are in the thick of things...

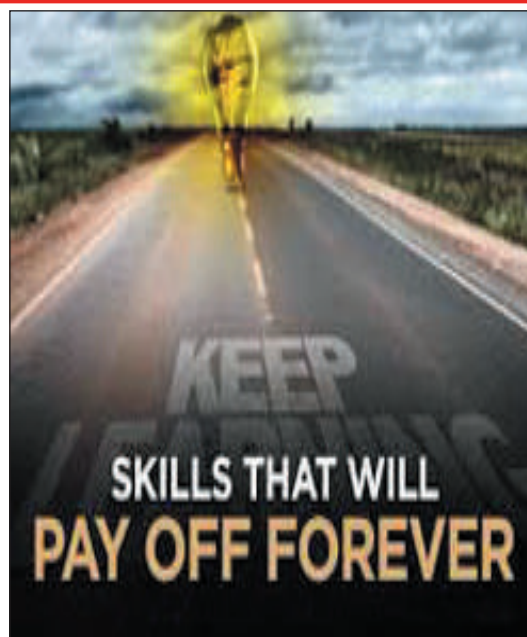
When we are "in the thick of it," overwhelmed by too many things that need our attention, it's important to remember that we are never given more than we can handle. When life's challenges make us question this, our best coping mechanism is to follow the reliable and well-known course to our calm center and anchor ourselves there. It is for these times that we have been practicing regularly, so that our mind, body, and spirit will know how to find the peace within. Even in the midst of seeming chaos, a deep breath can help us turn within to find the space to work from, the calm at the centre of the storm.

Tapping into our inner resources we begin again, bringing our focus to the needs of the present moment. Asking "why?" shifts our energy away from the task at hand. We can seek answers to those questions once we get to the other side of the present challenge. For now, we accept what is. Once we have collected scattered energy and created space, inspiration will strike, help will arrive, and what seemed impossible will either become possible or we will find it has become unnecessary. The flow of the universe and its perfect order has room to move in our lives when we get ourselves and our extraneous thoughts out of the way.

After the thick has become thin again, we have the opportunity to learn from the situation with a better idea of our true capabilities. We can now ask ourselves the "why" questions with the goal of fine-tuning our lives. Perhaps we have taken on more than is ours to do or made commitments out of obligation rather than insight. It could just be the ebb and flow and life, or we may be receiving life lessons on a fast track in preparation for something wonderful to come. But when we have a chance to make new choices, we know the best ones are made when we work from centre.

21 skills that will pay you forever

1. Ability to sell and negotiate.
2. Ability to convey what you think and feel.
3. Ability to break a process down into smaller steps.
4. Ability to shut up, listen and learn from others.
5. Ability to adopt, improvise and overcome obstacles.
6. Ability to read, understand and memorize.
7. Ability to walk away.
8. Ability to manage time effectively.
9. Ability to stay positive and optimistic.



10. Ability to write words to persuade and influence others.
11. Ability to speak in front of large audience.
12. Ability to keep trying even after failure.
13. Ability to invest money on own.
14. Ability to do things irrespective of situation.
15. Ability to self-analysis.
16. Ability to learn how to learn.
17. Ability to understand what others feel.
18. Ability to remain consistent.
19. Ability to master your thoughts.
20. Ability to take decisions based on facts not based on emotions.
21. Ability to ask for help.