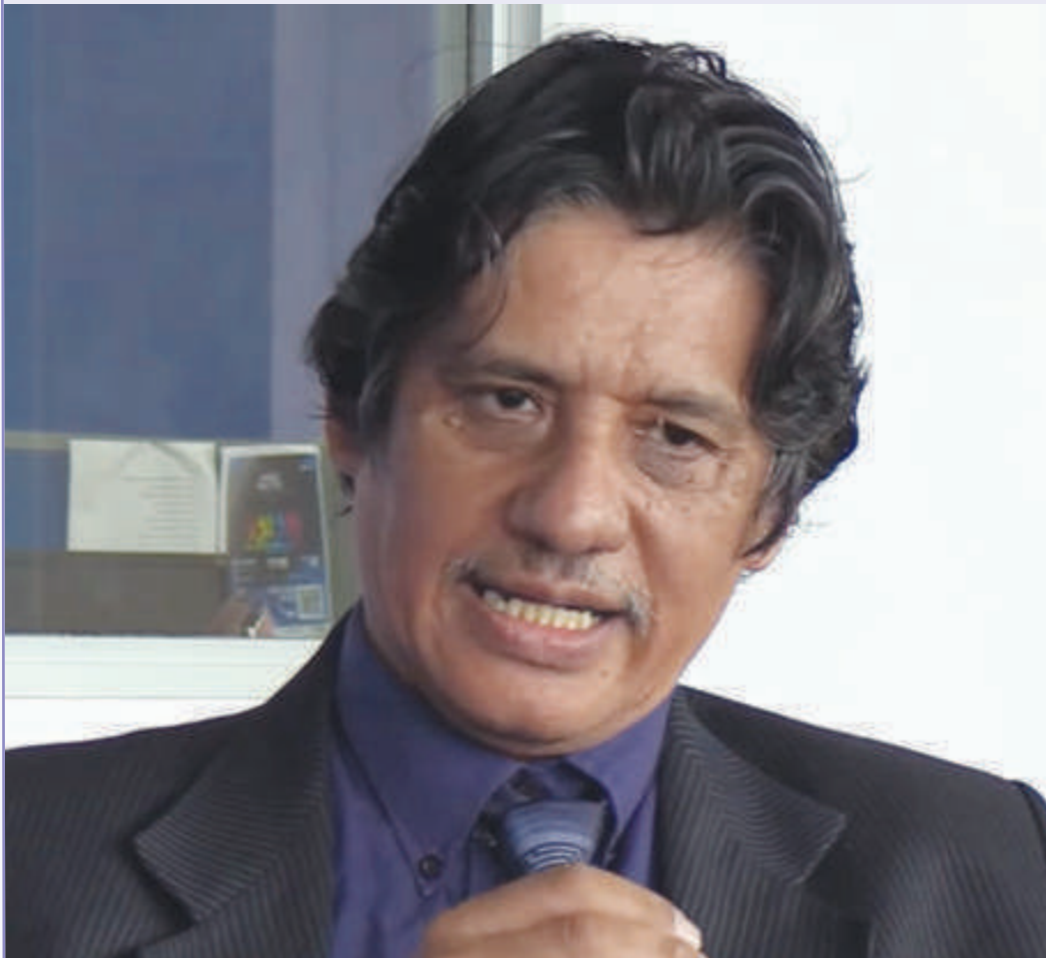


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# From Aapravasi to the Next Milestone

The arrival of Indian indentured labourers was commemorated once again yesterday at the Aapravasi Ghat. The official function was preceded by a religious ceremony - a Yaj - being held annually since the time the site was rehabilitated thanks to the initiative of the founder-editor of this paper, B. Ramlallah in the 1970s.

People tend to forget that those we commemorate on this occasion belong to all the Indo-Mauritian group, irrespective of their linguistic or religious appurtenance. All of them braved the perilous maritime voyage from India to the shores of Aapravasi Ghat to face an uncertain future over here. Even though there are still a few reminders of the dreary conditions in which the original ancestors lived, their descendants have made progress, mainly in the broad areas of education and politics. Through great perseverance and by overcoming serious barriers to entry, they gained access to education and went on to show their mettle in numerous areas that would have been considered out of bounds for them originally. Some of the finest intellects have originated from the ranks of the descendants of these indentured labourers and contributed to the advancement of this country.

After an enduring struggle, they also gained access to the right to vote. They joined their forces together in the struggle for independence. In answer to the walls of prejudices erected against them, they proved to be capable of taking decisions in favour of all the components of the population without discrimination once they managed to secure the levers of political power. Some of the leaders emerging from among the descendants of the Indo-Mauritians have contributed to significant defining decisions shaping the life of the nation.

The comfort drawn from having a say in political decision-making has however acted as a disincentive in the case of the descendants of the Indo-Mauritians as regards making headway in the economic domain. Some among them who have felt marginalized by politics at some point or other have actually concentrated all their energies to secure greater economic power to compensate themselves for the loss of a strong voice in politics, focusing instead on business. To an extent, these have made better headway than the others from the fold but the inroads they have actually made

economically have still fallen far short of the persisting unchallenged commanding heights of the economy.

On the face of it, nothing should have precluded the Indo-Mauritians and their descendants from succeeding in business just as much as they have managed to make significant advances in education and politics. In the absence of wide ranging success in business and given the foreclosure of their recruitment by the thriving firms of the private sector, which however is gradually giving way to the exigencies of a highly competitive global market, Indo-Mauritians opted for enlistment in the public service on the strength of their merit. But that does not necessarily foster a great sense of business. It is more about getting appointed or being promoted than opening up to the wide world of opportunities for doing business.

The world economy will be increasingly knowledge-driven with consumers unable to extricate themselves from a wide range of services they will become used to. In that transformation, those undertaking to become entrepreneurial providers of dynamic global services will become the wealth holders of the highest order of the next world, which is already taking shape, notably in China, India, Brazil, etc. Those events are shaping the platform on which all Mauritians, including the descendants of Indo-Mauritians can thrive in future. Even though they may not be sufficiently equipped or be entrepreneurial enough to embark on this new adventure, there are people who can get them on this arena. For instance, Indian entrepreneurs who have shown to the world that they have to be reckoned with, can partner with us to enable our people to leapfrog into the new global adventure for mutual benefit. It has to be recalled in this respect that several companies that have been successful in the past have conquered markets by joining the hands of different entrepreneurs together. Lone raiders may not find their game in this world of global networking.

Can therefore a whole business community team up to thrive in a business environment in which good ideas have as much, if not more, importance than capital in the setting up of successful enterprises of the future? This milestone has been eluding the descendants of Indo-Mauritians for a long time now and it would be appropriate to make that happen.

## The Conversation

# Žižek: his key ideas explained



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It might be said that books by Slavoj Žižek don't conclude, they just end. And indeed, no matter which of his many books you open, you'll find philosophy, psychoanalysis, pop culture, a smattering of off-key jokes, and commentary on recent events – often in no readily-discernible order.

Žižek, a Slovenian philosopher and cultural theorist, is known to many today for his 2019 debate with psychology professor and culture warrior Jordan Peterson. This debate, held in Toronto, Canada, was about the relationship between Marxism, capitalism, and happiness.

Žižek was presented as the Leftist counterpoint to Peterson's reactionary stylings. While the two disagreed on much, they agreed on certain things, such as their criticism of identity politics. Yet this debate, too, arguably ended rather than came to any conclusions.

Žižek burst onto the anglophone academic scene over 30 years ago with a sequence of groundbreaking works, starting with the 1989 book, *The Sublime Object of Ideology*. Then there were wonderful explorations of Hollywood cinema in *Enjoy your Symptom!* and *Looking Awry*.

Once dubbed a “celebrity philosopher” by *Foreign Policy*, he has since written books on everything from violence, the GFC and September 11 to Christianity and the pandemic. His latest book explores the question of freedom.

### The critique of ideology

The title of Žižek's 1989 book, *The Sublime Object of Ideology*, points towards a key aspect of his profuse intellectual productivity. From the start, Žižek has been interested in what motivates people to act the ways they do. He is especially interested in why people passionately identify with political ideas and causes that may not serve their own best interests.

An ideology is any political doctrine that promises to tell people how to organise political life, and where they fit into the larger scheme of things. Marxism-Leninism is one such ideology, liberalism another, fascism one more. An ideology can bring people meaning and a shared sense of common purpose.

According to Žižek, political ideologies also rationalise to their subjects why societies don't seem to always become, over the course of time, wiser, better, more just, and less prone to rolling crises. (Since 2000 alone, we have faced 9-11, the wars on terror and in Iraq, the Global Financial Crisis, the sovereign debt crises, the resurgence of authoritarian strongmen, Covid-19, the Ukraine war and now the Israel-Hamas conflict.)

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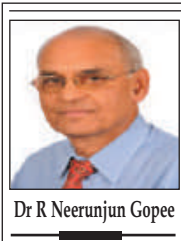
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# Aapravasi Ghat Day

## Commemoration: A Diaspora Event

That is now known as the global Indian diaspora refers to people of Indian origin who live outside India and whose forbears came originally from India. Whereas historians have recorded that Indians have travelled out of India since ancient times – vide, for example, the book ‘Land of the Seven Rivers’ by Sanjeev Sanyal -, it is only comparatively recently that they started to settle overseas.

The ‘Great Experiment’ that brought Indian indentured labour to Mauritius is one such movement that mobilized about 700,000 workers, about half of whom returned to India. Subsequently, indentured workers were taken to other British colonies – South Africa, the Caribbean, Guyana, and Fiji.

In all these countries, there are national commemorative events that are held on specific days to honour the ancestors. Locally it is the well-known Aapravasi Ghat Day celebration on 2nd November which had to be fought for valiantly by Shri Beekrumsing Ramlallah before there was official recognition and initiation of the annual event.

### Why commemorate?

It is important that we remember the contribution of those without whose toil and sweat we would not be where we are today. Cushioned as we are by the comforts and temptations of modern life, we may find it hard to imagine what they went through. Indeed, it is a sad reflection on contemporary times that evils such as drug addiction and other social ills have taken such a hold that we have lost all notion of the values that sustained our ancestors, have no shame, and have lost our self-dignity without which there can be no meaningful life.

We need to be jolted out of this stupor into which we have fallen, and there can be no better way to do so than to be reminded of the inhumanity that was meted out to our ancestors. One example is, as recorded in a petition by De Plevitz (re: Select Documents on Indian Immigration, Vol 1, MGI), concerning one Aubeluck, No. 268,683 on the Colville estate belonging to Mr Desenne –

‘In May 1869, one morning about breakfast time, I saw a party of constables from Moka, one from Villebague, and another from Pamplémousses; altogether about fifteen in number. They surrounded our huts, arrested us — although we had our tickets, with photographs and passes — and after tying us two by two, marched us off to the Villebague police station, a distance of eight miles, when they locked us up for that night without food, in such a small place (about eight feet by twelve) that we could not lie down. About seven o’clock the next morning we were turned out, tied up two by two again, and marched to Pamplémousses police court without giving us any food. We sat in court up to about four o’clock in the afternoon... after which we were locked up for the night...’

This was in relation to passes. Arbitrary arrests. Tied. Locked up. Malnutrition, disease, long hours of daily toil plus corvées on Sundays took the beating out of their bodies — but their spirit did not die.

### Of diaspora and diaspora...

Fast forward to this century and we are now part of the global Indian diaspora, a term that has ancient ori-



Labourers and children of Indian heritage in the early 1920s. Pic - The Field Museum Library



Fast forward: Indian Diaspora in London in the 2020s. Pic - The Diplomat

“The overseas Indian community can be divided broadly into two categories... In Mauritius we belong to the first category. The second category is dubbed the ‘dollar diaspora’ which ‘tends to dominate because of the influence of its members in their adopted lands and their access to capital for investment. These migrants are ambitious people, driven by a need to succeed, but their success often carries a trace of guilt for having left their motherland.’ We have no such guilt...”

gins but has been generally accepted in today’s jargon. In an article in *The Hindu* by Subha Singh titled ‘Discovering the diaspora’ the author writes that -

‘The three-day Pravasi Bharatiya Divas extravaganza in New Delhi early in January (2000) was the first official gathering of the “global Indian family”. It demonstrated the diverse nature of the Indian diaspora, and the distinct concerns and varying expectations that overseas Indians have of India. A variety of opinions were aired at the discussions, which covered areas such as culture, language, literature, entertainment, ethnic media, hospitality and tourism, science and technology, knowledge-based industries, health care and education.

‘The conference threw up several fundamental questions, the most basic one being about the use of the term “diaspora”.’ Elaborating, the author goes on to explain that ‘The term diaspora is of Greek origin and means dispersal; it originally referred to the Jews who were exiled from their homeland in ancient time... In recent times, the term has been used as journalistic shorthand to denote any sizable community living outside its original home, be it Greeks, Armenians, or the Chinese. *The Economist*, in a recent special report, described diaspora as “a community of people living outside their country of origin”. The 1990s saw an increased interest in the subject, particularly in the field of cultural studies, with centres for diasporic studies coming up in several universities. Although it may raise the hackles of purists, the new usage of the term has come to stay.’

So be it. Thus, ‘In the 1990s, the overseas community emerged as an acceptable ethnic identity around the world, be it the well-mobilised Chinese overseas community or the Jewish one. More and more countries

are trying to reach out to their prosperous emigrants for a variety of reasons that may include leveraging influence, enhancing an international presence, and providing access or prospective foreign investment.’

### India a late diasporic entrant

However, wrote the author, ‘India is a late entrant in the diasporic search because it required a major change in its outlook. At the time of Independence, the government had to take a careful look at the status of Indians living abroad... The advice officially proffered to Indians living abroad was to give their “loyalties” to their countries of adoption.’

However, ‘The rise of a prosperous, confident, and demanding overseas Indian community in the United States and the United Kingdom since the late 1980s, brought a change in the Indian government’s attitude towards the *pravasi* community. Indians in the US began to gain in influence once they became politically active and came to be wooed as potential donors by American politicians. ...The remittances from expatriate Indians in the Gulf countries became an important factor in boosting the country’s foreign exchange reserves.’

Moreover, ‘Though India looks up to overseas Indians for foreign investment, that cannot be the main reason for engaging the *pravasi* community. The diaspora gives India a wide reach in the international arena, through engagement with a wide range of countries. India has a natural link with people of Indian origin and their strong desire to remain connected with their Indian heritage.’

‘The overseas Indian community can be divided broadly into two categories. The larger category is constituted by the older diaspora, that is, second, third or even fourth generation descendants of Indians settled abroad. The second category comprises mainly first-generation migrants, who live in the developed economies and still maintain close connections with their homeland.’

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Aucun cessez-le-feu dans les conditions actuelles, affirme Benjamin Netanyahu. P - YouTube

## Israël durcit sa posture

Par A. Bartleby

**A** lors que les appels à la négociation, à l'ouverture d'un corridor humanitaire et au cessez-le-feu se multiplient, Benjamin Netanyahu a affirmé qu'Israël n'accepterait aucun cessez-le-feu dans les conditions actuelles.

Cela a fait suite au rejet d'une proposition de l'ONU appelant à un cessez-le-feu, et la majorité des pays membres ont voté en faveur de cette proposition. Mais les États-Unis ont usé de leur veto afin de bloquer la résolution.

Il est ainsi clair que les négociations et la situation sont dans une impasse qui ne risque pas de se résoudre de sitôt. Mais sommes-nous forcément en face d'un statut quo qui s'est cristallisé et qui est parti pour durer?

Difficile de l'affirmer pour l'instant tant la situation semble volatile et précaire.

Ce qui est sûr, c'est que le gouvernement israélien reste extrêmement timide quant à une offensive massive au sol. L'armée israélienne continue de bombarder Gaza avec des intrusions timides des chars et de l'armée de terre dans la bande, mais nous ne voyons toujours pas l'opération de grande envergure qu'avait annoncée Netanyahu au lendemain de l'attaque du Hamas.

Nous constatons en fait que la situation est beaucoup plus complexe qu'il n'y paraît du côté des décideurs israéliens. Il est clair que Benjamin Netanyahu se doit d'intervenir dans Gaza afin de tenter de récupérer les otages pris par le Hamas. La pression populaire ne cesse de monter contre lui concernant cette question, et il ne pourra pas résister encore bien longtemps aux demandes du peuple israélien.

Mais parallèlement à cela, il sait parfaitement bien qu'une intervention dans Gaza est un piège qui risque de se refermer sur l'armée israélienne. D'ailleurs, tous les spécialistes de la stratégie militaire le disent: entrer dans Gaza reviendra à mener une opération suicidaire pour les Israéliens. En effet, le Hamas connaît parfaitement bien le terrain de Gaza et est parfaitement préparé

à mener une bataille sans merci et d'une dureté absolue contre les Israéliens, et les pertes d'un côté comme de l'autre seront immenses.

C'est sans doute pour cela que Netanyahu continue de pilonner Gaza par le ciel, espérant mettre à bas les infrastructures du Hamas et démoraliser ses troupes, sans considération des pertes en vies humaines du côté des civils. Les ONG estiment, par exemple, que le nombre de morts du côté de Gaza aurait franchi la barre des 8000.

Ce chiffre a de quoi donner froid dans le dos, et la question d'une ligne rouge qu'Israël ne devra pas franchir reste posée.

D'ailleurs, il est clair que les Israéliens sont conscients du fait qu'ils marchent sur des œufs. La rhétorique même des diplomates israéliens a radicalement « shifté » depuis quelques jours, l'ambassadeur d'Israël aux Nations-Unies se permettant même de porter une étoile de David lors d'un discours faisant l'apologie des méthodes militaires actuelles en citant la situation des Juifs pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale.

Cet amalgame est profondément dangereux et montre que le gouvernement israélien est dos au mur sur la scène internationale. Plusieurs pays appellent ouvertement à rompre des relations diplomatiques avec Israël en n'hésitant pas à appeler à ce que Benjamin Netanyahu soit poursuivi pour crime de guerre par la Cour pénale internationale.

En réalité, seul l'allié américain semble tenir ferme derrière Israël. Mais pour encore combien de temps?

Dans un ouvrage extrêmement important, John Mearscheimer et Stephen Walt (professeurs de sciences politiques à Princeton et à Harvard respectivement) avaient étudié le rôle des groupes de pression proches d'Israël dans les mécanismes de décision du gouvernement américain. Ils avaient conclu que toute la politique étrangère américaine au Moyen-Orient était influencée et orientée par les intérêts d'Israël. Ils affirmaient même que ces lobbies étaient devenus tellement puissants qu'aucun Président américain ne pourrait être élu sans leur soutien.

Ceci explique peut-être cela.

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### 189eme anniversaire de l'arrivée des travailleurs engagés

## Émancipation: un long chemin a été parcouru, mais il reste encore tant à faire

**N**ous avons commémoré ce jeudi le 189eme anniversaire de l'arrivée des travailleurs engagés à Maurice.

Cette commémoration, tout comme celle du 1er février pour l'abolition de l'esclavage, relève d'une importance symbolique, historique et politique majeure pour notre pays. En effet, nous ne devons jamais oublier que c'est dans l'exploitation de l'homme par l'homme que s'est construite la Nation mauricienne.

Le colonialisme fut exactement cela: la mise en place d'un système d'exploitation de la force du travail humain

par le capital colonial, en commençant par l'esclavage et ensuite par l'engagisme. C'est comme cela que les grands domaines sucriers furent établis, et c'est comme cela que les grands conglomérats (aujourd'hui l'un des piliers de l'économie mauricienne) furent fondés.

Mais c'est également là que la construction de l'État postcolonial prend tout son sens. En effet, l'indépendance de Maurice, acquise du processus de décolonisation résultant de l'effondrement de l'Empire britannique au sortir de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, n'a pas d'autre sens et d'autre fonction que la promotion de la justice sociale et la rectification des injustices de départ.



Commémoration du 189eme anniversaire de l'arrivée des travailleurs engagés à Maurice et de l'abolition de l'esclavage: Nous ne devons jamais oublier que c'est dans l'exploitation de l'homme par l'homme que s'est construite la Nation mauricienne. P - i.guim.co.uk

C'est d'ailleurs le chantier auquel se sont attelés les gouvernements qui se sont succédé depuis 1968. L'éducation gratuite, la santé gratuite, l'élargissement des aides sociales et l'approfondissement du modèle social ont toujours été les priorités en matière de politiques publiques, notre modèle économique libéral nous permettant une production soutenue de la croissance. Tout le fondement du progrès mauricien se trouve d'ailleurs là, dans cette alliance entre le libéralisme économique et la construction des institutions du "Welfare State".

La paix sociale et la pérennité de notre vivre-ensemble se trouvent également là car nous n'avons jamais eu à Maurice la volonté de la vengeance post-coloniale. C'est aussi ce qui fait le succès de notre pays, et ce qui a fait que nous n'avons pas suivi des exemples comme le Zimbabwe. La voie du progrès ne se trouve ainsi pas dans la vengeance, mais dans l'émancipation.

L'émancipation requiert la mise en place de processus permettant l'*empowerment* ou l'autonomisation des dominés de l'histoire. Et l'*empowerment* de ces dominés doit avoir lieu dans un contexte qui leur donne des accès égaux à l'accumulation du capital, à la création de l'entreprise, à des carrières dignes et grandioses, et à l'épanouissement culturel et social.

De ce point de vue, nous faisons deux constats: un long chemin a été parcouru depuis 1968 mais il reste encore tant à faire.

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# Chandler Bing est décédé



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**M**atthew Perry, l'acteur jouant le rôle de Chandler Bing dans la série iconique 'Friends', est décédé cette semaine à l'âge de 54 ans. Il a été retrouvé noyé dans son jacuzzi dans sa demeure de Beverly Hills.

Bien qu'ayant joué également dans le cinéma et ayant eu des rôles importants, Matthew Perry est et restera à jamais connu et reconnu pour son rôle dans la série télé 'Friends'. Cette sitcom iconique, qui a duré 10 saisons, était devenu un tel phénomène global que des théoriciens des "Cultural studies" y ont même consacré des ouvrages à la série.

Certains affirment même que 'Friends' a défini une génération et a participé à transformer le regard porté sur les productions télévisuelles, bien avant la révolution des plateformes de streaming qui ont redéfini l'accès aux plages et la manière dont les films sont produits et visualisés.

'Friends' n'était pas sans ses critiques, notamment avec le fait que le casting était composé majoritairement de blancs, et que les minorités n'y avaient aucune réelle visibilité. Il faut avouer que cette critique tient même si 'Friends' a été produit à une époque où les questions de représentation n'étaient pas encore aussi prédomi-

nantes dans les productions télévisuelles.

Mais l'immense succès de 'Friends' et le fait que cette série continue à être rediffusée dans le monde entier, vient surtout de l'universalité des symboles et des situations. La série nous montre l'évolution d'un groupe de jeunes amis qui apprennent à devenir des adultes, avec toutes les joies mais aussi les petits soucis que cela implique.

Matthew Perry jouait lui le rôle de Chandler Bing, un jeune cadre drôle et sarcastique mais tellement attachant également. Mais par-delà ce rôle, l'acteur s'était surtout fait remarquer parce qu'il fut l'une des premières célébrités à parler ouvertement de ses problèmes d'addiction et de son combat pour la sobriété.

Il avait ainsi brisé un tabou qui a permis d'en faire un sujet sur lequel nous devons discuter afin de pouvoir mieux aider les gens pris dans cette spirale. Le guitariste Eric Clapton en avait également fait de même, allant jusqu'à ouvrir un centre de réhabilitation à Antigua.

Nous ne connaissons pas encore les causes du décès de Matthew Perry, mais tout laisse à penser qu'il avait peut-être rebasculé dans la spirale de l'addiction. Il laisse derrière lui une armée de fans profondément attristés par son départ. Les épisodes de 'Friends' où il faisait tant rire seront désormais emprunts d'une nostalgie certaine.

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## Gestion désastreuse des quotas de thon de la CTOI: Incompétence ou agenda caché?

**C**e sujet est presque passé inaperçu à l'Assemblée nationale la semaine dernière. Il est néanmoins extrêmement important.

Le leader de l'opposition Xavier-Luc Duval, dans son intervention sur le "Fisheries Bill", a expliqué comment la gestion des quotas pour la pêche du thon dans nos eaux territoriales pourrait mettre le "seafood hub" dans une situation extrêmement compliquée.

En effet, le ministère en question, sans donner la moindre explication et sans raison aucune, a décidé de changer de méthode d'attribution des quotas pour les acteurs du "seafood hub" passant d'allocations annuelles à des allocations mensuelles.

La conséquence de ce changement de politique est que les opérateurs du secteur n'ont plus de visibilité sur la pêche du thon. L'allocation des quotas sur une base



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annuelle permettait aux opérateurs de planifier leur pêche et de s'adapter aux aléas de la mer, le thon n'étant pas forcément disponible pour la pêche à volume égal tout au long de l'année.

Le passage à une allocation mensuelle ne permet aucune visibilité et aucune planification, ce qui a pour conséquence une diminution drastique des volumes de pêche, avec le risque de pénurie pour le marché local.

Plus même, l'allocation annuelle permettait une visibilité pour tout le secteur thonier. Il faut savoir que la Commission des thons de l'océan Indien (CTOI) allouent les quotas aux différents pays de l'océan Indien sur la base des précédents de pêche et sur la base des volumes accumulés. Ainsi, une diminution des volumes pêchés pourrait entraîner une réduction du quota annuel alloué à Maurice.

Par exemple, selon les dires du leader de l'opposition, la CTOI a alloué un peu plus de 10,000 tonnes de thon à Maurice pour l'année 2023. De ces quelques 10,000 tonnes, seulement 5,500 tonnes auraient été pêchées à la fin du mois d'octobre. Est-ce que les opérateurs ont les moyens de pêcher 4,500 tonnes en deux mois? Non!

Une diminution des quotas par la CTOI pour l'année prochaine n'est donc pas impossible. Cette situation serait dramatique pour le "seafood hub" en entraînant une réduction drastique de l'activité économique, avec des pertes d'emplois et une diminution de l'investissement à prévoir.

Le ministre est-il au courant de cela? Il ne peut pas ne pas l'être? Pourquoi ne remédie-t-il donc pas à la situation? La question est posée.

A. Bartleby

# Aapravasi Ghat Day Commemoration: A Diaspora Event

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We have no such guilt, and definitely we do not have the investment capabilities that the dollar diaspora possesses. Nevertheless, because of the disruptive geopolitical churns that the world is undergoing, the Indian Ocean has assumed a major importance in global security, and as part of the Indian Ocean Rim Mauritius has acquired certain importance among great powers, including India. Already the fifth largest economy, and on course to become in a few years

the third one according to expert projections, we have every reason to be mindful of the interest that India may show in our development and play our cards judiciously and strategically.

### Diaspora: layered identity

But let's leave these mega concerns aside, as I end with a tale that shows that the diaspora comes in many shades, shapes, and flavours. Recently I was delighted to meet a Mauritian family living in the US who had come for a short holi-

day here. The wife was of Mauritian origin, and I had known her as a little girl in my neighbourhood. Her husband is of Indian origin, and they have two daughters, one of whom is married to a second generation Indian (like herself). I was pleasantly surprised to hear them speak perfect Creole, in addition of course to their American English.

The unmarried daughter lives and works in New York, and she was very confident and proud about her layered

identities: a religious identity (Hindu), a national identity (American), a cultural identity (Indian & Mauritian). I asked her whether like modern youngsters she was addicted to fast food. No, she replied, I cook my own. And what are your favourites, I enquired? 'Carri poule ek carri la vianne' she shot back – she had learned to cook from her late Nani who was in the US with them.

So much for diaspora and identity!

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# Democracy Pressured: Notes from Inside the Asylum

*In the battle to end the insanity that inflicts this world, the latest iteration of the Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah calls for an Islamic response, the Speaker of the House calls for a Biblical response, the leaders of Israel and Hamas call for mutual destruction. H.L. Mencken summed it well: "Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage"*

In his 1981 Inaugural Address, Ronald Reagan said: "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem. From time to time, we've been tempted to believe that society has become too complex to be managed by self-rule, that government by an elite group is superior to government for, by, and of the people. Well, if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else? All of us together, in and out of government, must bear the burden. The solutions we seek must be equitable, with no one group singled out to pay a higher price."

Worshippers of Ronald Reagan remain, to this day, a dominant force within the Republican Party, an agglomeration of cockatoos, macaws, and other assorted parrots, repeating the tropes that have evolved from Reagan's themes.

It is a great curiosity that seldom does anyone ask of Reagan or his progeny: if government is the problem, why do you strive so hard to seek elective office? Of course, Reagan was too glib not to anticipate that an answer to this curiosity would be necessary. So, his speech included the obligatory disclaimer: "Now, so there will be no misunderstanding, it's not my intention to do away with government. It is rather to make it work — work with us, not over us; to stand by our side, not ride on our back. Government can and must provide opportunity, not smother it; foster productivity, not stifle it."

Before I go on, let me point out that Reagan did not write that speech himself. Given the level of intellect he displayed over the ensuing years, this is no surprise. The speech was written by Ken Khachigian who was named chief speechwriter and special consultant to the President in 1981. Perhaps it was Khachigian, not Reagan, who recognized the dissonance and attempted to address it.

## Messiah with clay feet

After Reagan, a schism developed within the Republican Party. As a result, we see today, the Bush faction and the ultra-right faction that has latched on to Donald Trump as its Messiah. Even as that Messiah is seen to have clay feet, these sycophants cannot help but cling to his muddied ankles.

Consider these observations by H.L.



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Mencken, early in the last century:

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- Democracy, too, is a religion. It is the worship of jackals by jackasses.
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During the second impeachment trial of

Trump, the Senate took a vote on the question whether a President could be impeached after he had left office and the Chamber decided yes, he could. Nevertheless, Mitch McConnell who was then Senate Leader, declared that he would vote to acquit because Trump was no longer President. McConnell felt free to ignore what should have been a binding determination by the Senate. But there was no recourse.

Think of how different things might have been if McConnell had voted to convict. Should he have voted to convict? You decide.

Before casting his vote, McConnell said that the January 6 assault on the Capitol "was a foreseeable consequence of the growing crescendo of false statements, conspiracy theories and reckless hyperbole which the defeated president kept shouting into the largest megaphone on planet earth." A jackass speaking of foreseeability but not foreseeing that his illogic enabled a jackal.

Kevin McCarthy, the Minority Leader in the House at the time, said that Trump "bears responsibility" for the storming of the Capitol by his supporters and that he

"should have immediately denounced the mob when he saw what was unfolding." A few weeks later, McCarthy was another jackass standing at the side of the jackal.

Trump's signature clarion call "Make America Great Again" emblazoned on hats as MAGA, has a cult following across America. Another Mencken observation comes to mind: "Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want and deserve to get it good and hard." The cult of MAGA Maggots has flourished in the House of Representatives and in the Senate as well. So it was that McCarthy was ousted as Speaker of the House and after skirmishes among wolves in MAGA clothing, the House ultimately elected Mike Johnson Speaker.

## An American Ayatollah in the making

Johnson was asked what his worldview is. "I am a Bible-believing Christian. Someone asked me today in the media, they said, 'It's curious, people are curious. What does Mike Johnson think about any issue under the sun?' I said, 'Well, go pick up a Bible off your shelf and read it.' That's my worldview."

On April 2, 1979, without waiting for the results to be made official (see Trump, above) Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini declared an Islamic Republic: "This is the first day of God's government in Iran."

More of Speaker Johnson: "I don't believe there are any coincidences. I believe that scripture, the Bible, is very clear that God is the one that raises up those in authority, he raised up each of you, all of us. And I believe that God has ordained and allowed us to be brought here to this specific moment and time."

An American Ayatollah in the making, Johnson added: "The founders wanted to protect the church from an encroaching state, not the other way around."

Jackasses mutating into jackals.

In this chaos, President Biden asks Congress to authorize \$100 million for aid to Ukraine, Israel, and for border security. Johnson's sleight of hand was to put forward a bill authorizing \$14.3 billion for Israel with a corresponding cut of \$14.3 billion previously approved by Congress for the Internal Revenue Service. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that this defunding of the IRS would cost almost \$27 billion in tax revenue by thwarting tax collection from the wealthiest tax evaders. Johnson's disingenuous response: "Only in Washington when you cut spending do they call it an increase in the deficit."

Johnson promises to take up funding for Ukraine and the border later. But the quid pro quo is clear: if you want support for Israel, defund the IRS. Johnson is pandering to the MAGA Maggots who want to end support for Ukraine. They, in turn, are pandering to Trump who has called for a pause in funding for Ukraine until federal agencies turn over every scrap of evidence on a probe into Biden.

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## Vladimir Putin revokes Russia's ratification of nuclear test ban treaty

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday signed a law revoking Russia's ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

The 1996 treaty outlaws all nuclear explosions, including live tests of nuclear weapons, though it never came into force because some key countries -- including the United States and China -- never ratified it.

The West has accused Russia of using reckless nuclear rhetoric since it launched its offensive on Ukraine last February.

Putin last week oversaw ballistic missile drills in what



Russia's President Vladimir Putin. Pic - ABC News

Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said was practice for a "massive" retaliatory nuclear strike against an unnamed

enemy, reports AFP.

The bill to revoke the treaty passed through Russia's parliament last month in a fast-track process.

During parliamentary hearings, State Duma speaker Vyacheslav Volodin said the move to revoke the treaty was a response to the United States' "cynicism" and "boorish attitudes" on nuclear weapons.

Although it never entered into force, the agreement was ratified by 178 countries, including nuclear powers France and Britain, and has symbolic value.

Its backers say it established an international norm against live tests of nuclear weapons, but critics say the potential of the deal remains unrealised without the ratifications of major nuclear powers.

Russia's parliament ratified the agreement in June 2000, six months after Putin first became president.



Supporters of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif attend a welcoming rally for their leader, in Lahore, Pakistan. Pic - AP

## Pakistan elections scheduled for February 11

General elections in Pakistan will be held on February 11, the country's poll body informed the Supreme Court on Thursday, putting an end to months-long uncertainty over the polls.

The Election Commission of Pakistan's counsel, Sajeel Swati, said the process of drawing constituencies would be completed by January 29, paving the way for the polls.

He said this as the apex court resumed hearing on a set of petitions calling for holding elections within 90 days after the dissolution of the National Assembly and the provincial legislatures, reports PTI.

A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa, Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan and Justice Athar Minallah took up the pleas moved by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and others, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Pakistan President Arif Alvi dissolved the National Assembly on August 9.

## Brazil to militarise key airports, borders in crackdown on organised crime

Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva said Wednesday he is sending the armed forces to boost security at some of the country's most important airports, ports and international borders as part of a renewed effort to tackle organized crime in Latin America's largest nation.

The decision comes days after members of a criminal gang set fire to dozens of buses in Rio de Janeiro, apparently in retaliation for the police slaying their leader's nephew.

Brazil will mobilize 3,600 members of the army, navy and air force to increase patrols and monitor the international airports in Rio and Sao Paulo, as well as two maritime ports in Rio and Sao Paulo's Santos port, the busiest in Latin America — and a major export hub for cocaine, reports AP.

State and federal authorities have said in recent weeks they want to "suffocate" militias by going after their financial resources.

The latest wave of unrest in Rio began Oct. 5, when assassins killed three doctors in a beachside bar, mistaking one of them for a member of a militia. The city's powerful militias emerged in the 1990s and were originally made up mainly of former police officers, firefighters and military men who wanted to combat lawlessness in their neighbourhoods. They



The Brazilian Armed Forces carry out a joint exercise in southern Brazil. Pic - gov.br

charged residents for protection and other services, but more recently moved into drug trafficking themselves.

There has since been increased pressure for the state and federal governments in Brazil to come up with a plan and demonstrate they have a handle on public security in the postcard city.

On Oct. 9, days after the doctors were killed, Rio state government deployed hundreds of police officers to three of the city's sprawling, low-income neighborhoods.

And on Oct. 23, Rio's police killed Matheus da Silva Rezende, known as Faustão, nephew of a militia's leader and a member himself. In a clear show of defiance, criminals went about setting fire to at least 35 buses.

## Hamas official warns October 7 attack will be repeated 'again and again'

A Hamas official has said that the organisation would repeat the October 7 Israel terror attacks "again and again" until the country is destroyed. He emphasised that Israel has "no place on our land."

Ghazi Hamad issued the warning during an October 23 Lebanese television interview republished by British outlets. He said that Hamas would replicate the attack that was carried on October 7, referred to by them as Operation al-Aqsa Flood, reports Hindustan Times.



Ghazi Hamad, a member of Hamas' decision-making political bureau, speaks during an interview with Associated Press in Beirut, Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. Pic - New York Post

"The al-Aqsa Flood is just the first time and there will be a second, a third, a fourth because we have the determination, the resolve and the capabilities to fight," Hamad said, adding that Hamas is willing to "pay a price."

### 'We must teach Israel a lesson'

Hamad added, "We are not ashamed to say this, with full force. We must teach Israel a lesson and we will do this again and again." Stressing that Hamas' attack on Israel was justified, Hamad continued, "The existence of Israel is what causes all that pain, blood and tears."

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Pope Francis. Pic - Reuters

## Pope Francis says two-state solution needed for Israel-Palestine

Pope Francis said on Wednesday a two-state solution was needed for Israel and Palestine in order to put an end to wars such as the current one and called for a special status for Jerusalem.

In an interview with Italian state television RAI's TG1 news channel, Francis also said he hoped a regional escalation could be avoided in the conflict that began

## Boris Johnson's handling of Covid crisis slammed by former top advisers

Boris Johnson's one-time closest advisers lined up to slam his leadership during the Covid pandemic as he was blasted for his handling of the crisis, reports The Independent.

In an extraordinary day of evidence at the Covid-19 inquiry, it was revealed that the former prime minister's chief aide, Dominic Cummings, had described the constant change of strategy as "exhausting" and branded his cabinet "useless f\*\*\*pigs" in explosive WhatsApp messages.

Mr Cummings said Mr Johnson did not think Covid was a "big deal", while the hearing was also told that the then PM was "obsessed" with the idea that older people should be allowed to catch the virus and accept their "fate" in order to keep the economy open.

It came as the inquiry heard that:

- Mr Johnson believed Covid was "a hoax" and "pathetic", no worse than swine flu, and that it was nature's way of dealing with the elderly

- No 10 staff had derided the dithering PM as "the trolley", as he changed direction so often

- Mr Johnson took the "pretty insane" decision to go on holiday in February 2020, one month before lockdown

- There was "no plan" for how to protect vulnerable people from the virus

when Hamas militants entered Israel, killing some 1,400 Israelis, mainly civilians, and taking about 230 hostages.

He also said that he was concerned about the rise in antisemitism, adding that much of it "remains hidden".

"(Those are) two peoples who have to live together. With that wise solution, two states. The Oslo accords, two well-defined states and Jerusalem with a special status," said Francis in an interview.

In 1993, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat shook hands on the Oslo Accords establishing limited Palestinian autonomy, reports Reuters.

US President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Arafat took part in the Camp David summit in 2000, but failed to reach a final peace deal.

Israel captured Arab East Jerusalem in 1967 and in 1980 declared the entire city its "united and eternal capital". Palestinians see the eastern part of the city as the capital of an eventual future state.

Israel has consistently rejected suggestions that the city, which is sacred to Christians, Muslims and Jews, could have a special, or international, status.



- Mr Johnson admitted there had been a "totally disgusting orgy of narcissism by a government that should be solving a national crisis"

- Mr Cummings said in a message that he wanted to "personally handcuff" the UK's most powerful female mandarin, as he called her a "c\*\*\*\*"

In November 2020 Mr Cummings blocked Mr Johnson on WhatsApp after the then PM pleaded for briefings against his government to stop.

In messages Mr Cummings sent to the Downing Street communications chief at the time, Lee Cain, at the height of the pandemic, he criticised the then prime minister's handling of the crisis.

He said he was "exhausted" trying to explain things to Mr Johnson, and that the PM had gone "back to Jaws mode w\*\*\*\*", a reference to the mayor in Steven Spielberg's film who wants to keep the beaches open despite the danger of a shark attack.

Apologising for his choice of words, Mr Cummings admitted his language was "appalling" but said he was reflecting "a widespread view" that senior politicians were "dealing with this crisis extremely badly".

## Peace prize winner Narges Mohammadi smuggles message out of cell

"Victory is not easy, but it is certain," imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner and women's rights activist Narges Mohammadi, said in a message smuggled out of her Tehran cell published late Tuesday.

In the message, read out in French by her daughter, Kiana Rahmani, and posted on the official Nobel website, the 51-year-old activist and journalist expressed "sincere gratitude" to the Norwegian Nobel committee.

Mohammadi -- who was given

the nod in early October "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran" -- once again criticised the requirement for women in Iran to wear a headscarf, and denounced Iranian authorities, reports AFP.

"The compulsory hijab is a means of control and repression imposed on the society and on which the continuation and survival of this authoritarian religious regime depends," she declared through her 17-year-old daughter, who has taken refuge in France along with her fa-

mily.

She condemned "a regime that has institutionalized deprivation and poverty in society for forty-five years", adding that it was "built on lies, deception, cunning, and intimidation".

Arrested 13 times, sentenced five times to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes, and imprisoned again since 2021, Narges Mohammadi is one of the women spearheading of the "Woman, Life, Freedom" uprising in Iran.



Indian Naval Ship Sharda docks in Port Louis Harbour. Pic - Deccan Herald

## Military base India built in Mauritius ready for asset deployment, reports Deccan Herald

A military base India has been building on an island in Mauritius to gain a strategic edge against China in the Indian Ocean region has neared completion and is almost ready for long-term deployment of air and naval assets, reports Anirban Bhaumik of Deccan Herald in its 31 Oct edition.

New Delhi is now set to ink a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Port Louis for joint development and launch of an earth observation satellite for Mauritius. A warship of the Indian Navy, INS Sharda, has also docked at Port Louis on Tuesday. During the ship's stay at Port Louis till Tuesday, the personnel of the Indian Navy and the National Coast Guard of Mauritius will over the next three days engage in joint harbour and sea training exercises as well as a joint drill on surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the East African nation, reports Deccan Herald.

The military base New Delhi built in Agaléga Island of Mauritius, the proposed signing of the space cooperation deal and the visit of the Indian Navy's INS Sharda to Port Louis are all intended to project India's power in the southwestern Indian Ocean, in response to the increasing forays of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in the region.

V Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs, will pay an official visit to Port Louis from Wednesday to Thursday to participate in the commemoration of the 189th anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers from India to Mauritius. He will witness the signing of the MoU between India and Mauritius for the joint development and launch of a satellite to help enhance the earth observation capability of the Indian Ocean island nation, according to a statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi. The High Commission of India in Port Louis announced on X the arrival of the INS Sharda at the main port of the island of Mauritius. It said that the Indian Navy warship had also arrived at Port Louis to commemorate the arrival of the indentured labourers from India to Mauritius. The MEA or New Delhi's diplomatic mission in Port Louis refrained from making any comment on India's role in developing the military base in Agaléga Island of Mauritius.

A source, however, said that the construction of a jetty, runways and hangers to accommodate aircraft had already been completed in Agaléga Island. Given the strategic location of Mauritius, India may consider deploying some of its Boeing Poseidon 8I maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft in the newly constructed facility, ostensibly to keep watch on the movement of the Chinese PLA Navy's vessels in the Indian Ocean region. India started building the facility after signing an MoU with Mauritius "for the improvement in sea and air transportation facilities" in Agaléga Island in March 2015.

New Delhi, however, officially maintains that the facility is intended to help Mauritius enhance its maritime security capabilities.



Interview: Jocelyn Chan Low, Historien

# Baromètre politique: "Rien n'est joué pour l'instant. Tout peut arriver, surtout que l'équipe gouvernementale dispose de nombreux atouts"

- 'La corruption de la classe politique est quelque fois une exigence de l'électorat!'



**Mauritius Times: Le baromètre politique de Synthèses-l'express, publié fin octobre, à une année des élections, nous donne une photographie à la fois de la situation politique et des priorités des Mauriciens présentement. Ses résultats vous ont-ils surpris?**

**Jocelyn Chan Low:** Pas du tout. Dans plusieurs entretiens ici même, j'avais évoqué cette situation complètement inédite dans l'histoire politique du pays où plus de 60% de l'électorat ne se retrouve plus ni dans les leaders ni dans les partis politiques à la fois *mainstream* ou extra-parlementaires de même que les raisons de cette grande inadéquation entre l'offre et la demande politique. Le sondage Synthèses démontre en fait la progression de ceux qui se distancient de la classe politique actuelle, leur nombre avoisinant maintenant les 70%.

**\* Même si Pravind Jugnauth fait mieux que ses adversaires politiques, en l'occurrence Navin Ramgoolam et Paul Bérenger, une majorité des sondés (36%) indiquent qu'ils auraient voté en faveur de l'alliance de l'opposition contre 24.8% qui voteraient pour l'alliance au pouvoir. Quelle analyse faites-vous de ces résultats?**

C'est un fait nouveau, sans doute résultant de la concrétisation de l'alliance PTr-MMM- PMSD. Ensemble les leaders et partis qui la composent semblent avoir réussi à forger une certaine synergie dans leur électorat respectif poussant même une partie de ceux qui doutent de la classe politique actuelle à se ranger bon gré mal gré de leur côté pour un changement de gouvernement. Par contre, les alliés de Pravind Jugnauth, ne font pas le poids.

La situation ressemble à celle qui prévalait à la veille des

**L**es citoyens ordinaires ne comprennent pas vraiment la raison d'être de la guerre au Moyen-Orient. Mais la politique a ses raisons et cela fait des années que les pourparlers de paix n'arrivent pas à aboutir ou se retrouvent dans une impasse. Nous avons donc invité Jocelyn Chan Low, historien, pour faire le point sur ce sujet qui fait la Une de toute la presse depuis le déclenchement des hostilités. Il nous parle aussi des troubles à La Citadelle récemment et nous livre ses analyses sur le baromètre politique de Synthèses-l'express. Selon lui, "tout peut arriver, surtout que l'équipe gouvernementale dispose de nombreux atouts du fait d'être au pouvoir. À cela, il faut ajouter la formidable logistique dont dispose le MSM. Rien n'est joué pour l'instant..."

élections générales de 1995. C'est dans ce contexte sans doute qu'il faut analyser les spéculations autour du retour d'Ivan Collendaveloo au gouvernement. Je ne serai guère étonné si PJ fait appel à certains éléments de l'opposition extra parlementaire dont les illusions se sont envolées avec les résultats du sondage.

**\* Il faut noter également que parmi les enjeux qui ont le plus d'importance aux yeux des sondés lorsqu'ils voteront aux prochaines législatives, la corruption figure à la sixième place - cela bien après la cherté de la vie, le trafic de drogue, la création d'emploi, ou l'augmentation de la pension de vieillesse. Il semble donc que la rhétorique anti-corruption et l'impunité dont jouissent les personnalités publiques ne mord pas...**

Au fond, cela n'est guère surprenant. Il y a quelques années déjà un sondage révélait qu'une majorité de jeunes trouvait tout à fait normal de solliciter l'appui d'un piston - *backing politique* - pour avoir un job. L'acceptation généralisée de passe-droits est signe que la corruption est banalisée. Idem pour un grand nombre d'électeurs qui sollicitent leurs députés pour que leurs enfants obtiennent une place dans le meilleur collège, ou pour contourner des processus bureaucratiques établies, etc... La corruption de la classe politique est quelque fois une exigence de l'électorat! Il y a toute une éducation civique à faire ou à refaire.

**\* Toutefois, les jeux ne sont pas faits, car au-delà de sa majorité confortable au Parlement, le Premier ministre a toujours le contrôle de l'agenda politique, il déci-**

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dera de la date des prochaines législatives selon sa convenance politique. Son alliance a démontré une capacité à exploiter les ressources de l'État à des fins politiques comme jamais pratiquée auparavant, et le leadership de Jugnauth lui-même ne souffre pas de contestation au sein de son parti ou du gouvernement. **Quelle analyse faites-vous donc de la force électorale de l'alliance gouvernementale?**

Voyons les chiffres du sondage d'abord. Si on additionne le score de l'alliance gouvernementale et celui de l'opposition parlementaire et extra parlementaire, on n'atteint même pas 65%. Certes, il faut compter sur l'abstention mais une bonne partie de l'électorat est indécise. Ainsi tout peut arriver, surtout que l'équipe gouvernementale dispose de nombreux atouts du fait d'être au pouvoir. À cela, il faut ajouter la formidable logistique dont dispose le MSM. Rien n'est joué pour l'instant.

**\* Une grande majorité des Mauriciens souhaite un renouveau de la classe politique. Au fait deux Mauriciens sur trois souhaitent l'émergence d'un leader politique. Est-ce en réalité une alternative crédible que recherchent les Mauriciens ou veulent-ils d'un nouveau leader?**

Sans doute les deux. En fait, si on analyse la totalité de la vie politique à Maurice depuis 2010, elle se résume à l'affaire MedPoint vs l'affaire coffre-fort, c'est-à-dire à une lutte à mort entre les deux grandes personnalités de la vie politique mauricienne pouvant aspirer au poste de Premier ministre. Les deux se sont entretués, à coup de surenchère, de procès, etc., avec des effets délétères sur les institutions.

Une démocratie ne fonctionne pas correctement dans un tel contexte car les normes sont bafouées. C'est le temps des excès dans l'animosité. Un tel affrontement ne peut qu'entraîner l'émergence de tendances non libérales et la désaffection de l'électorat. Avec du recul, on peut affirmer que cela a dû contribuer grandement à cette grande soif d'une personnalité politique qui pourrait gérer le pays et faire la politique autrement.

**\* Vous conviendrez que trouver cet oiseau rare à une année des prochaines élections, structurer une nouvelle force politique, regrouper des cadres et autres activistes... 'that's a tall order'... Les conditions ne sont pas réunies pour que cela puisse se concrétiser, non?**

Je ne suis pas pessimiste par rapport à l'émergence d'une nouvelle personnalité, homme ou femme, qui aurait le profil idéal pour aspirer au poste de Premier ministre capable de s'entourer de personnes compétentes et intègres. L'île Maurice n'est pas si dépourvue de talents et de cadres respectables et respectés. Par contre, il y a effectivement un problème de "timing".

Car la politique n'est pas une affaire de salon. Bien qu'ayant fait des études supérieures à la London School of Economics and Political Science, c'est sur le "coalter" que j'ai appris les tenants et les aboutissants de la vie politique à Maurice. Un an, c'est effectivement trop court. Je crois que les dés sont jetés. Les prochaines élections seront essentiellement un affrontement entre les leaders et les partis traditionnels.

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# Guerre Hamas-Israël: "La question est avant tout coloniale et il ne faudrait surtout pas l'enfermer dans un carcan religieux"

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\* Par ailleurs, trois semaines après l'attaque sans précédent menée par le Hamas le 7 octobre dernier, l'armée israélienne a décidé «d'étendre ses opérations terrestres» dans Gaza. Le monde se pose des questions sur l'historique du conflit israélo-palestinien, l'impact de la présente guerre et son issue possible, et beaucoup se demandent si d'autres pays vont s'y impliquer. C'est sans doute un sujet vaste et complexe où s'y mêlent religion et l'Histoire, entre autres. Quelle analyse faites-vous de cette guerre inattendue?

Il est vrai qu'un grand nombre d'observateurs ont été surpris par l'attaque du Hamas le 7 octobre dernier et par la riposte israélienne, surtout qu'elles intervenaient au moment où la normalisation des relations entre l'Arabie saoudite et Israël était bien avancée. Cependant la question palestinienne restait entière et le conflit n'avait jamais cessé, et était irrésolu. Pour preuve un grand nombre de Palestiniens ont été tués par les forces israéliennes depuis janvier de cette année.

“La réaction des États-Unis et de ses alliés occidentaux face à ce génocide aura un impact considérable sur l'éloignement des populations du Sud global déjà en cours de l'Occident. Certains affirment que les masques sont tombés et que l'application des grandes valeurs dites occidentales sont à géométrie variable, que le 'US and Them' divide n'a pas changé depuis l'époque coloniale bien que nous sommes maintenant dans un monde où l'Occident est relativement en pleine régression par rapport au Sud global, que ce soit sur le plan démographique, économique ou financier...”

\* Mais c'est quoi cette question palestinienne qui refait surface dans notre conscience de temps à autre avec fracas?

Au-delà de sa complexité, c'est essentiellement une histoire de colonialisme - et de résistance à un *white settler colonialism*, comme on a vu dans d'autres parties du monde - par exemple aux États-Unis, en Amérique latine, en Australie, en Afrique du Sud et dans d'autres pays d'Afrique australe ou d'Afrique du Nord. Tout d'abord, le mythe sioniste du retour des Juifs sur leurs terres ancestrales dont le titre de propriété était tiré de la Bible. Or, les recherches historiques comme celles entreprises par Shlomo Sand, historien et ancien professeur à l'université de Tel Aviv et auteur de l'excellent ouvrage *Comment le peuple juif fut inventé*, ont démontré en gros qu'il n'y avait jamais eu de dispersion massive des Juifs après la destruction du Temple de Jérusalem par les Romains en l'an 70 AD, et que les Palestiniens sont les descendants des peuples qui habitaient cette contrée à l'époque biblique ; et ils se convertirent au Christianisme au 4ème siècle et une grande partie à l'Islam dans le sillage de la conquête arabe du 7e-8e siècle. Cette analyse historique est confirmée par les études génétiques des populations comme le révèle le chercheur israélien Tsvi Misinai dans son ouvrage *Brothers do not lift sword against Brother*.

De ce fait, les colons juifs du 20ème siècle sont majoritairement les descendants de populations européennes converties au judaïsme au fil des années. Quant à leur prétention à la 'terre biblique d'Israël', elle est contestée

par la majorité des chrétiens pour lesquels les promesses et les prophéties de l'Ancien Testament ont été accomplies avec la venue de Jésus Christ. C'est pour cela que le Nouveau Testament fait état d'une nouvelle alliance avec le Dieu d'Abraham, remplaçant l'ancienne.

En outre, il faut se rappeler que si l'on se fie littéralement aux écrits bibliques, Israël devrait inclure la moitié de l'Égypte, la Jordanie, le Liban, la Syrie, l'Iraq et une partie de l'Arabie saoudite. Il faut ajouter que l'État d'Israël d'aujourd'hui est un État séculier où 36% de la population est athée, où annuellement des 'gay pride' réunissant plus de 300,000 personnes sont organisés alors que l'Israël de la Bible est une théocratie censée suivre à la lettre les commandements du Dieu d'Abraham.

Il faut aussi noter que le principe même de la création d'un État juif est contesté par des juifs orthodoxes. En 1947, le grand rabbin de Jérusalem avait même écrit une lettre aux Nations Unies contre la création d'Israël. Se basant sur une lecture de la Torah et du Talmud, certains rabbins orthodoxes affirment que l'exil des Juifs, ayant été imposé par Dieu, ils doivent s'y conformer. Seul le messie qu'ils attendent pourra les ramener au 'statehood'. C'est pour cela qu'ils prônent la dissolution de l'État d'Israël, considéré comme hérétique.

\* Qu'en est-il des mythes concoctés par la religion?

Mais si l'on enlève les mythes concoctés à travers l'instrumentalisation de certains écrits religieux, le sionisme ne se révèle être finalement qu'une entreprise coloniale comme celles qui ont foisonné depuis le 15ème siècle, légitimée scandaleusement par la fameuse doctrine de la découverte façonnée par le Vatican au 15ème siècle et qui visait à déshumaniser les indigènes des colonies pour justifier l'accaparement de leurs terres, voire leur génocide au profit des colons européens.

Évidemment, les populations indigènes résistèrent à la spoliation de leurs terres avec les moyens dont elles disposaient, souvent dérisoires, face à la puissance de feu des colons européens. Et, dans ce combat, les religions autochtones ont joué un rôle primordial dès le départ. Par exemple en 1896-1897, au Zimbabwe, au début du 20ème siècle, au cours de la rébellion des Maji-Maji au Tanganyika, etc., et on connaît le rôle des confréries religieuses en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Nord tout comme le rôle de l'Islam dans la lutte anti-coloniale en Indonésie et ailleurs.

Dans beaucoup de sociétés, la distanciation entre le profane et le sacré n'existe pas. On comprend mieux alors la montée du Hamas bien que l'organisation ait été voulue et encouragée par les autorités israéliennes pour affaiblir le Fatah et saboter le processus d'Oslo qui devait mener à une paix durable à travers la création d'un État palestinien à côté d'un État israélien.

Ce processus de paix a été rendu encore plus difficile par les implantations illégales de colonies juives sur les terres palestiniennes occupées. Aujourd'hui, ces colons représentent plus d'un million et pèsent de tout leur poids sur le processus électoral en Israël. Mais le *sine qua non* à la création d'un État palestinien viable est le démantèlement de ces colonies illégales aux yeux du droit international.

\* Quelle autre option pourrait être envisagée dans ces circonstances aussi problématiques?

L'autre option serait d'englober à la fois Israéliens et Palestiniens dans un seul État démocratique où tous jouiront des mêmes droits. Or, Israël pratique ouvertement un



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régime d'apartheid vis-à-vis des Arabes palestiniens, qui sont relégués au rang de citoyens de deuxième catégorie. Il ne faut pas oublier que la forte démographie de la population palestinienne la rendrait majoritaire dans quelques décennies. En ce moment, les Palestiniens sont parqués dans des territoires qui ressemblent étrangement aux bantoustans de l'époque de l'Afrique du Sud de l'apartheid.

Évidemment cette situation est celle d'une guerre latente permanente et des faucons israéliens voudraient y mettre un terme à travers un programme d'épuration ethnique à grande échelle, et ce, par l'instigation d'une crise humanitaire sans précédent d'abord à Gaza, ce qui pousserait les Gazaouis à s'enfuir vers le Sinai en Égypte et forcerait les États arabes à s'occuper des réfugiés.

WikiLeaks vient de publier des documents attestant d'un tel plan. Mais, aujourd'hui, malgré le soutien inconditionnel des États-Unis et de ses alliés, la mise en œuvre d'un tel scénario comporte d'énormes risques d'élargissement du conflit avec des effets dévastateurs non seulement au niveau régional mais aussi au niveau mondial.

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## Guerre Hamas-Israël...

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\* Selon 'La Croix', la cause palestinienne bénéficie d'une aura indéniable parmi les populations musulmanes à travers le monde, et notamment auprès

des jeunes. 'Ce soutien repose sur l'identification avec un peuple victime d'injustice, mais aussi sur une solidarité religieuse.' La cause des Palestiniens n'aurait-elle pas été mieux servie toutefois par la désobéissance civile que par la violence, qui ne peut que déshonorer cette cause?

Qu'elle bénéficie d'un soutien massif chez les Arabes et les Musulmans, cela n'a rien d'étonnant. Les populations ont tendance à se rallier derrière la cause de leurs coreligionnaires ou celles des peuples qui leur sont proches culturellement ou ethniquement.

Ainsi, quand l'Italie avait envahi l'Éthiopie en 1935, il y eut une énorme vague de soutien dans l'espace panafricain à cette nation africaine. Des milliers d'Africains, d'Afro-Caribéens et d'Afro-Américains se déclarèrent volontaires pour aller se battre aux côtés de leur frères éthiopiens. Dans un de leurs ouvrages, les frères Leblond font même mention d'un certain écho à l'île Maurice.

Cependant le soutien à la cause palestinienne dépasse largement le cadre du monde arabo-musulman. La cause palestinienne a toujours été soutenue par les leaders et les personnalités africaines et pan africaines de Malcolm X à Julius Malema de l'Afrique du Sud (qui promet d'armer le Hamas s'il remporte les prochaines élections présidentielles en Afrique du Sud) en passant par Muhammad Ali, Thomas Sankara et Nelson Mandela.

De même, en Europe, le soutien à la fois de la population et du gouvernement irlandais à la Palestine est massif et indéfectible. En Amérique latine, la cause palestinienne rencontre un soutien massif. Et le Chili, la Bolivie et la Colombie ont rappelé leur ambassadeur en Israël dans le sillage du génocide qui se déroule sous nos yeux. Ce sont des peuples ayant subi les affres du colonialisme. La question est avant tout coloniale et il ne faudrait surtout pas l'enfermer dans un carcan religieux.

Quant à la non-violence, les Palestiniens de Gaza l'ont tenté en 2018 à travers la marche paci-

fique du retour. Mais ils ont rencontré des soldats israéliens qui tiraient à bout portant avec des balles réelles.

\* Cette guerre sera "longue et difficile", a prévenu le Premier ministre israélien Benjamin Netanyahu, et il doit être difficile à ce stade de se faire une idée de ce que seront les conséquences sur la région, sur l'équilibre géopolitique au-delà du Moyen-Orient et éventuellement sur l'économie mondiale. Votre opinion?

Tout d'abord, il est à noter que bien avant le 7 octobre, certains développements majeurs s'opéraient dans cette région du monde - par exemple le retour de la Syrie au sein de monde arabe, l'entrée de la Chine dans la région à travers une intense activité diplomatique menant, à la surprise générale, à la réconciliation entre l'Arabie saoudite et l'Iran, tous deux prochains membres des Brics. Ajoutons à cela, la prochaine entrée de l'Iran au sein des puissances nucléaires - ce qui amènera à coup sûr l'Arabie saoudite à développer son programme nucléaire. Mais elle aura à rassurer ses voisins - ce qui explique sans doute l'accélération du processus de normalisation avec Israël.

Cela étant dit, les derniers événements ont tout bouleversé. Si le conflit s'élargit, il y aura des conséquences incalculables sur la région. Si le massacre des civils à Gaza se poursuit, la pression de la rue arabe va s'amplifier et contraindre les dirigeants à durcir le ton au risque d'être balayés. L'instabilité politique dans une région - qui fournit encore un pourcentage très élevé de l'énergie qui fait tourner le monde - aura évidemment des répercussions énormes sur l'économie mondiale. Et si l'Iran ferme le détroit d'Ormuz, le commerce international sera affecté d'une manière dramatique. La situation est effectivement très grave.

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## Troubles à La Citadelle:

### "Opposition et gouvernement ont tout intérêt à préserver l'harmonie sociale"

\* Une des conséquences de cette guerre vécue ici-même, ce sont les troubles, le soir du 21 octobre dernier à La Citadelle, lors du 'Konser Gran Solider'. Ces troubles sont survenus à une année ou plus des prochaines élections, cela durant une période où les gouvernements en place ont souvent à faire face à des pressions venant de divers secteurs et intérêts, tant internes qu'externes. L'actuel gouvernement et les forces vives sauront-ils gérer cela et préserver l'harmonie sociale dans le pays?



Les réactions de part et d'autre révèlent que le consensus négatif, c'est-à-dire vous êtes différent d'un point de vue de communauté, de religion, de culture, de style de vie, etc., et on ne s'en mêle pas mais vous avez le droit d'exister, fonctionne. Les Mauriciens savent qu'ils sont tous dans un même bateau et 'no one will deliberately try to rock the boat'. Bien sûr, il faudrait arriver à créer les conditions pour dépasser ce consensus négatif et aller vers un dialogue interculturel fructueux. Comme je l'ai dit ailleurs, 'l'interculturalité ne se décrète pas. Il faut créer les conditions pour que le dialogue interculturel se fasse. 'Entretemps, je crois qu'à la fois opposition et gouvernement ont tout intérêt à préserver l'harmonie sociale.

Nul ne peut prévoir les conséquences politiques, économiques et sociales d'un conflit interethnique. Les apprentis sorciers sont souvent dévorés par le monstre qu'ils invoquent... Il est vrai qu'une campagne électorale est marquée par de la surenchère en ce qu'il s'agit de l'éthnic politics - que ce soit venant des partis qui tentent de séduire des 'vote banks' ou du candidat qui travaille en solo, quelque fois contre son colistier - pour gratter des votes dans des groupes ou sous-groupes spécifiques. Mais les Mauriciens, qui d'ailleurs n'ont plus de confiance aveugle dans la classe politique, savent par expérience que tout ceci 'is just a political game.'

Cependant, il est important d'être très vigilants. C'est un fait que les problèmes au Moyen-Orient ont tendance à susciter des tensions dans certains pays, notamment en Europe, par exemple, en France, où une communauté importante de juifs côtoie des arabo musulmans et déjà certains ne voient pas d'un bon œil l'imposition d'un 'style de vie' à la française contraire à une partie de leur racine culturelle d'origine et cela dans un contexte démonté d'une extrême-droite raciste et xénophobe.

Tout cela impacte définitivement sur le discours des médias mais faisons attention de ne pas laisser ces discours imprégner notre 'worldview' et affecter notre façon de voir notre voisin qui n'a rien à voir avec ce qui se passe ailleurs. De même, il faut faire attention à ce que la montée de discours haineux et suprématistes dans certains pays de peuplement n'atteignent pas, par mimétisme, notre république insulaire mettant à mal notre vivre ensemble.



## Abolition de l'esclavage et l'engagisme: "Il y a aussi une identité commune à construire"

\* On a célébré le 189e anniversaire de l'arrivée des immigrants indiens, cette semaine. Quelles réflexions cet anniversaire vous inspire-t-il?

Il y a un constat à faire par rapport à la perception populaire du 2 novembre ainsi que du 1er

février. Malgré tous les efforts très louables des autorités et des institutions concernées, ces deux commémorations ne sont toujours pas perçues dans leur dimension nationale.

En tant qu'historien, j'avais été associé indirectement à la première commémoration à la fois du 1er février et du 2 novembre en tant que jour férié. Je dois avouer que, déjà à l'époque, j'avais des appréhensions quant aux conséquences de dédier deux jours fériés séparés à l'esclavage et l'engagisme.

D'ailleurs, le MMM avait toujours lutté pour une commémoration commune de la fin de l'esclavage et de l'engagisme. C'est ce qui était inscrit au programme électoral de l'alliance MSM-MMM de 2000. On parlait alors de trouver un moyen original de le faire et c'est ainsi que j'avais pro-

posé publiquement dans *5-Plus Dimanche* de commémorer la fin de l'esclavage et de l'engagisme alternativement le 1er février et le 2 novembre pour qu'au moins l'idée d'une 'commonality of experience' soit ancrée dans la population.

En fait le timbre-poste émis pour le 1er février 2001 fait état de la commémoration de l'abolition de l'esclavage et de l'engagisme. J'étais alors membre du "Stamps Advisory Committee"... Il est vrai qu'on sortait à peine de février 99 et des groupes de pression ne voulaient pas qu'on leur 'vole' le 1er février, si important selon eux pour l'identité créole. Cependant il y a aussi une identité commune à construire. Mais tout cela, c'est de l'Histoire.

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# Whose job will AI replace? Here's why a clerk in Ethiopia has more to fear than one in California



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*It's likely developing countries will be hit the hardest as AI become more common and more affordable*

**A**rtificial intelligence is changing the world – and one of the main areas it will affect in the short-to-medium term is the workforce.

AI algorithms imitate real-world systems. The more repetitive a system is, the easier it is for AI to replace it. That's why jobs in customer service, retail and clerical roles are regularly named as being the most at risk.

That doesn't mean other jobs won't be affected. The latest advances in AI have shown all kinds of creative work and white-collar professions stand to be impacted to various degrees.

However, there's one important point that's usually not addressed in discussions about AI's impact on jobs. That is: where you work may be as important as what you do.

Current trends and projections suggest people in developing countries, where a higher proportion of jobs involve repetitive or manual tasks, will be the first and most affected.

## Privileged by geography

According to the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs report, emerging technologies and digitalisation are among the biggest driving factors for job displacement. The report states:

The majority of fastest declining roles are clerical or secretarial roles, with bank tellers and related clerks, postal service clerks, cashiers and ticket clerks, and data entry clerks expected to decline fastest.

Let's take an office clerk as an example, whose responsibilities include answering phones, taking messages and scheduling appointments. We now have access to AI tools that can perform all these tasks.

They can also work non-stop, for free (or a fraction of the price), without being affected by personal problems, and without having to mentally strain to optimise their workflow. Of course, they're going to be attractive to employers!

At first glance, you might assume an office clerk living in a developed country is more likely to lose their job than their counterpart in a developing country, since the former seems more likely to implement new AI tools.

In reality, however, it's expected more people in developing countries will lose their jobs. The success of each nation will depend on how well it can adapt to the displacement of its workforce.

In 2009, the United Nations International Telecommunication Union created the information and communication technologies (ICT) development index to benchmark and compare ICT performance within and across



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countries.

This index measures, among other things:

the level and evolution over time of information and communication technologies in different countries how each country's experience compares to others'

the extent to which a country can develop and use these technologies to boost its own growth and development in the context of the capabilities and skills available.

In other words, a country's score on this index can be correlated with how well it adapts to emerging technologies such as AI.

Unsurprisingly, developed countries rank higher than the rest of the world. In 2012, the top five ranking countries were the Republic of Korea, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark and Finland. The bottom five were Eritrea, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Central African Republic and Niger.

## Wealth and opportunity makes a difference

The World Bank has divided the world by income and region, showing developing countries are among the lowest earners.

Generally speaking, employing people is much easier in developing countries, due to lower wages, tighter competition and less regulation to support employees.

The World Bank estimates about 84% of the world's working-age population lives in developing countries. Similarly, a 2008 report from the International Labour Organisation estimated 73% of all the world's workers lived in developing countries, while only 14% lived in advanced industrial countries.

That means whatever clerical jobs aren't taken by AI in developing countries will become more competitive than most people can handle. As World Bank senior economist Indhira Santos wrote in 2016, in reference to the digital

revolution:

[...] the jobs where workers are likely to lose out are disproportionately held by the least educated and the bottom 40 percent of the income distribution. As a result, the biggest risk from the digital revolution is not massive unemployment, but widening income inequality.

These factors will result in an employer-ruled ecosystem in developing countries. These countries have both a higher occurrence of jobs that can be replaced or displaced (such as call centre jobs), and less of the money and skills needed to implement AI tools effectively.

The cost and affordability of AI programs and algorithms will also speed up this process in certain regions.

Critical thinking remains important

Experts note AI will create many employment opportunities, including jobs that don't yet

exist. It's just that not all countries will be well-equipped to make the transition when the time comes.

The Future of Jobs report says "analytical thinking and creative thinking remain the most important skills for workers". So if you're worried about keeping your job in the future, it's worth acquiring more of these skills.

Beyond that, you might stop and consider how the place you live could play a role in whether you'll have work in the future – and if you happen to live in a wealthy, developed country, consider yourself lucky.

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## Port Louis Diary

## John Hatch's Speech, Nationalisation of the London *Times* and the Parti Mauricien

### Kritic

The Labour Party's meeting in honour of John Hatch was indeed a great success. The audience was impressive and Rault, Ramgoolam, Forget, Ringadoo and Mohamed made excellent, appropriate speeches. John Hatch was simply marvellous. I have no doubt that he has left a happy but lasting impression. His speech which inevitably had to be interrupted for translation can be divided into three distinct parts, (a) the place of the Mauritius Labour Party in the context of worldwide Labour movement, (b) definition of the Socialist ideal, and (c) the necessity and importance of co-operation between the various communities constituting our plural society.

I liked the last part of his speech most. His very words, spoken with conviction and complete mastery of his thesis, still seem to ring in my mind: "Every failure that is made," he said, "every weakness that is shown in your society, every one of you that falls down or betrays your country is giving ammunition to the racialsists of South Africa and like-minded people and betraying your oppressed colleagues in these countries. On the other hand, every success you have, every time you strengthen your society and give proof you are willing to work together, no matter what your race is, every time you, Chinese, Indians, Mauritians, Europeans work together as a team, you are proving the racialsists wrong and are giving aid and support and courage to those of your colleagues who are languishing in prison and who are being oppressed in these countries."

After the meeting, when we were coming out of the Kiosk at Plaine Verte, a large number of young boys came to him, shaking his hand and wishing him *bon voyage*. When we were in the car Harold Walter told him that he had overheard the boys expressing their satisfaction and pride at having touched his hand. He then told us that once when he was in the West Indies, after a very successful meeting, some people enthusiastically told him, "Sir, if you come back after ten years or so, you will find a lot of young boys bearing the name of John Hatch." To which he jocularly replied, "Well, you

better put this in writing in order not to cause any suspicion to my wife!"

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A lot of queer things are said and done in any parliament in any part of the world including the British House of Commons. Recently, a Labour MP, Mr Emrys Hughes (a Welsh Labour Party politician, journalist and author, and Labour MP for South Ayrshire in Scotland from 1946 to 1969) tabled a motion seeking the nationalisation of *The Times*. Preposterous! you would have exclaimed, but Mr Hughes was in fact not at all serious about it and the whole thing boiled down to what was called a "parliamentary joke". But when I read about the nationalisation of the London *Times*, I could not help speculating about the way Mr Andre Masson, with his characteristic seriousness about anything, would have reacted to such a thing happening in Mauritius.

At any rate, Mr Andre Masson will be soon taking the plane for London, and I would suggest that he makes it a point to meet Mr Emrys Hughes and give him a good thrashing. Mr Hughes must be told that so long as Mr André Masson lives no *mainmise sur la liberté de la presse* will be tolerated either in Port Louis or in London. Mr Hughes may then retort that Professors of Socialism in England do not act as advisers to the British Conservative Party.

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I am really appalled at the scant attention which the local press has paid to the exhibition, 'British Parliamentary Government' arranged by the British Council in collaboration with the Hansard Society. The exhibition was opened by Sir Robert Stanley, Speaker of the Legislative Council who made an appropriate introductory exposé to the exhibition. He did not fail to pay tribute to the unstinted zeal of Mr Seccombo, the British Council Representative, who is doing his best to promote the cause of British culture in Mauritius.

I think that everybody interested in parliamentary government ought to have visited the exhibition — it was so informative; the pictures and explanatory notes, succinctly summarised the history and development of British parliamentary practice.

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The Parti Mauricien is in a mess. Its

protest meetings against the Constitution have singularly failed — at Quatre Bornes the other day Mr Koenig had an audience of less than a hundred. *Le Reveil* of brother Gaëtan, which was distributed free during the electoral campaign, has disappeared together with its haughty looking cock. I now hear that the regional offices of the Parti will be closed down. Why this debacle? Has the subsidy been cut off? And if there is no subsidy, how will brother Gaëtan and the rest go to London? Look, Mr Koenig, don't you think it is time a stop was put to this farce?

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I had great pleasure and fun to watch the debates on the Appropriation Bill (1959-60) which seeks to consecrate the Budget. I can well understand the feelings and apprehensions of Labour backbenchers who had to voice the dissatisfaction of their constituents at the doings of a Labour Government. They were in a difficult situation indeed. However, it must be conceded that they have been very tactful: they ventilated the grievances of their constituents without running down their Party.

But I did not like Dr Dupre's innuendo on Guy Forget who hit back in as hard a manner as Dr Dupré deserved. It does no good to anyone to hear the inelegant references Dr Dupré made to Forget nor is it good for the public to know that Dupre *ne sera jamais atteint d'un rhume de cerveau — cause ? — manque de matière*.

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So, Romriki Ramsamy has been unseated. It was clear right from the start that in law there was no chance of his winning the case. We have therefore to look forward to two by-elections. Will they held on the same date? Will they be held during the Council's recess? This seems to be the appropriate time and the whole game of electioneering will start again.

Brother Gaëtan must be getting ready to fight the by-election. But see to it brother, that the office of the Parti Mauricien in that particular constituency is not closed. If there is none for the moment, one should be opened immediately. And *Le Reveil*? Will the cock come back on the journalistic stage? Strange things are likely to happen in this strange world.

## Breakfast with Bwana

## Democracy Pressured: Notes from Inside the Asylum

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### Humanitarian bombing?

Meanwhile, President Biden who went all in on endorsing Israel's right to defend itself, now sees waning support among American Muslims and calls for a pause in the bombing of Gaza, a humanitarian pause, if you will. Then, will it be okay to resume humanitarian bombing? Dissonance requires an answer from yet another President.

Clearly, Netanyahu has decided that his own survival requires this ongoing carnage. The threat to Israel is existential in his view. Gazans are expendable. Nor will Egypt or Jordan accept Gazan refugees. "There will be no refugees in Jordan and no refugees in Egypt," said Jordanian King Abdullah II this week, declaring it a "red line" that would not be crossed. Note that Abdullah spoke for both Jordan and Egypt. The latter country's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry also said on Tuesday that Egypt would not host any more Palestinian refugees, citing the economic "burden" and not wanting to solely bear the "responsibility" of taking them in.

The coordinated stance of Jordan and Egypt is not viewed as Islamophobia, but rather an economic response to a brewing refugee crisis. On the other hand, President Biden announces that the White House is working on a plan to defuse Islamophobia in America. And, of course, Biden does not call on Egypt and Jordan to allow Gazans into their countries. The fear is that once expelled, they too will have no right of return.

Defusing antisemitism is another thing. The Presidents of Harvard, Columbia and Stanford failed to denounce and condemn the Hamas terror attacks. Now, responding to pressure, Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania announce plans to combat antisemitism.

In this topsy turvy world, Mitch McConnell speaks to the urgent necessity of American support for Ukraine as essential to America's national security. His fellow Republicans, especially the MAGA Maggot cohort don't see it that way. Nota bene: McConnell's wife is of Taiwanese origin and someday, an American President may ask Congress to authorize funding for Taiwan's defense.

Is the threat to Israel an existential threat? MEMRI, the Middle East Media Research Institute reports that Ghazi Hamad, a Hamas official in its political bureau stated: "We will repeat the October 7 attack, time and time again until Israel is annihilated. We are victims. Everything we do is justified."

Meanwhile, Bahrain a signatory to the Abraham Accords, recalled its ambassador to Tel Aviv as the Israeli ambassador returned to Israel. Bahrain's parliament stated its decision to recall its envoy and suspend economic relations with Israel is based on the kingdom's "solid and historical stance that supports the Palestinian cause and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

In the battle to end the insanity that inflicts this world, the latest iteration of the Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah calls for an Islamic response, the Speaker of the House calls for a Biblical response, the leaders of Israel and Hamas call for mutual destruction.

Mencken summed it well: "Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage."

Cheerz...  
Bwana

# Žižek: his key ideas explained

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Political systems cannot flourish unless they can garner the peaceful support of the majority of their citizens. So, faced with problems like war, economic failures, or terrorism, argues Žižek, ideologies externalise these problems' causes: it's not us, it's them, or forces beyond our control, so we cannot be blamed – if only these external or disloyal sources of disorder can be removed, all will be well.

## The political unconscious

Žižek draws on insights from French psychoanalyst, Jacques Lacan, to explore the paradoxical sides of ideologies. He couples this with recourse to ideas from German idealist philosophers led by Immanuel Kant, G.W.F. Hegel, and Friedrich Schelling.

Lacan argued that a good deal of human behaviour is motivated by irrational drives and wishes we do not consciously grasp. This is why one of Žižek's early books bears the portentous Biblical title, For They Know Not What They Do.

In order to understand these "unconscious" motives, Lacan drew on the linguistics and anthropology of his time, producing writings of almost legendary difficulty. One reason for Žižek's success is his great ability to help Lacan make sense to us today by using examples from pop culture, jokes, and politics.

For instance, Žižek illustrates the Lacanian idea of the unsymbolisable Real, by comparing it to the monsters of the Alien movies.

Žižek's basic Lacanian claim, in terms of his "critique of ideology", is that people do not always identify with political causes on rational bases. They form passionate, sometimes unconditional identifications with causes and leaders based on their earliest attachments to parental figures. They are thus identifying with what Žižek calls the "sublime objects" of ideologies: whether it is a "charismatic" leader, or an elevating idea like "the revolution" or "human freedom".

This identification does not turn upon any individual necessarily knowing what the cause means, truly, or what their "beloved leader" actually stands for. It is enough for us each to see that others around us identify with the ideological cause, and assign especial significance to it. We then "believe through the Other", as Žižek characteristically says.

Parishioners in medieval churches, he writes, would mostly have not understood the mass, which was carried out in Latin. But it did not matter. The ritual still acted as a salve. People "believed through their priests", who they supposed knew the meaning of the words being recited.

In exchange for our identification with ideologies, Žižek claims, we gain a sense of "ideological enjoyment": that we are "all in this together", sharing everything from public events and festivals to the micro-customs organising everyday life, including shared cultural senses of humour.

On the flipside, Žižek's analyses suggest that what subjects of ideologies most despise in "out-groups" (ie outsiders), is that they seem not to enjoy the same things, in the same way, that "we" do. They smell, speak, eat, worship, even play differently. It is therefore a very common ideological device to position these others as trying to steal our enjoyment from us: taking away our jobs, our taxpayer's dollars, our "way of life" ...

## Whither Žižek?

Žižek's early work suggested that the goal of his Lacanian rethinking of ideology was to enable societies to free themselves from "ideological fantasies" – like recurrent ideas of a utopian "end of history", or of a "purified", fascistic community of the People. The result would be a form of enlightened political democracy.

Since around the turn of the millennium, Žižek has, how-



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ever, vacillated as to whether any political regime can endure without resting on such irrational political myths. From this time, often seeming to utilise parodic humour, Žižek has positioned himself as a "defender of lost causes", to echo the title of arguably his most controversial book.

These causes sometimes seemingly include even the Jacobin Terror of the French revolution or Stalinism. He has claimed, too, that Martin Heidegger's embrace of Nazism

was a "right step in the wrong direction".

Meanwhile, critics like political theorist Ernesto Laclau have questioned the credentials of Žižek's professed "Marxism". Some wonder if his patented radical poses are under-girded by any progressive vision of the political good.

Others point out that his own political record in Slovenia in the late 1980s, in which he supported "more privatizations" ("if it works, why not try a dose of it?"), does not sit easily with his Marxist stances in the West since the mid-1990s.

Žižek was recently described by philosopher Gabriel Rockhill as a kind of unlikely "court jester" in today's hyper market-driven societies: a radical anti-capitalist who is a commercial success, and whose scattered writings are uncannily suited for readers in a rapid-pace world.

Žižek's evident delight in reversing expectations, and making almost unbelievably provocative propositions, at times makes it difficult to ascertain just how seriously we are meant to take him. Žižek has defended himself against such criticisms by saying he wishes to challenge the "post-political" idea that social change is no longer possible, after the fall of the iron curtain.

Beyond the brilliant exegeses and application of some formidably difficult theory, it is perhaps as an intellectual provocateur that Žižek is most generously to be read.

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# Can money buy you happiness?

*Even though it seems that consumption is not synonymous with happiness it is not quite as straightforward as that*

**C**onsumer society is growing fast around the globe. In 2011 it was estimated that 1.7 billion people were living in what is considered to be the “consumer class” – and nearly half of them are in the developing world. Consumption of goods and services has grown at a staggering rate over the past few decades and prompts us to ask: does it make us happy? The answer’s not as simple as you might think.

As a starting point, it is useful to look at reported life satisfaction across the globe. In richer nations, people usually buy more products and services. Hence if consumption genuinely made people happier, one would expect people to be happier in wealthy countries.

It is true that people in rich nations report greater levels of life satisfaction (one measure of determining happiness) than those in poor ones. However, the picture looks a little different when comparing moderately and very wealthy countries as there is no difference between the two. This indicates that money and increased material wealth does not necessarily equal higher levels of happiness.

## Being materialistic

In the past few decades, people in richer industrialised societies have become increasingly materialistic. There are two key reasons for this – first, because we learn by observing others, it has become acceptable. And second, because people use products as a means to fill a psychological void in their life. The latter is, at least partially, affected by marketing messages consistently telling us that consumption is the path to happiness.

So when people feel they are lacking something in their lives they try to replace it with material possessions. But this often fails, as people usually misjudge what will make them happy. So what often happens is that people get a temporary boost from a particular purchase, but the pleasure tends to fade with time as they adapt to having it, leaving them unsatisfied.

They then search for another product that can provide an even stronger pleasurable feeling – but, as before, it will again fade away.

This continues as if we are on a forever spinning wheel of consumption. With every search for a new pleasing purchase, expectations subconsciously rise – and the result is that we often feel a need to increase the number of purchases made or to spend more money.

## Feelings of insecurity

How consumers feel about themselves also dictate consumption patterns. Highly materialistic individuals tend to value possessions that are expensive, seen as high status and are easily spotted and recognised by other people. This is because materialism is related to a lack of self-esteem. Hence, feelings of insecurity lead to a concern about what others think about them – which in turn leads to attempts to gain approval from others by owning desirable products.



This lack of confidence often originates from what kind of toys we played with in childhood. Many girls, for example, are exposed to unrealistic views of what women should look like when they are given toys like Barbie dolls. This unrealistic view is then internalised and can be carried over into adulthood. A recent report suggests that approximately 40% of girls and young women lack confidence in how they look. To alleviate the disappointment with their appearance, they are likely to embark on a quest to purchase products they believe will make them more attractive.

The media also plays a big role in stripping people of self-esteem. Women’s magazines are designed

to encourage them to consume expensive clothes, make-up and lifestyle objects to mitigate the insecurities they feel by comparing themselves and their lives to the models and celebrities inside.

Men can be affected by the media in similar ways – an increasing number of men are influenced by magazines to consume clothes and beauty items. When such insecurities are established, the appeal of consumption tends to increase – people are sold the message that they can buy “the very thing” that will help alleviate their insecure feelings.

## Not all doom and gloom

Even though it seems that consumption is not synonymous with happiness it is not quite as straightforward as that. One key component for good mental health is to have a solid social support network. A constant pursuit of material possessions makes people disregard aspects of life that can contribute to general well-being, such as a healthy friendship network.

It may therefore seem like a paradox that purchasing experiences can be the way to generate better social connections. Purchases made with the intention of having an experience, such as a ski holiday or possibly something more unusual – such as “being” a celebrity for the day – can boost a person’s sense of happiness. This is often not because of the gratification caused by the thing itself but because it provides people with an opportunity to discuss their experiences with others. The joy of such an experience is that its benefits are subjective and thus not easy to compare – unlike a new mobile phone – which may not be as fancy as someone else’s. Consequently, you are not as likely to feel negative by having a “worse” experience than someone else.

Perhaps the question that needs asking is not if consumption leads to happiness, but whether what we consume leads to happiness. As we are approaching the time of year when consuming often reaches an all-time high (Christmas), it is worth reflecting on whether the purchases you make are going to genuinely fulfil your desires. Ask yourself if you should be buying more products, or whether it may be the time to buy theatre tickets for your friends to foster stronger social relationships.

## Taxpayer Satisfaction Survey 2023 MRA administers the tax system effectively, according to 93% of taxpayers



**T**he findings of the seventh edition of the Taxpayer Satisfaction Survey (TSS) 2023, released this week, indicates that “93% of surveyed taxpayers are of the opinion that the MRA administers the tax system fairly, and 98% say it has become easier to comply with their tax obligations.” Moreover, 82% of taxpayers assert that it is easy to report fraud and other illegal activities to the MRA.

The salient results of the survey, which saw some 35,919 taxpayers responding to it - an increase of more than 80% compared to last year’s - were announced by MRA’s Director-General Mr Sudhamo Lal, during a draw conducted in the presence of MRA Board Members, namely, Messrs Dinay Reetoo and Kritananda Naghee Reddy, members of the management team, and under the supervision of the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

The first prize, i.e. a cash prize of Rs 25,000 went to Shah Muhammad Jaleel Kurreembukus; Jayecoomar Dooky won the second prize of R. 15,000, and Dhinesh Cahoolessur got the third prize of Rs. 10,000.

Mr Lal stated that the outcome of the surveys conducted to date has allowed the MRA to improve the quality of the services it offers to taxpayers year-in year-out. On the other hand, as regards drug detection and border protection, he pointed out that “82% of respondents affirm that the measures implemented by Customs to combat drug trafficking are effective.” The survey also revealed that taxpayers’ trust in the MRA has improved (94%) in the last year and 90% of respondents are satisfied that the tax authority is proving effective in the detection of tax evasion.

The MRA received more than 32,000 valuable comments and suggestions from taxpayers during this exercise. “These suggestions will be scrutinized, and viable suggestions will be given due consideration as part of our endeavour to serve our stakeholders better and enhance our internal efficiency,” reassured Mr Lal.

In his closing remarks, Mr Lal said the MRA received 276,936 returns for the 2023/24 Income Tax Filing Season, which represents an increase of 17.1% over the 236,438 returns that were received last year. Some 72,758 taxpayers paid additional tax together with their income tax return i.e. over and above Pay As You Earn (PAYE)/Current Payment System (CPS) paid during the year for an amount of Rs 2.8 billion – the amount is almost the same as last year. MRA received 87,123 refunds claims from taxpayers, which is 12% more than last year. As at date, 86,069 taxpayers (99%) have already been refunded.

On his part, Mr Amick Teeluckdharry, Assistant Director, Taxpayer Education and Communication Department) said that “in our service chain, some touch points are crucial in shaping the overall taxpayer experience. Understanding and managing these touch points is essential to ensuring customer satisfaction.”

## After heart attack: Late dinner and no breakfast a killer combination

People who skip breakfast and eat dinner near bedtime have worse outcomes after a heart attack. That's the finding of research published in the *European Journal of Preventive Cardiology*, a journal of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC).

The study found that people with the two eating habits had a four to five times higher likelihood of death, another heart attack, chest pain within 30 days after hospital discharge for heart attack.

This was the first study to evaluate these unhealthy behaviours in patients with acute coronary syndromes. Skipping breakfast was observed in 58%, late-night dinner eating in 51%, and both behaviours in 41%.

The study enrolled patients with a particularly serious form of heart attack called ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). "One in ten patients with STEMI dies within a year, and nutrition is a relatively inexpensive



and easy way to improve prognosis," said study author Dr Marcos Minicucci, of São Paulo State University, Brazil.

He recommended a minimum two hour interval between dinner and bedtime. "It is said that the best way to live is to breakfast like a king," he added. "A good breakfast is usually composed of dairy products (fat-free or low fat milk, yogurt and cheese), a carbohydrate (whole wheat bread, bagels, cereals), and whole fruits. It

should have 15 to 35% of our total daily calorie intake."

The study included 113 patients with a mean age of 60, and 73% were men. Patients were asked about eating behaviours on admission to a coronary intensive care unit. Skipping breakfast was defined as nothing before lunch, excluding beverages, such as coffee and water, at least three times per week. Late-night dinner eating was defined as a meal within two hours before bedtime at least three times per week.

Dr Minicucci noted that late-night dinner eating was defined by the two-hour interval between dinner and bedtime, rather than eating late at night. But nearly all participants with this habit were late-eaters.

Previous studies have found that people who miss breakfast and have a late dinner are more likely to have other unhealthy habits such as smoking and low levels of physical activity. "Our research shows that the two eating behaviours are independently linked with poorer outcomes after a heart attack, but having a cluster of bad habits will only make things worse," said Dr Minicucci. "People who work late may be particularly susceptible to having a late supper and then not being hungry in the morning."



## Why is astronomy a science but astrology is not?

*Astrology and astronomy were once practiced side by side by scientists like Galileo and Kepler. And they're more similar than you might think.*

Are you sure astrology isn't a science?

Both astrology and astronomy are in the business of making predictions. The theories of astrology claim that the positions of the planets and the stars influence who you are and what happens to you: your job, your personality and your romantic partner. Astrologers make these predictions based on the positions of the planets at the time of your birth.

Astronomy, in contrast, makes predictions about such phenomena as the movements of planets and the expansion of galaxies. Astronomers explain their predictions with such properties as masses, distances and gravitational forces.

As a philosopher and an anthropologist who study what science means to society, we think it is important to separate the question of whether something is a science from the question of whether it is true or false.

### Astrology makes scientific claims

Science, in essence, involves making and testing factual claims about the world. Factual claims are true or false descriptions of the world (Joe is 1 meter tall) as opposed to descriptions of how we define things (1 meter is 1,000 millimeters). In this sense, astrologers, like astronomers, make factual claims about the world. To us, that makes astrology sound a lot like a set of scientific beliefs.

For a very long time, until the 17th or 18th century, astronomy and astrology were practiced side by side. After all, knowing where the planets were relative to the stars was necessary to make accurate predictions about how their locations influenced human affairs. That's why astronomers and astrologers populated medical schools and governments,

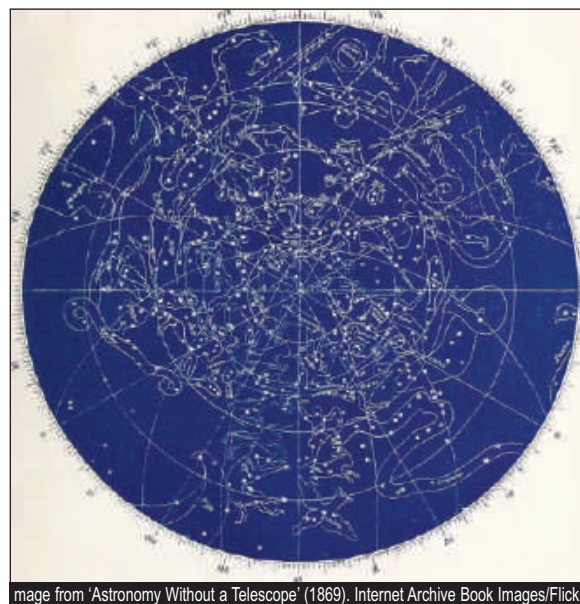


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advising people on what the heavens signaled was to come on Earth.

Even famed astronomers Galileo and Kepler practiced astrology. Any rule that says they are scientists only if they make one set of factual claims but not when they make another set of factual claims divides these thinkers into two halves that aren't meant to be contradictory. In both cases, they wanted to know how things worked so they could predict how things would go in the future.

### Being false vs. being unscientific

But here's the rub: When researchers test the predictions astrology makes about people's lives, those predictions turn out to be no better than guesswork.

There is currently no broadly accepted evidence that galactic forces are capable of influencing the choices people make. The truck parked on the street exerts more gravitational pull on you than Mars does, and the radio waves from your local

station far overpower those from Jupiter, for instance.

There is an important difference between being false and being unscientific. Currently, astrological theories are false precisely because they make scientific claims about the world, and those claims turn out to be wrong. Although the predictions astrology makes are false, they are nonetheless a matter of science. That's how we know they are wrong, after all.

Some people believe they find support for astrological predictions in their own personal experience. They read their horoscope and it seems just right: They did "meet someone

interesting" or "benefit from listening to a close friend's advice." But the predictions are vague enough that they would often be true even if astrology were utterly bogus. That's why it can be difficult to figure out how to assess an astrologer's predictions with precision.

Theories of astronomy, on the other hand, have evolved over the years with advances in technology. They are routinely corrected in response to increasingly precise measurements. For example, Einstein's theory of general relativity got a boost over Newton's because it predicted the precise migration of Mercury's closest point to the Sun year after year. If astrology had the same ability to make correct predictions with such precision, it might still be a major focus of scientific attention.

### Why is astrology still popular?

But then why do so many people find astrology so useful if its predictions are not well founded? Why are astrological

signs and horoscopes so popular?

It seems that looking to the sky to make some sense of what's going on right now and what's going to happen in the future has appealed to a lot of different people at different times in history all over the world.

When it comes to what's commonly known as Western astrology, many people find their astrological sign to be a source of meaning in their lives. In fact, nearly 30% of Americans believe in astrology. It's one of many tools we have for telling stories about ourselves to make sense of who we are, why we are that way and why experiences that otherwise would feel meaningless and confusing seem to happen to us all the time. In this sense, astrology's success might be less about prediction and more about what it offers in terms of meaning and interpretation.

Among other things, astrology can be a useful prompt for self-reflection. It asks us whether we have traits typical of our astrological sign, and whether those we love have traits the theory suggests they ought to have. Thinking about our traits and relationships with the people around us is generally a good tool for understanding who we are, what we want to be and the meaning of our lives. Perhaps astrology is helpful in this way, independently of whether those traits are fixed by the stars.

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## The difference between different economies



**Traditional Capitalism:** You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

**Socialism:** The government takes one and gives it to your neighbour.

**Communism:** You have two cows. The State takes both and gives you some milk.

**Fascism:** You have 2 cows. The State takes both and sells you some milk.

**Nazism:** You have two cows. The government takes both and shoots you.

**Bureaucratism:** You have 2 cows. The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other and then throws the milk away.

**Venture capitalism:** You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, and then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island company secretly owned by the majority shareholder, who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more.

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Towards the end of a wedding, the bride's father approached the groom and said, "Son, I received your last-minute message asking me for your wedding gift. I found your request a bit strange, but I have to fulfill your wish regardless. Here's the packet of Four Underwear you asked for."

The groom was startled, then looked at his message again.

In a rage, he smashed his iPhone on the floor.

"Bloody Autocorrect! It was supposed to be 'Ford Endeavour!'"

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### The American Assistance

It was 1990 and Mikhail Gorbachev called POTUS Bush Sr. to request help with an emergency: "Our largest condom factory has exploded," the Russian President cried. "This is a true disaster!"

"Mr Gorbachev, the American people would be happy to do anything within their power to help you." replied the President.

"I do need help," said Gorbachev. "Could you possi-

bly send 100,000,000 condoms ASAP to tide us over?"

"Why certainly! I'll get right on it," said Bush.

"Oh, and one more small favour, please?" said Gorbachev.

"Yes?"

"Could the condoms be red in colour and at least 10 inches long and 3 inches in diameter?" said Gorbachev.

"No problem." replied the President and, with that, Bush hung up and called the President of condom company, "I need a favour, you've got to send 100,000,000 condoms right away over to Russia."

"Consider it done," said the President of condom company.

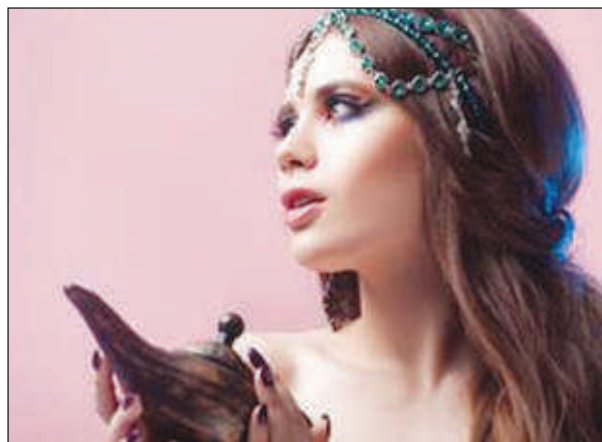
"Great! Now listen, they have to be red in colour, 10 inches long and 3 inches in diameter."

"Easily done, Mr President. Anything else?"

"Yeah," said Bush. "I want each to say 'Made in the USA, Size: Small'"

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### The Wrong Kind of Wish



A huge muscular man with a tiny head walks into a bar and orders a beer.

The bartender hands him the beer and says, "You know, I'm not gay but I want to compliment you on your physique, it is really phenomenal! I have a question though: Why is your head so small?"

The big guy nods slowly. He's obviously answered this question many times. "One day," he begins, "I was hunting when I got lost in the woods. I heard someone crying for help and finally realized that it was coming from a frog sitting next to the stream. So I picked up the frog and it said, 'Kiss me. Kiss me and I will turn into a genie and grant you 3 wishes.'

So I looked around to make sure I was alone and gave the frog a kiss. Poof! The frog turned into a beautiful, voluptuous, naked woman.

She said: 'You now have 3 wishes.'

I looked at my scrawny 60kg body and said, 'I want a body like Arnold Schwarzenegger.'

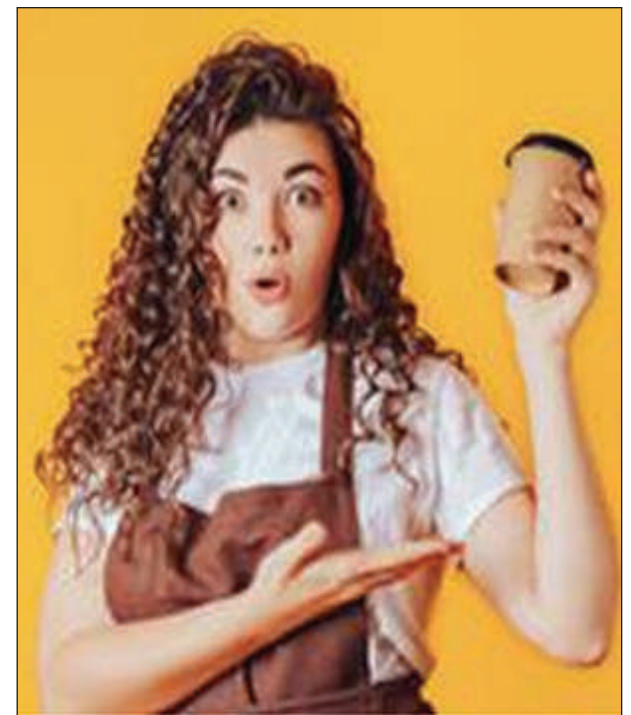
She nodded, whispered a spell, and Poof! There I was, so huge that I ripped out of my clothes and was standing there naked! She asked, 'What will be your second wish?'

I looked hungrily at her beautiful body and replied, 'I want to make sensuous love with you here by this stream.'

She nodded, laid down and beckoned me. We then made love for hours! Later, as we lay there next to each other, sweating from our glorious lovemaking, she whispered into my ear, 'You know, you do have one more wish, what will it be?'

I looked at her and replied, 'How 'bout a little head?'

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### The Trucker and His Emu

An Aussie trucker walks into an outback cafe with a full-grown emu behind him. (Emus are soft-feathered, brown, flightless birds with long necks and legs, and can reach up to 1.9 metres in height.)

The waitress asks them for their orders.

The trucker says, 'A hamburger, chips and a coke,' and turns to the emu, 'What's yours?' 'Sounds great, I'll have the same,' says the emu.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order. 'That will be \$9.40 please.' He reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change and pays.

The next day, the man and the emu come again and he says, 'A hamburger, chips and a coke.'

The emu says, 'Sounds great, I'll have the same.'

Again, the trucker reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. 'The usual?' asks the waitress.

'No, it's Friday night, so I'll have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man..

'Same for me,' says the emu.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.'

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me mate, how do you manage to always pull the exact change from your pocket every time?'

'Well, love,' says the trucker, 'a few years ago, I was cleaning out the back shed, and found an old lamp. When I cleaned it, a genie appeared and offered me two wishes.

My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want, for as long as you live!'

'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man.

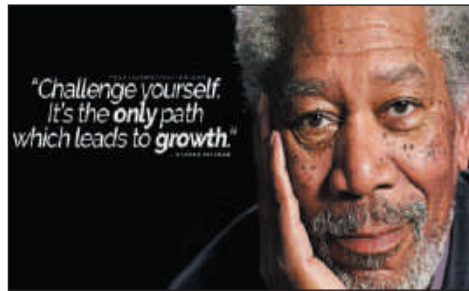
Still curious the waitress asks, 'Then what's with the emu?!?'

The trucker pauses, sighs, and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big rump and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

## Life Lessons from Morgan Freeman

# The importance of passion, perseverance, humility, and using our voices for good

These life lessons from Morgan Freeman remind us of the importance of passion, perseverance, humility, and using our voices for good. By embracing these lessons, we can lead fulfilling lives and make a positive impact in the world, just like Freeman.



the world.

**7. Never stop learning:** Despite his success, Freeman continues to seek knowledge and learn new things. He encourages us to have a curious mind and pursue lifelong learning.

**8. Find joy in the journey:** Freeman's passion for acting is evident in the joy he brings to his performances. He reminds us to find joy in the journey, to enjoy the process rather than just focusing on the end result.

**9. Stay grounded:** Freeman's down-to-earth nature serves as a reminder to stay grounded and not get carried away by fame or success. He teaches us that true happiness comes from within, not external validation.

**10. Age is just a number:** Morgan Freeman's career has flourished well into his later years, proving that age is just a number. He inspires us to continue pursuing our dreams at any stage of life and reminds us that it's never too late to achieve greatness.

**1. Embrace your passion:** Morgan Freeman has shown us that pursuing our passions is the key to a fulfilling life. He followed his love for acting and storytelling, which led him to become one of the greatest actors of our time. Embrace your passions and let them guide you.

**2. Perseverance is key:** Freeman's journey to success was not without obstacles. He faced setbacks and challenges, but he never gave up. He teaches us the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity and that determination can lead to great achievements.

**3. Stay humble:** Despite his immense talent and success, Morgan Freeman remains humble and grounded. He reminds us to stay humble and treat others with kind-

ness and respect, regardless of our accomplishments.

**4. Believe in yourself:** Freeman's confidence in his abilities is evident in his performances. He teaches us the value of self-belief and encourages us to trust in our own capabilities.

**5. Embrace diversity:** Freeman is known for his commitment to equality and diversity. He reminds us to embrace the differences that make us unique and to celebrate diversity in all its forms.

**6. Use your voice for good:** Freeman is a powerful advocate for social justice and humanitarian causes. He teaches us the importance of using our platform and voice to make a positive impact in

## The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance

### What Women Should Know



Confidence is essential for success in all areas of life. 'The Confidence Code' is a comprehensive and informative guide to understanding and developing confidence. It is a must-read for any woman who wants to achieve her goals and live a fulfilling life.

Confidence is not innate. It is a skill that can be learned and developed. Confidence is not about being perfect. It is about believing in yourself and your abilities. Confidence is not about being arrogant. It is about having a healthy sense of self-worth.

Women face unique challenges when it comes to confidence.

There are a number of things that women can do to boost their confidence.

It is important to identify and challenge negative self-talk. It is important to focus on your strengths and accomplishments.

It is important to set realistic goals and to celebrate your successes.

It is important to surround yourself with supportive people. It is important to take care of yourself physically and mentally.

It is important to take risks and to step outside of your comfort zone.

It is important to learn from your mistakes.

It is important to be patient and persistent.

It is important to remember that everyone makes mistakes and that no one is perfect.

Here are some additional tips from the book 'The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance'

- Fake it till you make it. Sometimes the best way to build confidence is to act confident, even if you don't feel it at first.
- Find a role model. Look for someone who inspires you and who you admire for their confidence.
- Practise positive self-talk. Talk to yourself the way you would talk to a friend. Be supportive and encouraging.
- Visualize success. Imagine yourself achieving your goals and feeling confident and successful.

Katty Kay and Claire Shipman

## Thoughts to Live by

“The best love is the kind that awakens the soul and makes us reach for more, that plants a fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds.”

Nicholas Sparks  
From 'The Notebook'  
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### Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here.  
To watch his woods, fill  
up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer.  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and  
frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark  
and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost

From 'The Poetry of Robert Frost:  
The Collected Poems'

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The reality is that you will  
grieve forever.

You will not 'get over' the loss of a  
loved one; you will learn to live  
with it. You will heal and you will  
rebuild yourself around the loss  
you have suffered.

You will be whole again, but you will  
never be the same. Nor should you  
be the same nor would you want to.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

From 'On Grief and Grieving'

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“Je vous souhaite d'être  
follement aimée.”

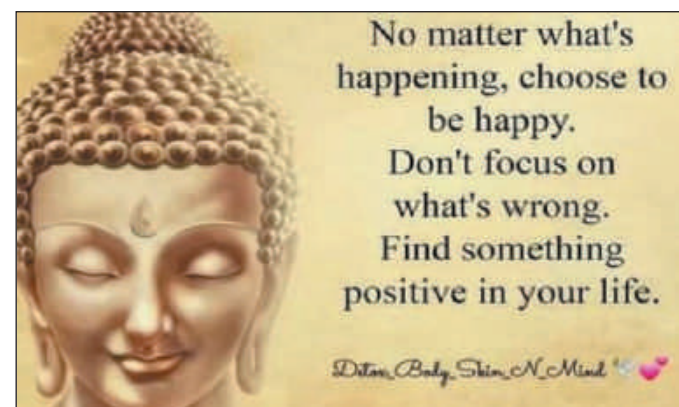
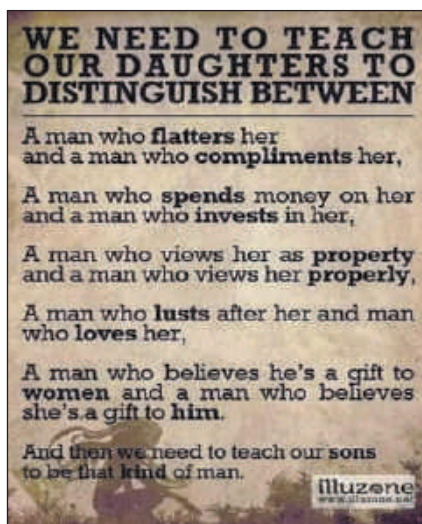
(My wish is that you may be loved  
to the point of madness.)

André Breton

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“It's your road and yours alone.  
Others may walk it with you,  
but no one can walk it for you.”

Rumi



Health Beauty

## 7 Best Natural Ingredients for Your Skin

*The beauty world has many high-tech devices and cutting-edge ingredients. But sometimes, simple, natural things might work just as well*

Many of my patients practise 'clean' eating and want to extend that philosophy to their skin care routine," says Papri Sarkar, MD, a dermatologist in Brookline. "Finding effective clean beauty products isn't as simple as finding organic produce at the grocery store, but it's easier than ever before to find something that will fit your needs." See what these experts recommend as reported by Liesa Goins and medically reviewed by Debra Jaliman, MD.

### Coconut Oil

**Benefits:** Hydration, anti-inflammatory. There's growing science supporting the use of this plant fat as a topical skin soother. Recent research shows that extra virgin coconut oil suppresses some of the body's natural inflammatory agents while making the skin a better barrier. "Many people love coconut oil products to help fight dry, itchy skin and skin diseases such as eczema and psoriasis," says Laurel Naversen Geraghty, MD, a dermatologist. "Some of my psoriasis patients swear by overnight coconut oil scalp treatments worn under a plastic shower cap." But Geraghty warns against putting coconut oil on blemish-prone areas because it may worsen acne.

### Gotu Kola (also known as Centella asiatica)

**Benefits:** Wound healing. This ancient herb often used in Asian cuisine is now a part of modern skin care due to its wound-healing benefits, says Michelle Wong, PhD, a cosmetics chemist and creator of the Lab Muffin Beauty Science blog. Chemicals in the plant boost blood supply to injury sites and strengthen the skin. Researchers have found that when skin injuries in rats are treated with Centella asiatica, the sites showed higher healing. The combination of amino acids, beta-carotene, fatty acids, and phytochemicals help



speed healing time, making it a helpful way to treat injuries. Find it in balms and creams.

### Green Tea

**Benefits:** Sun protection, anti-aging. The connection between drinking green tea and improved health has been suggested for years, but it may also help to use the plant on the skin. "Green tea has good results in terms of photoprotection and anti-aging benefits," says Jeanine Downie, a dermatologist. The polyphenols in green tea have antioxidant properties as well as soothing abilities that help treat sun-damaged skin and offer a way to address the signs of sun damage, she says. Find it in tea you can drink as well as some sunscreen.

### Oatmeal

**Benefits:** Anti-inflammatory, eczema relief. "Oatmeal contains anti-inflammatory and anti-irritant chemicals called avenanthramides," Wong says. "It also has moisturizing beta glucans and starches. It's the reason why oatmeal baths are so effective for conditions like eczema and rashes." But not all oatmeal is created equal, Geraghty says. "Colloidal oatmeal is powder that's derived from grinding and preparing oats into very tiny, specific sizes," she says. This size and quality of oats is what makes the ingredient so therapeutic and able to blend with water to form the soothing paste when mixed with water.

"I like colloidal oatmeal products because they're

gentle and safe, and studies show they don't tend to cause allergies or irritation," Geraghty says.

### Shea Butter

**Benefits:** Anti-inflammatory, itch relief. Derived from the nut of a shea tree, shea butter is an ingredient in many moisturizers. "It seems to hydrate skin effectively because it's loaded with fatty acids," Geraghty says. These nutrients have a calming and anti-inflammatory effect on the skin. She says shea butter might be most useful for treating and soothing eczema. Clinical studies using shea butter as a treatment for eczema in children showed less itching within 4 weeks, and another study with adults showed improvement in 2 weeks. Shea butter doesn't seem to cause skin allergies often, which makes it right even for the most sensitive skin types. Find it in body creams and lotions.

### Soy

**Benefits:** Inhibits pigmentation, improves collagen production. Soybeans contain a variety of plant-based chemicals that impact the skin. Among them are antioxidants, fatty acids, and isoflavones. The legume also produces estrogens or phytoestrogens that address skin conditions related to menopause.

"One of the reasons we believe that a woman's skin turgor and brightness decreases after menopause is because of decreased estrogen," Sarkar says. "Topical estrogens have been shown to help decrease UV-induced pigmentation and can improve collagen synthesis." She says soy won't offer as robust results as retinoids, but it's another option for patients looking to address these conditions.

### Tea Tree Oil

**Benefits:** Anti-microbial, blemish-fighting. The herbal remedy derived from tea tree leaves has antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory effects that help combat a range of germs, fungi, and bacteria, Geraghty says. "The fact that tea tree oil helps combat bacteria-driven acne means it may help reduce the inflammatory type of blemishes -- the tender pustules or inflamed pink papules," she says. Geraghty also warns about the potential for irritation when using tea tree oil on the skin. She suggests monitoring areas for signs of redness and a rash. Find it in skin treatments like masks for the face.

## Heart's Health

# High Cholesterol: 4 expert-recommended ways to lower cholesterol instantly

Cholesterol is a tricky element of our body. While it is an essential element and is crucial for various body functions, it creates nuisance when it exceeds its normal level.

High cholesterol is the condition that worries many as health experts say an increase in cholesterol level can affect the normal functioning of the body and can have lethal consequences like heart attack.

It should be known that high cholesterol is preventable. There are several ways to manage cholesterol level only if the person knows the right way to do it. High cholesterol is a menace not only when it exceeds its quantity, but also when the concerned individual does not have the right knowledge about it.

Here are a few experts recommended ways to handle high cholesterol:

### Eat healthy

Do not compromise with your diet. Healthy food is very essential to control cholesterol level. A healthy eater should



avoid having processed junk food and should always prefer eating those foods which are good for the heart health.

Apart from bad oils, one should also refrain from eating refined carbohydrates, as these disturb the blood sugar level and misguide the body in storing fat in a different way which leads to obesity, experts have said.

- Include more naturally grown organic food to the diet.

### Physical activity is a must

No, do not assume that physical activity should be stopped after a certain age. Actually, health experts have said

that the more you grow old, the more hours you should put into physical exercises.

If you are someone who doesn't like going to gyms, you can do easy no-equipment workouts like jogging, running, walking or even cycling.

It is always advisable to consult a doctor before taking up physical activities.

### Weight training

A research study on 90 men between the ages of 18 and 30 revealed that high-density lipoprotein in men who weight trained regularly behaved in a healthier way than high density lipoprotein in sedentary men. The study found that the men who didn't exercise were more likely than those who weight trained to have dysfunctional high-density lipoprotein which was a risk factor for heart disease.

Though high-density lipoprotein is called good cholesterol, higher amounts of it does no good to the body. The study found that regular weight training might improve high density lipoprotein function



and protect against heart disease, even in those who remain overweight.

### Quit smoking

Smoking is the worst thing a person does to self and also to others. Smoking does have a direct impact on the lungs, but its effect on the heart cannot be ruled out. A study had found that low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol or bad cholesterol levels were significantly higher among persons who smoked cigarettes and consumed five or more cups of coffee per day than among non-smokers who abstained from coffee. Conversely, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol or good cholesterol was higher in persons who did not smoke or drink coffee than in coffee-consuming smokers.

## Kiara Advani to Parineeti Chopra: Celebs who celebrated their first Karwa Chauth this year

The auspicious festival of Karwa Chauth was celebrated on November 1, and here are a few Bollywood celebrities who celebrated for the first time this year.



**Parineeti Chopra:** One of the most talked about weddings of 2023, Parineeti and Raghav Chadha had an intimate destination wedding in Udaipur which took place on September 24 at The Leela Palace. Only close friends and family members were present to witness the union. They had their engagement on May 13 at Raghav's house in New Delhi. Parineeti had shared her official wedding pictures online and written, "From the very first chat at the breakfast table, our hearts knew. Been waiting

for this day for a long time. So blessed to finally be Mr and Mrs! Couldn't have lived without each other. Our forever begins now."

**Athiya Shetty:** Actor Athiya Shetty and cricketer KL Rahul tied the knot on January 23 at Suniel Shetty's Khandala farmhouse. The bride and groom announced their wedding on Instagram. They wrote, "In your light, I learn how to love... Today, with our most loved ones, we got married in the home that's given us immense joy and serenity. With a heart full of gratitude and love, we seek your blessings on this journey of togetherness."

**Maanvi Gagroo:** Actor Maanvi Gagroo married actor Kumar Varun on February 23. Maanvi opted for a red embroidered saree with a matching veil for the wedding ceremony. Sharing the photos, Maanvi and Varun wrote on Instagram, "In the presence of our close friends and family, today, on this palindrome-ish date, of 23~02~2023, we made it official, in every way. You've loved and supported us in our individual journeys, please continue to bless us in our journey together. Happy #2323 #KGotVi."

**Karan Deol:** Karan Deol, the elder son of Sunny Deol, tied the knot with Drisha Acharya earlier this year in June 18, as per Hindu customs at Taj Lands End. Karan posted a bunch of photos from the wedding day, he captioned the post, "Grateful for the abundant blessings and the support of our cherished family, with hearts overflowing, we express gratitude and gratefulness (red heart and folded hands emojis)."

**Sonnalli Seygall:** *Pyaar Ka Punchnama* actor Sonnalli Seygall tied the knot with Ashesh L Sajani at a Gurdwara in Santa Cruz West on June 7. In her first interview after marriage, she told Hindustan Times, "My friends being there for my wedding made it so special. So many of them were busy promoting [projects] or working,

yet they made it a point to be there for not just the wedding, but also the pre-wedding festivities. We didn't have much time to prepare, as we decided to on the date in May and had just a month. We needed all the help and our friends stepped up and took responsibilities to help us out."



**Kiara Advani:** Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra tied the knot in February 7 in a private wedding ceremony at the Suryagarh Palace in Jaisalmer with only family members and close industry friends in attendance. Kiara and Sidharth shared their first wedding pics with the caption, "Ab humari permanent booking hogayi hai (we are permanently booked now)". We seek your blessings and love on our journey ahead."

**Alanna Panday:** Ananya Panday's cousin, Alanna got married to Ivor McCray on March 16 in Mumbai. Alanna Panday is the daughter of Chunky Panday's brother Chikki Panday and wife Deanne Panday. "Yesterday was a fairy tale, I love you more than anything in the world, Ivor McCray, can't wait to start a family with you (heart and infinity emoji)," she wrote in the caption of the Instagram post where she shared her official wedding photos.

## Upcoming Bollywood movies releasing in November 2023

November heralds an exhilarating period for those passionate about entertainment, as it ushers in a myriad of eagerly awaited Bollywood films set to debut on both OTT platforms and in cinemas. As we enter this festive season, we'll see Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, and Emraan Hashmi in action thriller *Tiger 3*, while we'll also see Tara Sutaria in the survival thriller *Apurva*. A report by Filmfare...

Here are some of the Bollywood films releasing this month:



### The Ladykiller

Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Bhumi Pednekar

Directed by Ajay Bahl, *The Ladykiller*, starring Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar is a crime thriller which tells the story of a man who meets a mysterious woman in Uttarakhand.

**Release Date: November 3**

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### Aankh Micholi

Cast: Paresh Rawal, Abhimanyu Dassani and Mrunal Thakur

Directed by Umesh Shukla, *Aankh Micholi* promises a laughter-filled journey as it introduces you to a delightfully quirky family. As the plot unfolds, we find out that this eccentric clan is concealing their true selves from an NRI family, all in a bid to secure a wealthy suitor for their daughter. With its unexpected comedic surprises, this film is sure to keep you thoroughly entertained.

**Release Date: November 3**

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### Tiger 3

Cast: Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, and Emraan Hashmi

Bollywood's beloved Salman Khan is gearing up to grace the silver screen with one of the most highly-anticipated films of the year, and the excitement is palpable. This blockbuster, starring Salman Khan, Emraan Hashmi, and Katrina Kaif, is brought to life by the production genius of Aditya Chopra through Yash Raj Films. It serves as a thrilling sequel to *Tiger Zinda Hai*, representing the fifth chapter in the captivating YRF Spy Universe.

**Release Date: November 10**

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### Apurva

Cast: Tara Sutaria, Abhishek Banerjee, Dhairya Karwa, Rajpal Yadav

Under the direction of Nikhil Nagesh Bhat, *Apurva* shines with its stellar ensemble, featuring the talents of Tara Sutaria, Abhishek Banerjee, Dhairya Karwa, and Rajpal Yadav in pivotal roles. The story revolves around Apurva, who's on the cusp of engagement to her boyfriend, embarking on a journey to Agra to surprise him. Yet, her plans take an unexpected and thrilling twist as she becomes the target of a criminal gang's

kidnapping. The story further tells the story of her trying to survive.

**Release Date: November 15**

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### Khichdi 2: Mission Paanthukhistan

Cast: Supriya Pathak Kapur, Rajeev Mehta, Anang Desai, Vandana Pathak, Jamnadas Majethia

The beloved cast of *Khichdi* is making a triumphant return to the big screen, and this time, they're embarking on a top-secret mission to Paanthukhistan. Leading the charge are Supriya Pathak Kapur, Rajeev Mehta, Anang Desai, Vandana Pathak, and Jamnadas Majethia.

**Release Date: November 17**

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### Farrey

Cast: Alizeh Agnihotri

Alizeh Agnihotri, the niece of Salman Khan, is gearing up to make her debut in the film *Farrey*. As the daughter of actor-producer Atul Agnihotri and Salman Khan's sister Alvira Khan Agnihotri, Alizeh is set to make her mark in the industry. Directed by Soumendra Padhi, known for the acclaimed web series *Jamtara*, this film will be her grand entrance into the world of cinema, with a release date slated for November 24.

**Release Date: November 24**

Tassnim Nerurkar of  
'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi  
Bahu Thi'

## 'People still recognize me as Mohini'

**K**yunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi was one of the first shows on Indian television that introduced high-voltage Saas-Bahu drama. Being associated with such a long-running hit show, Tassnim Nerurkar credits *Kyunki* as her school for acting. She shared with Times of India that whatever she learnt as an actor was through this show...

### I still get DMs for my character Mohini from Kyunki

My most loved character till today has been Mohini, I keep getting DMs ("direct messages," the private messaging feature on Twitter) about Mohini. There are many aunties who tell me: 'My goodness you still look the same.' I have really enjoyed my time in *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*. It was that era when people remembered your character more than your real name and they still send me edits from the show, especially after the rerun.

### Kyunki taught me how to be a serious actor

If you remember the cast of *Kyunki*, all of them were seasoned actors. Every single character seemed like was tailor-made for the actors. I would say that my actual training as an actor happened at *Kyunki*. They taught me how to act, the show and my co-stars taught me how to create characters you know.

### Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi was my school for acting

Such huge monologues I've learnt to do this from *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*. As an actor, I got polished because I worked with *Kyunki*. I'm an observer, you'll never see me gossiping around on the set, I'll be with my script and I'll be observing, I'll be thinking about the character, there I learned so much, lots of memories with such eminent and talented actors. I am so thankful to be part of such huge shows in my career.

### Apara Mehta is my inspiration

I love Aparaji. I love her the most. I'm in touch with her on a daily basis. She's an inspiration,



what a strong lady. I got to learn so much from her.

### Ronit Roy is my brother, I am still in touch with my Kyunki family

I am still in touch with the *Kyunki* team. Aparaji, Smriti, Sudha ji, and then we youngsters, Shilpa, Gauri, me, Reeva. I share a special bond with Ronit, he's my brother. It is more like a huge family for me as we spent so many years together on the sets. We regularly chat with each other. We constantly keep updates about each other and plan our reunion meeting.

### I see the same zeal in Anupama's young actors

I see that same hunger for doing good in our young generation of *Anupama*. Kinjal aka Nidhi has improved so much, I just keep observing the kids and see how much they have improved from the first day they joined the show. I was stunned to see Kinju perform those monologues with such finesse and wrap her shots in one or two takes. I am so happy that they have the same zeal as I experienced when I was doing *Kyunki*.

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## YOUR STARS

### Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

When it comes to your professional life, building your network will be advantageous. Spending quality time together and making memories that will last should be a relationship priority. To improve your health, you should prioritise activities that take place outside, such as hiking or cycling.

**Lucky Numbers: 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 20**

### Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

Make your health a top priority and learn to confidently decline offers when necessary. In your professional life, you should concentrate on long-term goals and plan properly. Always be present for the people you care about. Enrol in a dancing class that places an emphasis on developing your sense of rhythm and coordination.

**Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 24, 28, 37, 40**

### Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Collaborate professionally with people who share your values and perspectives. In your romantic relationships, it is important to recognize and appreciate even the smallest of accomplishments. To improve your health, make breathing exercises a priority, and think about picking up tai chi.

**Lucky Numbers: 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 33**

### Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Explore the depths of your feelings and get to know the real you on the inside. In your professional life, put your faith in your gut instincts while also making well-informed choices. Active communication should be practised in relationships, and concerns should always be addressed. In order to improve your health, make meditation a priority.

**Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 12, 14, 33, 36**

### Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

The universe is encouraging you to have faith and make an irrational decision, particularly in matters pertaining to your professional life. Put your faith in your gut feelings and try not to be too chicken to try new things. On a more personal note, a good friend of yours may come to you for guidance. Show sympathy and listen to others, but don't forget to establish healthy limits.

**Lucky Numbers: 4, 8, 14, 22, 36, 40**

### Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Keep in mind that the difficulties that you face are only temporary and will eventually go away. It is a good opportunity to evaluate your investments and give some thought to long-term planning from a financial perspective. Open communication is essential to the health of any relationship. Take a direct approach to solving any problems that persist.

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 9, 12, 20, 23**

### Gemini: May 21 - June 20

Dig deeper into the things that interest you the most and try out some new interests. Be flexible in your professional life; you never know when a fresh chance will present itself. In romantic partnerships, this is the week to reconnect with one another. Treasure the time you get to spend with those you care about and make it count.

**Lucky Numbers: 17, 18, 23, 25, 31, 36**

### Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Now is an excellent moment to take stock of your previous accomplishments and plan for new ones. Collaboration will be necessary for your professional success. Work together and discuss your thoughts to achieve better results. In your personal connections, make active listening a habit, and always be present for the people you care about.

**Lucky Numbers: 8, 7, 11, 13, 27, 31**

### Leo: July 23 - Aug 22

Maintain a flexible mindset and be open to engaging in new activities. Showcase your leadership abilities and take initiative in the projects you work on to advance your career. When it comes to relationships, make it a point to spend quality time together and reignite the flame. Regarding one's health, it is important to perform cardiovascular activities and to eat a diet that is well-balanced.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 14, 20, 21, 36, 37**

### Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

This is the time where your capacity for analysis will be put to good use. Dive headfirst into the resolution of the issue and demonstrate your level of experience. In terms of your finances, you should try to refrain from making rash purchases and instead preserve money. Exercise tolerance and empathy in your interpersonal connections.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 11, 31, 33, 35**

### Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 22

Libra, you should focus on maintaining a healthy balance. In your work life, you should assign tasks in order to prevent yourself from becoming overburdened. Exercise both giving and taking in your personal interactions. In order to improve your health, you should practise methods of mental relaxation and think about starting a journal.

**Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 12, 16, 30, 34**

### Scorpion: 23 Oct - 21 Nov

Let go of old grievances and make room in your heart for fresh starts. Maintain your confidence in the workplace and don't be afraid to share your thoughts. Maintain a level of openness and honesty in your interactions with others. Consider engaging in strength training exercises, with an emphasis on developing your core strength.

**Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 15, 20, 24, 25**



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# Programme TV



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## MBC 1

05.32 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
06.01 Serial: L.A.'s Finest  
07.15 Film: What The Night Can Do  
09.35 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
10.05 Tele: Amour Secret  
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
10.52 Tele: Marimar  
11.15 Tele: La Reina Del Flow  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.35 Tele: Barbarita  
13.25 Tele: Fierce Angel  
13.50 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
14.15 The Baker And The Beauty  
15.21 Film: Le Fort De La Derniere Chance  
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
18.31 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya  
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan  
20.35 Film: Fear Of Rain  
22.34 Tele: Barbartia  
23.05 Tele: The Gardener's Daugh...

## MBC 2

06.25 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
08.41 Local: Generations J  
09.37 Local: Radio Vision  
10.44 Local: J'ai Faim  
11.10 Local: Groov'in  
12.28 Rodrig: Li Bon Ou Konnin  
12.43 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
14.39 Local: Nou Later Nou Lamer  
15.07 Local: J'ai Faim  
15.33 Local: Ong An Eta Dalert  
15.52 Local: Artizan  
16.38 Local: Groove'in  
18.00 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
18.29 Tele: Amour Secret  
19.30 Local: Rodrig: 13 Minit...  
20.04 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...  
21.00 Local: Come On Let's Dance  
22.00 Local: La Sosiete  
23.00 Journal Kreol  
23.20 Local: Voyage Au Feminin  
23.48 Local: Rodrig Prog

## MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija  
08.00 Local: Amrit Vaani  
08.30 Local: Swami Dayanand...  
10.00 Serial: Agniphera  
11.30 Serial: Radha Krishna  
12.00 Film: Woh 7 Din  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Serial: Dulhin Uhe Jo Nanad Man Bhawe  
16.00 Serial: Ishaaron Ishaaron...  
16.44 Serial: Bhakharwadi  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
19.02 Local: Khel Khiladi  
20.31 Serial: Vidrohi  
21.03 Film: Jeena Teri Gali Mein  
23.15 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
23.46 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan  
02.50 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
03.15 Local: Khel Khiladi

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06.03 Doc: Eye On SADC  
06.38 Mag: Carnet De Sante  
07.25 Mag: Tomorrow Today  
08.24 Doc: Rwanda And The Price  
08.57 Doc: Cobalt Rush  
10.34 Doc: The Politics Of Climate  
11.04 Doc: The Trillion Tree Plan  
11.34 Doc: Shift  
12.03 Mag: Carnet De Sante  
12.52 Mag: Tomorrow Today  
13.18 Doc: A Mediterranean...  
13.44 Doc: Rwanda And The Price  
14.30 D.Anime: Kids' Planet  
14.52 D.Anime: Zoonicorn  
15.06 D.Anime: Eddie Is A Yeti  
15.10 D.Anime: Denis Et Moi  
15.48 D.Anime: Akili And Me  
16.12 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier  
16.28 D.Anime: Llama Llama  
16.56 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
16.57 Serial: Malory Towers

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14.25 Serial: Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana  
15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
15.30 Film: Uvaa  
Starring: Om Puri, Rajit Kapoor, Manish Chaudhari, Jimmy Shergill, Archana Puran Singh  
18.00 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  
21.00 Anupamaa  
21.30 Mere Sai  
22.01 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se  
22.31 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey  
22.59 Serial: Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
23.30 Film: Uvaa

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04.32 Serial: S.W.A.T  
05.12 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable  
06.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
07.00 Serial: Wanted  
07.45 Serial: Seal Team  
08.30 Serial: Absentia  
09.15 Serial: Riviera  
09.59 Serial: S.W.A.T  
10.45 Serial: The Inbetween  
11.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Serial: Madam Secretary  
13.15 Tele: Sublime Mensonge  
15.21 Film: Jerry Maguire  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Dance India Dance Little Masters  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.30 Film: Restart The Earth  
22.02 Film: Extract  
00.15 Serial: Under Pressure  
00.57 Tele: Missing Bride

06.14 Local: Enn Semenn Dan Lafrik  
08.18 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...  
10.30 Local: Rodrig: It's My Day  
12.11 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig  
12.37 Local: Les Grands Noms...  
13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
14.02 Local: Zanfan Nou Pei  
15.30 Local: La Sosiete  
17.12 Local: Come On Let's Dance  
18.00 Serial: The Equalizer  
19.00 Journal Kreol  
19.20 Magazine De L'emploi  
21.40 Local: Glwar Dantan  
22.04 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion  
23.00 Journal Kreol  
23.26 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL  
23.46 Local: Pran Kont Ou Lasante  
23.53 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
00.13 Local: PRan Kont Ou Lasante  
00.28 Local: Rodrig Prog: Rod'Art

07.00 Serial: Tenali Rama  
08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness...  
10.10 Mag: DDI Mag  
10.52 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte Hai  
12.00 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Film: Meet Mere Man Ke Starring Feroz Khan, Salma Agha, Prasenjit Chatterjee  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Local: Satrangi  
19.02 Local: Duniya Mein Is Saptah  
19.17 Local Prod  
20.00 Local: Ubharte Sitare  
21.08 Film: I Proud To Be Indian Stars: Sohail Khan, Hina Tasleen  
23.11 Local: Satrangi  
23.41 Local: Duniya Mein Is Saptah

06.24 D.Anime: Fast And Furious  
06.46 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier  
09.34 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
10.00 Serial: Hank Zipzer  
10.33 Mag: Healthy Living  
12.51 Mag: Luana's Kitchen  
14.30 D.Anime: Kids' Planet  
14.52 D.Anime: Zoonicorn  
15.11 D.Anime: Eddie Is A Yeti  
15.10 Film: Dragons  
15.36 D.Anime: Adventures In Duckport  
16.25 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier  
16.45 D.Anime: Llama Llama  
17.08 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
17.11 Serial: Malory Towers  
17.35 Doc: World Capitals  
18.00 Mag: In Good Shape  
20.01 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
20.30 Live: News  
20.50 Tele: La Reina Del Flow  
21.40 Film: The Equalizer 2

08.00 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey  
10.00 Gadget Guru Ganesha  
10.18 Sasural Simar Ka 2  
12.15 Udaariyaan  
14.05 Anupamaa  
16.00 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...  
18.31 Film: Sherdil  
Starring: Pankaj Tripathi, Sayani Gupta, Neeraj Kabi, Sougata Ghosh  
20.32 Gadget Guru Ganesha  
20.44 Serial: Porus  
21.15 Serial: Crime Patrol

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02.35 Film: The Equalizer 2  
04.35 Tele: La Beaute Du Diable  
05.55 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
06.20 Film: Restart The Earth  
07.50 Serial: The Good Doctor  
08.35 Film: Jerry Maguire  
10.52 Serial: F.B.I  
11.35 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.40 Film: Le Fort De La Derniere...  
14.15 Serial: Scorpion  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.25 Film: Restart The Earth  
17.00 Tele: Tour De Babel  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Enter: Sa Re Ga Ma Pa  
19.16 Sayings Radha Krishna  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.30 Film: Above The Shadows  
22.16 Serial: Under Pressure  
23.03 Tele: Missing Bride

06.00 Rodrig: D'Jam  
06.40 Local: En Forme  
07.05 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
07.39 Local: Groove'in Mama Jazz  
08.54 Local: Les Petits Genies  
09.20 Local: Zanfan Nou Zil  
11.06 Local: Nu Rasinn  
12.00 Local: Rodrig Prog  
13.11 Local: Goove'in Mama Jazz  
14.11 Local Prod: Elle  
15.03 Local: Coin Jardin  
17.21 Local: Glwar Dantan  
18.00 Serial: Supercopter  
19.00 Journal Kreol  
19.33 Local: Elle  
20.00 Local: Tipa Tipa Nu Avance  
20.45 Local: Le Challenge  
21.37 Local: Clin D'Oeil  
22.50 Le Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.20 Local: Arsiv MBC - Fer Roule  
23.55 Rodrigues: Nu Lakwizin

07.12 Serial: Tik Tak Tail  
07.20 Serial: Vir: The Robot Boy  
07.58 Local: Hamar Fitness...  
12.02 Film: Chal Mere Bhai Starring Sanjay Dutt, Salman Khan, Karisma Kapoor  
14.59 Live: Samachar  
15.22 Local: Satrangi  
15.51 Duniya Mein Is Saptah  
17.00 Local: Ekta  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.29 Sayings Radha Krishna  
19.00 Local: Tohar Rashi  
19.29 Local: Tohar Farmaish  
20.28 Sayings Radha Krishna  
20.30 Serial: Porus  
21.10 Serial: Crime Patrol  
22.22 Serial: Bahubali  
23.21 Serial: Bhaag Na Bachhe Koi  
23.59 Local: Planet Bollywood  
00.25 Local: Tohar Rashi

06.46 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier  
07.05 D.Anime: Inspecteur Gadget  
09.13 D.Anime: Miraculous  
10.09 Serial: Hank Zipzer  
11.00 Mag: Afrimaxx  
11.35 Mag: In Good Shape  
12.00 Doc: Nos Cinq Sens  
13.29 Doc: Riding The Rails...  
14.55 D.Anime: Zoonicorn  
15.13 D.Anime: Kids Songs  
15.37 Adventures In Duckport  
15.50 D.Anime: Akili And Me  
16.26 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier  
16.34 D.Anime: Llama Llama  
17.20 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
17.23 Serial: Malory Towers  
18.26 Foodland: Veggie Feasts  
18.35 Doc: Nature's Keepers  
19.30 Mag: Arts Unveiled  
20.02 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
21.42 Film: Krampus

00.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2  
02.05 Udaariyaan  
04.00 Anupamaa  
06.06 Kuch Rang Pyar Ka Aise...  
07.46 Tenali Rama  
07.58 Patiala Babes  
10.02 Kundali Bhagya  
11.47 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
15.10 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se  
15.48 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
18.25 Film: Haan Maine Bhi Pyara Kiya  
Starring Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Karisma Kapoor  
20.52 Serial: Tenali Rama  
21.04 Enter: Dance India Dance Little Masters  
22.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
23.52 Serial: Patiala Babes  
02.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya

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06.25 Serial: L.A.'S Finest  
07.10 Film: Above The Shadows  
09.00 Serial: The Equalizer  
09.40 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
10.00 Tele: Amour Secret  
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
10.48 Tele: Marimar  
11.16 Serial: La Reina Del Flow  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Barbarita, Les Couleurs...  
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel  
13.40 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
14.15 Serial: The Equalizer  
15.20 Film: The Lion Woman  
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
18.30 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya  
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.25 Serial: Wanted  
21.15 Serial: Seal Team  
22.00 Serial: Treadstone

07.12 Local: Tipa Tipa Nu Avance  
09.37 Local: Elle  
10.39 Local: Le Challenge  
11.02 Local Prod: Les Klips  
12.02 Local: Nu Rasinn  
13.07 La Journee Sous Legard...  
14.01 Local: Elle  
14.37 Arsiv MBC - Fer Roule  
15.16 Local: Tipa Tipa Nu Avance  
15.49 Local: Aktiv  
16.15 Local: Les Klips  
17.10 Local: Radio Vision  
18.04 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
18.30 Tele: Amour Secret  
19.00 Journal Kreol  
19.30 Local: Feminin Pluriel  
20.00 Local: Voyage Au Feminin  
21.19 Local: Radio Vision  
22.32 Local: Itinerer Moris  
22.50 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.00 Journal Kreol

07.00 Gadget Guru Ganesha  
08.04 Local: Planet Bollywood  
08.42 Local: Tohar Farmaish  
09.31 Local: MBC Prod  
10.00 Serial: Bahubali  
10.43 Bhaag Na Bachhe Koi  
11.36 Radha Krishna  
12.00 Film: Kahin Din Kahin Raat Starring: Biswajeet Chatterjee, Sapana, Pran Sikand  
15.30 Dulhin Uhe Jo Nanad Man Bhawe  
16.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.35 Ved Ki Shikshayen  
19.04 Local: Ayush  
19.26 Local: Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek  
20.07 Local: Vaad Vivaad  
20.37 Film: Adhikar Starring Rajesh Khanna, Tina Munim, Zarina Wahab Bindu

06.02 Doc: Eye On SADC  
07.21 D.Anime: The Story Of Book...  
09.30 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
09.35 Film: Dive Olly Dive And The...  
11.15 Doc: Planet Home  
12.24 Doc: Nature's Keepers  
13.15 Will Roots Save The World  
14.30 Mag: Kid's Planet  
15.04 D.Anime: Agi Bagi  
15.11 Les Aventures Du Petit...  
15.29 D.Anime: Go Astro Boy Gol  
15.35 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs  
15.53 D.Anime: Miraculous  
16.14 D.Anime: Rainbow Rangers  
16.37 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter  
17.28 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent  
19.02 Mag: Africa 54  
19.32 Mag: In Good Shape  
21.41 Film: Killing Lionel  
23.12 Mag: Tomorrow Today

14.25 Serial: Zindagi Mere Ghar...  
15.00 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
15.30 Film: Uuf Kya Jadoo Mohabbat Hai  
Starring: Akshay Anand, Nitin Arora, Sammir Dattani  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Kundali Bhagya  
19.00 Udaariyaan  
19.31 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...  
20.08 Sasural Simar Ka 2  
20.28 Radha Krishna  
21.06 Anupamaa  
21.32 Mere Sai  
22.04 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se  
22.29 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey  
23.00 Serial: Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
23.30 Film: Uuf Kya Jadoo Mohabbat Hai



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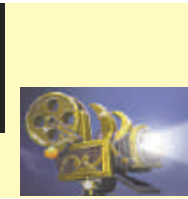
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## MBC 1

05.00 Tele: Amour Secret  
05.23 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
07.15 Serial: Wanted  
08.09 Serial: Seal Team  
08.45 Serial: Absentia  
09.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
10.05 Tele: Amour Secret  
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
10.50 Tele: Marimar  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Barbarita  
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel  
13.45 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
14.10 Serial: For Life  
15.25 Film: Comanche Station  
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
17.59 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya  
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan  
20.30 Film: Madame Bovary

## MBC 2

07.09 Eclairage Economique  
09.02 Local: Rodrig Prog  
10.23 Local: Rodrig: Saver Lokal  
11.07 Local: Le Rendez Vous  
12.00 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel  
12.35 Local: Voyage Au Feminin  
13.41 Local: Tous Egaux  
14.43 Local: Lir - Ekri Kreol  
15.09 Rodrig Prog: Zenn Aktif  
16.00 Le Rendez Vous Avec...  
17.00 Local: Radio Vision  
18.08 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
18.29 Tele: Amour Secret  
19.00 Journal Kreol  
19.20 Le Magazine De L'Emploi...  
19.48 Local: Son Ladan Mem  
20.03 Local: Generations J  
21.26 Local: Radio Vision  
22.18 Local: Mots & Ecrits  
22.45 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.00 Journal Kreol

## MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Gadget Guru Ganesha  
09.29 Local: Vaad Vivaad  
10.03 Serial: Kundali Bhagya  
12.02 Film: Rivaaj  
14.59 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Badki Malkaain  
16.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
17.28 Radha Krishna  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.36 Local: Tark Vitark  
19.00 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka  
19.30 Local: Prakriti Ki God Mein  
20.00 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya  
20.42 Film: My Love  
23.12 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
23.21 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan  
00.24 Local: Tark Vitark  
00.51 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka  
01.28 Prakriti Ki God Mein  
01.57 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya

## MBC 5

06.03 Mag: Eco At Africa  
08.54 D.Anime: Polly Pocket  
09.18 D.Anime: Wonder Grove  
09.35 Film: Cinderella  
11.06 Mag: Sand Tales  
13.32 Doc: Hotels  
13.53 Doc: World Heritage  
14.50 D.Anime: Agi Bagi  
15.08 Idefix Et Les Irreductibles  
15.22 D.Anime: Go Astro Boy Gol  
15.43 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs  
16.06 D.Anime: Miraculous...  
16.37 D.Anime: Raindow Rangers  
16.37 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter  
17.28 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
17.54 Doc: World Capitals  
18.05 Mag: Rev  
18.31 Mag: Healthy Living  
19.31 Mag: Global Us  
20.02 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
20.50 Tele: La Reina Del Flow

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14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana  
15.30 Film: Kasam  
Starring Sunny Deol, Naseeruddin Shah, Chunky Pandey, Neelam Kothari  
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  
21.30 Mere Sai  
22.08 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se  
22.29 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey  
22.55 Serial: Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
23.30 Film: Kasam  
02.14 Kundali Bhagya

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04.17 Tele: Amour Secret  
04.40 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
08.45 Serial: Airwolf  
09.35 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
10.05 Tele: Amour Secret  
10.28 The Gardener's Daughter  
10.50 Tele: Marimar  
11.15 Tele: La Reina Del Flow  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Barbarita  
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel  
13.45 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
14.15 Serial: Airwolf  
15.21 Film: Hamlet  
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 Serial: Under Pressure  
21.15 Film: Pawn  
Avec Sean Faris, Nikki Reed

07.28 Local: Priorite Sante  
09.00 Local: Rodrig Prog  
10.30 Local: Koze Zom  
10.58 Local: Music Tour 2022  
12.00 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef  
12.32 Local: Generations J  
14.00 Local: Koze Zom  
15.49 Local: Gwar Dantan  
16.18 Local: Mots & Ecrits  
17.05 Local: Music Tour 2022  
18.01 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
18.28 Tele: Amour Secret  
19.00 Journal Kreol  
19.30 Local: Rodrig Spor  
20.00 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
20.30 Local: Toc Toc Doc  
21.00 Local: Agir Ensemble  
21.31 Local: Les Kliips  
22.50 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
00.12 Local: Sa Lavi-La  
01.04 Rodrig: Pran Kont Ou

07.00 Serial: Gadget Guru Ganesha  
08.26 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka  
08.56 Prakriti Ki God Mein  
09.33 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya  
10.00 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
11.29 Serial: Radha Krishna  
12.00 Film: Sankoch  
Starring: Jeetendra, Sulakshana Pandit  
15.30 Serial: Dulhin Uhe Jo Nanad Man Bhave  
16.01 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki  
17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.39 Local: Tirth Yatra  
19.00 Local: Kala  
19.37 Local: Anjoria  
20.02 Live: Virasat  
20.32 Film: Aaj Ke Karan Arjun  
22.49 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
23.00 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

06.26 Mag: Made In Germany  
07.22 D.Anime: The Story Of Book...  
09.32 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
09.35 Film: The Jungle Book  
11.35 Doc: Smoothie Mania  
13.27 Mag: Initiative Africa  
14.30 D.Anime: Kid's Planet  
16.31 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter  
17.05 Serial: Sept Nains Et Moi  
17.28 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
17.30 Serial: Malory Towers  
17.55 Doc: World Capitals  
18.00 Doc: Smoothie Mania  
18.08 Mag: Motorweek  
18.34 Mag: The Answer To Almost...  
18.58 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures  
19.00 Mag: Art Unveiled  
20.00 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
20.30 Live: News  
21.40 Film: The Equalizer 2  
23.40 Mag: Close Up

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana  
14.51 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
15.30 Film: Dil Hi To Hai  
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Divya Bharati, Gulshan Grover, Amjad Khan, Kader 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  
21.06 Anupama  
21.36 Mere Sai  
22.05 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se  
22.31 Kabhi Kabhie ittefaq Sey  
23.00 Serial: Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
23.26 Film: Dil Hi To Hai  
02.09 Serial: Kundali Bhagya

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04.22 The Gardener's Daughter  
04.46 Tele: Amour Secret  
07.18 Serial: The Good Doctor  
08.09 Serial: Under Pressure  
08.45 Serial: Riviera  
09.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
10.05 Tele: Amour Secret  
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter  
10.50 Tele: Marimar  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Barbarita  
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel  
13.45 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
14.10 Tele: Gout De L'Amour  
15.25 Film: Above The Shadows  
17.18 The Gardener's Daughter  
17.59 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya  
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan  
20.30 Film: Badhaai Ho  
Starring : Ayushmann Khurrana, Neena Gupta, Gajraj Rao

08.04 Local: Rodrig Prog: Kot Nou  
09.06 Local: Proze Dime  
11.00 Local: Come On Let's Dance  
12.00 Local: Rodrig Spor  
12.27 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
12.54 Local: Toc Toc Doc  
14.09 Local: Klip Seleksion  
15.01 Rodrig: Pran Kont Ou Lasante  
15.40 Local: Come On Let's Dance  
16.50 Local: En Forme  
18.05 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras  
18.31 Tele: Amour Secret  
19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol  
19.20 Le Mag De L'Emploi  
19.29 Rodrig: Li Bon Ou Konnin  
20.04 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
20.30 Divali, Fete De La Lumiere  
21.00 Local: Mots & Ecrits  
23.00 Le Journal  
23.36 Local: Groov'in

07.00 Gadget Guru Ganesha  
07.31 Serial: Lambu G Tingu G  
08.04 Local: Yatra South Season  
08.49 Local: Maha Luxmi  
09.46 Local: Gyan Vigyan  
10.00 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki  
12.00 Film: Tumhare Bina  
Starring Suresh Oberoi, Simple Kapadia, Swaroop Sampat, Master Ravi  
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain  
16.00 Serial: Agniphera  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Radha Krishna  
18.45 Local: Bhajan Sandhya  
19.04 Local: Satguru Kabir Ke Gyan  
19.56 Local: Hunarbaaz  
21.14 Mag: Dev Bhumi  
22.04 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
22.22 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

06.00 Magazine: Motorweek  
07.00 Mag: The World Is Yours  
07.22 Dessin Anime  
09.35 Film: Boonie Bears 5 : The Big Shrink  
11.00 Mag: Sand Tales  
11.30 Doc: Smoothie Mania  
12.25 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures  
14.30 D.Anime: Kid's Planet  
16.15 D.Anime: Rainbow Rangers  
16.37 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter  
17.28 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
17.30 Serial: Malory Towers  
17.54 Doc: World Capitals  
18.00 Mag: Eco India  
19.00 Mag: Border Crossing  
19.30 Mag: Tomorrow Today  
20.00 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin  
20.50 La Reina Del Flow / The Queen Of Flow  
21.40 The Beguiled / Les Proies

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana  
15.28 Film: Ilzaam  
Stars: Shashi Kapoor, Shatrughan Sinha, Raj Kiran, GovindaNeelam, Anita Raj  
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 Ittefaq Sey  
22.59 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
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# Réflexions sur le 2 novembre



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**N**ous commémorons l'arrivée des travailleurs engagés recrutés dans les quartiers de Calcutta dans le sillage d'un exode rural du Bihar natal, appauvris par la réforme agraire menée par les autorités colo-

niales britanniques au dix-neuvième siècle. La plupart des premiers arrivés regagnèrent leur «Desh», leur pays natal à l'expiration de leur contrat tandis que d'autres choisirent de le renouveler dans ce nouveau pays qu'ils appelaient «Marish Desh».

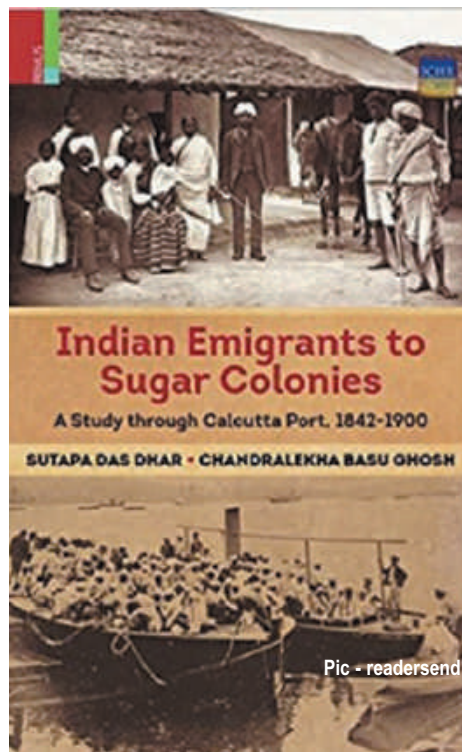
Et c'est en conformité avec les lois existantes sous le pouvoir colonial que certains descendants des travailleurs engagés acquirent des lopins de terre en économisant, ce qui leur donna une certaine indépendance à cultiver les terres pour subvenir à leurs besoins alimentaires. Et aussi, ils construisirent graduellement des maisons en toit de chaume avec le sol maçonné de bouse de vache, nommées «la case la paille» dans la langue locale à laquelle ils s'adaptèrent aussi.

Le lien avec le pays d'origine resta interrompu dans la continuité culturelle et spirituelle par le biais de diverses associations qui furent formées localement. La radio, un merveilleux outil de communication pour relier la population aux informations locales, opéra la magie d'apporter «All India Radio» dans toutes les chaumières qui étaient assez chanceuses pour en posséder une.

C'est ainsi que les descendants des engagés à Maurice, au Kenya, en Tanzanie, en Ouganda, à Trinidad, en Guyane britannique, au Suriname et au Fidji restaient à l'écoute de l'évolution qui s'opérait en Inde dans tous les domaines. C'est ainsi qu'ils vibraient à l'unisson au «Vande Mataram», l'hymne national indien diffusé sur les ondes de la «All India Radio» à travers le monde à partir de 1947.

C'est tout naturellement que la population d'origine indienne à Maurice s'inscrivit dans la mouvance pour l'indépendance dans un contexte de décolonisation à l'échelle internationale. Dans ce sillage, c'est tout naturellement que le journal «Advance» vit le jour pour donner la voix à des sensibilités et à des aspirations nées de valeurs culturelles communes. L'expression en langue anglaise (langue officielle locale sous le pouvoir colonial britannique et, aussi devenue internationale) parut être le moyen le plus approprié de communiquer avec la population. A partir de 1954, l'hebdomadaire «Mauritius Times» y apporta sa voix en ouvrant l'éventail de ceux qui cherchaient à s'exprimer.

Cet apport nécessaire qui favorise un pluralisme d'opinions et d'idées est mis à mal aujourd'hui, d'une part, à cause des difficultés engendrées par la Covid pour la diffusion des journaux, et d'autre part, par une mesure gouvernementale qui a pris l'en-



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semble de la presse en grippe depuis 2014 en boycottant les journaux et en refusant de la soutenir financièrement par l'envoi des publicités. Cette mesure pernicieuse s'est montrée généreuse envers certains journaux ces jours-ci leur allouant un certain financement à partir des fonds publics.

Tel n'est pas le cas pour tous les journaux. Elle s'acharmerait à boycotter, en raison de critiques jugées trop ouvertes du pouvoir dans le but d'étouffer et de faire disparaître le seul journal qui reflète, tout en étant inclusif et ouvert à divers courants de pensée, la sensibilité intellectuelle, culturelle et spirituelle de la majorité d'une population d'origine indienne.

Qu'en pensent les diverses associations issues du Sanatan Dharma? Si tant est qu'elles aient accordé une attention quelconque à ce que la jeune génération trouve un repère dans un journal qui reflète une sensibilité forgée par une mémoire collective commune, une formation intellectuelle et spirituelle communes... C'est quelque peu paradoxal dans le contexte politique et culturel sur le plan international

où l'Inde est de plus en plus visible et audible...

L'apport crucial des descendants des engagés indiens à soutenir le mouvement pour l'indépendance de Maurice est incontestable comme l'est le fondement démocratique des institutions qui furent mises sur place dans ce pays. Incontestable la tradition millénaire de la dialectique, d'explorer la pensée, de poursuivre la logique, de promouvoir la science, de laisser s'exprimer divers moyens de se connecter à l'énergie cosmique, de célébrer la vie sous toutes les formes, et d'argumenter en permanence. Cet héritage est inspiré par le Sanatan Dharma, loi éternelle qui prône le sens de droiture et de devoir, de faire ce qu'il convient de faire en tout discernement. Le «Argumentative Indian» dans le «Bharat» d'aujourd'hui est submergé de sujets à discussion, fortement épicés, et le «Argumentative Mauritian» n'est pas en reste.

Mais y a-t-il une vision et un projet à long terme pour la jeune génération? Il est à souhaiter qu'il y ait une prise de conscience sur toute une part de richesse culturelle qui s'est évaporée au fil des décennies, des valeurs et une manière d'être et de se comporter jadis transmises par les *baïtkas*, une perte de richesse due à un système formel d'éducation trop matérialiste. C'est un habitant de Triolet qui fut porteur au 19ème siècle d'un imaginaire qui sacralisa un lac en le reliant au Gange en Inde. C'est un habitant de Triolet qui, il y a à peine six ans, porta à la ministre de l'Education la pétition réclamant l'enseignement du sanskrit dans les écoles. Le projet s'est concrétisé.

Il nous a été rapporté que les principaux pétitionnaires étaient ahuris par le manque de vision, voire d'intérêt pour la culture chez les gouvernants, qui sont plus des techniciens à trouver des solutions à court terme à tout problème ou défi économique qui surgit que des visionnaires à long terme sur la question culturelle. Rappelons que le sanskrit est la langue de la science, des mathématiques, de la logique, de la philosophie et des écritures sacrées, et que son alphabet est considéré comme la langue des dieux. L'enseignement du sanskrit est pris au sérieux à l'étranger aussi, et cet apport pourrait enrichir le paysage culturel de la population mauricienne dans son ensemble.

Nos parents apprenaient le sanskrit par leurs propres moyens. La jeune génération devrait pouvoir bénéficier d'un plus large éventail d'héritage culturel de leurs ancêtres. Une trop grande dépendance sur les dirigeants des associations et les politiciens est quelque peu restrictive. C'est à la population de porter des projets à long terme pour la jeune génération, qui permettraient de répondre aux questions cruciales: D'où viennent-ils? Quel sens donner à leur avenir? Quel doit être leur rôle sur le plan local et au sein de la diaspora, et comment atteindre les objectifs définis?



Tree of Knowledge

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## Finding Another Vantage Point

Seeing the world from another perspective can introduce you to all sorts of hidden treasures



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**T**he ocean can look very different, depending on whether you are standing at the shore, soaring above in a plane, or swimming beneath its waves. Likewise, a mountain can look very different relative to where you are standing. Each living thing sees the world from its unique vantage point. While from your window you may be seeing what looks like a huge shrub, a bird in its nest is getting an intimate view of that tree's leafy interior. Meanwhile, a beetle sees only a massive and never-ending tree trunk. Yet all three of you are looking at the same tree.

Just as a shadow that is concealed from one point of view is easily seen from another, it is possible to miss a fantastic view. That is, unless you are willing to see what's in front of you through different eyes. Seeing the world from another perspective, whether spatially or mentally, can introduce you to all sorts of hidden treasures. The root of the discovery process often lies in finding another way of looking at the world. The common human reaction to insects is one example. Spinning its web in a dark corner, a spider may seem drab, frightening, and mysterious. But seen up close weaving silver snowflakes between the branches of a tree, they can look like coloured jewels.

Sometimes, there are experiences in life that from your vantage point may seem confusing, alarming, or worrisome. Or there may be events that look insignificant from where you are standing right now. Try seeing them from another point of view. Bury your face in the grass and look at the world from a bug's vantage point. Explore your home as if you were a small child. Take a ride in a small aircraft and experience the world from a bird's eye view.

Just as kneeling down sometimes helps you see more closely when you are looking for lost treasure, so can standing back help you appreciate the broader picture of what you are looking at. In doing so, you'll experience very different worlds.