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What was long suspected has finally come to pass: Xavier Duval's PMSD, with the nomination of Adrien Duval as Speaker in replacement of the controversial Sooroojdev Phookeer, has taken its first irreversible step towards joining forces with the MSM. This alliance is poised to contest the upcoming elections against the united front of the Labour Party, MMM, and the Nouveaux Démocrates.

For the PMSD, this was the logical and perhaps the only option left after being ousted, some will say ousting itself out, from the LP-MMM opposition alliance. The PMSD would like to believe this ouster had been orchestrated by Navin Ramgoolam and Paul Bérenger, each for their own strategic political reasons: Ramgoolam aimed to ensure a front bench that would represent a sociologically balanced composition, appealing to the LP electorate, while Bérenger sought to secure the MMM's sole representation of minority interests in either a coalition with the Labour Party or alternatively with the MSM. Additionally, Bérenger aimed for a larger share of electoral tickets within the LP-MMM-MD alliance. That however does not appear to have been the feeling of a key PMSD parliamentary splinter group that stayed on as the Nouveaux Démocrates. Be that as it may, a departure without an alternative plank in the offing would have been suicidal for the PMSD in our FPTP electoral system.

In joining forces with the MSM, the PMSD would surely seek to secure more favourable terms regarding electoral tickets, front bench presence, Cabinet positions, and a share of governmental power if an MSM-PMSD alliance were to emerge victorious in what promises to be a closely contested battle between the two major alliances in the upcoming elections. Pravind Jugnauth's expectation from Xavier Duval is that the PMSD will contribute significantly to winning a number of seats in urban constituencies, which would complement the more assured seats in rural constituencies (Nos. 4 to 14) needed to form the next government.

The extent to which the PMSD will deliver on these promises remains uncertain. Nevertheless, Pravind Jugnauth views Duval's alignment as a strategic move that provides the MSM with a dual insurance policy for securing victory in the next elections. What remains less recognized is the covert yet

influential support that the MSM garners from Jocelyn Grégoire, a Catholic priest with considerable sway among the working-class Creole community — a support base potentially larger and more influential than that of the PMSD and the Duvals. Grégoire played a pivotal role in securing victories for the MSM in both 2014 and 2019, despite allegations of electoral malpractice tarnishing the latter election.

As for the PMSD, managing its transition from four years of robust opposition against the autocratic and repressive policies of the MSM-led government presents a formidable challenge. Their strategic pivot towards the MSM, seen as a "retournement de veste," raises questions about their credibility and consistency in the eyes of the electorate. It must be borne in mind that the urban electorate have been deprived of their democratic rights for almost ten years. Cozzying up to those he slammed regularly over four years as Leader of the Opposition, revealing many misdemeanours and malpractices, may be a bridge too far even for large parts of his electorate. However, for Xavier Duval, the immediate concern may lie in ensuring the PMSD's continued relevance in Mauritius' political landscape and securing a future for his political legacy and political heirs.

This unfolding scenario underscores a high-stakes power game where political leaders and their parties strategize to gain influence and control over the electorate, ultimately aiming to secure the majority needed to win elections. Playing one's cards adeptly in such power games demands a blend of strategic acumen, the ability to manage complexities inherent in a multi-racial and multi-religious society like Mauritius, and above all, humility. Whether the PMSD's alignment with the MSM-led alliance in 2024 will replicate the conditions of 2014 remains to be seen. The outcome will hinge significantly on the opposition's strategic response to these familiar yet evolving circumstances.

If the noisy showdown around the selection of Adrien Duval as Speaker of the National Assembly is anything to go by, the country cannot afford a prolongation of higher echelon political survival jockeying. General elections that will be watched closely by many international observers and capitals, should not be delayed.

The Conversation

The global food system is owned by an ever smaller number of companies

It's damaging our health, our communities and the planet



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Across the world, over 800 million people spend their days hungry. More than 2 billion have limited access to food. Yet today's global food system produces enough to feed every person on the planet.

This imbalanced situation can be explained in part by the effects of things like natural disasters, war, fragile supply chains and economic inequality. These are all significant factors which highlight the problems of a truly global food system, where shocks spread quickly from one place to another with sometimes devastating results.

But they do not provide the full picture and cannot fully explain the rise of ultra-processed foods, the financial difficulties facing farmers, or why the world has failed to address the harmful environmental impacts of food production.

To account for these trends, we need to look at market concentration, and how a small number of very big companies have come to dominate the production and supply of the food we all eat.

For the global food system has become much more concentrated in recent years, partly through an increase in mergers and acquisitions, where large firms buy up rival companies until they completely dominate key areas.

High levels of market concentra-

tion mean less transparency, weaker competition, and more power in the hands of fewer firms. And our research reveals that a rise in the number of mergers and acquisitions is taking place at all stages of the global food system — from seeds and fertilisers to machinery and manufacturing.

This is all part of food being increasingly seen as a source not only of human sustenance, but as a profitable investment — or what is known as the "financialisation of food".

And while people have been buying and selling food for a very long time, the global system has seen a major incursion of big finance in recent decades. Pension funds, private equity and asset management firms have invested heavily in the sector.

The logic is simple. Everybody needs food, so the sector promises safe and potentially lucrative returns.

But feeding the world while looking after the planet costs money, and unfortunately, big financial actors are all about the bottom line.

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Marmite politique

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La marmite politique est en ébullition avec pour toile de fond une probable élection partielle dans la circonscription no. 10 le 10 octobre 2024, suivie de la dissolution du Parlement le 21 novembre 2024, et la mise en place d'un gouvernement de transition («care-taker government») jusqu'à la tenue des élections générales en avril 2025.

Ce scénario est devenu plus plausible avec un développement politique de taille survenu cette semaine: la démission du Speaker de l'Assemblée législative, M. Sooroojdev Phokeer. Si l'on parlait de son remplacement éventuel ces derniers jours dans le contexte de la formation d'une nouvelle alliance politique entre le PMSD et le MSM, personne ne pouvait prévoir à quelle vitesse les développements politiques allaient se cristalliser.

Les circonstances du départ de M. Phokeer sont surprenantes, au même titre que le scénario de la démission de Vikram Hurdoyal de son poste de député du MSM après sa révocation comme ministre de l'Agriculture. Dans les deux cas, il y a une impression d'opacité. M. Phokeer a-t-il démissionné de son poste de son propre gré ou a-t-il été forcé à la démission pour faire place à un successeur probable dont le nom a été mentionné cette semaine, celui d'Adrien Duval, ex- député du PMSD? C'est la question que tout le monde se pose.

Frasques du Speaker

L'admission du Speaker à l'hôpital pour cause de maladie, suivie d'une intervention chirurgicale, est en apparence le motif de son départ. Or, il a soumis sa lettre de démission deux heures après une rencontre avec le Premier ministre. L'explication la plus plausible de sa démarche est que le MSM a voulu le remplacer le plus vite possible afin de faciliter une alliance avec le PMSD, dont la première étape est la nomination d'Adrien Duval au poste de Speaker.

Cette nomination a pour but de redorer le blason du gouvernement dont l'image a été souillée par les frasques du Speaker (notamment les suspensions et les expulsions injustifiées de députés de l'Opposition et le rejet de questions parlementaires embarrassantes). M. Phokeer avait sans doute ses idiosyncrasies, mais il serait inapproprié de tout mettre sur son dos. Toutes les motions d'expulsion et de suspension des députés de l'Opposition ont été présentées par le «Leader of the



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House» et secondées par son adjoint. Le Speaker n'aurait pu agir seul dans ces excès.

Le comportement du Speaker soulève toute la problématique du mode de nomination du titulaire à ce poste. Traditionnellement, le Speaker était un député élu de la majorité après le passage de Sir Harilal Vaghjee dans ces fonctions dans les années 70. Dans les années 90, le gouvernement a changé ce mode de nomination pour choisir un Speaker non élu, ce qui a placé le titulaire du poste à la merci de la majorité.

Un Speaker non élu est toujours redevable au gouvernement qui le nomme, et non pas à l'électorat. Un Speaker élu est conscient de son devoir d'indépendance et d'impartialité parce qu'il doit briguer les suffrages de nouveau en rendant des comptes à ses mandants.

Il faut souhaiter qu'un prochain gouvernement alternatif amendera la loi pour prévoir un Speaker élu en permanence. Ce serait enlever du Premier ministre le pouvoir de nommer un de ses fidèles supporters à un poste stratégique de l'État au défi de toutes les normes de bienséance. Est-ce que le successeur de M. Phokeer (Adrien Duval ou un autre) saura faire preuve des qualités nécessaires d'un

Speaker indépendant et impartial? L'avenir nous le dira.

En tout cas, la nomination d'Adrien Duval ferait partie des conditions d'une alliance MSM-PMSD. Le PMSD voudrait apporter certains changements au gouvernement pour justifier une telle alliance auprès du public. Il s'agit pour lui de montrer qu'il ne cautionne pas le statu quo 100% et que sa présence au sein du gouvernement avant les prochaines élections apportera un certain renouveau.

Si l'on se fie aux thèmes que le leader du PMSD a toujours soulevés dans le passé, le PMSD devrait amener le gouvernement à

- adopter une approche plus démocratique au Parlement,
- proposer des mesures pour alléger davantage les salariés et les retraités (par exemple, un boni de fin d'année équivalant au 14e mois),
- réviser la politique en matière d'éducation pour les recalés des examens du Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC) et les critères d'admission en HSC (4 au lieu de 5 crédits de SC),
- revoir les critères de nomination de chefs de service dans certaines institutions (FCC, MBC, FSC, etc.), et

-- préserver les pouvoirs de poursuite du DPP.

L'indépendance du DPP, dont les pouvoirs de poursuite pour crimes financiers ont été usurpés par la Financial Crimes Commission (FCC), est l'enjeu majeur qui avait poussé le PMSD à démissionner du gouvernement MSM-PMSD en 2017. Le PMSD n'était pas d'accord avec le projet de loi créant une commission de poursuite parallèle au DPP. Comment acceptera-t-il l'usurpation des pouvoirs de poursuite par la FCC maintenant?

Conditions d'alliance

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Après son départ de l'alliance de l'Opposition parlementaire, le PMSD n'a pas d'autre choix que de s'allier au MSM s'il veut être partenaire d'un prochain gouvernement, comme il le dit. Toutefois, il devrait pouvoir justifier cette alliance auprès de ses partisans par des conditions qui lui donnent un peu de crédibilité telles que le nombre de tickets aux élections (un minimum de 12), des postes ministériels importants (Finances, Tourisme, Premier ministre adjoint), et des nominations pour ses cadres dans les institutions et ambassades.

La question est de savoir si le MSM fera toutes ces concessions au risque de froisser ses autres alliés (Linite Militant, ML) et ses propres membres. Pour sa survie politique, il s'obligera sans doute de plaire au PMSD, qui lui apportera les «cinq sous» qui lui manque dans les régions urbaines et conférer à l'alliance gouvernementale une image nationale.

Sous ce rapport, la prochaine bataille électorale sera essentiellement la répétition du scénario de 2014 avec deux camps opposés (le PTr-MMM d'un côté et le MSM-PMSD de l'autre), avec quelques variations mineures ici et là.

** Ce texte a été rédigé avant la nomination d'Adrien Duval au poste de Président de l'Assemblée nationale.*



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Par A. Bartleby

La tentative d'assassinat de Donald Trump, où il a miraculeusement échappé à la mort samedi dernier, le 13 juillet, alors qu'une balle a frôlé son oreille droite lors d'un rassemblement de campagne en Pennsylvanie, met en lumière les dangers auxquels font face ceux qui cherchent à obtenir des votes dans un pays où la Constitution garantit aux citoyens le droit de porter des armes.

Trump rejoint ainsi un groupe peu commun de présidents, anciens présidents et candidats à la présidence américaine ayant été la cible des balles. Parmi les 45 individus ayant occupé la présidence, quatre ont été assassinés en fonction.

Thomas Klassen, professeur de politique publique et d'administration à l'Université de York, au Canada, souligne que, en raison du statut presque mythique des présidents américains et du rôle de superpuissance des États-Unis, les assassinats politiques frappent au cœur même de la psyché américaine.

Les assassinats d'Abraham Lincoln en 1865 et de John F. Kennedy en 1963 sont des moments clés de l'histoire américaine. Moins souvent évoqués, ceux de James Garfield (1881) et de William McKinley (1901) avaient aussi profondément ébranlé la nation à leur époque.

C'est après l'assassinat de McKinley que le Secret Service des États-Unis s'est vu confier la tâche d'assurer une protection à temps plein aux présidents.

Le dernier président américain touché par des tirs fut Ronald Reagan, gravement blessé et nécessitant une intervention chirurgicale d'urgence en 1981. Lorsqu'il sortait d'un hôtel à Washington après avoir prononcé un discours, le tireur John Hinckley Jr. tira sur lui avec un pistolet .22. Une balle ricocha sur la limousine présidentielle et le toucha sous le bras gauche. Après 12 jours d'hospitalisation, Reagan rentra à la Maison Blanche.

D'autres présidents ont été visés par des tirs sans être blessés. En 1933, un tireur tira cinq coups de feu sur la voiture du président élu Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ce dernier ne fut pas touché, mais le maire de Chicago, Anton Cermak, qui parlait au président élu après que ce dernier eut fait de brèves déclarations au public, fut blessé et décéda 19 jours plus tard.

En septembre 1975, le président Gerald Ford survécut à deux tentatives d'assassinat distinctes, toutes deux

perpétrées par des femmes. La première eut lieu le 5 septembre lorsque Lynette (Squeaky) Fromme, une disciple du chef de secte Charles Manson, tenta de tirer sur Ford alors qu'il traversait un parc à Sacramento, en Californie, mais son arme ne fonctionna pas. Le 22 septembre, Sara Jane Moore, liée à des groupes radicaux de gauche, tira un coup de feu sur Ford alors qu'il sortait d'un hôtel à San Francisco, mais manqua le président.

Les candidats à la présidence ne furent pas épargnés par les tentatives d'assassinat, notamment le sénateur Robert F. Kennedy, assassiné en 1968, et George Wallace, blessé et paralysé en 1972.

En 1912, l'ancien président Theodore Roosevelt fut touché à la poitrine par une balle de calibre .38 alors qu'il faisait campagne pour regagner la Maison Blanche. Cependant, la majorité de l'impact de la balle fut absorbée par des objets dans la poche poitrine de la veste de Roosevelt. Malgré sa blessure, Roosevelt continua de prononcer son discours de campagne avec la balle toujours logée dans sa poitrine.

D'autres figures politiques d'importance, bien qu'elles ne fussent pas élues, furent également tuées par des tirs, notamment Martin Luther King Jr. en 1968, quelques mois avant la mort de Bobby Kennedy.

Dans un pays avec plus d'armes que de citoyens, où les armes à feu sont facilement accessibles, il n'est pas surprenant que les tirs soient souvent le moyen privilégié pour tuer ou tenter de tuer des titulaires de charges politiques.

Comme Trump, la plupart des tentatives d'assassinat surviennent lorsque les candidats et les politiciens se trouvent dans des lieux publics avec des foules à proximité. Il existe une longue tradition de politiciens insistant, contre l'avis de leurs conseillers en sécurité, pour "serrer la main"

lors d'événements mettant en danger leur sécurité. Trump a eu la chance de s'en sortir avec seulement des blessures mineures.

En revanche, la façon dont un présumé assassin a réussi à blesser Donald Trump et à tuer au moins un spectateur lors d'un rassemblement en Pennsylvanie samedi soir reste à déterminer par le FBI et d'autres enquêteurs gouvernementaux, à travers ce qui sera probablement une longue enquête. Mais pourquoi une telle attaque a-t-elle visé l'ancien président et actuel candidat du GOP à l'élection présidentielle de 2024 ? C'est une question qui devrait être examinée plus rapidement.

Arie Perlinger, directeur des études sur la sécurité et professeur de criminologie et d'études sur la justice à l'Université du Massachusetts, qui étudie la violence politique et les assassinats, pointe du doigt la polarisation aiguë qui afflige la politique américaine comme une partie clé du contexte dans lequel cette tentative apparente d'assassinat s'est produite.

"La démocratie ne peut fonctionner que si les différents partis, les différents mouvements, sont prêts à collaborer sur certaines questions. La démocratie fonctionne lorsque plusieurs groupes sont prêts à trouver un consensus par des négociations, à collaborer et à coopérer. Ce que nous avons vu au cours des 17 dernières années, essentiellement depuis 2008 et l'émergence du mouvement Tea Party, c'est une polarisation croissante aux États-Unis. Et le pire de cette polarisation est que le système politique américain est devenu dysfonctionnel dans le sens où nous éliminons tous les politiciens et décideurs intéressés par la collaboration avec l'autre camp. C'est une chose.

"Deuxièmement, les gens délèguent les dirigeants qui sont prêts à collaborer avec l'autre camp, les présentant comme des individus qui ont trahi leurs valeurs et leur parti politique. La troisième partie est que les gens délèguent leurs rivaux politiques. Ils transforment un désaccord politique en une guerre où il n'y a pas de place pour travailler ensemble pour relever les défis qu'ils reconnaissent tous face à la nation.

"Lorsque vous combinez ces trois dynamiques, vous créez essentiellement un système dysfonctionnel où les deux camps sont convaincus que c'est un jeu à somme nulle, que c'est la fin du pays. C'est la fin de la démocratie si l'autre camp gagne," explique Perlinger, ajoutant ceci: "Si les deux camps martèlent encore et encore aux gens que perdre une élection, c'est la fin du monde, alors ce n'est pas surprenant que finalement les gens soient prêts à prendre la loi entre leurs mains et à recourir à la violence."

"What Are The Olympics For"

Les Jeux olympiques, une industrie valant des milliards de dollars, servent également de vecteur d'influence géopolitique

Les Jeux olympiques d'été de 2024, officiellement baptisés Paris 2024, sont prévus du vendredi 26 juillet au 11 août 2024, avec certaines compétitions commençant dès le 24 juillet. Paris sera la ville hôte principale, avec des événements organisés dans 16 autres villes à travers la France métropolitaine, ainsi qu'un site additionnel à Tahiti, une île relevant de la collectivité d'outre-mer de la Polynésie française. Paris 2024 marquera le début du "breakdance" en tant que discipline olympique. Les Jeux de 2024 devraient coûter 9 milliards d'euros.



Le 24 juin dernier, une banderole promeut la candidature parisienne sur le pont Alexandre-III (7e). P - Allaman/DPPIP

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"What Are The Olympics For"



Les Jeux olympiques sont un business, pas une œuvre de charité. P - Visiter Lyon

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Les Jeux olympiques de Paris réuniront environ 10 500 athlètes de 200 pays ou régions. Mais au-delà du divertissement sportif, les Jeux sont une immense entreprise qui génère des milliards de dollars de revenus pour le Comité International Olympique (CIO) selon Stephen Wade de l'agence de presse AP, tout en servant de levier pour l'influence géopolitique, perceptible à travers le classement des médailles, la présence des leaders mondiaux à la cérémonie d'ouverture et les hymnes nationaux célébrant les vainqueurs des médailles d'or.

Les Jeux olympiques sont un business, pas une œuvre de charité. Le CIO, organisation à but non lucratif basée à Lausanne, en Suisse, tire 91 % de ses revenus de la vente des droits de diffusion (61 %) et des parrainages (30 %). Le revenu pour le dernier cycle de quatre ans des Jeux d'hiver et d'été, se terminant avec les Jeux de Tokyo en 2021, s'élevait à 7,6 milliards de dollars.

Bien que le CIO prétende réinvestir 90 % de ses revenus dans le sport, les athlètes n'en reçoivent qu'une petite partie.

Il y a des discussions en cours pour changer cette répartition. En 2019, le CIO a inauguré un nouveau siège, coûtant environ 200 millions de dollars. Les nations hôtes supportent la majorité des coûts de l'organisation des Jeux. Les Jeux de Tokyo ont été officiellement budgétisés à 13 milliards de dollars, plus de la moitié étant pris en charge par les entités gouvernementales japonaises. Les coûts olympiques sont difficiles à suivre, mais un audit du gouvernement japonais a suggéré que les coûts réels pourraient avoir été le double du montant officiel.

Adhésion et privilèges

+Le CIO compte environ 100 membres. Les membres élisent leurs propres collègues et la plus ancienne est la princesse Nora du Liechtenstein. Au moins une demi-douzaine d'autres membres de familles royales font partie du CIO. Cependant, la plupart du pouvoir est concentré entre les mains du président Thomas Bach, avocat allemand et membre du CIO, ainsi que de son conseil exécutif.

Les membres du CIO sont techniquement des bénévoles, bien que toutes les

dépenses de Bach soient couvertes par le CIO. Le rapport annuel du CIO indique que cela s'élevait à 370 000 dollars en 2022, comprenant une "indemnité" annuelle de 275 000 euros, soit environ 295 000 dollars. Ses obligations fiscales de 163 000 dollars en Suisse ont également été payées. Les membres du CIO reçoivent des indemnités journalières entre 450 et 900 dollars pour assister aux réunions, ainsi que des voyages en première classe et un logement cinq étoiles.

Mélange de sport et de politique

Le CIO affirme que les Jeux transcendent la politique. Mais en réalité, ils sont hautement politiques. Il est notable que le CIO possède un statut d'observateur auprès des Nations Unies, témoignant de son rôle dans le monde.

Le politologue Jules Boykoff souligne dans son récent livre "What Are The Olympics For" que les athlètes défilent lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture par pays. Il note qu'ils pourraient tout aussi bien défiler par groupe sportif, mais cela diminuerait l'élément nationaliste, clé de la popularité des Jeux. Adolf Hitler a utilisé les Jeux de Berlin de 1936 pour promouvoir son agenda. Le relais de la flamme a ses origines à Berlin.

Les candidatures et leur valeur

Le CIO attribuait autrefois les Jeux sept ans à l'avance. En 2015, alors qu'il s'apprêtait à attribuer les Jeux olympiques d'hiver de 2022, le CIO n'avait que deux candidats improbables: Beijing et Almaty, au Kazakhstan. La capitale chinoise l'a emporté de justesse. De nombreux pays européens, dont la Suède, l'Allemagne et la Suisse, se sont retirés en raison des coûts élevés. Depuis lors, le CIO a éliminé l'ancien système d'appel d'offres. Il n'y avait que deux candidats en 2017 pour les Jeux

d'été de 2024 : Paris et Los Angeles. Paris a obtenu ces Jeux et Los Angeles ceux de 2028. En 2021, Brisbane, en Australie, a obtenu les Jeux de 2032 — onze ans à l'avance — en grande partie grâce au membre influent du CIO, John Coates.

Une étude olympique menée par Victor Matheson et Robert Baade, deux professeurs américains, a conclu que "dans la plupart des cas, les Jeux olympiques sont une proposition financière perdante pour les villes hôtes". L'étude publiée dans le « Journal of Economic Perspectives » en 2016, et les responsables du CIO affirment que les récents changements du système d'appel d'offres aideront. L'argument clé est que les Jeux olympiques sont très coûteux et pourraient faire passer au second plan des priorités comme les écoles et les hôpitaux.

Scandales et corruption

Les Jeux olympiques ont souvent été impliqués dans des scandales ou des affaires de corruption, peut-être en raison de l'énorme montant d'argent public en jeu et des délais serrés. Les récents Jeux de Tokyo ont été entachés d'un scandale de pots-de-vin concernant les contrats, les parrainages et la candidature elle-même.

Les Jeux de Rio de Janeiro en 2016 étaient à court d'argent à leur ouverture. Carlos Nuzman, alors membre du CIO qui dirigeait les Jeux, a été arrêté pour corruption peu de temps après la fin des Jeux. Les Jeux d'hiver de Sotchi en 2014 en Russie ont été marqués par un scandale de dopage d'État et de dissimulation.

La corruption dans le processus de candidature des Jeux d'hiver de Salt Lake City en 2002 a forcé certaines réformes éthiques. Les organisateurs des Jeux d'hiver de Nagano en 1998 au Japon ont été largement critiqués pour avoir détruit des archives financières compromettantes montrant qu'ils avaient dépensé des millions pour le divertissement somptueux des membres du CIO.

"Arrêtez le pillage, nous souffrons"

Comment la Banque centrale du Ghana a-t-elle perdu 5 milliards de dollars en un an?

Autrefois vanté comme un exemple de réussite économique en Afrique, le Ghana est aujourd'hui confronté à une crise financière sans précédent. En octobre dernier, des centaines de manifestants ont envahi les rues de la capitale, Accra, pour exiger la démission du gouverneur de la Banque du Ghana et de ses deux adjoints après une perte d'environ 60 milliards de cedis ghanéens (5,2 milliards de dollars) pour l'année financière 2022.

Surnommée #OccupyBoG, la manifestation a été dirigée par le Congrès national démocratique (NDC), l'opposition politique. Vêtus de chemises, écharpes et bérets rouges, les protestataires ont scandé des slogans et ont brandi des pancartes, certaines proclamant "Arrêtez le pillage, nous souffrons".

L'opposition accuse la banque d'avoir imprimé de l'ar-

gent illégalement pour le prêter au gouvernement, provoquant ainsi la dépréciation de la monnaie et une inflation dévastatrice. Elle critique également la banque pour avoir dépensé plus de 762 000 dollars en voyages nationaux et internationaux, soit une augmentation de 87 % par rapport à l'année précédente, ainsi que 250 millions de dollars pour un nouveau bâtiment avec des bureaux. Ces chiffres ont été révélés par un audit interne.

Le NDC blâme le gouverneur de la Banque centrale, le Dr Ernest Addison, pour son imprudence et sa mauvaise gestion.

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Le Ghana – autrefois présenté comme un pays africain pionnier en matière de réussite économique – est confronté à une crise financière sans précédent. P- BBC



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Dr S Jaishankar: Bharat Matters

Mauritius is honoured for the second time by the presence of the Hon External Affairs Minister of Bharat, Dr Subramaniam Jaishankar, who had been here once before, in 2021. From the official commu-

niqué it is obvious, as expected, that he has a packed and tight schedule during this brief two-day visit. It is a pattern of work engagements that he is used to as he goes around both in Bharat and the world promoting Bharat's perspective and positions and defending his country's interests.

I had the opportunity to interact with him as part of a media delegation that was generously hosted by the Government of India in 2017. I recall that he was asked some probing questions about the Diego Garcia issue and gave forthright answers. It is the same forthrightness and clarity, as well as politeness and firmness, that he displays when he answers queries in various settings on the global stage in his capacity as External Affairs Minister since he assumed the responsibilities of the post following the general elections of 2019. It came as no surprise that he was re-appointed to this position after the 2024 elections, as part of PM Modi's third Cabinet which comprises several other previous occupants of the same ministerial portfolios, such as for example Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

One of the very first of such responses was shortly following the breakout of the European war between Ukraine and Russia, and in fact that response went viral and is still often referred to. It was during a press briefing in a European capital, and he was asked by a lady journalist of Al Jazeera about Bharat buying oil from Russia. Very coolly, in his usual manner, he first advised the journalist to check her facts before framing her questions. He then went on to cite the latest report published by the EU on oil purchases, where the statistics showed that *Europe had bought in half a day what Bharat had bought in one month*.

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'A New India... that is able to define its own interests, articulate its own positions, find its own solutions and advance its own model. In short, this is an India that is more Bharat' — Dr Subramaniam Jaishankar



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other countries. *Et le comble*, as we say in French, Europe too was buying crude from Russia refined in Bharat! Speak of double standards and hypocrisy!

Dr Jaishankar is a seasoned diplomat with over four decades of experience of service in major capitals of the world, including Washington and Beijing, which gives him the breadth and the depth of knowledge and understanding of international affairs that he brings to bear as the global most well-known public figure of Bharat after PM Narendra Modi. The quote at the top of the page is part of the text on the back cover of his second book, 'Why Bharat Matters' which is worth citing *in toto*:

'India's quest to ascend the global hierarchy is an endless journey. But as we take stock of the progress made and anticipate the challenges ahead, it is certainly reassuring that this is propelled by such deep national commitment and confidence. Whether it is drawing strength from its heritage and culture or approaching challenges with the optimism of democracy and technology, this is certainly a New India. Indeed, an India ...that is more Bharat.'

And hence 'Why Bharat Matters'.

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Indeed, it is said of the Mahabharata that 'whatever is found in it can be found elsewhere too, but what is not in

it cannot be found anywhere.'

In an interview that he gave to the magazine India Today a few years ago, Dr Jaishankar shared some of the lessons and insights in governance and diplomacy that Mahabharata provides and concluded that Bharat must follow what he calls the Mahabharata Way. In fact, he always carries a copy of the Mahabharata with him when he travels.

In his first book, 'The India Way', he expands further on this as he describes the obstacles, opportunities and challenges that the changing world order, one of multipolarity and uncertainties, is throwing up and that every country is having to cope with. At the same time, this brings new responsibilities to countries concerned with maintaining peace and stability, such as Bharat, ensuring that development and progress can take place, and that the benefits can spread to and be shared by all peoples.

In this unfolding future, Bharat has a major role to play as a rising superpower which now ranks 5th in the global economy and, in all likelihood, it is on an unstoppable trajectory to rise to the third place by 2030

Mauritius should therefore consider itself fortunate to have such close historical and cultural ties with Bharat, whose global concerns and sought after skills and capacities perforce extend to all regions. It is inevitable that geopolitical considerations should drive Bharat's interest in the Indian Ocean and the coastal countries therein, and Mauritius being one of them is a natural partner quite apart from the historical reasons. These would themselves be sufficient justification for partnering, as Bharat pursues its goal of 'making friends and influencing the world.'

Many examples of this will be found in 'The India Way', a revealing one being how Bharat, over and above manufacturing and administering a staggering two billion doses of Covid vaccines to its own citizens, donated nearly 400 million doses to help out countries that had no manufacturing capacity or the means to source them from the then quasi-closed global market. Mauritius was one of the first beneficiaries of this '*Vaccine Maitri*' (Vaccine Friendship).

En passant, it may be noted that among the early beneficiaries was Canada (500,000 doses), and that country's leadership's mode of expressing its gratitude for this life-saving gesture is to be a haven for anti-Bharat terrorism.

As Dr Jaishankar wrote in 'The India Way': 'This is the time for us to engage America, manage China, cultivate Europe, reassure Russia, bring Japan into play, draw neighbours in, extend the neighbourhood and expand traditional constituencies of support.'

I presume Mauritius belongs to that last category, and it is therefore apt to reciprocate with a 'Namaste, Swagatam' to Dr Jaishankar in response to the 'Namaste Mauritius' that he has posted.

Jai Mauritius, Jai Bharat.



Anil Madan

On July 1, 2024, three days before America would celebrate the 248th anniversary of its creation as a nation conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, we heard from the Supreme Court that all men are not created equal after all. A President or former President is more equal than any other American.

Supreme Court opinions are preceded by a Syllabus, a summary of the court's quintessential rulings, prepared by the publisher (known as the Reporter) of the court's decisions. The decision in the case styled *Trump v. United States* (the original case was filed as *United States v. Trump*, but after the appellate court rejected Trump's claim of immunity, he petitioned the Supreme Court to hear his appeal, and since he was the petitioner, his name went first. In a strange way, this creates the misleading impression that Trump brought the challenge in the first place. Anyhow, the first paragraph of the Syllabus stating the core holding was straightforward:

Under our constitutional structure of separated powers, the nature of Presidential power entitles a former President to absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within his conclusive and preclusive constitutional authority. And he is entitled to at least presumptive immunity from prosecution for all his official acts. There is no immunity for unofficial acts.

This conceals a major sleight of hand by the Supreme Court. The President's authority stems either from the language of the Constitution, or from Congress when it enacts legislation authorizing the President to act. In the former case, the President's authority is conclusive and preclusive, ergo this means that Congress cannot criminalize any aspect of presidential authority, and the courts cannot examine it. This grants him Total Immunity.

So far, that does not seem extraordinary. The President does have certain core powers under the Constitution, and when he exercises his discretion, the consequences should be something that we accept. But the Supreme Court could have ruled that in exercising those powers, the President is not authorized to violate criminal law. Indeed, the Constitution states that the President "shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." The word "shall" is understood, in legal construction, to be a command. It would be extraordinary if the Founding Fathers and drafters of the Constitution intended to convey the notion that the President's duty in this regard implicitly includes a personal executive right to violate those same laws. The illogic is palpable.

The sleight of hand came regarding the suggestion that the President may not have immunity from prosecution for official acts that are not part of the core authority vested in him. But, at first, the Supreme Court stated, there is a presumption of immunity, and the burden is on the government to rebut that presumption. In short, it must be shown that the prosecution does not pose any dangers of intrusion on the authority and functions of the Executive Branch. The problem is that the Constitution states: "The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States." Therefore, it can be argued that no matter what the President does, he is exercising that executive authority. Since the executive authority that is vested in the President is exclusive and preclusive, there is absolute immunity. The exception for some "official" acts is a mirage.

The Supreme Court could have ruled that the Constitution does not authorize the President to commit criminal acts in the discharge of his duties and that no indictment may be filed without presentment to and review by a federal judge, subject to appellate rights, showing good cause to believe that a crime was committed. The

By The Graze of Gawd

The Political Climate in the US reaches New Heights of Toxicity



Another Trump vs. Biden Rematch in November. Pic - WSJ

court did not choose this sensible course.

The irony is that President Biden now enjoys immunity and can do whatever he wishes. He has stated that he will not abuse that authority. But what if Trump wins reelection?

In the wake of this stunning development, approaching that Independence Day anniversary, Americans stewed li+terally, as temperatures rose to record heights across the nation, and figuratively, over the notion that we had been changed from a Democracy with a President answerable to the people, and to the Law.

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A dead man walking

Then came the first "debate" between Biden and Trump. It was not a debate, not by either man. Biden did a fair impression of a man who had just undergone a lobotomy. He managed to squeak out a couple of ripostes about Trump lying and having the morals of an alley cat. Biden seemed to miss what has been obvious for a long time: this nation lost its moral compass when its true North Star swung from money to political power and back. We may well favour the antics of alley cats over the stumbling of the lobotomy section.

Trump, of course, lied his way through the debate. So, what else is new? It has been reported that he told 28 or 38 lies. Trump has for long lied to himself and to America. A people feeling abandoned by their government finds solace in lies and false promises. This is how fascism begins. This is how fascism sets in.

The disturbing and sad aspect of all this was that the two CNN talking heads (I refrain from calling them journalists) who anchor TV shows, couldn't bring themselves to call Trump out for his lies. Those who speak and believe their own lies the loudest, trump the feckless. So it was, that night.

Biden's debate performance was so disturbing that calls for him to step down came from his friends within his own party. Former Speaker Nancy Pelosi effectively threw him under the bus when, instead of a full-throated endorsement, she stated that Biden has to make the decision whether to stay in the race. Whereas that is stating

the obvious, even after Biden had vociferously denied that he is going to step down, she stated: "We're all encouraging him to make that decision, because time is running short."

To me, the message being telegraphed is unmistakable. She wouldn't be concerned that time is running short if she were encouraging him to stay the course. Some news reports suggest that Pelosi is privately urging other Democrats to pressure Biden because she does not believe he can win. The latest

news is the Congressman Adam Schiff has now called on Biden to step down.

Biden himself, was adamant. He is not quitting. He allowed as he is the best person to run the country and beat Donald Trump. Some have suggested that Biden prides himself for fighting off those who bullied him as an eleven-year-old who had a stutter. Now, he feels that he is being bullied again and he won't stand for it.

The result is that as he reprises his 11-year-old self, he is locked in a battle with a 4-year-old.

The despair of many Democrats at Biden's intransigence in the face of their calls for him to set aside is matched only by the glee of the Trumpers who want to see Biden stay in the race, because they now treat him like a dead man walking.

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Another ugly day for America

As if that were not enough drama, last Saturday was another of those ugly days for America. A bullet from a would-be assassin's rifle missed Donald Trump's temple and grazed his ear. The shooter apparently discarding his ballot in favour of a bullet, missed Trump but struck and killed another American and seriously wounded at least two others. The shooter was taken down by a Secret Service sniper.

Trump was quick to invoke the Divinity as his savior. So were fellow Republicans who arrived in Wisconsin for the Republican National Convention at which Trump will be anointed and declared the party's nominee for the presidential election.

But it would be a mistake to think that God had anything to do with this. There is no verifying the claim some make that God whispered in his ear: "Donald Duck!!" just in time and this was the graze of Gawd.

An almost instant caravan, a stream of pastors and politicians, flocking to the asylum, started to thank God for saving Trump. Senator Marco Rubio, whom Trump once derided as "Little Marco" chimed in: "God protected President Trump."

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Franklin Graham echoed that sentiment. No surprise there. After all, it's another opportunity to raise money from those feeling abandoned by their God and finding solace in salving their consciences by donating money for a different kind of false promise.

The political overtones followed. Ronald Jeffress, a pastor who has shown almost as much dedication to Trump as to God, posited: "I believe God spared Donald Trump's life for a purpose ... for the purpose of calling our nation back to its Judeo-Christian foundation."

Did God really save Trump? Was this a case of being saved by the grace of God, or is it more appropriate to say "Gawd, Trump is lucky that the bullet just grazed him?" By the graze of gawd, for Chrissake.

A piece by Shaine Claiborne writing in Religious News Service caught my eye. "Theology — the attempt by our finite minds to try to make sense of a God who is infinitely bigger than our imaginations — can be tricky. But in this case it's not that hard to see that there is something wrong with a theology that says God intervened to save Donald Trump, which implies in an awful way that God redirected the bullet into the person who was killed at his rally, or the two people who were grievously injured."

"If our theology lands us with a version of God that hates all the same people we hate, excludes all the same people we exclude, kills all the people we want killed and saves all the people we want saved, there is something wrong with our theology. That kind of thinking recalls the old saying, 'God created us in his image, and we decided to return the favor.'"



"Any theology that puts God, rather than sinful human beings, behind a gun or a bomb is bad theology."

Claiborne has put his finger on a problem he did not describe fully. American politics has become about hate and hatred. We view our common problems, and Gawd we have enough of them, not as American problems looking for solutions, but as occasions to accuse our opponents as being the cause of our ills. In the process, although we likely would agree on the desired outcome if we were to

address the problem, we lose sight of the solution.

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Each came to praise Caesar

Against this backdrop, Trump chose Senator J.D. Vance of Ohio as his Vice-Presidential running mate. Vance is a very smart guy, a graduate of Yale Law School. But what is it about these Yale Law School chaps? Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Brett Kavanaugh, all Supreme Court justices graduated from Yale. And Sonia Sotomayor too, but let's lie to ourselves a bit and let that one lie.

Back in 2016, Vance said to a television interviewer: "I'm a Never Trump guy, I never liked him."

That same year, he told NPR: "I can't stomach Trump. I think that he's noxious and is leading the white working class to a very dark place." He also wrote an op-ed for *The New York Times* titled: "MrTrump Is Unfit For Our Nation's Highest Office."

Later, after Trump supported Vance's bid for the Senate, Vance said: "I didn't think he was going to be a good president," he said. "He was a great president. And it's one of the reasons why I'm working so hard to make sure he gets a second term."

Vance also wrote to one of his college roommates that Trump is an American Hitler.

It's not just Trump. At the Republican convention, a procession of politicians showed up and praised Trump. These included people he had derided, Senator Ted Cruz, Rubio mentioned above, Nikki Haley, Ron DeSantis, to name a few. Each of them in the past has expressed the view at some level that Trump is unfit to be President of the United States.

Yet, each came to praise Caesar, not to bury him. The evil that Trump has done and promises to do, is interred with the bones of the nation.

Cheerz...
Bwana

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The global food system is owned by an ever smaller number of companies

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They aim to maximise returns, provide value to shareholders, and meet the expectations of markets.

This makes mergers and acquisitions an attractive business proposition. Why make risky, long-term investments in sustainable food solutions, when you can buy your competitor, increase your market share, and potentially make a lot of money in the process? By boosting share prices and removing competition, buy-outs have been used widely throughout the global food system as an easier way to achieve further growth.

Hunger games

This has resulted in more concentration and fewer, more powerful firms. One report revealed that just four firms control 44% of the global farm machinery market, two companies control 40% of the global



seed market, and four businesses control 62% of the global agrochemicals market. This trend is matched in food retail, with four firms — Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, and Morrisons — estimated to control over 64% of the UK grocery market.

This level of concentration and power affects everyone. It means less bargaining power for farmers, who are forced to

negotiate with powerful conglomerates. Workers across key stages of the global food sector face downward pressures on wages, rights, and conditions. Local communities lose autonomy over how their land is cultivated and how the rewards are distributed.

And the negative effects are not limited to those working in food.

Fewer firms and less transparency can lead to higher prices. And research on Europe has shown that places with higher food market concentration, including the UK and Germany, sell more ultra-processed food.

The global food system also plays a big part in climate change. Too much corporate power limits the opportunities for communities to tackle environmental issues and move towards sustainable provision of healthy food for everyone by

producing more food themselves.

With so much at stake, improved regulation should surely be on the menu. Our research revealed the majority of food system mergers and acquisitions take place between firms of the same nationality. This could provide an opportunity for governments to prevent further market concentration within their borders — and even to seek to dilute what already exists.

International arrangements are more complicated, and would require a coordinated, international approach. However, this may prove difficult given the first-ever UN "food systems summit" in 2021 remained "strategically silent" on the issue.

We believe market concentration must become a defining feature of food system reform. To address climate change, provide a fair deal for workers, and eradicate hunger, we need power to be less corporate — for the benefit of the entire global community.

Liam Keenan, University of Nottingham; Dariusz Wojcik, National University of Singapore; Timothy Monteath, University of Warwick

Sanjay Bhuckory, SC

“Scrap the FCC Act and restore the DPP’s powers”

‘We cannot create a parallel criminal system for financial crimes, which escapes the DPP’s control. This is a fertile breeding ground for political interference’



In recent weeks, Mauritius has been abuzz with speculation regarding potential legal actions against political figures, particularly the Leader of the Labour Party, Dr Navin Ramgoolam, by the Financial Crimes Commission (FCC). The FCC’s Director General, Navin Beekarry, has categorically dismissed these speculations, asserting that such claims are baseless and far from the mandate of the FCC. However, amidst these discussions lies a broader concern about the FCC’s role and independence in high-profile cases, especially with political implications.

To delve deeper into these pressing issues, Sanjay Bhuckory, SC, who brings extensive experience in constitutional matters, shares his insights on these matters, including the cases involving the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) against the Financial Crimes Commission (FCC) and the Commissioner of Police.

Mauritius Times: There were speculations in recent weeks about an imminent arrest of the Labour Party’s leader by the FCC in relation to an “Unexplained Wealth Order” of the earlier Integrity Reporting Services Agency. The DG of the Financial Crimes Commission (FCC), Navin Beekarry, has responded to the speculations, saying that “the suggestion that the FCC was created to arrest Dr Navin Ramgoolam is completely ridiculous and false”. Aside from the political implications of such a decision, would it be correct to say that the FCC would be fully entitled to pursue that course of action if there is sufficient evidence or a legal basis to justify it?

Sanjay Bhuckory: I strongly disagree. It would be preposterous for the FCC to re-arrest someone nearly ten years after the alleged acts. Worse still, the politically controlled FCC has now

absorbed the independent Integrity Reporting Services Authority (IRSA), which was headed by no lesser than a former UK Chief Justice. The FCC Act, which was passed with a simple majority, cannot overnight be utilised to the detriment of a suspect’s constitutional rights.

In fact, Dr Ramgoolam is challenging the constitutionality of two sections of the FCC Act before the Supreme Court: firstly, section 112(4), arguing that it places the burden on him, rather than the prosecution, to prove that his property is not unexplained wealth; and secondly, sec-

tion 117(1), asserting that he cannot be unfairly deprived of his property through a confiscation order for unexplained wealth.

It is comforting to know that the Director General of the FCC has given the assurance that he will not arrest Dr Ramgoolam. Hopefully, he will, in the same breath, freeze all legal actions against the latter, pending the determination of the constitutional plaint.

*** However, the timing of such a decision in the lead-up to the next elections, should the FCC pursue that course of action, could lend credibility**

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to the perception that the FCC is being weaponised to target political opponents, particularly the main challenger to the current Prime Minister. This situation could be seen as another ‘colourable device,’ a term used by the late Chief Justice Rajsoomer Lallah in another case involving Navin Ramgoolam. What are your thoughts on this?

Recent events in India and the USA have sent strong signals to ruling parties across the world that prosecuting, not to say persecuting, political opponents on the eve of national elections may well backfire. Closer to home, the FCC and the Police are increasingly being perceived as having been weaponised to target political opponents. This is so because media reports are abundant with instances where the speed and outcome of FCC or Police inquiries appear to vary based on the individuals’ proximity to power.

This weaponisation perception has, through the adoption of the FCC Act, become a reality because, contrary to the then ICAC, the FCC is now under no obligation to submit a comprehensive report of all its enquiries to the DPP. Thus, the DPP will henceforth be kept in the dark as to the outcome of the FCC’s enquiries, thus depriving him of the power to decide whether to institute criminal proceedings or not.

The term “colourable device”, used by late Chief Justice Lallah is, I am afraid, too mild to describe the sombre situation we are now facing. I would prefer “cover-up device”.

*** In any case, how the FCC prioritises urgency in its investigations can indicate how it maintains its independence from political influences, particularly in high-profile cases. Unfortunately, the Parliamentary Committee may not provide much assistance in this regard. What are your reflections on this?**

Far from gaining the trust and confidence of the people of this country, which the ICAC had already lost, the situation has worsened with the accrued powers vested in the FCC. There is only one way to redress the situation: scrap the FCC Act and restore the DPP’s powers. He alone is empowered, under the Constitution, to be at the apex of the criminal procedural system in Mauritius. We cannot create a parallel criminal system for financial crimes, which escapes the DPP’s control. This is a fertile breeding ground for political interference, delaying tactics and cover-ups.

The Parliamentary Committee has no say in investigatory matters, leave alone in querying the Director General about any ongoing or shelved enquiry. In these circumstances, the Committee has no means of safeguarding the FCC’s independence from any form of interference.

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Arrest of Navin Ramgoolam?

'It would be preposterous for the FCC to re-arrest someone nearly ten years after the alleged acts'

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* There are also the current DPP, Rashid Ahmine, as well as his predecessor, Satyajit Boolell, who have both challenged the constitutionality of the FCC Act. In your view, how does challenging the FCC Act serve the public interest and the integrity of the legal system?

I am one of the counsels representing both the current and former DPP. In the case of the incumbent DPP, his challenge is based on two main grounds. Firstly, the FCC's decision to discontinue an investigation concerning an alleged offender, coupled with the FCC no longer being legally required to report its decisions to the DPP, deprives the DPP of the opportunity to exercise his authority under section 72(3)(a) of the Constitution to initiate criminal proceedings against an offender. This also undermines his authority to terminate proceedings under section 72(3)(c).

The DPP's second ground of challenge is that the FCC's decision to compound an offence under section 150 of the Act impacts his constitutional powers to initiate and terminate proceedings. Once an Agreement to Compound is reached between the FCC and an alleged offender behind the back of the DPP, the criminal process comes to an abrupt end. This prevents prosecution of the individual and thus deprives the DPP of the ability to exercise his authority under section 72(3)(a) of the Constitution to initiate criminal proceedings against the alleged offender, as well as his power to discontinue proceedings under section 72(3)(c) of the Constitution.

Regarding Mr Boolell's challenge, he argues that under the repealed Prevention of Corruption Act of 2002



(POCA), the ICAC was under an obligation to consult the DPP, who had the sole mandate to independently review the case file and advise on further investigation, prosecution, or discontinuance of proceedings. The FCC Act has now removed this safeguard, depriving him of the protection of having an independent review of his case file by an independent constitutional body, the DPP. Therefore, under the FCC Act, although an investigation may be initiated by the ICAC, he will no longer benefit from the additional layer of legal protection ensuring that, upon completion of the investigation, a report is sent to the DPP for advice on prosecution or other actions.

The Chief Justice is fast-tracking these two cases also, meaning to say that they should hopefully be heard before the end of the year. Pending the hearing of the DPP's case, there is no reason why the working relationship between the FCC and the Office of the DPP should suffer in any manner. Their common aim, after all, is to combat financial crimes. However, how can the DPP be expected to exercise his constitutional power if the FCC does not even send a report of its inquiries to him for his vetting in the first place? As long as the FCC Act remains in place, trust in the system will continue to erode.

* Rajen Valayden has applied for leave to appeal to the Privy Council, challenging the Supreme Court's decision to set aside his constitutional plaint regarding the 2023 amendment to the Local Government Act, which postponed municipal elections. How does this case relate to the broader context of local governance and electoral processes in the country?

Mr Rajen Valayden, of whom I am one of the counsels,

is challenging the constitutionality of the 2023 law that postponed municipal elections for a period of two years. His main argument is that Section 1 of the Constitution guarantees periodic and fair elections at both local and national levels, and that this guarantee can only be interfered with in exceptional circumstances.

Contrary to what has been asserted, he was not asking the court to interpret such a right into section 1 of the Constitution, thereby making it a constitutional right. Nor was he suggesting that he has a constitutional right to vote in local elections. Instead, he was arguing that holding free and fair local elections periodically is a fundamental structural element of section 1 — meaning that it has a constitutional foundation, drawing on the Privy Council case of *Maharaj v. Attorney General of Trinidad & Tobago*.

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“Regarding Mr Boolell's challenge, he argues that under the repealed Prevention of Corruption Act of 2002 (POCA), the ICAC was under an obligation to consult the DPP, who had the sole mandate to independently review the case file and advise on further investigation, prosecution, or discontinuance of proceedings. The FCC Act has now removed this safeguard, depriving him of the protection of having an independent review of his case file by an independent constitutional body, the DPP. Therefore, under the FCC Act, although an investigation may be initiated by the ICAC, he will no longer benefit from the additional layer of legal protection...”

Furthermore, he does not dispute that local elections may be postponed. He agrees that this may be so, provided certain strict criteria are fulfilled in the making of such law, namely that it must be expressed in clear and unambiguous terms, the grounds for postponement must be established by law, the grounds must be objective and reasonable, and the period of an extension must not be unreasonable.

Mr Valayden's standpoint is that the above conditions were not met in the amending law, thus falling short of the democratic component under section 1 of the Constitution - the more so since they are in breach of the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, of which Mauritius is a signatory, and which provides for genuine periodic elections.

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“Once for all, we need to know whether, in a democratic State, local elections may be postponed without any reason being specified in the law, as it has invariably been the case in the past, save for the 2021 postponement on account of the Covid pandemic; or whether reasons need to be inscribed in the amending law, and if so, what types of reasons. This becomes even more relevant in light of the Privy Council's pronouncements in the two recent Trinidadian cases of Maharaj on the subject...”

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Lastly, Mr Valayden referred to the Prime Minister's speech during the parliamentary debates on the amendment Bill, where the Prime Minister clearly recognized the importance of local elections as the grassroots of democracy and their impact on the state's performance.

*** What potential consequences could the outcome of this appeal have on future amendments to the Local Government Act? Additionally, what are the possible outcomes of this appeal, and how might each affect the political landscape?**

Assuming leave is granted, the whole political class, not to say the whole country, will await with eagerness the Privy Council's views on the matter. Once for all, we need to know whether, in a democratic State, local elections may be postponed without any reason being specified in the law, as it has invariably been the case in the past, save for the 2021 postponement on account of the Covid pandemic; or whether reasons need to be inscribed in the amending law, and if so, what types of reasons. This becomes even more relevant in light of the Privy Council's pronouncements in the two recent Trinidadian cases of Maharaj on the subject.

The first possible outcome is that the Privy Council rules that the amending law was unconstitutional, in that no reason was provided therein. Government will then have to hold local elections, or else postpone them by providing cogent grounds in the law, which grounds should be objectively verifiable before a court of law. The second outcome is that the judgment of the Supreme Court is affirmed, meaning that local elections, which have already been postponed for an aggregate period of 4 years over a spent period of 6 years, may again be postponed *ad infinitum* without any reason.

*** Regarding the case of the Commissioner of Police (CP) against the DPP, which challenges the DPP's powers in pre-trial matters as unconstitutional, what would be the implications for the DPP's prosecutorial authority if the Court were to decide in favour of the Commissioner of Police?**

The CP's case is that only he and his officers, and not the DPP, "have decision-making powers regarding investigations by the Police, and connected matters such as provisional charges, bail matters and objections to departure". The CP has therefore sought a declaration from the Supreme Court that "criminal proceedings, for the purposes of section 72 of the Constitution, do not include matters such as provisional charges, bail, and prohibitions against departure".

The DPP, for whom I am acting as one of his counsels, has averred that his powers under section 72(3)(a) of the Constitution "to institute criminal proceedings before any court of law" include all supervisory and decisional powers in relation to provisional charges, bail matters and objections to departure.

The CP has also sought a declaration that the DPP has, by his acts and doings and those acting under his authority, usurped his powers under section 71 of the Constitution as regards investigation-related matters. The DPP has denied that section 71(4) of the Constitution, which pertains to 'the exercise of the Commissioner of Police's responsibilities and powers concerning the use and operational control of the force,' relates to investi-



“This weaponisation perception has, through the adoption of the FCC Act, become a reality because, contrary to the then ICAC, the FCC is now under no obligation to submit a comprehensive report of all its enquiries to the DPP. Thus, the DPP will henceforth be kept in the dark as to the outcome of the FCC's enquiries, thus depriving him of the power to decide whether to institute criminal proceedings or not. The term “colourable device”, used by late Chief Justice Lallah is, I am afraid, too mild to describe the sombre situation we are now facing. I would prefer “cover-up device”...”

gation-related matters. The DPP further stated that the Commissioner of Police's powers are governed by the Police Act, which cannot be imported into section 71 of the Constitution.

The DPP's stand is that the CP has resorted to the cases of Laurette, Bissessur, Dabeedin and Singh because of their political coloration – hence his alleged qualms.

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*** We spoke earlier about late Rajsoomer Lallah's remarks on “colourable devices”, which reflected his concerns about actions that, while technically legal, could appear politically motivated. Looking back on the judgments of the Supreme Court in cases related to election petitions, as well as the time taken to rule on challenges to the Speaker's decisions, how would you compare the current judiciary to earlier benches composed of justices like Rajsoomer Lallah and his peers in terms of maintaining integrity in legal proceedings?**

“It would be preposterous for the FCC to re-arrest someone nearly ten years after the alleged acts. Worse still, the politically controlled FCC has now absorbed the independent Integrity Reporting Services Authority (IRSA), which was headed by no lesser than a former UK Chief Justice. The FCC Act, which was passed with a simple majority, cannot overnight be utilised to the detriment of a suspect's constitutional rights...”

The present Chief Justice has endeavoured to expedite certain constitutional matters. Speaking from my own experience, the case of *Valayden v. The State* was heard within a record time of 5 months, and the judgment was delivered 7 months after the hearing, amounting to an aggregate of one year. Likewise, the case of *CP v. DPP* is being fast-tracked, despite the difficulty of finding common dates with the three British KC's appearing in the respective legal teams.

I will reiterate what I wrote in an Open Letter to the Chief Justice upon her appointment: it is high time that a constitutional court be created, which will be dedicated to processing and hearing such cases in utmost priority. In the same breath, an election court should also be set up to deal with election petitions. The case of *Ringadoo v. Jugnauth* in which I appeared for the petitioner, both here and before the Privy Council, took a total of 3 years to be resolved. Although we were successful, the time taken to achieve this result is unacceptable.

Our current crop of judges should keep inspiring themselves from their illustrious predecessors. As I like to say: “*The future of the law lies in its past*”. Recently, Supreme Court judges Hamuth-Lauloo and Naidoo in the case of *Eco-Sud v. Ministry of Environment*, in which I was one of the counsels, took a bold and liberal view of the ‘locus standi’ test of those entitled to appeal to the Environment & Land Use Appeal Tribunal against the granting of an EIA licence by the Minister. Their judgment, which marked a significant breakthrough, was upheld on appeal by the Privy Council, which cited their reasoning with approval. This is a great source of pride for our Judiciary. As the saying goes: “*Where there is a will there is a way*”.



The incident has deeply affected the former president, leading to what many describe as a profound emotional shift. Pic - Reuters

Donald Trump is a 'changed man' after being shot

Donald Trump's demeanour underwent a significant transformation following a recent assassination attempt, which narrowly missed him at a convention. The incident has deeply affected the former president, leading to what many describe as a profound emotional shift. According to Florida Rep. Maria Salazar, who maintains close ties with Trump's inner circle, he now perceives this

event as a second chance granted by God.

"He believes that God spared his life and that he is a changed man," Salazar told Daily Mail on July 17. The attempted shooting, carried out by 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks using an AR-style rifle, left Trump with a grazed ear, causing him to bleed.

Salazar, reflecting on conversations with those close to Trump, noted observable changes in his demeanor. "I'm not sure if it's a newfound spiritual depth or simply a more contemplative attitude, but he is different," she remarked.

At subsequent public appearances, including the convention where he appeared with a bandaged ear, Trump's behavior underscored this transformation. Salazar recounted how he visibly affected attendees by displaying a more introspective and prayerful demeanor during the event's benediction.

"This experience has fundamentally changed him," Salazar continued. "When you undergo such a profound moment, touched by higher powers, it reshapes your outlook and your approach to life."

Trump and his campaign have since emphasized unity and a renewed sense of purpose following the incident, aligning their rhetoric to reflect this newfound perspective.

India expresses displeasure to Canada over Khalistan referendum

India has formally expressed its displeasure to Ottawa regarding the upcoming Khalistan Referendum organized by the secessionist group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), scheduled for July 28. The Indian High Commission in Ottawa communicated its concerns to Global Affairs Canada, particularly objecting to the use of Canadian territory for separatist activities and the choice of a public venue, the Calgary Municipal Complex Atrium and Plaza, for the referendum.

In Calgary, where the referendum is set to take place, several posters promoting the event, which included images of controversial figures like Talwinder Singh Parmar and Hardeep Singh Nijjar, were defaced



Pro-Khalistan elements protesting in front of India's consulate in Vancouver on Wednesday as they began a 24-hour 'picketing' of the mission. Pic - HT

with spray paint over the weekend. SFJ's general-counsel, Gurpatwant Pannun, confirmed the defacement and ongoing acts of vandalism against their promotional materials.

Additionally, SFJ initiated a 24-hour "picketing" of India's consulate in Vancouver, citing allegations from a Washington Post report regarding the consulate's alleged involvement

in Nijjar's killing. Although Canadian investigators have arrested four individuals in connection with the incident, no direct link to India has been established, with investigations ongoing. India has vehemently dismissed these allegations as baseless and politically motivated.

The referendum's contentious history includes previous attempts to secure venues such as Tamanawis Secondary School in Surrey, British Columbia, which was ultimately cancelled due to contractual violations. Despite challenges, SFJ proceeded with the referendum at alternative locations, underscoring ongoing tensions surrounding the issue both in Canada and internationally.

Bangladesh students reject PM olive branch after deadly protests

Students in Bangladesh have rejected an offer of reconciliation from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina following deadly protests over civil service hiring regulations. Despite Hasina's promise of justice for the seven protesters killed during the demonstrations, Students Against Discrimination, the leading group behind the protests, dismissed her words as insincere. They vowed to continue their nationwide rallies demanding equal access to public sector jobs, which have led to clashes with riot police and allied student groups.

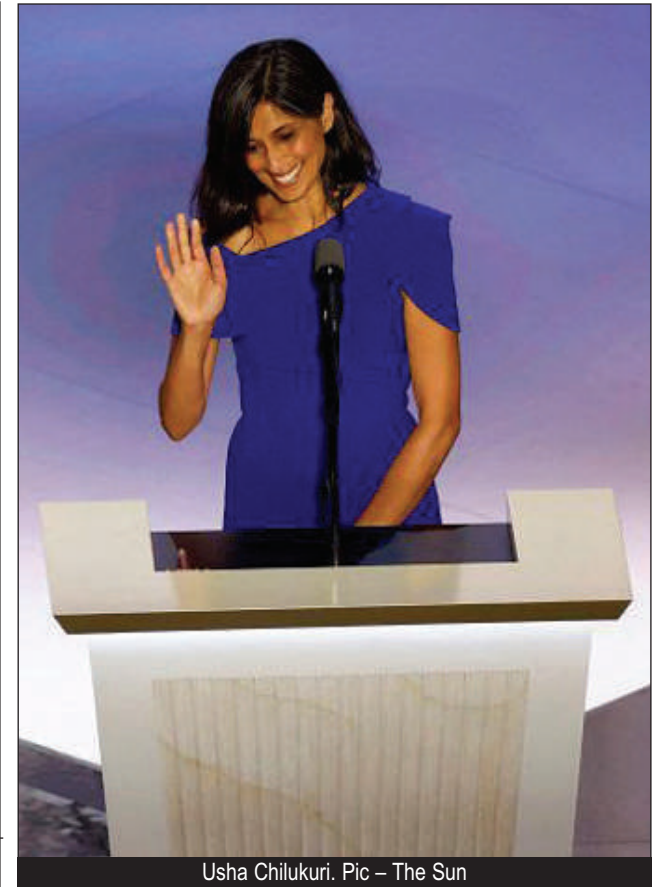
The government's response has been severe, including the indefinite closure of schools and universities and the use of tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse protesters. The situation escalated with widespread clashes and casualties, including the death of an



Bangladesh students reject PM olive branch after deadly protests. Pic - CNA

18-year-old protester from police-fired rubber bullets. Over 500 others were reported injured in recent confrontations, further fueling condemnation from rights groups like Amnesty International, which criticized the authorities for using excessive force.

Despite these challenges, the protests persisted with a nationwide shutdown observed in Dhaka, marked by sparse traffic and mobile internet outages affecting social media platforms crucial for organizing protests. The unrest highlights deep-seated grievances over a quota system in government jobs that critics argue disproportionately favors members of the ruling Awami League.



Usha Chilukuri. Pic - The Sun

Wife of Trump's running mate for VP post is of Indian origin as her parents hailed from AP

Former US President Donald Trump on Monday picked JD Vance, a first-time senator from Ohio, as his running mate and nominee for the Vice-President post.

JD Vance, 40 years younger to Trump, is married to Usha Chilukuri Vance, the daughter of Indian immigrants to the US. She brings with her a deep connection to India and also the legacy of Indian culture and values.

Usha Chilukuri Vance's parents hail from Andhra Pradesh, who migrated to the United States decades ago. Born and brought up in the US, Usha holds an impressive educational background, having graduated from top-notch American institutes. She holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Yale University and then pursued Master's in Philosophy from Cambridge University, reports IANS. She also has a track record of a distinguished career, with professional engagements across multiple segments. She clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.

Usha and JD Vance met at the Yale Law School and it was there that they developed a close affinity for each other. They got married in Kentucky in 2014 and together they have three children.

Usha Chilukuri Vance also made some rare appearances along with her husband as the latter campaigned for the Ohio senator election in 2022.

In a 2017 interview, she told NBC News on how they met, "We were friends, and I liked that he was very diligent. He would show up at 9 a.m. appointments that I would set up for us to start working on the brief together."

JD Vance, in the same interview, praised Usha for unflinching faith and commitment in things that she believed.

South Korea's top court upholds landmark ruling over same-sex spousal state benefits

South Korea's Supreme Court upheld a significant ruling on Thursday, affirming that a same-sex partner is entitled to spousal benefits from state health insurance. This decision, hailed as a landmark victory for LGBTQ rights in a country known for lagging behind its regional counterparts, stems from a case brought by So Sung-wook and Kim Yong-min. The couple, who have held a wedding ceremony and are regarded as married but not legally recognized as such in South Korea, filed suit against the National Health Insurance Service in 2021 after their spousal benefits were revoked.

Kim Yong-min expressed profound happiness and emotion upon hearing the ruling, emphasizing the long journey and the need for continued efforts to legalize same-sex marriage in the future. Chief Justice Jo Hee-de condemned the denial of benefits based on gender, labeling it discriminatory and a violation of fundamental rights such as privacy, equality, and pursuit of happiness.



This decision marks the first legal recognition of a same-sex union in South Korea, overturning previous rulings that denied such recognition. Despite progress in

neighboring countries like Taiwan and Thailand, South Korea lacks legal acknowledgment of LGBTQ partnerships, pushing couples to seek marriage abroad if they wish for legal recognition.

Activists and campaigners view the Supreme Court's decision as a crucial step towards marriage equality in South Korea, representing hope for same-sex couples who have long faced discrimination and invisibility. However, the ruling has also sparked opposition from conservative religious groups in the country, highlighting ongoing societal divisions over LGBTQ rights.

The journey of So and Kim, who have chosen to be visible and open about their relationship, aims to challenge prejudices and inspire courage among LGBTQ individuals. Their case underscores broader struggles for acceptance and legal rights within South Korean society, where conservative sentiments often clash with calls for equality and non-discrimination.

Dominican activists protest a new criminal code preserving a complete abortion ban



Dominican activists protest against a new criminal code that would maintain total abortion ban. Pic – NBC News

In the Dominican Republic, activists are vehemently protesting against a new criminal code that, if finalized, would maintain a total ban on abortion, making it one of four Latin American nations to do so without exceptions. The Senate's initial approval of the bill in late June has sparked widespread outcry, with final approval anticipated imminently.

Feminist activists like Sergia Galván and others leading the protests are advocating for legal abortion in cases where a woman's life is at risk, in instances of rape or incest, and when there are fatal fetal abnormalities. Currently, women face imprisonment of up to 2 years for undergoing an abortion, while penalties for medical practitioners involved range from 5 to 20 years.

Beyond the abortion ban, the proposed criminal code also seeks to

reduce penalties for sexual violence within marriage and omits sexual orientation from the list of protected characteristics against discrimination, significantly impacting the LGBTQ community.

Activists argue that the stringent abortion laws not only curtail women's reproductive rights but also endanger their lives by forcing them into unsafe procedures. Nicole Pichardo, a political leader, emphasized the need for a legal framework that respects women's autonomy and decision-making.

Criticism has also been directed at President Luis Abinader, who initially signaled support for decriminalizing abortion under certain circumstances but later withdrew his backing after securing reelection. This shift has disillusioned women's rights advocates who had hoped for progress under his leadership.

Concerns extend beyond abortion-related issues. Activists like Galván have highlighted provisions in the new code that could potentially shield churches from legal accountability, potentially allowing impunity for crimes such as sexual abuse or financial misconduct within religious institutions.

Religion plays a pivotal role in Dominican society, reflected by the presence of a Bible on the national flag and the state motto emphasizing "God, Country, and Freedom." This cultural backdrop underscores the complex dynamics influencing legislative decisions and societal attitudes towards issues such as abortion and LGBTQ rights.

Trump shooter's search history included queries on the royal family and FBI



This 2021 photo shows student Thomas Matthew Crooks who graduated from Bethel Park High School with the Class of 2022. Pic - AP

The FBI faced challenges due to Thomas Crooks' limited digital footprint after his attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump in Butler County, Pennsylvania. The 20-year-old gunman was reportedly killed by the US Secret Service on Saturday after he targeted the Republican presidential nominee.

Investigators had turned up empty-handed even days after the initial stages of the investigation didn't point them towards a possible motive for the attack. Recent reports claim Crooks seemingly searched online while "scoping out" numerous high-profile figures as targets of assassination. According to the FBI, these search results also included an unnamed member of the royal family, reports HT.

Since the day of the Trump assassination attempt in Pennsylvania, FBI agents have downloaded the content of the two mobile phones owned by the gunman.

Further investigation of his devices revealed that he also searched about the director of the FBI, Christopher Wray, and US Attorney General Merrick Garland. Moreover, photos of Trump and President Joe Biden were saved on his phones along with pivotal dates surrounding the two reelection bidders, including the former president's rallies and the Democratic National

Convention, set to take place next month in Chicago.

Several conspiracies have shaped up since the attack, with added pressure on the US Secret Service, facing severe allegations of negligence. Their failure to protect Trump beforehand has especially been a major point of discussion in the headlines since an eyewitness claimed to have alerted them about a suspicious presence near the stage an hour before the shots were fired.

Although Crooks was initially removed from the venue after a metal detector red-flagged him, he reportedly perched himself high with a "direct line of sight" on Trump from outside the rally's secure zone. He used an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, with other explosives found in his car.

While Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has admitted to the Secret Service's incompetence, the Secret Service director Kimberley Cheatle has since received calls to resign once she acknowledged no snipers were stationed on the roof due to health and safety reasons, claiming it was a sloping platform and dangerous.



B. Ramlallah

From The Editorials

This is the last issue of *Mauritius Times* for this year which will end in a week. We reappear on the 8th of January. As in the previous years we look back on the dying year's work and we try to draw up a sheet, so to speak, of our achievements and failures.

1959 started with a bang! The whole country was engrossed in preparations for the general elections that were subsequently held in March. Everywhere everyone talked and hoped one way or another for the results of the elections. Although we were militating for the Labour Party, we thought it fit to point out to the Party certain tendencies which were crystallising in the minds of the people. In an editorial, **The Choice Before Labour**, we summarised the problems which the Labour Party had to face and the reforms it should bring about. We wrote:

"The two basic needs we are discussing concern mainly the labouring class. But there are other needs which affect other sections of the community or which by their very scope are bound to affect the over-all progress of the country. They are enumerated below and the Labour Party will have to pay attention to them.

They are:

- Increase of the production of locally-grown foodstuffs and dairy produce.
- A better and more productive use of Crown and Pas Géométriques Lands.
- Land tenancy legislation.
- The CEB should be brought back under direct state control.
- The Sugar Industry Research Institute should be taken over by government.
- Better use should be made of the fabulous sums accruing to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee (e.g., holiday camps for sugar workers and land settlement schemes), and we added: that the Labour Party's battle cry should henceforth be: Enough of coalition government! Let's have full responsibility!"

As the 9th of March approached the political situation became more tense and exposed Dr Millien's short-sighted policy of deserting the Labour Party. We have been proved right because we said that Dr Millien had been "caught into the meshes of his own making." When Mr Rault was disqualified for the Stanley constituency, we recommended Mr S. Indur and we took the Independent Forward Bloc, the latest brainchild of Mr S. Bissoondoyal, to task. When the general election came we gave our unstinted support to the Labour Party. And in our issue of the 27th March we published the picture of all the Labour MLC's.

We hailed the New Council, and we welcomed the creation of new Ministries in these words: "Some of the old ministries have been retained and others have been

recast with the result that we have today three new ministries. They are: Ministry of Housing, Town and Country Planning, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and External Communications and the Ministry of Local Government and Co-operative Development.

"Whatever scandal-mongers may think of ministries and ministers' salaries the three new ministries are of vital importance and they are likely to play a decisive role in the development of the country. The Government should be congratulated on this happy decision."

Analysing the speeches of some new members of the new Council we found that the land problem was in the forefront of public mind. In an editorial, **The Cry For Land**, we said: "Most of the agricultural lands of this colony are in the hands of a few hundred persons or Companies. Of the 20,721 planters without factories only 35 planters own lands more than 500 acres. On the other hand, there are 6,380 planters who own less than one arpent; 5,884 own from 1 to 2 arpents; 3,043 own from 3 to 5 arpents. On the other hand the 25 factories which are managed by about a dozen companies own among themselves 99,552 acres."

We did not like the new philosophy Mr Barrett introduced into the trade union movement and we had to cross swords with him and when Mr John Hatch of the British Labour Party paid us a visit in June we welcomed him in these words: "We welcome him warmly because in him we find a distinguished representative of the great British traditions. And we welcome him because of the tremendous help he and the British Labour Party extended to our delegates when they were in London to discuss our Constitution. It can be said, without fear of contradiction, that the British Labour Party and its zealous and illustrious members of the calibre of John Hatch have tremendously influenced the course of our destiny."

We welcomed the establishment of the Police Service Commission and exposed the bankrupt campaign of Mr Barrett and his local colleagues. The time for Sir Robert Scott's departure came and we paid him a deserving tribute. We said: "That Sir Robert's period of governorship over here is a crucial period in our history there is no doubt. Has it been beneficial to our cause or has it gone against us? Without fear of contradiction, we aver that he has laid down in this country the solid foundations upon which sound parliamentary democracy will be built. To the sceptics we can only say that history will do justice to Sir Robert's stay in Mauritius."

Welcoming Prof Kalelkar who paid us a visit in November, we said: "He therefore comes to us as an ambassador of goodwill, and we welcome him as such. Although our ancestors originally came here to seek fortune, we are today citizens of this country. Although we are to bury our bones in Mauritian soil, we wish to keep our culture and traditions which our forefathers have handed down to us. We want to be loyal Mauritians, but we want to preserve our "Indianness." We have no doubt that he will spend a happy sojourn in our midst." And when the terms of the **Economic Survey Mission** was made public we unhesitatingly said that it was going to bring about a great economic revolution in the

country. And finally, we had to tell Mr André Masson of *Le Mauricien* that courtesy could not be measured with a bowl of rice.

In August last B Ramlallah left for a tour of the UK together with 4 other colleagues of the local press as guests of the Colonial Office. In October on the invitation of the Soviet Government, he visited different parts of the USSR. He also visited Copenhagen, Stockholm and Helsinki. His impressions on his travel and the articles on a variety of subjects which he is writing every week are a unique feature in the history of journalism in this country.

Our team of writers has been enriched by four new talents: Indra Nath, Sheik Panchoo, A. Appadoo and Bhisma Dev. We are indebted to the CIO of Mauritius, the C.O.I. of London, the BBC, the UNESCO and to our London Representative, Peter Ibbotson for various services rendered.

To them and to our distributors, subscribers, advertisers, writers, staff and readers, we say thank you and wish them all a happy New Year.

Appointments and Promotions In The Civil Service

The following list of promotions in and appointments to the Public Service during the week ended 17th Dec. 1959, is released from the Colonial Secretary's Office

APPOINTMENTS

- Mr G. Cuttaree appointed Scientific Assistant, Agricultural Department
- Misses M. Ng. Cheong Vee, J. Coquet, N. Joson, S. Cassimally, L. Cartier B. M. Melin, M. J. Delawa, Messrs C. Boolaky, K. Venkatachellum, S. Cassam, H. Serret, T. P.C., Tse Yuen Cheong, R. L. Kelly, H. Mohamudally, K. Khittoo, A. Diouman, D. Manna. L. C. S. Lo Ming Chung, S. Cournadin, D. Toolsee, C. P Thibaud appointed Clerical Officers.
- Messrs M. Bourdet, B. Bussawah, L.R. Maraye appointed Clerical Officers.
- Messrs S. A. Ramjanally and S. I. A Tarsoo appointed Clerical Officers.
- Miss L.A. M. Maric-Jeanne, Messrs A. B. Nathay and J. J. Isabelle appointed Clerical Officers.
- Miss N. A. John appointed Nursing Officer Grade II.
- Mr B. Babajee appointed Temporary Senior Officer Cadet.
- Mr D. Sawmy appointed Temporary Typist.
- Mr A. F. Dullymamode appointed Temporary Messenger.

ACTING APPOINTMENT

- A. S. S. Moos, Esq. M.B.E. Assist-Secretary, to act as Principal Assistant Secretary.

Wisdom from Marcus Aurelius: 10 Thoughts to Improve the Mind

By Gurwinder

“It is not death that one should fear, but never beginning to live.”

Have you recalled any of the recent social media posts you scrolled through? If not, consider: was there much difference between scrolling and being a corpse?

“You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.”

Alter your perspective, and watch the world transform around you.

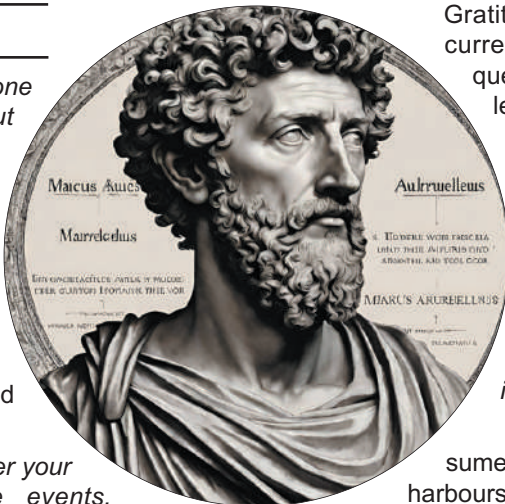
“Reject your sense of injury and the injury itself disappears.”

Much of our suffering stems not from events but from our interpretations of them.

“Your mind will take the shape of what you frequently hold in thought, for the human spirit is coloured by such impressions.”

You reside where your attention lingers, shaping yourself accordingly. Direct your curiosity towards your desired destiny.

“Do not indulge in dreams of having what you have not, but reckon up the chief of the blessings you do possess, and then thankfully remember how you would crave for them if they were not yours.”



Gratitude for your current blessings quells the ceaseless desire for more.

How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it.”

Anger consumes the one who harbours it, akin to setting oneself ablaze to burn another.

“The best revenge is to be unlike him who performed the injury.”

If imitation flatters, then differentiation stings as the sincerest form of insult.

“We love ourselves above all others, yet we put more stock in other people’s opinions of us than in our own.”

Few observe us as keenly as we do ourselves. Others are preoccupied with their own appearances to concern themselves with ours.

“Think of the life you have lived until now as over and, as a dead person, see what’s left as a bonus and live it accordingly.”

We grow so accustomed to life’s marvels that we overlook their miraculous nature. Envision your imminent demise, and rediscover life’s vitality with renewed vigour.

Live life to the fullest while you still can

“Live life to the fullest while you still can” is a common expression that encourages individuals to make the most of their time on Earth by pursuing their passions, embracing new experiences, and cherishing the present moment. Here are a few reasons why this sentiment resonates with many people:

Uncertainty of the future: None of us knows what the future holds, so it’s important to make the most of the time we have now. Life can change unexpectedly, and opportunities may not always be available in the future.

Regret avoidance: Many people regret missed opportunities or chances not taken. By embracing life to the fullest, individuals can minimize regrets and create a sense of fulfillment by seizing opportunities as they arise.

Embracing experiences: Life is enriched by experiences, both big and small. By living life to the fullest, individuals can immerse themselves in new adventures, explore their interests, and create lasting memories.

Personal growth: Living life to the fullest often involves stepping out of one’s comfort

zone, taking risks, and embracing challenges. These experiences can lead to personal growth, self-discovery, and a deeper understanding of oneself.

Appreciation of the present: It’s easy to get caught up in worries about the future or regrets about the past. By focusing on living fully in the present moment, individuals can cultivate gratitude, mindfulness, and appreciation for the beauty and richness of life.

Inspiring others: Living life to the fullest can serve as an inspiration to others. By pursuing their passions, overcoming obstacles, and embracing joy, individuals can positively impact those around them and inspire them to do the same.

Ultimately, “living life to the fullest” is a deeply personal concept that varies from person to person. For some, it may involve travelling the world, pursuing creative endeavours, or forming meaningful relationships. For others, it may mean finding contentment in everyday moments, practising self-care, or making a positive difference in their community. Whatever form it takes, embracing this mindset can lead to a life that feels rich, meaningful, and fulfilling.

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Mauritius Trade Union Congress

The Annual Delegates Meeting of MTUC will be held on Saturday 10 August 2024 at noon at MTUC Headquarters, GRNW, Port-Louis.

AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes of last ADM
 - Matters Arising.
 - President’s Report.
 - Finance.
 - Reports from Affiliates.
 - Motions/ amendments (if any)
 - Election of office-bearers/ Bureau/ Executive Council (if any)
 - AOB.
 - LUNCH Close Down.
- Compliant members/affiliates are invited to attend.

Dr Mohun Prasadsing ODIT
General Secretary

Date: 17.07.2024

Riviere Du Rempart District Council Employees Union

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Yashwant Rai BAHADOOR
Secretary

Date: 17.07.2024

“Arrêtez le pillage, nous souffrons”

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Bien que la banque ait déjà été critiquée pour sa gestion par le passé, une perte d'une telle ampleur est sans précédent.

La banque nie les accusations de mauvaise gestion, affirmant que les pertes sont dues à des fluctuations du taux de change et au non-remboursement de prêts par des institutions publiques. Elle indique également que la décision du gouvernement d'emprunter 700 millions de dollars sans les rembourser intégralement a contribué à la crise.

Les gouverneurs de la banque sont également accusés d'avoir alimenté une inflation galopante et des difficultés économiques par leurs actions. “Au moment où ils imprimaient des milliards pour le gouvernement, ne savaient-ils pas qu'il y aurait des répercussions?”, demande l'avocat Martin Kepbu.

Pourquoi cela s'est-il produit?

Le Ghana traverse actuellement sa pire crise économique depuis des générations. L'année dernière, le taux d'inflation a atteint un record de 54 % et dépasse toujours les 40 %. Plusieurs agences de notation ont abaissé la note du pays, l'empêchant de lever des fonds sur les marchés internationaux.

En septembre 2022, la dette totale du Ghana s'élevait à 55 milliards de dollars. Cela signifiait que le gouvernement devait consacrer plus de 70 % de ses revenus au service de la dette, une tâche impossible à accomplir. Il n'a donc pas réussi à payer une grande partie de ses dettes.

Le gouvernement a été contraint de demander l'aide du Fonds monétaire international (FMI). Pour obtenir un plan de sauvetage de 3 milliards de dollars plus tôt cette année, le gouvernement a dû accepter de remplir plusieurs conditions.

La plus importante d'entre elles était de réduire les paiements d'intérêts de la dette nationale à un niveau gérable d'ici 2028, afin de disposer de suffisamment de fonds



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pour faire fonctionner l'économie.

Cependant, certains créanciers ont refusé de participer à ce programme d'échange de dette.

Le gouvernement du président Nana Akufo-Addo s'est tourné vers le FMI pour obtenir un plan de sauvetage. La banque est le prêteur de dernier recours et les experts affirment qu'il y a eu un abus de son statut par le gouvernement, dirigé par le président Nana Akufo-Addo, et que les règles de la banque ont été enfreintes.

“La loi sur la Banque du Ghana est très claire: l'impression de monnaie ou le financement du gouvernement est limité à 5 % des recettes fiscales de l'année précédente, ce qui signifie qu'en principe, soutenir le gouvernement n'est pas un crime mais ne pas dépasser 5 %”, explique le Professeur Bokpin.

Les responsables de la banque sont tenus par la loi de rendre compte au Parlement si le seuil de 5 % est dépassé. Un défaut de rapport peut entraîner une amende ou une peine d'emprisonnement n'excédant pas deux ans.

Bien que d'autres banques centrales à travers le monde aient été confrontées à des défis similaires, la différence au Ghana réside dans le montant d'argent perdu par rapport à la taille de l'économie.

Au Royaume-Uni, la Banque d'Angleterre prévoit de faire une perte nette d'environ 180 milliards de dollars au cours des dix prochaines années, financée par le gouvernement britannique. Mais la taille de l'économie britannique se chiffre en milliers de milliards de dollars.

Le contexte mauricien

Nous semblons faire face à une situation similaire ici, mais heureusement pas aussi grave qu'au Ghana. Pourtant, les signes sont visibles pour tous, et les mêmes causes pourraient produire les mêmes effets ici aussi si l'on ne freine pas la prodigalité du gouvernement, financée par les réserves de la Banque de Maurice.

Dans une analyse publiée dans ces colonnes la semaine dernière, l'économiste Vinaye Ancharaz souligne qu'une politique similaire pourrait également avoir de graves répercussions sur notre économie. Il nous rappelle les faits suivants:

En décembre 2019, le nouveau gouvernement élu du MSM a honoré sa promesse d'augmenter la pension de retraite de base à Rs9 000. Cela, ainsi que le paiement de la prime de fin d'année, a nécessité une quantité substantielle de ressources (environ Rs 2 milliards), que le gouvernement a mobilisée en puisant Rs18 milliards dans les

réserves de la Banque de Maurice en janvier 2020. Ce fut une erreur politique majeure, selon lui, l'équivalent à ouvrir les vannes.

En 2020, le gouvernement a continué à piller les réserves de la Banque. Il a contraint la Banque à octroyer une “subvention” de Rs60 milliards pour soutenir le budget 2020-21 et, en juin 2020, la Banque a puisé Rs80 milliards supplémentaires dans ses réserves pour mettre en place la MIC. Ainsi, en seulement un an, Rs158 milliards ont été retirés des réserves de la Banque.

Dans un système de change géré comme le nôtre, le niveau des réserves internationales indique la capacité de la Banque centrale à maintenir une devise stable. Lorsque les réserves sont épuisées, les agents de marché deviennent nerveux et commencent à douter de la capacité de la Banque à défendre la roupie. Ils s'attendent à une dépréciation de la roupie, et leurs actions ne font qu'accélérer cette dépréciation. Malheureusement, c'est la situation actuelle, ajoute-t-il.

Selon Vinaye Ancharaz, avec des attentes d'inflation et de dépréciation désormais ancrées, il est urgent, parmi une série de mesures correctives nécessaires dans les circonstances actuelles, d'opérer un changement systémique signalant une rupture avec la taxe inflationniste en tant que machine de génération de revenus pour le gouvernement. Seul un nouveau gouvernement s'engageant à une gestion financière prudente et au contrôle des dépenses, tout en reconstruisant les tampons fiscaux, comme le recommande le FMI dans son dernier rapport de consultation au titre de l'Article V, peut signaler un tel changement de paradigme et ancrer les attentes d'une faible inflation.

En conclusion, il souligne que les macro-économistes ont depuis longtemps vanté l'importance d'une Banque centrale indépendante pour maintenir une cible d'inflation basse, et donc une devise stable. La relation incestueuse actuelle entre la banque centrale et le gouvernement est en grande partie responsable de la spirale inflation-dépréciation infligée à l'économie mauricienne.

A. Bartleby

SAGITTARIUS: NOV 22 - DEC 21

Adventure calls! Plan a short trip or explore new hobbies. Professional life looks promising with potential for growth. In relationships, be open to new experiences. Maintain a positive outlook, and everything will fall into place.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 15, 22, 28, 37

CAPRICORN: DEC 22 - JAN 19

Hard work pays off this week. Focus on your goals with determination. Financial gains are likely but spend wisely. Personal relationships require your attention; show appreciation to loved ones. Balance work with leisure to stay energized.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 11, 17, 23, 29, 36

AQUARIUS: JAN 20 - FEB 18

Innovation is your strength. Implement new ideas at work for success. Social life is vibrant; enjoy gatherings with friends. In love, be spontaneous and adventurous. Prioritize mental health with mindfulness practices.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 10, 18, 24, 31, 38

PISCES: FEB 19 - MAR 20

Intuition guides you this week. Trust your instincts in

YOUR STARS

GEMINI: MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Communication is key this week. Share your ideas at work to gain recognition. Social interactions will be lively, and you might reconnect with old friends. Stay flexible to adapt to sudden changes.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 16, 21, 28, 35

CANCER: JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Emotions run high, and family matters take center stage. Offer support where needed, but don't neglect your own needs. Professional life demands a strategic approach; think before acting. A creative project could bring joy.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 13, 19, 26, 31

LEO: JULY 23 - AUG 22

Your charisma is at its peak, making it a great time for networking and social events. At work, showcase your talents confidently. Romantic prospects are favorable; express your feelings openly. Take care of your health with a balanced diet and exercise.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 11, 15, 23, 29, 36

VIRGO: AUG 23 - SEPT 22

Focus on organization and planning. Streamline your tasks at work for better efficiency. Financial matters may require careful handling. In relationships, practice patience and understanding. Make time for meditation or nature walks to stay grounded.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 17, 24, 32, 38

LIBRA: SEPT 23 - OCT 22

Balance is your theme this week. Harmonize work and personal life to avoid burnout. Collaborative projects will be successful. In love, open communication strengthens bonds. Pursue creative endeavours that bring you joy and relaxation.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 12, 21, 27, 34

SCORPION: 23 OCT - 21 NOV

Transformation is underway. Embrace changes at work and adapt to new circumstances. Deep conversations with loved ones can lead to healing. Stay mindful of your health; avoid stress through regular exercise and a balanced diet.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 14, 19, 25, 30

Exploring the enigma of dominance hierarchies: 100 years of research

A century ago, Norwegian zoologist Thorleif Schjelderup-Ebbe introduced the notion of dominance hierarchies with his groundbreaking work on chickens, coining the term "pecking order."

Since then, researchers such as Elizabeth Hobson, an assistant professor of biology at the University of Cincinnati, have contributed to the understanding of conflict and competition among diverse species, including primates, whales, birds, and insects.

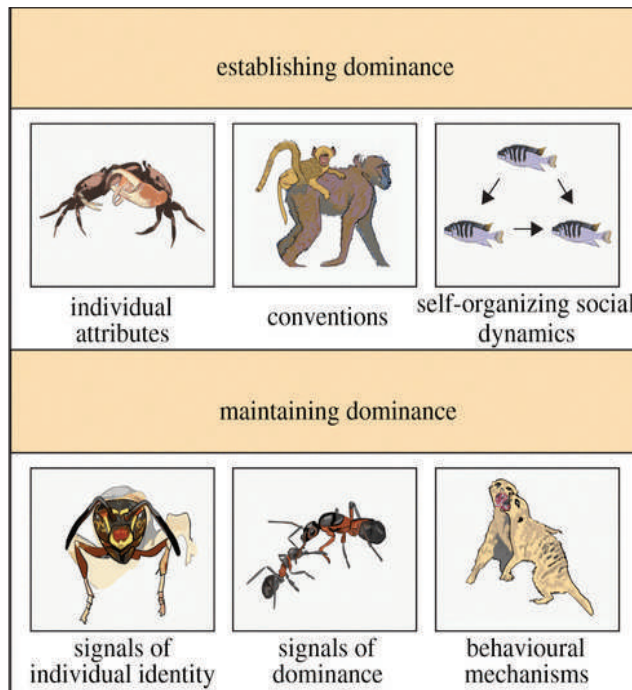
Hobson, known for her studies on birds like monk parakeets, has actively engaged in this discourse through several published works. Recently, she co-edited a special issue of the journal *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, dedicated to a century of research on dominance hierarchies.

In addition to her editorial contributions, Hobson conducted a study utilizing data mining in Google Scholar to track trends in the field of dominance hierarchies. Her analysis revealed a consistent increase in publications on the topic over each decade, amounting to a total of 26,000 papers published in the past century. This growing body of research, coupled with the diverse array of communities investigating the subject, underscores the enduring fascination with dominance hierarchies and their insights into animal behavior.

According to Hobson, the enduring interest in this topic stems from society's fascination with conflict and competition, evident in our enthusiasm for sports and other competitive endeavors.

Schjelderup-Ebbe's pioneering observations on chickens laid the foundation for understanding dominance hierarchies, akin to the contributions of Charles Darwin to evolutionary biology.

Despite the temptation to draw direct parallels between animal behavior and human interactions, Hobson warns against oversimplification. While there are analogies to be drawn, human emotions, motivations,



and relationships are far more intricate than those observed in animals.

Nevertheless, the allure of understanding the dynamics of dominance persists.

The special journal issue was co-edited by Eli Strauss, a postdoctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior; James Curley, associate professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin; and Daizaburo Shizuka, an associate professor of biology at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Strauss emphasizes that dominance often hinges more on circumstance and opportunity than inherent qualities like genetic superiority or physical prowess. Dominant individuals may face greater risks, such as

injury from frequent conflicts, and their tenure in top positions may be short-lived. Moreover, many individuals are likely to experience periods of high status over their lifetimes.

Strauss, whose research focuses on spotted hyenas in Kenya's Maasai Mara, challenges popular perceptions of dominant animals as benevolent leaders. Instead, he suggests that high-status individuals primarily prioritize their personal interests, dispelling notions propagated by popular media, such as Disney's portrayal of lions in "The Lion King."

Over the decades, researchers have made significant strides in understanding dominance hierarchies, including the signaling mechanisms used by animals to assert superiority, strategies to avoid conflict, and the impact of factors like group size and social alliances.

Hobson highlights the importance of comparative analysis in elucidating the diverse ways species manage dominance. Collaborative efforts, such as the creation of a comprehensive database on dominance in 135 species, facilitate cross-species comparisons and deepen our understanding of these phenomena.

In her own research, Hobson has investigated how monk parakeets strategize to solidify their positions within colonies, showcasing a level of cognitive sophistication that transcends simplistic size-based dominance paradigms.

From vivid displays of dominance in fish to the formation of strategic alliances in baboons and hyenas, the complexities of dominance hierarchies continue to intrigue researchers.

Hobson and her colleagues remain eager to explore new avenues of inquiry in this field, recognizing that the more they uncover, the more questions arise. As Hobson aptly concludes, the terrain of dominance hierarchies promises fertile ground for another century of research.



How do sugar rushes work?

What a terrific question W.H! Let's explore this, starting with some of the basics.

What is sugar?

Sugar is an important substance for our body and brain to make energy.

Sugar comes from foods called carbohydrates.

Carbohydrates help our bodies to keep strong muscles. They help our brains to think and learn. They support our organs like the heart and liver to work well, and help our intestines to digest our food and remove waste.

When we eat fruits, vegetables, cereals and grains, we get helpful sugar that the cells in our body and brain need to make energy.

When we eat processed foods like lollies, ice creams and soft drinks, we get extra or added sugars that can be unhelpful in large amounts.

These added sugars were thought to provide extra energy – a "sugar rush" that makes us feel good, happy and energetic.

When we eat sugary treats, it was



thought that they make us do more jumping, playing, thinking and learning.

But this is where it gets interesting. A sugar rush is a myth because the body and brain work hard to keep sugar steady. This means you probably feel good from having a treat, not the sugar!

If a 'sugar rush' is a myth, what happens?

It can be hard to stay away from sugary treats and lollies when they are right in front of us.

When we eat lollies, we get an extra amount of sugar in our bodies. Our bodies, taste buds and brain like it

because we can use the sugar to do things.

Sugar is taken up into your bloodstream quickly. cleverly, our body then moves the sugar around in the bloodstream to your cells, muscles and organs, like your heart and brain.

The sugar in your bloodstream is very carefully handled.

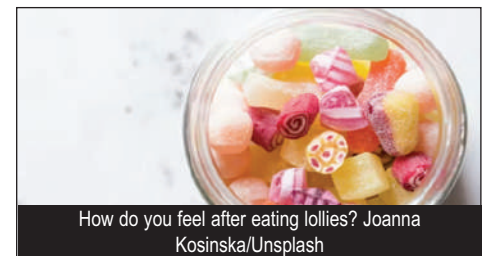
Your body will make sure all the muscles and organs have just the right amount of sugar that they need to make energy and do their job.

This means that the flow of sugar in the body is kept steady and there is no "sugar rush".

The body and brain have lots of support systems in place to make sure there isn't too much or too little sugar.

Sometimes, if there is too much sugar in the bloodstream and the body doesn't use all the sugar at once, the sugar will be stored. There are lots of storage places in the body. In fact the body is very good at storing the sugar for use later so that your muscles and organs have just the right amount of sugar when they need it.

Because the body and brain are very busy making sure there is just the right amount of sugar, it can get tired. When this happens, this is called a "sugar crash".



How do you feel after eating lollies? Joanna Kosinska/Unsplash

Huh?! We get a sugar crash instead?

Many experiments with lots of people show us that when we eat lots of sugar, we can get a "sugar crash".

Scientists have shown that even just 30 minutes after eating lots of sugar, you can end up feeling not quite as good as you did before. A sugar crash is why, after eating sugary treats, you may find yourself feeling sad and tired – even a little bit grumpy.

So this means that if you've had a sugary treat and you're feeling good, you're probably feeling good because you're having fun with family and friends, rather than from the sugar.

Doing fun things, playing and trying new games and activities will help your body and brain to feel good, with or without sugar!

Frank T. McAndrew

Cornelia H. Dudley Professor of Psychology, Knox College



The Turkey Dilemma

A woman was picking through the frozen turkeys at the supermarket but couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked the salesman whether the turkeys get bigger.

The salesman replied, "No, ma'am, they're dead."

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A Wise Conversation

A Jewish man was eating in a Chinese restaurant and chatting with his Chinese waiter. He commented on the wisdom of the Chinese people.

The waiter said, "We are wise because our culture is four thousand years old. But the Jewish people are very wise, aren't they?"

The man replied, "Yes, we are; our culture dates back five thousand years."

The waiter was surprised and asked, "This can't be true! Where did your people eat for the first thousand years?"

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The Ambitious Waiter

An ambitious young waiter left the second-best restaurant in the city to join the best one.

On his third night in the dining room, while serving soup to Lord and Lady Hennessy at table ten, he noticed that one of the lady's breasts had fallen out of her gown and was, as they say, hanging loose. With perfect aplomb, he replaced it in her bodice with a soup spoon and returned to his station, where he was met by a glowering maître d'hôtel.

"That may be how they do things at your previous



restaurant," he commented furiously, "but here we always use a warm spoon."

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The Company You Keep Matters...

Sit for 10 minutes with an alcoholic, you'll feel life is very stress-free.

Sit for 10 minutes with holy men, you'll feel like giving everything to charity.

Sit for 10 minutes with a politician, you'll feel all your studies are useless.

Sit for 10 minutes with an insurance agent, you might feel it's better to die.

Sit for 10 minutes with traders, you'll feel your earnings are too meagre.

Sit for 10 minutes with scientists, you'll realize the enormity of your ignorance.

Sit for 10 minutes with good teachers, you'll want to become a student again.

Sit for 10 minutes with a farmer or a worker, you'll feel you're not working hard enough.

Sit for 10 minutes with a soldier, you'll see your services and sacrifices as insignificant.

Sit for 10 minutes with a good friend, you'll feel your life is heaven.

And this one is the best:

Sit for 10 minutes with your wife, you'll feel like the most useless person on earth.

The company you keep matters...

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Dorab Bawa apprehended by customs

After his pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Dorab Bawa was apprehended by customs for carrying liquor.

Customs Officer: "Sir, what is in the bag?"

Dorab Bawa: "Holy water from Jerusalem."

Customs (after smelling & tasting): "Don't lie, sir. It's whisky."

Dorab Bawa: "Oh Jesus, one more miracle."

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Today is Dorab Bawa's girlfriend's birthday.

Dorab Bawa asked her, "Can I get you a diamond necklace for your birthday?"

She said, "Nothing would please me more." So he got her nothing.

Dorab Bawa will always be grateful to his English teacher.

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Last night, Dorab Bawa was driving home from a party while intoxicated. He saw police conducting checks and got scared. Immediately, he got down from the driver's seat and sat in the back.

After a few minutes, a police officer approached and asked Dorab Bawa to move his car ahead for an alcohol test.

Dorab Bawa said: "My driver ran away when he saw you."

The police officer replied: "Then you move your car ahead for the check."

Dorab Bawa said: "No sir, as a responsible Indian citizen, I should not drive drunk."

The officer looked at Dorab Bawa emotionally and applauded him for his responsible behaviour. He sent a constable to drive Dorab's car home.

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Doctor asked Dorab Bawa to cut down his drinking by three fourths... Smart Dorab Bawa stopped adding soda.

Dorab Bawa phoned his doctor: "Doctor, I haven't gone



out since the first lockdown started. Now I have important work in the market. What should I do?"

Doctor: "Don't worry. Just wear a mask and gloves. It's sufficient protection against Corona."

Dorab followed the doctor's advice and went out. To his horror, others were wearing pants and shirts as well!

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The Polar Bear

A baby polar bear, while sitting with his mother, asks, "Mummy, am I really a polar bear?" His mother replies, "Why, of course, dear."

Sometime later, the young bear repeats his question again. His mum says, "I'm a polar bear, your dad is also one, now stop asking this stupid question."

A minute later, the baby again questions his mother. Annoyed, the mother says, "But why do you keep asking the same question?"

To which the baby bear shrieks, "Because I'm feeling terribly cold!"

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I'm a Builder

The police had arrested Fred West and were interrogating him in his cell.

They asked him how many people he had murdered.

Fred said, "18."

So, the cops spent weeks digging up his house and found 25 bodies. They went back to him and questioned, "You bastard! You told us you had killed 18!"

Fred replied, "Yes, but I'm a builder; it was only an estimate."

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A couple received a bank statement showing a huge overdraft, along with their gas bill, so they decided to save money.

That evening, while watching TV, the guy gets up and tells his wife that he's off to the pub. Outraged, she reminds him that they had decided to economize.

The husband nods and tells his wife to put on her coat.

Surprised, the wife asks, "Why? Are we going together?"

He replies, "No, I'm turning off the heating!"

In Praise of Women

I would like to be remembered as compassionate woman

I do not want to be remembered as a woman who was always exhausted. I do not want to be remembered as a woman who was always stressed, always busy, always rushing, always holding herself together and pushing through.

I would like to be remembered as a relaxed woman, a compassionate woman, a curious, joyful, pleasure-loving woman. A woman who works hard and rests deeply, who loves fiercely and lives peacefully.



A woman who knows her worth and her power, who accepts her imperfections and her vulnerabilities, who embraces her

to tomorrow — the people who get up in the morning when they do not want to, the

limitations and her possibilities.

A woman who laughs and cries and aches and loves and is enchanted by the mess and magic and mundaneness of this beautiful, shimmering life.

Nicola Jane Hobbs

I look up to people who care

I look up to people who care. I look up to those who stay messy-hearted in a world that may not always be kind to them.

I look up to people who are doing whatever they have to do to make it to tomorrow — the people who get up in the morning when they do not want to, the

people who face what is scarred within them, the people who are working every single day to be gentle and soft with themselves when they have been given every reason to harden.

I look up to the people who believe in something hopeful; people who feel everything intensely, and allow themselves to feel that way. I look up to people who shout love from rooftops, who share their hearts with the world.

I look up to anyone who is fighting — fighting to be better, fighting to heal even when it hurts, fighting to believe with everything they have within themselves that they have purpose here, and that they belong here, and that they deserve to take up space.

I know how much courage it takes to be that kind of person, how much courage it takes to keep going. I respect it so much.

Bianca Sparacino

Family, a place of forgiveness...

There is no perfect family.

We do not have perfect parents — you are not perfect yourself. We do not marry a perfect person, nor do we have perfect children.

We have complaints against each other. We cannot live together without occasionally offending one another.

We are constantly disappointed. Yes, for various reasons and at different times, we disappoint each other.

There is no healthy marriage or family without the practice of forgiveness. Forgiveness is the medicine for family joy and happiness.

Forgiveness is vital for our emotional health and spiritual survival. Regardless of the offense or who the offender is, without forgiveness, the family becomes an arena of conflict and a fortress of evil.

Without forgiveness, the family becomes sick and unhealthy.

Forgiveness is the purification of the spirit, the cleansing of the soul, and the liberation of the heart. No sin is too great to be forgiven.

Those who do not forgive lack peace in their souls and cannot have communion with God.

Unforgiveness is malevolent and a poison that intoxicates and destroys the one who refuses to forgive.

Holding onto unforgiveness in your heart is self-destructive. It's like self-cannibalization.

Those who do not forgive are physically, emotionally, and spiritually unwell, and they will suffer in both expected and unexpected ways.

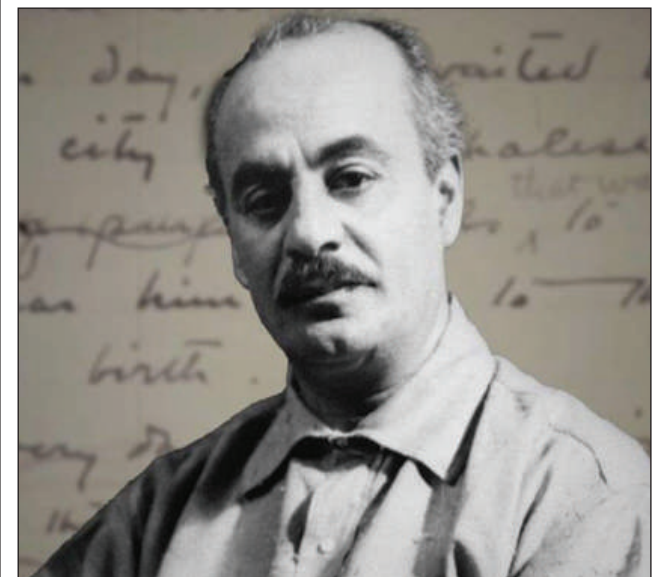
For this reason, the family must be a place of life and not of death; a place of forgiveness, a place of paradise and not of hell; a healing ground and not a place of disease; a workshop of forgiveness and not guilt.

Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow has brought sadness; healing where sorrow has brought sickness.

A family is a place of support and not of gossip and slander against one another. It must be a place of acceptance, not rejection. Shame on those who sow evil about others. We are family, not enemies.

When anyone faces challenges, all they need is support.

Pope Francis



Do not live half a life

-- Khalil Gibran

Do not love half-lovers. Do not entertain half-friends. Do not indulge in works of the half-talented. Do not live half a life. And do not die a half death. If you choose silence. then be silent. When you speak. do so until you are finished.

Do not silence yourself to say something. And do not speak to be silent. If you accept. then express it bluntly. Do not mask it. If you refuse. then be clear about it. For an ambiguous refusal is but a weak acceptance.

Do not accept half a solution. Do not believe half-truths. Do not dream half a dream. Do not fantasize about half hopes. Half a drink will not quench your thirst. Half a meal will not satiate your hunger. Half the way will get you nowhere. Half an idea will bear you no results. Your other half is not the one you love. It is you in another time yet in the same space. It is you when you are not.

Half a life is a life you didn't live. A word you have not said. A smile you postponed. A love you have not had. A friendship you did not know. To reach and not arrive. Work and not work. Attend only to be absent. What makes you a stranger to those closest to you. And they strangers to you. The half is a mere moment of inability. But you are able. for you are not half a being.

You are a whole that exists to live a life. Not half a life.

Life's Lesson

Socrates and Gossip

In Ancient Greece, Socrates had a great reputation for wisdom. One day, someone came to find the great philosopher and said to him:

"Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"A moment," replied Socrates. "Before you tell me, I would like to test it with the three sieves."

"The three sieves?"

"Yes," continued Socrates. "Before you speak about others, it's important to take the time to filter what you mean. I call it the test of the three sieves. The first sieve is TRUTH. Have you checked if what you're going to tell me is true?"

"No, I just heard it."

"Very well! So, you don't know if it's true. Let's move

on to the second sieve, that of KINDNESS. Is what you want to tell me about my friend something good?"

"Oh, no! On the contrary."

"So," questioned Socrates, "you want to tell me something negative about him, and you're not even sure it's true? Perhaps you can still pass the test of the third sieve, that of UTILITY. Is it useful for me to know what you're going to tell me about this friend?"

"No, not really."

"Therefore," concluded Socrates, "what you were going to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor useful. Why, then, did you want to tell me this?"

"Gossip is a bad thing. Initially, it may seem enjoyable and fun, but ultimately, it fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us." - Pope Francis.

Thank you for sharing these insightful pieces! Let me know if there's anything else you'd like to discuss or if you need further assistance.

Life can be different

How to Create Your Ideal Future

Hint: You are what you do repeatedly



“You are what you do — so ask yourself whenever you’re doing something: Is this reflective of the person I want to be?” - Ryan Holiday

Discovering Your Vision

About six months ago, I had a turning point when I asked myself, “What do I want my life to look like in 5 years?” I wrote down my vision under the title, “My Life 5 Years from Now.” Some key points included:

- **How do I want to feel?** Incredibly proud and fulfilled in my work.
- **How do I want to spend my time?** Reading, writing, working out, and travelling.

Upon reviewing my detailed vision, I asked myself, “If I continued my current daily actions, would I reach this life?” The answer was no. My daily habits weren’t aligned with the future I envisioned.

Taking Action

Realizing this prompted me to change my approach. I began to act based on where I wanted to be, not where I currently was. As Eckhart Tolle said, “The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment.” This is how you can create the future you desire.

Change Your Daily Routine

“You’ll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine.” - John C. Maxwell

Everyone has 24 hours in a day, but it’s how we choose to spend that time that defines our lives. Are you investing your time toward your future or wasting it in the present?

Ask yourself: **What does my ideal day look like?** If you can design a single ideal day, you can replicate it into weeks, months, and ultimately your life.

Define Your Process

W. Edwards Deming said, “If you can’t describe what you are doing as a process, you don’t know what you’re doing.” Do you know the steps to transition from your current situation to your desired future?

Do Less, Not More

“The fastest way to move forward in life is not doing more. It starts with stopping the behaviours holding you back.” - Benjamin P. Hardy

Many people feel stuck, constantly doing more without making progress. Before adding positive habits, you must eliminate negative behaviours.

Start by letting go of what weighs you down. As your days align with your values, your confidence will grow, and you’ll be more open to taking risks. This fluidity will lead to greater creativity and progress.

Let Go of Unnecessary Pain

As Benjamin P. Hardy states, “Don’t spend your life — or even one night — in unnecessary pain.” Do the work to free yourself from burdens that prevent you from thriving.

In Conclusion: You create your ideal life by living powerfully and consistently each day. Start by defining the future you wish to create, then break it down into actionable steps for today and tomorrow.

Eliminate conflicting behaviours and ensure that your actions align with your goals. By stringing together enough ideal days, you’ll build the life you envision.

8 Things You *Don’t* Need To Have In Common With Your Future Spouse

Relationship experts say these differences don’t matter as much as you might think headshot, writes K. Borresen of HuffPost

When it comes to building a lasting marriage, compatibility in certain core values is essential, but there are many qualities and interests that don’t need to align. Here are eight areas where differences can actually enhance your relationship:

1. Hobbies and Interests

While shared interests can strengthen a bond, having different hobbies can be equally beneficial. Pursuing individual passions fosters a strong sense of self, which enhances intimacy. Couples may even discover shared interests over time.

2. Political Beliefs

Political differences don’t have to be divisive. Respecting each other’s views can promote understanding and empathy, turning potential con-

flicts into opportunities for growth.

3. Sexual Turn-Ons

It’s not necessary to share the same sexual preferences. Open communication about likes and dislikes, along with trust, can lead to fulfilling experiences. Exploring each other’s preferences together can deepen intimacy.

4. Taste in Movies, Music, and TV

Enjoying the same entertainment can be fun, but lasting compatibility relies more on shared values and effective communication about deeper issues like parenting and loyalty.

5. Cultural, Religious, or Racial Background

While common backgrounds can ease certain parenting discussions, navigating diverse perspectives can enrich your relationship and promote growth for both partners.

6. Capacity for Socializing

Introverts and extroverts can

thrive together. As long as both partners respect each other’s social preferences, their differing levels of socializing can create balance within the relationship.

7. Preferences for Cleanliness and Organization

Different standards for cleanliness are common. Acknowledging varying upbringings and finding a middle ground can lead to greater harmony. Flexibility and understanding are key.

8. Sense of Adventure

Couples can have differing levels of wanderlust without it being a dealbreaker. As long as both partners are supportive of each other’s adventures, they can maintain a strong relationship through communication, even during separations.

In summary, while shared values are crucial for a successful marriage, embracing differences in these areas can lead to a richer, more fulfilling partnership.

Exercises to Avoid After 50

As you age, it’s essential to adjust your exercise routine to accommodate changes in flexibility, strength, and recovery time. Ensure proper form and gradually increase weight and repetitions, advises Poonam Sachdev, MD.



Exercises to avoid:

1. **Leg Extension Machine:** Stresses the knee cap area.
2. **Back Extension on a Roman Chair:** Risky for those with lower back issues or spinal stenosis.
3. **Behind-the-Neck Pull-Downs/Pull-Ups:** Stresses the front of the shoulders. Do them in front of the neck instead.
4. **Plyometric Exercises:** Can be harmful if not done correctly. Opt for lower-intensity versions.
5. **Overhead Presses:** Stressful on shoulders and rotator cuffs. Use alternative shoulder exercises.
6. **Heavy Weights:** Use lighter weights for 10-12 reps to avoid injury.
7. **Sprinting:** Higher injury risk. A steady pace is safer.

Recommended exercises:

1. **Walking:** Boosts heart health and builds endurance.
2. **Machines:** Stationary bikes and ellipticals are joint-friendly.
3. **Aquatics:** Swimming and water aerobics offer full-body workouts.
4. **Strength Training:** Builds muscle and bone density. Incorporate squats, resistance bands, or light weights 2-3 times a week.

Benefits of exercise after 50:

- Improved blood pressure
- Lower risk of heart disease and diabetes
- Reduced fracture risk
- Better sleep and mental health
- Healthier weight

Always consult your doctor before starting a new exercise routine.

From Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 to Stree 2: 6 Most Anticipated Bollywood Films of 2024

2024 is shaping up to be an exciting year for Bollywood, offering a fantastic mix of genres and storytelling. Mark your calendars and get ready for an enjoyable cinematic adventure!

1. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3

Release Date: November 1, 2024

The horror-comedy franchise returns with *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3*. Kartik Aaryan reprises his role as the quirky psychologist, promising a blend of laughs, scares, and unforgettable entertainment. Directed by Anees Bazmee, this installment will delve deeper into the haunted haveli's mysteries while introducing new characters and supernatural elements. Get ready for a rollercoaster ride of emotions!

2. Jigra

Release Date: October 11, 2024

Alia Bhatt stars in the much-anticipated *Jigra*, directed by Vasanth Bala. While the storyline remains under wraps, expectations are high given Alia's remarkable talent and Vasanth's unique storytelling style. This compelling drama is sure to tug at your heartstrings and leave a lasting impression.

3. Singham Again

Release Date: November 1, 2024



Rohit Shetty's cop universe expands with *Singham Again*, featuring Ajay Devgn as the fearless Bajirao Singham. Expect high-voltage action, thrilling chases, and powerful dialogues in this masala entertainer. This latest addition promises to take the franchise to new heights!

4. Metro... In Dino

Release Date: November 29, 2024

Anurag Basu returns with another ensemble cast masterpiece, *Metro... In Dino*. Exploring modern relationships in a metropolitan setting, the film features a stellar cast including Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Anupam Kher, and Neena Gupta. With music by Pritam, this heart-warming journey is sure to resonate with audiences.

5. Welcome to the Jungle

Release Date: December 20, 2024

The beloved comedy franchise returns with *Welcome*

to the Jungle, featuring Akshay Kumar, Sanjay Dutt, and Arshad Warsi. Directed by Ahmed Khan, this film promises rib-tickling comedy and unforgettable characters, delivering the chaos and fun fans have come to love.

6. Stree 2

Release Date: August 15, 2024

The horror-comedy genre gets a boost with *Stree 2*, bringing back Rajkumar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor. Directed by Amar Kaushik, this sequel promises more spooky fun and hilarious moments, continuing the story of the ghostly *Stree* who terrorizes a small town.

Release Dates for Movie Sequels

1. Raid 2

Release Date: November 15, 2024

Following the success of the 2018 action thriller *Raid*, Ajay Devgn returns for this highly anticipated sequel.

2. Welcome to the Jungle

Release Date: December 20, 2024

This film marks the third entry in the *Welcome* franchise, following *Welcome Back*. The original starred Akshay Kumar and is known for its comedic elements.

3. Pushpa 2

Release Date: December 2024 (subject to change)

The release date for this sequel to the blockbuster *Pushpa* has shifted several times. Initially set for August, it now aims for a December release. The first film explored the smuggling of red sandalwood in Andhra Pradesh, featuring Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna, and Fahadh Faasil.

BollyBytes



'Still in Pain, But I'm Fine': Hina Khan's Battle with Cancer

Indian television actress Hina Khan is bravely battling stage three breast cancer and recently shared her journey with fans. Despite enduring constant pain, she continues to project strength and positivity.

In a recent Instagram video, Hina revealed that she has resumed shooting for new projects following her chemotherapy treatments. While many fans and fellow actors commended her courage, she faced some negative comments online.

In response, Hina took to her Instagram story to address the trolling, stating, "Constant pain, yes constant. Every second of my life passes in pain, yet I smile." She emphasized, "Just because I don't show it, doesn't mean I'm not in pain. I don't display my pain and simply say I'm fine."

Hina first announced her diagnosis on June 28, sharing her journey on social media. She has already begun treatment, including surgery and chemotherapy, and has cut her hair as part of the process. Despite the challenges, Hina remains determined to fight the disease and has asked her fans for their prayers and support.

Jane Dipika Garrett: Miss Universe 2023 Top 20 finalist eyes Bollywood

Jane Dipika Garrett, crowned Miss Universe Nepal 2023, has made history as the first plus-size woman to reach the top 20 at the Miss Universe pageant. Her journey has inspired many, showcasing confidence and determination in redefining beauty standards.

Recently, Jane's influence expanded further during her role as a judge for Miss P&I India 2024 at Zee Studios in Jaipur. Her participation emphasized her commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in beauty, reminding everyone that true beauty comes in all shapes and sizes.

At just 23, Jane is also an entrepreneur, launching her own fashion brand dedicated to elegant wear for women of all sizes. In her leisure time, she enjoys traveling, dancing, and exploring various cuisines. Her multifaceted career reflects her passion for creating a vibrant, inclusive world.

Now, Jane aspires to break into Bollywood as an actress. She aims to bring greater body representation to the screen, challenging conventional norms and empowering others to embrace their authentic selves. Driven by her love for acting and modeling, Jane seeks to showcase diverse body types in mainstream media, proving that talent and beauty defy traditional molds.

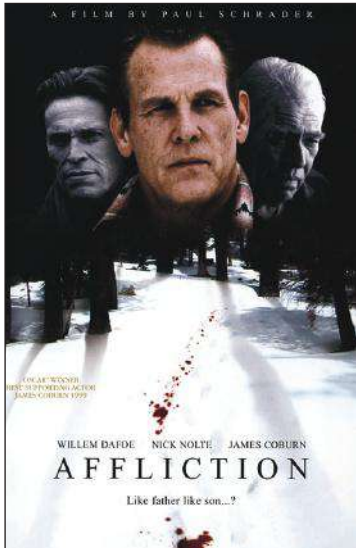
Her recent appearance as a showstopper for Michael Cinco's collection in Dubai highlighted her versatility and garnered attention from fashion enthusiasts worldwide. This runway success underscores her potential in the global fashion industry.



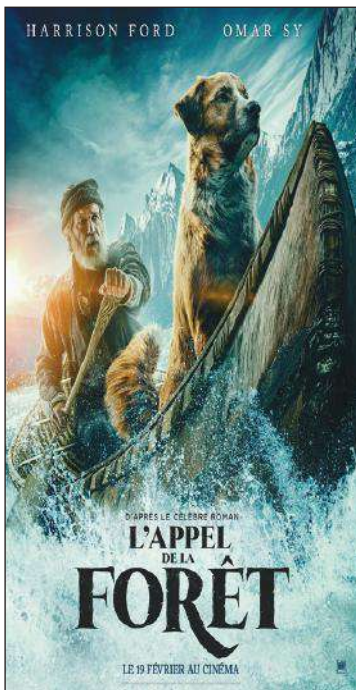
Jane Dipika Garrett's story exemplifies the power of self-belief and perseverance. As she continues to break barriers and redefine beauty standards, her aspirations in Bollywood promise a future where diversity is celebrated, and everyone feels valued and represented.



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Samedi 20 Juillet - 20.30



Dimanche 21 Juillet - 20.30



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MBC 1

07.10 Film: Natural Selection
08.51 Le Livre Perdu Des Sorti...
09.35 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
10.00 Tele: Amour Secret
10.23 The Gardener's Daughter
10.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
12.00 Le Journal
12.40 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
13.25 Tele: Fierce Angel
13.45 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
14.15 Live: Samachar
15.30 Film: Les Affameurs
17.40 The Gardener's Daughter
18.30 Other: Radha Krishna
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
19.00 Serial: Swaran Ghar
19.30 Le Journal
21.30 Film: Affliction
22.20 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
23.05 The Gardener's Daughter
23.30 Le Journal

MBC 2

06.20 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
08.28 Local: Artizan
10.30 Local: J'ai Faim
11.00 Rodrig: Klip Seleksion
12.15 Les Grandes Lignes
12.41 Local: Mots & Ecrits
14.14 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion
15.36 Local: Artizan
17.00 Local: La Sosiete
18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
18.30 Tele: Amour Secret
19.20 Le Magazine De L'emploi...
19.30 Local: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
20.05 Local: Animallia Nos Amis...
20.32 Local: Lir - Ekir Kreol
22.00 Local: La Sosiete
23.29 Le Journee Sous Le Regard
23.34 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
23.59 Rodrig: Zenn Aktif
00.21 Local: Retrovizor
00.36 Local: Couleur Marine

MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
08.01 MBC Prod: Amrit Vaani
09.26 Local: Hunarbaaz
11.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Hum Intezaar
Kareingue
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty,
Padmini Kolhapure, Vinod Mehra
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Serial: Senhur
16.00 Serial: Ishaaron Ishaaron
16.36 Serial: Bhakharwadi
17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Sayings Radha Krishna
19.00 Local: Khel Khiladi
20.30 Serial: Vidrohi
21.00 Film: Jeena Teri Gali Mein
23.24 Serial: Mere Sai
00.22 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
00.45 Serial: Senhur

Cine 12

06.30 Mag: Shift
06.38 Mag: Carnet De Sante
06.53 Mag: Border Crossing
07.26 Doc: Tomorrow Today
08.18 Doc: Dancing Despite War
09.00 The Renewable Revolution
10.29 Doc: The War Diary
11.26 Mag: Eco India
11.52 Mag: Shift
12.04 Mag: Carnet De Sante
12.19 Mag: Border Crossing
12.52 Mag: Tomorrow Today
15.00 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
15.23 D.Anime: Rainbow Rangers
15.48 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
16.10 Les Nouvelles Aventure De
Caillou
16.16 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
16.50 D.I.Y. Discover Your Inner
17.30 Mag: Eco India
18.00 Doc: Diet For Your Body Type

Bollywood TV

14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
14.48 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte
Hai 2
15.09 Film: Helicopter Eela
Starring Kajol, Riddhi Sen,
Tota Roy Chowdhury
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Kundali Bhagya
19.01 Udaariyaan
19.32 Fanaa
20.01 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.31 Serial: Yashomati Maiyya
Ke Nandlala
21.01 Anupamaa
21.22 Mere Sai
22.01 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
22.32 Swaran Ghar
22.59 Serial: Rajaa Betaa
23.30 Film: Helicopter Eela
Starring Sanjay Dutt, Zeba
Bakhtiyar, Amrith Puri

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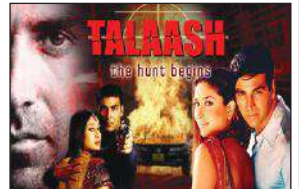
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12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Serial: Under Pressure
13.10 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.25 Film: Alien 3
17.20 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Enter: Dance India Dance...
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: L'Appel De La Foret
22.05 Serial: Blue Bloods
22.44 L'Envers Du Paradis
23.30 Le Journal

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08.35 Local: Zanford Nou Pei
10.22 Local: Retrovizor
11.01 Local: Come On Let's Dance
13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard...
13.06 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
14.13 Rodrig: Ala Nou Vini
15.12 Local: La Sosiete
16.22 Local: Mon Jardin Ma Maison
16.50 Local: Aktiv
18.00 Tele: Gout De L'Amour
19.00 Journal Kreol
19.20 Mag De L'Emploi...
20.00 Local: Les Petits Genies
21.22 Local: Upclose And Personal
22.22 Local: Glwar Dantan
00.05 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL
00.33 Local: Saver Kiltirel
00.57 Pran Kont Ou La Sante
01.12 Local: Rodrig Prog: Coin Zen

07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
07.08 Serial: Kalari Kids
08.26 Local: Mati Ke Mol
10.38 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
12.00 Dikri Vahalo Dariyo
12.20 Local: Mati Ke Mol
13.12 Celebrating The Golden...
14.06 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Film: Shankra
Starring Sunny Deol, Neelam
Kothari
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Puranya Pakwan
19.00 Duniya Mein Is Saptah
19.30 Local: Yaadein
21.00 Film: Dum
Starring Vivek Oberoi, Diya Mirza
23.42 Local: Puranya Pakwan
00.08 Duniya Mein Is Saptah
00.23 Local: Virasat

06.00 D.Anime: Giant
06.25 D.Anime: Agent 203
09.38 D.Anime: Early Learning
09.43 Serial: Espoirs Secrets
10.26 D.I.Y. Discover...
11.22 Mag: Her: Women In Asia
12.32 Doc: Butterfly Blue Prints
14.44 Mag: Shift
15.11 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
15.22 Serial: Rainbow Rangers
15.44 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
16.07 Les Nouvelles Aventure De
Caillou
16.15 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
16.27 D.Anime: Miraculous...
17.02 Serial: New Generation
18.00 Mag: In Good Shape
20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
20.30 Live: News
20.50 Doc: Animal Instinct
21.40 Film: Coyote Lake
23.20 Doc: The Science Of Good...

08.00 Swaran Ghar
10.19 Sasural Simar Ka 2
11.59 Udaariyaan
13.52 Anupamaa
16.00 Fanaa
18.31 Film: Talaash: The Hunt
Begins
Starring Rakhee Gulzar,
Akshay Kumar, Kareena
Kapoor
20.27 Gadget Guru Ganesha
20.39 Porus
21.00 CID



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04.36 The Gardener's Daughter
06.15 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
06.40 Film: L'appel De La Foret
08.20 Serial: New Amsterdam
09.15 Film: The Night Is Young
10.45 Serial: Briarpatch
11.35 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
12.00 Le Journal
12.35 Film: Les Affameurs
Avec James Stewart, Arthur
Kennedy, Rock Hudson
14.10 Le Livre Perdu Des Sortileges
15.21 Saying Radha Krishna
15.25 Film: L'Appel De La Foret
17.05 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Sayings Radha Krishna
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: The Right Mom
21.56 Serial: New Amsterdam
22.48 L'Envers Du Paradis

07.08 Local: Saver Kiltirel
09.00 Local: Les Petits Genies
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11.03 Local: Nu Rasinn
12.00 Rodrig: Coin Zen
14.00 Local: Elle
14.26 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL
15.00 Local: Nos Aines
15.45 Local: Tous Egaux
17.00 Local: En Forme
18.00 Tele Gout De L'Amour
19.00 Journal Kreol
19.33 Local: Elle
20.26 Local: Tipa Tipa Nou Avanse
20.52 Le Challenge
21.07 Local: Les Klips
21.59 Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La
23.00 Journal Kreol
23.20 Local: Clin D'Oeil
23.46 Local: Fer Roule
00.12 Local: Mangeons Veg

07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness
Challenge
08.23 Local: Puranya Pakwan
12.00 Film: Love Love Love
With Aamir Khan Juhi Chawla
Gulshan Grover
15.00 Samachar
16.53 Local: Ekta
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Planet Bollywood
19.00 Local: Tohar Rashi
19.23 Local: Tohar Farmaish
20.00 Local: Yaadein
20.30 Serial: Porus
21.00 Serial: CID
21.36 Serial: Naagin Season 5
22.19 Serial: Bahubali
22.58 Serial: Saaton Vachanwa
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00.25 Local: Tohar Rashi

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17.02 Serial: New Generation
17.30 Mag: In Good Shape
19.30 Mag: Arts Unveiled
20.00 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
21.40 Film: Shut In

00.14 Sasural Simar Ka 2
02.00 Udaariyaan
03.44 Filler: Sayings Radha
Krishna
04.02 Anupamaa
05.52 Fanaa
08.00 Tenali Rama
08.11 Patiala Babes
10.02 Kundali Bhagya
12.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
14.03 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
16.00 Wagle Ki Duniya
18.31 Film: Barsaat
Starring Bobby Deol, Priyanka
Chopra, Bipasha Basu
21.01 Dance India Dance Little
Masters
22.30 Serial: Bade Acche Lagte
Hai 2
00.16 Patiala Babes

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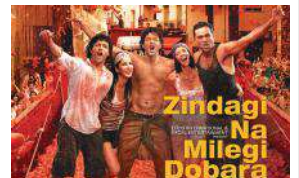
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14.15 Serial: Heartland
15.25 Film: The Right Mom
17.05 Meet The Costume Designers
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17.13 Local: Radio Vision
18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
18.30 Tele: Amour Secret
19.20 Le Magazine De L'emploi
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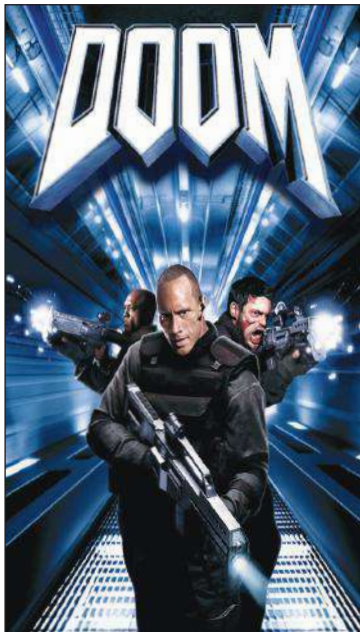
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15.29 Serial: Senhur
15.55 Kundali Bhagya
17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
18.30 Local: Ved Ki Shikshaen
19.00 Local: Theatre
19.30 Excerpts From Shiv
Abhishek
20.36 Film: Ek Phool Char Kante
Starring: Sunil Dutt, Waheeda
Rehman
22.56 Serial: Mere Sai
23.54 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
00.17 Local: Ved Ki Shikshaen
00.43 Local: Theatre

06.25 Doc The Politics Of Climate...
08.17 D.Anime: Yo Yo
09.06 La Princesse Enchantée
10.57 D.Anime: Malory Towers
11.30 Doc: Brilliant Corners
12.23 Doc: Illegal Leather
13.50 Film: A.R.I
15.00 D.Anime: Baby Einstein 2
15.05 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
15.26 D.Anime: Drole De Bocal
15.39 D.Anime: Jungle Book
15.51 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
16.03 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
16.15 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
16.38 D.Anime: Miraculous...
17.00 Serial: D.I.Y. Discover Your...
17.11 Serial: Penny Sur M.A.R.S
18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent
19.30 Mag: In Good Shape
20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
21.16 Film: Le Cercle Des Poetes
Disparus

14.25 Radha Mohan
15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.25 Film: Zulmi
Starring: Akshay Kumar,
Twinkle Khanna, Aruna Irani
18.00 Samachar
18.31 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.30 Fanaa
20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.31 Yashomati Maiyya Ke
20.51 Anupamaa



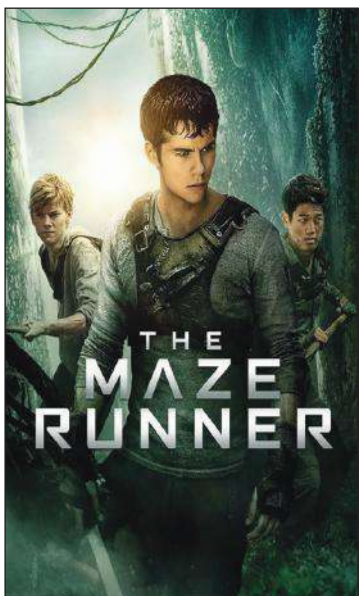
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SERIAL



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MBC 1

04.07 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
06.00 Tele: Tour De Babel
07.30 Serial: Seal Team
08.38 Serial: Amour Secret
09.01 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
09.30 Film: The Night Is Young
11.30 The Gardener's Daughter
12.00 Le Journal
12.20 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
13.03 Tele: Fierce Angel
13.44 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
14.10 Tele: Gout De L'Amour
15.25 Film: Le Cercle Des Poetes Disparus
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
18.00 Samachar
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
18.55 Serial: Swaran Ghar
20.30 Film: Doom
22.20 Entre Justice Vengeance

MBC 2

07.12 Local: Business Connect
09.32 Local: Radio Vision
10.38 Local: Lir - Ekir Kreol
11.06 Local: Rodrig Mo Pei
11.59 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
13.30 Local: Konn Ou Drwa
14.13 Local: Itinerer Moris
15.27 Rodrig: Zenn Aktif
15.54 Rodrig: Saver Lokal
17.02 Local: Le Mag
18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
18.30 Tele: Amour Secret
19.20 Le Magazine De L'Emploi
19.45 Local: Son Ladan Mem
20.00 Local: An Eta Dalert
20.30 Local: Priorite Sante
21.30 Local: Le Mag
22.22 Local: Mots & Ecrits
22.43 La Journee Sous Le Regard
23.21 Local: Music Tour 2022
00.14 Local: Profil

MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Kisna
08.00 Local: Ved Ki Shikshayen
08.26 Local: Theatre
08.52 Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek
09.32 Local: Vaad Vivaad
10.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya
11.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Yeh Raat Phir Na Ayegi
Starring: Prithviraj Kapoor, Biswajeet, Sharmila Tagore...
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain
16.00 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Tark Vitark
19.15 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
20.00 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
20.30 Film: Adhikaar
23.00 Serial: Mere Sai

MBC 5

07.00 Les Nouvelles Aventures De...
08.35 D.Anime: The Psammy Show
09.02 Film: Bikes
11.05 Mag: Eco Africa
11.28 Doc: Ageless Gardens
11.53 Doc: Germany's Volcanic...
12.41 Mag: In Good Shape
13.07 Mag: Shift
13.30 Film: Snow White's
15.00 D.Anime: Baby Einstein 2
15.05 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
15.51 D.Anime: Robin De Bois
16.03 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
16.15 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
16.56 D.I.Y. Discover...
17.30 Serial: New Generation
18.00 Mag: Rev
18.45 Mag: Red Carpet
19.00 Mag: Made In Germany
20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
21.20 Film: Affliction

Bollywood TV

14.25 Radha Mohan
14.58 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.23 Film: Linga
Starring Rajinikanth, Anushka Shetty, Sonakshi Sinha
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.03 Udaariyaan
19.33 Fanaa
20.06 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.29 Yashomati Maiyya Ke Nandlala
20.48 Anupama
21.18 Mere Sai
21.49 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
22.19 Serial: Swaran Ghar
22.44 Serial: Rajaa Betaa
23.14 Film: Linga
Starring Rajinikanth, Anushka Shetty, Sonakshi Sinha

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07.25 Serial: The Bionic Woman
08.15 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
08.38 Tele: Amour Secret
09.01 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
09.30 Film: Affliction
11.30 The Gardener's Daughter
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
13.15 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
13.40 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
14.10 Serial: The Bionic Woman
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.20 Film: Ghost In The Family
17.32 The Gardener's Daughter
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
18.55 Serial: Swaran Ghar
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.41 Serial: Nelle Tue Mani
21.30 Film: Coyote Lake
23.03 Entre Justice Et Vengeance

06.20 Local: Son Ladan Mem
08.20 Local: Mots & Ecrits
08.42 Local: Profil
09.30 Local: Le Mag
10.32 Local: Koze Zom
11.00 Local: Music Tour 2022
12.02 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef
12.17 Local: Son Ladan Mem
13.13 Local: Priorite Sante
14.04 Local: Koze Zom
15.00 Local: Nu Rasinn
15.45 Local: Glwar Dantan
18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
18.30 Tele: Amour Secret
19.00 Journal Kreol
19.20 Le Magazine De L'Emploi
19.30 Local: Rodrig Spor
19.56 Local: Saver Kiltirel
20.21 Local: Toc Toc Doc
20.36 Local: Encounter
21.02 Local: Agir Ensemble
21.29 Local: Les Klips

07.00 Gadget Guru Ganesha
07.12 Serial: Kisna
07.24 Serial: Tenali Rama
07.36 Serial: Lambu G Tingu
08.41 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
09.28 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
10.00 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
11.32 Serial: Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Teri Maang Sitaron Se Bhar Doon
Starring: Nutan, Padmini Kolhapure, Raj Kiran
15.30 Serial: Senhur
16.00 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Yatra
19.00 Local: Kala
20.00 Local: Virasat
20.15 Local: Gyan Vigyan
21.00 Film: Kismet Ke Khel
23.25 Serial: Mere Sai

08.36 D.Anime: The Psammy Show
09.06 Film: Ghoster
10.33 D.Anime: Malory Towers
11.31 Mag: Healthy Living
11.46 Mag: Red Carpet
12.07 Doc: Top Dive Sites
13.30 Film: Anastasia
15.00 D.Anime: Baby Einstein 2
15.05 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
15.26 D.Anime: Drole De Bocal
15.40 D.Anime: Jungle Book
16.04 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
16.39 Serial: Miraculous...
17.01 Serial: D.I.Y. Discover...
17.31 Serial: New Generation
18.00 Mag: Motorweek
18.30 Mag: Transforming Business
18.45 Mag: Planet A
19.00 Mag: Arts Unveiled
20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
21.16 Film: Trois Hommes Et Un Bebe

14.25 Radha Mohan
15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.25 Film: Dishoom
Starring: John Abraham, Varun Dhawan, Jacqueline Fernandez
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.03 Udaariyaan
19.30 Fanaa
20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.30 Yashomati Maiyya Ke Nandlala
21.06 Anupama
21.36 Mere Sai
22.05 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
22.31 Swaran Ghar
23.01 Serial: Rajaa Betaa
23.30 Film: Dishoom
Starring: John Abraham, Varun Dhawan, Jacqueline Fernandez

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08.05 Serial: Nelle Tue Mani
08.56 Serial: Le Temps D'Aimer
09.37 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
10.00 Film: Life Gets In The Way
11.30 The Gardener's Daughter
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
13.07 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
13.40 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
14.10 Serial: Gout De L'Amour
15.25 Film: Trois Hommes Et Un Bebe
17.15 The Gardener's Daughter
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
18.56 Serial: Swaran Ghar
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: Ghajini
Stars: Aamir Khan, Asif Ahmed and Tinnu Anand
23.21 Tele: Entre Justice Et Vengeance

06.55 Local: En Forme
07.37 Local: Agir Ensemble
11.00 Local: Les Klips
12.06 Local: Rodrig Spor
12.29 Local: Saver Kiltirel
13.06 Local: Toc Toc Doc
13.20 Local: Encounter
13.46 Local: Agir Ensemble
14.14 Local: Klip Seleksion
16.33 Rodrig Prog: Komanter
16.54 Local: En Forme
18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
18.31 Tele: Amour Secret
19.00 Journal Kreol
19.30 Rodrig Prog: Decouvertes
20.00 Local: Crea 2024
20.30 Emotion En Avant Plan
21.00 Le Festival Des Vocation
22.11 La Journee Sous Le Regard...
22.16 Rodrig: Klip Seleksion
00.30 Local: Generations J

07.12 Serial: Kisna
07.24 Serial: Tenali Rama
08.27 Local: Kala
09.19 Local: Virasat
09.34 Local: Gyan Vigyan
10.00 Serial: Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
11.30 Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Maa Baap
Starring: Rajendra Kumar, Kamini Kadam
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain
16.00 Serial: Agnipheera
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Amrit Vaani
19.00 Local: Manav Kalyan Mein...
19.32 Local: Ayush
20.05 Local: Hunarbaaz
20.30 Local: Shiv Shakti
21.00 Serial: Yashomati Maiyya
21.30 Mag: Dharam Yatra

06.40 Mag: Planet A
08.24 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
08.48 D.Anime: Dex And The Humanimals
10.31 D.Anime: Malory Towers
11.46 Mag: Transforming Business
12.30 Doc: Submerged Universe
13.30 Film: Le Royaume De Dawn
15.03 D.Anime: Baby Einstein 2
15.08 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
15.20 D.Anime: Le Rythme De La...
15.43 D.Anime: Jungle Book
15.55 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
16.42 Serial: Miraculous...
17.04 Serial: D.I.Y. Discover...
17.13 Serial: Penny Sur M.A.R.S
17.36 Serial: NEw Generation
18.00 Mag: Eco India
18.30 Mag: Shift
20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer
21.16 Film: The Maze Runner

14.25 Radha Mohan
15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
15.25 Film: Jamun
Stars: Raghubir Yadav, Shweta Basu Prasad, Sunny Hinduja
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.30 Fanaa
20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.30 Yashomati Maiyya Ke Nandlala
21.02 Anupama
21.30 Mere Sai
22.01 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
22.37 Swaran Ghar
23.02 Serial: Rajaa Betaa
23.31 Film: Jamun
Stars: Raghubir Yadav, Shweta Basu Prasad, Sunny Hinduja



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Stars: Raghubir Yadav, Shweta Basu Prasad, Sunny Hinduja



Jeudi 25 Juillet - 20.30

Stars: Aamir Khan, Asif Ahmed and Tinnu Anand





Kul Bhushan

From the Motor Safari in Kenya to a Spiritual Safari in Pune

Kul Bhushan recounts his rugged journey with Osho that began fifty years ago

Everything grinds to a halt during the Safari Rally in Kenya. This World Motor Rally Championship event spans four days and showcases top rally drivers from around the world. They navigate 3,000 km of rugged, dirt tracks through the African bush, encountering wild animals along the way. During the 1970s, local newspapers focused almost exclusively on the Safari Rally. For us, the news team of The Nation based in Nairobi, the Safari was both exhilarating and exhausting; we worked well past midnight day after day.

One night after returning home, I switched on my stereo and played a taped discourse by Osho (then known as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh). I lay down on the carpet in the pitch dark, listening to his voice and relaxing. To my surprise, in plain Hindi, he remarked that only foolish drivers leave highways to traverse rough tracks solely to boost their egos. What? Was he referring to the Safari Rally in Kenya? Unbelievable! I turned off the stereo, my mind made up: "I have to meet this man, no matter what!"

After the Safari concluded, I persuaded my boss to grant me a two-week leave to visit Pune. The first hurdle cleared, but a bigger challenge loomed: lack of funds. I sold my Mercedes. Then came the ordeal of obtaining permission from the Central Bank to buy dollars (no small feat), followed by clearance from the Income Tax department for foreign travel.

While tackling this paperwork, I attended a gathering of the local meditation group. Another striking comment hit me when Ma Yog Manju, the group's organizer, asked, "The boat is ready at the shore, the sails are unfurled, are you coming on board?" "Yes, I am coming," I resolved.

A few days later, accompanied by Ma Manju, I boarded a flight to Bombay en route to Pune. Upon arrival, I discovered that the ashram was simply another bungalow in Koregaon Park. Through a rusted metal gate, a path led to a building where Osho's secretary, Ma Yog Laxmi, welcomed us with her ever-present smile. It was evident that little had changed in the building since Osho's arrival on March 21, 1974, three months prior.

We were informed of an evening lecture at 7:00 in his residence, Lao Tzu House, a bungalow behind the first one. Upon arrival, we ascended to the first floor, entered a spacious balcony, and silently awaited his arrival. The only furniture on the balcony was a tall yellow executive chair illuminated from above by a spotlight. Around 60 disciples were already seated on the floor; I posi-



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tioned myself directly in front of the chair, brimming with excitement and anticipation. Soon, darkness enveloped us, the monsoon season prevailing*.

Moments later, Osho entered, and a hush fell over the gathering. He greeted each person with a namaste — a folded hands gesture — and an enigmatic smile. "Finally, I am seeing him in person!" I thought to myself. As he settled into his chair, he gazed deeply into my eyes and said, "You have come to me." I felt elated. "See," I assured myself, "he knows I'm an editor. He can garner good publicity overseas, which is why he greeted me." My ego swelled infinitely.

But this euphoria lasted only briefly as Osho continued, "You have taken a perilous step. It's a risk because near me, you can be lost forever. Drawing nearer to me means facing death and nothing else." "Oh God, where have I landed?" I wondered. The teachings of the Chinese Zen Master Chuang Tzu, in the form of a new series titled 'The Empty Boat' in English, had just begun. It was July 10, 1974.

Osho elaborated, "I am like an abyss. Coming closer to me, you will fall into me. The invitation has been extended to you. Understand that through me, you won't gain anything. Through me, you'll lose everything — because until you are lost, the divine cannot happen; until you vanish completely, the real cannot emerge. You are the barrier."

"Oh no, where have I landed?" My mind went blank for much of the discourse. Yet, he continued, "And you are so much, so stubbornly much, so filled with yourself that nothing can penetrate you. Your doors are closed. When you disappear, when you cease to exist, the doors open. Then, you become like the vast, infinite sky. That is your nature. That is Tao."

Tao? What's that? I had no idea. And who was this Chinese master Chuang Tzu

anyway? And an 'empty boat'? What did that mean? As his discourses progressed, I began to learn more about this Chinese master, a completely new world unfolding before me — a profound discovery.

Of course, I also desired a personal interview. So, the next morning, I returned to Laxmi's office and requested an appointment. She asked me to wait and suggested I engage in meditation in the meantime. I vividly recall participating in the Whirling Meditation held in a large courtyard under a temporary tent to shield us from the rains. At the back, a huge banner with a painted slogan adorned the space, while local musicians played light Indian classical music for the whirling.

Every day, I visited Laxmi, and each time, she smilingly asked me to wait.

Finally, one day she said, "Now you can have a 'darshan' tomorrow." I was going to meet Osho in his garden the next morning — on the final day of my stay in India!

It was a pleasant sunny morning as we entered the garden, accompanied by Manju and her three teenage children. When we entered the garden, Osho was already there, in a reclining chair. When it was my turn to speak, he greeted me warmly. I asked for an interview, suggesting it could be distributed to various overseas media outlets for which I wrote. To my surprise, he replied, "No need for an interview. Write what you wish and attribute it to me as if it were from an interview. If it's questioned, I will handle it." I was astonished; every person I had interviewed previously insisted on accuracy. Yet here was Osho, granting me unprecedented trust.

Osho then proceeded with our personal interview, stating, "You must take sannayas." He placed a mala around my neck, wrote my sannayas name on a sheet of paper bearing his letterhead, and dated and signed it. My sannayas certificate! The date was July 10, 1974.

Upon seeing the blank letterhead, I remarked, "Osho, would you sign a blank letterhead? Could I now write anything on it and implicate you?" He smiled and replied, "Go ahead."

Again, what trust!

And thus began my journey — from the Safari Rally in Kenya to a spiritual safari with Osho — an odyssey over sharp bends and rough terrain that commenced fifty years ago and continues to this day.

* According to records, the discourses were later moved to the mornings, as seen in photographs.

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Tree of Knowledge



Walking Through Your Fear

When we walk through our fear, we often discover that the strength of our fright was out of sync with reality

The situations, activities, and individuals that frighten us remain static. Their relative intensity does not change. Fear, on the other hand, self magnifies. When you are afraid and envisioning all that might go wrong, the energy underlying your fear grows. A tiny flicker of anxiety can easily develop into a terror that manifests itself physically and eventually paralyzes you into inaction. When we walk through that fear, we often discover that the strength of our fright was out of sync with reality. And we learn that doing what frightens us can lead to great blessings. Confronting your trepidation head-on will help you accept that few frightening scenarios will ever live up to the negative disasters that we sometimes play out in our minds.

Though fear is literally an evolutionary gift meant to sharpen your senses and energize you during times of great stress, it can become a barrier that prevents you from fulfilling your potential by causing you to miss out on rewarding, life-changing experiences. During the period before you face your fear, you may have to deal with a barrage of negative thoughts and emotions. Whether your fear is public speaking, taking part in an activity that makes you nervous, or asserting yourself when the odds are against you, walking through it may be equally as difficult. But once you emerge unscathed on the other side, which you will, you will likely wonder why you assumed the worst in the first place. While you spend time worrying about what might happen, it's good to know that your fear probably won't happen at all. It may feel like a great weight has been lifted from your shoulders, and you will likely feel a sense of passionate pride. Walking through your fear can mean taking risks and can require both practice and patience. Since it is challenging to act when you are gripped with fear, start small.

Each step you take into fear will strengthen you and help you confront future fears with poise, courage, and confidence. You also will find that when you are willing to stare your fear in the face, the universe will always offer you some form of aid or support. When you see the heights of accomplishment and personal evolution you can attain when you walk through your fears, your faith in yourself will grow, allowing your next step to be easier.

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