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# Imperative for Police Reform in Mauritius

**L**aw and order is the bedrock of a stable and prosperous society. It is a social contract that citizens enter into, trusting that the institutions of the state, particularly the police, will protect them, uphold the rule of law, and dispense justice impartially. For too long in Mauritius, this crucial element has been eroded by a series of controversies that have placed the police force in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. From allegations of "punitive transfers" for officers who dared to hold the politically connected accountable, to the hounding of activists and NGOs, and the unsettling presence of "rogue elements," the facts speak for themselves. The police force has, over the last decade, attracted a negative public perception that threatens to unravel the very fabric of our democracy.

**T**he public's faith in law enforcement has been further strained by the perceived "instrumentalisation" of certain units, such as the now-notorious Police Headquarters Special Striking Team, to pursue political opponents. Conversely, there is a perception of ineffectiveness when it comes to resolving criminal cases that might embarrass prominent figures or those in their inner circles. The yet unresolved murder case of political activist Soopramanien Kistnen stands as a stark and painful reminder of this. These issues, while serious, have been compounded by the latest storm to hit the force: the issue of reward money.

Recent parliamentary questions and the unfolding investigations by the Financial Crimes Commission (FCC) have cast a glaring spotlight on a system that was ostensibly designed to be a potent weapon in the fight against dangerous drugs. The concept of reward money itself isn't inherently flawed; it is intended to incentivize crucial intelligence gathering and foster a network of informers vital for operational success. The Prime Minister's reply to parliamentary questions indicates that such funds are meant to be paid based on factors like the nature of the case, the quantity of drugs seized, the risk involved, and the reliability of informers. However, the data provided for the past five financial years suggests a dramatic deviation from this intended purpose.

A clear disparity has emerged in the disbursement of reward money, raising se-



rious questions about its purpose and oversight. While police officers received consistent but modest payments from 2020/2021 to 2022/2023, these payments abruptly stopped in the years that followed. In stark contrast, the funds allocated to informers surged dramatically, from Rs 1.1 million in 2020/2021 to a colossal Rs 84.6 million in 2023/2024 and Rs 56 million in 2024/2025. This escalation is particularly alarming given the timing: Rs 50.1 million was disbursed to informers in just September and October 2024, a period immediately preceding a general election. This profound and sudden increase begs a critical question: was this a legitimate operational necessity, or a politically motivated use of public funds? This anomaly demands a thorough, impartial investigation that extends far beyond the scope of internal audits.

Further compounding these concerns, the Prime Minister's reply revealed that the disbursed amounts often exceeded the budgeted allocation. It calls into question the role and effectiveness of the Police Force's Financial Operations and Internal Control Unit. The current situation is simply untenable. The ongoing FCC inquiry is not merely warranted; it is an absolute necessity to restore public trust and establish a clear line of accountability.

**H**owever, we must also acknowledge that despite these recurrent criticisms and the presence of rogue elements, the Mauritius Police Force has, on the whole, played a beneficial role in maintaining law

and order. The vigilance and combined efforts of the police have resulted in significant drug hauls and arrests. Yet, the emergence of new, cheaply available synthetic drugs across the island gives the impression that the situation is getting out of hand, a concern previously highlighted by the Lam Shang Leen Commission of Inquiry which went so far as to recommend the disbanding of the anti-drug unit - the ADSU.

**T**his crisis presents a critical opportunity for a comprehensive and systemic police reform that goes to the heart of the institution. A superficial fix, such as firing a few corrupt officers, will not suffice. What is needed is a fundamental overhaul of the police force's governance and accountability mechanisms. We must return to the core tenet of policing: that it is meant for the protection of the citizen, not as a coercive instrument at the beck and call of politicians. The Commissioner of Police's post is constitutionally guaranteed for this very reason, so that the holder can perform their duties in full autonomy. The current Commissioner of Police, Mr Rampersad Sooroojally, appears to be the right man for the job, having accepted a permanent posting which empowers him to ensure that the Constitution prevails over all other considerations.

In light of the deep-seated issues that have come to light, a decisive course of action should be considered: the institution of a Presidential Commission on the lines of the Mackay Commission. This would go beyond investigating petty complaints and

instead look into the effectiveness of the police in fighting crime, the input of modern technological means for that purpose, the training of officers in policing duties and ethics, and the implementation of community policing models. Such a commission could provide a comprehensive roadmap for reform, drawing on successful international examples while tailoring them to the specific Mauritian context.

International experiences in police reform offer valuable lessons. In countries like Australia, external oversight bodies like the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) were established in the wake of corruption scandals to provide an independent layer of scrutiny. Similarly, in the UK, the introduction of elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and national bodies like the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) aimed to enhance local and independent accountability. These examples, however, also serve as cautionary tales. Reforms must be systemic, not superficial. The effectiveness of PCCs has been debated due to low voter turnout, and the complaints system in the UK still faces widespread dissatisfaction.

This highlights a crucial lesson: police reform is a journey, not a destination.

**U**ltimately, the stability and progress of Mauritius rest on the key pillars of its governance. The police force should be among the strongest of these pillars, but its foundation has been weakened. The current scandal, far from being a singular event, is the latest symptom of a deeper malaise. This is a moment for decisive action and a commitment to genuine reform. Only through transparency, stringent accountability, and a renewed focus on integrity can the police force regain the trust it so desperately needs to effectively combat crime and serve the Mauritian people. The government, and the new Commissioner of Police, have a historic opportunity to demonstrate that the rule of law is not a slogan but an unwavering principle that governs the nation.

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## Public sector management

# Executive compensation: Where is transparency?

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Last week in Parliament, PMSD MP Adrien Duval asked a question to the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance about the salaries of the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius (BOM) and its Deputy Governors, who were appointed by the present government after coming to power in November 2024. The Prime Minister did not provide any information on that matter and referred the MP to the financial statements of the BOM that are posted on its website. Many observers expected the Prime Minister to table the information in Parliament in the name of transparency, but he chose not to do so. He might have his reasons for not doing so, but is not the public entitled to know what public servants earn at the time they are appointed?

The referral to the BOM's financial statements was indeed an ingenious way to avoid answering the question directly. When the Minister of Finance was queried about the allowances paid for overseas trips to top executives of the BOM (\$1,400 per diem and \$200 entertainment allowance per day), his reply was again elusive, referring the MP to the bank's financial statements.

### Late annual reports

We know that the annual report of the

BOM, including financial statements, for the financial year ended June 30, 2025, will not be posted on the website until next year. Usually, the BOM's annual report is posted more than six months after the end of the financial year. The last annual report posted on February 22, 2025, relates to the financial year ended June 30, 2024. According to that report, the former Governor of the BOM, Mr Harvesh Seegoolam, earned Rs 14,362,000 in the year 2023-2024, that is Rs 1,104,769 per month for 13 months. His two deputies earned each Rs 657,346 per month for 13 months. So, we can reasonably assume that the new Governor and his two deputies are getting the same pay and benefits package as their predecessors, unless the BOM has reduced the compensation for its top executives, which is very unlikely.

Unlike the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance, Mrs Jyoti Jeetun, answered a parliamentary question on the emoluments of the CEO of the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Limited (SICOM), which operates as a public company under the Companies Act with state-owned bodies as major shareholders. She disclosed that the

CEO got a pay and benefits package of Rs 14,712,375 last year (or Rs 1,131,721 per month for 13 months). When she was asked whether that generous package was justified since the CEO was not an actuary, but an accountant, she suggested that it was very high, especially for a public enterprise where the State owns 62% of shares. It seems that what is sauce for the goose (SICOM) is not sauce for the gander (BOM) because the same principle of disclosure does not apply in both cases.

The decision of the Minister of Finance not to disclose the pay and benefits package of top executives at the BOM in Parliament is curious to say the least. Probably he did not want to attract attention to the generous pay package because of the debate going on about the government's decision to impose austerity on some citizens at a time of high budget deficit (9% of GDP) and soaring public debt (90% of GDP). Its decision to move up the eligibility age for old-age pension (OAP) from 60 to 65 years, gradually over five years, is hotly disputed by trade unions. The announcement of an income support of Rs 10,000 to those earning less than Rs 10,000 a month in the 60-64 age group, in lieu of OAP, has not lessened the grievance.

### Legal ploy

We should note that this government (Alliance du Changement) came to power on the promise of restoring transparency and accountability in public administration as part of what was called a break (“rupture”) with past opaque practices. For too long, the previous government shrouded the management of public organisations in a veil of secrecy that covered corporate misfeasance on a large scale. Its default position was always to refuse to answer questions about their management, including the compensation of top executives in state-owned enterprises (Air Mauritius, SICOM, SBM, etc.) on the grounds that they were “private companies”.

As a matter of fact, the registration of those public enterprises under the Companies Act (not under specific statutes) as public or private companies was just a legal ploy to keep them outside parliamentary scrutiny so that the public would not know about their bad management practices, although the State is a majority shareholder in them. It is a rule that public or private companies owned by the State are not audited by the National Audit Office since

they are not funded from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of government.

However, information has filtered in the media about abnormal pay packages in public enterprises. For example, it was reported that the CEO of SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd. had a package of Rs 40 million a year. How could one possibly justify such a humongous package at a bank that has written off bad debts in billions of rupees over the years (Rs 7 billion in 3 years) due to toxic loans granted to political cronies without adequate collateral? A write-off on that scale only proves a deficient credit risk-assessment system for which top management should take responsibility.

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### Public interest issue

Executive compensation in the public sector is an issue of public interest in all social-democratic countries where the State invests taxpayers' money in public services and commercial enterprises. In Canada, for example, the province of Ontario, which is the largest sub-national government in the country, publishes annually a “Sunshine List” of public sector employees who earn more than \$100,000 a year (or Rs 3.4 million at the exchange rate of Rs 34 per Canadian dollar). The list was introduced in 1996 by a conservative government. Over the years, trade unions have asked the government to raise that threshold to take into account inflation, but it has not done so. That threshold is indeed very low now by salary standards in the economy.

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# Religious Attire in the Workplace

*'Accommodating religious expression in the workplace depends on a commitment to inclusion from employers'*

**R**ecent public reports indicate that a law firm has taken disciplinary action against two female employees for their alleged refusal to comply with an employer's instruction not to wear the hijab in the workplace. This incident follows a similar case from a few years ago, where another employer reportedly attempted, though unsuccessfully, to initiate disciplinary action against a female employee for wearing a tikka at work. While the veracity of the current allegations against the first employer is yet to be publicly confirmed, these incidents collectively highlight crucial questions regarding workplace policies and religious attire in Mauritius. In this week's Qs & As, LEX explores the pertinent issues that this matter raises.

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**\* Are religious garments, symbols, or ornaments such as hijabs worn by Muslim women, tikkas worn by Indian women, or Christian religious symbols/ornaments permissible in the workplace under current workplace policies or regulations in Mauritius?**

Although there are no specific regulations that directly address religious attire in the workplace, Section 11 (1) of the Constitution of Mauritius provides a strong legal foundation for the protection of religious freedom. It states:

*"Except with his own consent, no person shall be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of conscience, and for the purposes of this section, that freedom includes freedom of thought and of religion, freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and both in public and in private, to manifest and propagate his religion or belief in worship, teaching, practice and observance."*

**"The European Court has ruled that employers can justify prohibiting employees from wearing any visible expression of political, philosophical, or religious beliefs. This is permissible if the employer's goal is to project a neutral image to customers or to prevent workplace disputes. In contrast, the Human Rights Committee in Geneva has taken a different stance. In a 2018 case against France, the Committee found that firing a crèche employee for wearing a headscarf was a violation of her religious freedom..."**

**\* In light of the incidents as reported publicly, could a directive from an employer prohibiting the wearing of a hijab or a tikka or any other religious attire by employees constitute indirect or direct discrimination under Mauritian laws?**

Section 16 (1) of the Constitution affords protection



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against discrimination on grounds of race, caste, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed or sex. Creed incorporates religious freedom.

The freedom of religion, while a fundamental right, is not absolute. It can be limited under specific circumstances, provided these limitations are "reasonably justifiable in a democratic state." The derogations can be made in interests of defence, public safety, public order, public morality or public health; or for the purpose of protecting the rights and freedoms of other persons, including the right to observe and practise any religion or belief without the unsolicited intervention of persons professing any other religion or belief.

However, as emphasized by the Human Rights Committee in Geneva, these restrictions must be interpreted narrowly to ensure they do not perpetuate or reinforce existing inequalities.

Ultimately, the interpretation and application of these constitutional and legal principles will depend on how a court of law views the specific facts of a case.

There is a notable divergence of opinion between different international bodies regarding the regulation of religious symbols in the workplace.

The Court of Justice of the European Union, for instance, has ruled that private employers can, under certain conditions, ban the visible display of religious symbols without it necessarily constituting discrimination. The European Court has ruled that employers can justify prohibiting employees from wearing any visible expression of political, philosophical, or religious beliefs. This is permissible if the employer's goal is to project a neutral image to customers or to prevent workplace disputes.

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**\* What legal avenues are available to employees in Mauritius who believe they have been subjected to disciplinary action or dismissal due to their refusal to remove religious attire in the workplace?**

Possible avenues for recourse in such a situation include: - Mediation: As was the case with the women who were prohibited from wearing a tikka, a mediated solution can be a less confrontational and often faster way to

resolve the issue. - Court Action: An employee may choose to pursue legal action if mediation is unsuccessful or not an option.

**\* Where do an employer's dress code rules stop when they affect an employee's religious beliefs?**

Whether a workplace prohibition on wearing a hijab, a tikka, or a Christian cross is considered discriminatory hinges on a court's legal interpretation of these items.

If the court views them as religious symbols protected by the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion, then preventing an employee from wearing them could be found to be discriminatory.

However, if the court interprets these items as merely ornamental attire, then a workplace ban on them might not be considered discrimination

on the grounds of religion.

**\* How do Mauritian courts typically balance an employer's asserted need for a specific workplace image or neutrality against an employee's right to manifest their religion through attire? Are there precedents for "reasonable accommodation" in such cases?**

In Mauritius, there are no known court cases on this specific issue. This is largely because, in the rare instances where religious discrimination has been alleged in the workplace, matters have typically been resolved through amicable settlements.

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**\* Do the regulations or expectations regarding religious attire differ between public sector and private sector workplaces in Mauritius? For instance, are there different considerations for a government office compared to a private law firm?**

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However, the wearing of a full-face veil could potentially lead to challenges. Such issues might arise in roles that involve interacting with the public, particularly in places like banks or other institutions where verifying a person's identity is essential for security and transaction purposes.

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\* Are there specific professional codes of conduct or ethical guidelines within professions like law that might address or inadvertently impact the wearing of religious attire by practitioners or staff? If so, how do these align with broader anti-discrimination principles?

None exists. However, guidance may be sought from the ruling of the European Court of Justice that 'a company can implement a neutrality policy, but it must be genuinely motivated by a legitimate business need and not used to unfairly restrict religious freedom. While a company can strive for neutrality in its public image or interactions, this cannot be a

pretext to discriminate against employees or applicants based on their religion.'

\* How do such incidents affect the broader goals of workplace diversity, inclusion, and religious harmony within the professional landscape of Mauritius?

Diversity of race and religious freedom in the workplace is a complex issue. While the Constitution protects against religious discrimination and requires accommodations for religious practices, implementation can be challenging. Accommodating religious expression in the workplace depends on a commitment to inclusion from employers.

\* What measures or guidelines could be implemented to help employ-



ers manage issues of religious attire in a manner that respects both business needs and employee rights, and

fosters an inclusive work environment?

The European Court of Justice has determined that a company can prohibit "any political, philosophical or religious sign" in the workplace without it being considered direct discrimination, provided the company has an established, neutral dress code that is applied to all employees. The court also clarified that such a ban cannot be enforced solely to satisfy a customer's preference.

Therefore, it is advisable for private sector employers to clearly outline their dress code to job applicants during the hiring process. While this can help prevent misunderstandings, it does not completely eliminate the possibility that an employee might later choose to wear a religious symbol, which could then create a new set of issues.

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The annual list, along with data on salaries over the threshold, is available on the government's website for public viewing (<https://www.ontariosunshinelist.com>).

This disclosure practice is based on the premise that all taxpayers need to know how much public servants who are responsible for delivering public services are paid to do their jobs. Even big private corporations like commercial banks publish data on executive compensation together with quarterly or semi-annual financial results. Shareholders have a right to know whether executive compensation is

commensurate with the financial results of corporations.

In Mauritius, the salaries and benefits of employees working in the central government, local government (municipalities and village/district councils) and some parastatal bodies are known to the public because the Pay Research Bureau (PRB) publishes the salary scales every five years. This is not the case for the broader public sector, which includes (a) public enterprises that are run on a commercial basis (CWA, CEB, etc.), (b) state-owned enterprises (Air Mauritius, SICOM, SBM, Airport Holdings Ltd.) set up as private or public companies, and (c) Public Interest Bodies such as the Bank of Mauritius.

### Open data

The State has full control over all those body corporates either through shareholding or statute. For example, the State owns Air Mauritius, a wholly owned subsidiary of Airport Holdings Ltd., which is controlled by the government (51% of shares) and the Mauritius Investment Corporation (49% of shares). The BOM is a public body created by statute (Bank of Mauritius Act, 2004) with a board of management appointed by the government. They all have a duty to be transparent about their operations, financial results and executive compensation by making timely disclosures.

If we had a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), any citizen could have requested information on executive compensation in those public enterprises or institutions. Since those public entities publish their annual reports very late, it's up to the government to be proactive in transparency and disclose the relevant information on executive compensation.

The electorate voted overwhelmingly for a change from the bad governance of the last ten years, characterized by shady management practices. To be able to do bold and meaningful reforms, the government should lead with confidence-building steps based on information sharing and voluntary disclosure. Opacity is not the way to go. The concept of "open-data government", supported by a FOIA, is the new norm in advanced parliamentary democracies.

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# Réformes impopulaires: Pourquoi un tel froid entre gouvernements et citoyens?

Par A. Bartleby

**A** Maurice, la réforme du système de pension est devenue la seule source de mécontentement notable pour une grande partie de la population depuis l'arrivée au pouvoir de l'Alliance du Changement. Cette réforme a déclenché un mouvement de contestation de plusieurs semaines, bien que l'affaire de la "Reward Money" l'ait en grande partie éclipsé. Certains estiment que le gouvernement actuel a perdu une part significative de sa popularité et qu'il aura du mal à regagner la confiance des Mauriciens.

Il est vrai, cependant, que partout dans le monde, les réformes gouvernementales suscitent de vives oppositions, surtout lorsqu'elles menacent directement le niveau de vie des citoyens, comme c'est le cas avec les réformes des pensions. Les dirigeants mauriciens pourraient être tentés de croire que cette vague de mécontentement finira par s'estomper. Mais pour que cela se produise, une véritable campagne d'explication, une démarche pédagogique s'impose pour justifier la nécessité et la non-viabilité du système actuel.

**I** faut, par ailleurs, souligner que les gouvernements sont parfois contraints de prendre des décisions difficiles pour assurer la santé économique d'un pays. Qu'il s'agisse d'assainir les finances publiques, de réduire la dette nationale ou de rationaliser des évolutions inévitables comme le recul de l'âge de la retraite, ces mesures suscitent fréquemment de vives réactions négatives au sein de la population. Même lorsque leur nécessité économique est criante, l'opposition est souvent forte. Cette résistance s'explique par un ensemble complexe de facteurs interdépendants.

## Un impact direct sur les finances personnelles et la vie quotidienne

L'une des raisons principales de cette impopularité réside dans l'impact immédiat et tangible de ces mesures sur le portefeuille des citoyens. Toute augmentation d'impôts (comme la TVA ou l'impôt sur le revenu), les coupes dans les services publics ou la réduction des prestations sociales **diminue** directement le pouvoir d'achat. Cette érosion du revenu disponible et un accès réduit aux services essentiels peuvent entraîner des difficultés financières considérables, particulièrement pour les ménages à faibles revenus, souvent les plus touchés par les politiques d'austérité.

L'augmentation du coût de la vie, due à la hausse des taxes ou à la suppression de subventions, exacerbe ces tensions. De plus, les mesures d'austérité, notamment dans le secteur public, peuvent mener à des pertes d'emplois, affectant directement les

individus et indirectement les secteurs qui dépendent des contrats publics.

## Le sentiment d'injustice et d'inégalité

Un sentiment d'injustice profonde émerge fréquemment lorsque la population perçoit que le fardeau de ces mesures n'est pas équitablement réparti. L'impression que les plus fortunés ne contribuent pas suffisamment ou que les coupes budgétaires affectent disproportionnellement les services destinés aux plus vulnérables alimente le mécontentement. Concernant spécifiquement les retraites, beaucoup considèrent les pensions comme un droit acquis par leurs contributions tout au long de leur vie professionnelle. Le recul de l'âge de la retraite est alors perçu comme une rupture du contrat social entre les citoyens et l'État, d'autant plus pour ceux dont les emplois sont physiquement exigeants ou dont l'état de santé rend difficile la prolongation de l'activité professionnelle.

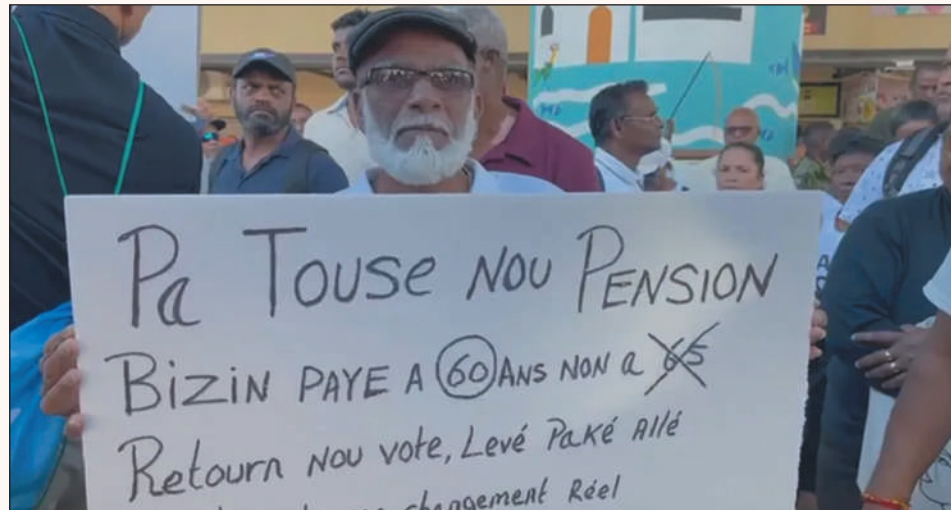
La confiance envers le gouvernement et ses motivations joue un rôle crucial. Si l'histoire d'un pays est marquée par une mauvaise gestion, la corruption ou des intérêts politiques personnels apparents, la légitimité des mesures impopulaires est remise en question. Les citoyens peuvent douter que ces décisions soient réellement prises pour le bien public.

Un manque de communication claire et transparente de la part des autorités sur la nécessité de ces mesures, leurs bénéfices à long terme et les alternatives envisagées nourrit la suspicion et la résistance, créant parfois une véritable chape de plomb sur le débat public. Une mauvaise évaluation de l'opinion publique et une sous-estimation de l'impact de ces changements sur la population peuvent également exacerber les réactions négatives.

## Facteurs politiques et psychologiques

Les bénéfices à long terme de l'assainissement des finances publiques ou de la réduction de la dette sont souvent abstraits et différés, tandis que les inconvénients (hausse des impôts, report de l'âge de la retraite) sont immédiats et concrets. Cette asymétrie temporelle rend les mesures impopulaires plus difficiles à accepter, car l'être humain est généralement plus sensible aux pertes immédiates qu'aux gains futurs potentiels. Des attentes profondément ancrées concernant les services publics et l'âge de la retraite, forgées au fil des générations, peuvent également expliquer une forte résistance émotionnelle au changement.

**L'**opposition politique, les syndicats et la société civile jouent un rôle d'amplificateur du mécontentement public, organisant



Le recul de l'âge de la retraite est perçu comme une rupture du contrat social entre les citoyens et l'État, d'autant plus pour ceux dont les emplois sont physiquement exigeants ou dont l'état de santé rend difficile la prolongation de l'activité professionnelle. P — la1ere.franceinfo.fr

des manifestations et des campagnes qui renforcent les sentiments négatifs. Les biais cognitifs peuvent également conduire à une focalisation excessive sur les conséquences négatives immédiates au détriment d'une vision d'ensemble de la situation économique. Enfin, les discours populistes peuvent exploiter la frustration populaire en proposant des solutions simplistes ou en désignant des boucs émissaires, alimentant ainsi les sentiments anti-austérité.

**L**a mise en œuvre de mesures d'austérité en période de récession économique peut aggraver le chômage et ralentir la croissance du PIB, rendant ces mesures encore plus douloureuses et impopulaires. De même, lorsque la progression de l'espérance de vie stagne ou régresse, comme on l'observe dans certains pays, le recul de l'âge de la retraite devient encore plus contesté, car les personnes exerçant des métiers pénibles ou ayant des problèmes de santé sont particulièrement désavantagées.

## Le rapport de forces à l'œuvre: Exemples démocratiques

De nombreux pays démocratiques ont été confrontés à cette problématique. En France, les tentatives de réforme des retraites ont provoqué une forte opposition sociale, des manifestations massives et des grèves. En Grèce, les mesures d'austérité suite à la crise financière de 2008 ont entraîné une récession, une augmentation du chômage et d'importantes protestations populaires.

L'Espagne a connu des mouvements sociaux et des manifestations similaires. Au Royaume-Uni, les politiques d'austérité post-crise ont mené à des réductions des dépenses publiques et à de vifs débats sur leurs impacts sociaux. Enfin, en Italie, les tentatives de réformer les retraites et de réduire la dette publique se sont heurtées à une forte résistance politique et sociale.

En conclusion, la réaction négative aux mesures gouvernementales impopulaires est une réponse complexe à des changements qui touchent directement la vie quotidienne et les perspectives d'avenir des citoyens. Elle est alimentée par des considérations économiques, sociales, politiques et psychologiques, et se manifeste diversement à travers le monde démocratique, soulignant la difficulté pour les gouvernements de concilier la nécessité des réformes avec l'acceptation sociale.

## Comment adoucir la pilule?

Pour adoucir la pilule des réformes impopulaires, les gouvernements peuvent mettre en place plusieurs stratégies.

Il est essentiel de renforcer la communication et la pédagogie pour expliquer clairement la nécessité et les bénéfices à long terme des mesures, tout en dialoguant avec les corps intermédiaires. Une approche progressive et échelonnée, accompagnée de mesures de soutien ciblées comme la reconversion professionnelle ou les compensations, permet à la population de mieux s'adapter. De plus, il est crucial de garantir l'équité et la justice sociale, en veillant à ce que les plus riches contribuent, et de renforcer la participation citoyenne pour légitimer les mesures. Enfin, la restauration de la confiance et de la crédibilité par la cohérence des actions et des discours est un facteur déterminant pour atténuer les réactions négatives et favoriser une acceptation plus large des réformes nécessaires.

Dans le contexte mauricien, où les enjeux de stabilité sociale et de cohésion communautaire sont primordiaux, l'application de ces stratégies revêt une importance capitale. Des réformes nécessaires, qu'elles touchent à la fiscalité, aux services publics ou à la protection sociale, ne pourront aboutir que si elles sont perçues comme équitables et si le processus est transparent.

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# Gaza: La reconnaissance de la Palestine, un symbole de pression internationale

**L'**annonce du Premier ministre canadien Mark Carney, ce mercredi 31 juillet 2025, de la reconnaissance prochaine d'un État palestinien en septembre marque un tournant symbolique, s'inscrivant dans une pression internationale croissante sur Israël concernant ses politiques à Gaza. Cette décision intervient alors que la crise humanitaire dans le territoire palestinien assiégé atteint des niveaux intolérables.

La reconnaissance par le Canada, prévue pour la 80e Session de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies, fait suite à des annonces similaires de la France et du Royaume-Uni. Le président français Emmanuel Macron avait déjà déclaré la semaine dernière que la France serait le premier pays du G7 à franchir ce pas en septembre, suivi par le Premier ministre britannique Keir Starmer, qui a fait une annonce conditionnelle mardi. Mark Carney a souligné que cette décision canadienne est subordonnée à l'Autorité Palestinienne organisant des élections générales en 2026, sans la participation du Hamas, et à la démilitarisation de l'État palestinien. Il a toutefois reconnu l'ampleur et la complexité de cette tâche, affirmant que "beaucoup doit se passer avant qu'un État démocratique viable ne soit établi".

**C**ette série de reconnaissances, bien que largement symbolique, vise à accroître la pression diplomatique pour mettre fin au conflit. Plus de 140 pays reconnaissent déjà un État palestinien, dont une douzaine en Europe. Le Canada, qui a toujours soutenu l'idée d'un État palestinien indépendant coexistant avec Israël, a longtemps estimé que cette reconnaissance devait s'inscrire dans le cadre d'une solution négociée à deux États.

## La réaction d'Israël et la crise humanitaire

La réaction d'Israël ne s'est pas fait attendre. Iddo Moed, l'ambassadeur d'Israël au Canada, a qualifié le Canada d'"ami éloigné" qui a cessé de se "mettre à la place d'Israël". Il a exprimé son incompréhension face au manque de considération pour la souffrance des otages détenus par le Hamas. Le Premier ministre israélien, Benjamin Netanyahu, a fermement rejeté l'idée d'une solution à deux États pour des raisons de sécurité et nationalistes, qualifiant la décision britannique de "récompenser le terrorisme monstrueux du Hamas et de punir ses victimes".

Pendant ce temps, la guerre fait rage et la situation humanitaire à Gaza ne cesse de se détériorer. Le conflit, déclenché par l'attaque du Hamas le 7 octobre 2023, qui a fait environ 1 200 morts et 251 otages en



La reconnaissance de l'État palestinien, un symbole fort. P - Les Inrocks

Israël, a entraîné une offensive israélienne dévastatrice. Selon le ministère de la Santé de Gaza, contrôlé par le Hamas et considéré comme la source de données la plus fiable par l'ONU, plus de 60 000 Palestiniens ont été tués. Un total de 89 enfants sont décédés de malnutrition depuis le début de la guerre. Israël nie toute famine à Gaza et rejette les témoignages contraires des agences de l'ONU et des groupes d'aide. L'ambassadeur israélien a imputé la durée de la guerre au Hamas, affirmant que Gaza abrite "le pire réseau d'infrastructures terroristes qui existe partout dans le monde".

## Un tournant inédit dans le monde arabe

Un développement majeur et sans précédent a été annoncé mardi dernier : la prise de position de plusieurs nations arabes. Le Qatar, l'Arabie Saoudite et l'Égypte ont collectivement exigé que le Hamas dépose les armes et mette fin à son contrôle de Gaza. Cette déclaration historique, issue d'une conférence des Nations Unies à New York, est la première fois que ces pays arabes condamnent explicitement le Hamas et demandent son désarmement et son exclusion de la future gouvernance

palestinienne.

**L**e ministre français des Affaires Étrangères, Jean-Noël Barrot, a qualifié ce mouvement d'"historique et sans précédent", soulignant que ces pays arabes et du Moyen-Orient "condamnent le Hamas, condamnent le 7 octobre, appellent au désarmement du Hamas, appellent à son exclusion de la gouvernance palestinienne, et expriment clairement leur intention de normaliser les relations avec Israël à l'avenir". Cette position commune avec 14 autres nations, dont la Grande-Bretagne et la France, représente une tentative concertée de forger un chemin vers une paix durable et de réaffirmer la nécessité d'une solution à deux États.

## Conditions et controverses

La décision du Royaume-Uni de reconnaître la Palestine est assortie de conditions strictes. Sir Keir Starmer a exigé qu'Israël autorise davantage d'aide à Gaza, cesse l'annexion de terres en Cisjordanie, accepte un cessez-le-feu et s'engage dans un processus de paix à long terme d'ici septembre. Il a également insisté sur la libération immédiate de tous les otages israéliens restants par le Hamas, le désarmement du groupe et son exclusion de tout rôle gou-

vernemental à Gaza.

**C**ependant, cette démarche a suscité des réactions mitigées. Emily Damari, une Britanno-Israélienne ex-otage du Hamas, a critiqué Sir Keir Starmer pour son "échec moral", arguant que cet ultimatum risque de "récompenser la terreur" et d'envoyer le message que "la violence gagne en légitimité". Le président américain Donald Trump a également accusé le Royaume-Uni de "récompenser le Hamas" avec cet ultimatum.

Des confusions ont émergé concernant la conditionnalité de la libération des otages pour la reconnaissance palestinienne, malgré les affirmations claires de Sir Keir. Au sein même du parlement britannique, des inquiétudes ont été soulevées quant à la liaison de la reconnaissance à des conditions israéliennes, certains députés appelant à une reconnaissance immédiate et inconditionnelle de la Palestine.

## Un monde choqué par la famine à Gaza

Alors que le nombre de morts à Gaza approche les 60 000, un nombre croissant de personnes meurent de faim et de malnutrition. Vingt-huit pays, dont la France, la Belgique et le Royaume-Uni, ont publié une déclaration conjointe affirmant que la guerre à Gaza "doit cesser maintenant" et qu'Israël doit se conformer au droit international. Les statistiques militaires israéliennes indiquent qu'une moyenne de 146 camions d'aide par jour est entrée à Gaza pendant la guerre, tandis que les États-Unis estiment qu'un minimum de 600 camions par jour est nécessaire pour nourrir la population de Gaza.

Les annonces récentes du Canada, de la France et du Royaume-Uni, ainsi que la position inédite des nations arabes sur le Hamas, soulignent une pression internationale croissante et un appel urgent à une solution durable. Reste à voir si ces démarches diplomatiques parviendront à infléchir le cours du conflit et à alléger la souffrance des civils à Gaza.

## Drogues de Synthèse: Toxiques, Accessibles et Dévastatrices

**L'**île Maurice fait face à une menace grandissante : celle des drogues de synthèse (*synthetic drugs*). Pour aborder ce fléau, la *National Agency for Drug Control* (NADC) a organisé hier un atelier d'une journée entière sur le thème: «Drogues de Synthèse à Maurice – Analyse de la Situation et Voies à Suivre». Cette initiative est cruciale pour com-

prendre l'ampleur du problème et élaborer des stratégies efficaces.

## Que sont les drogues de synthèse?

Les drogues de synthèse, aussi connues sous le nom de nouvelles substances psychoactives (NSP), sont des substances chimiques conçues en labora-

toire pour imiter ou amplifier les effets de drogues illicites traditionnelles comme le cannabis, la cocaïne ou l'héroïne. Contrairement aux drogues issues de plantes, ces substances sont fabriquées par des chimistes clandestins, ce qui rend leur composition souvent inconnue et extrêmement dangereuse. Elles se présentent sous diverses formes (poudre, comprimés, liquides, etc.) et leurs logos ou appellations changent constamment, rendant leur identification difficile.

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# “Ramgoolam et Bérenger termineront sans doute ensemble leur mandat de 5 ans”

*‘Par la suite, tout dépendra de la conjoncture politique et des problèmes liés à la succession’*

**L**e gouvernement de l'Alliance du Changement entame son neuvième mois au pouvoir, et une question se pose: comment juger la manière dont cette alliance a géré le pouvoir depuis le début de son mandat? Les deux principaux dirigeants, Navin Ramgoolam et Paul Bérenger, semblent déterminés à assurer la pérennité de cette union, ce qui est aussi un enjeu de crédibilité pour leur formation politique respective. Jocelyn Chan Low, historien, offre une analyse percutante sur la cohabitation actuelle, les défis politiques, et les réformes en cours, notamment celle des pensions. Il dresse un tableau où la tranquillité apparente cache des tensions latentes, tout en soulignant la fragilité de la scène politique face aux enjeux de succession et une conjoncture internationale incertaine.

**Mauritius Times:** Le gouvernement de l'Alliance du Changement entame ces jours-ci son neuvième mois au pouvoir. Autant que l'on sache, la cohabitation se déroule raisonnablement bien. Il ne semble pas y avoir de “gros cailloux dans la chaussure” (ou “d'obstacles majeurs”) susceptibles de mettre en péril cette entente. Selon les bruits de couloir, les deux principaux leaders s'entendent bien, et le Premier ministre travailliste a la haute main sur l'orientation et la gestion des affaires de l'État. Ainsi, pas de secousses en vue, du moins jusqu'ici. Est-ce aussi votre analyse?

**Jocelyn Chan Low:** En effet, les leaders des deux principaux partis du gouvernement semblent tout faire pour éviter la moindre dissension au sein de l'Alliance du Changement. Ainsi Paul Bérenger est au premier plan pour défendre toutes les mesures prises par le PM, et ce dernier ne manque aucune occasion pour lui renvoyer l'ascenseur, à l'instar de sa déclaration que ce sont les mesures prises par Paul Bérenger en 1982 qui sont à l'origine du ‘miracle’ économique mauricien.

Et s'il y a des divergences inévitables au sujet de certaines nominations, elles atteignent rarement la place publique. Cela s'explique par plusieurs facteurs. D'abord, il y a le poids de l'âge et de l'expérience qui en découle. Ces deux leaders sont au crépuscule de leur carrière et maîtriser leur immense ego reste la meilleure façon pour eux de laisser une trace indélébile dans l'histoire du pays, et ainsi transmettre leur image comme des bâtisseurs.

Pour le MMM il y a aussi la realpolitik et une évaluation lucide du rapport de forces entre les partis et du poids réel du parti au sein de l'électorat. Le partage des tickets avait déjà signifié que dorénavant le MMM accepte volontiers de n'être qu'un “junior partner” au sein d'un gouvernement sans aucune ambition de convoiter le poste suprême, même dans le moyen terme. Et, avec la victoire des 60-0, le PTr peut diriger le pays tout seul...

Ensuite, les sondages démontrent clairement qu'au fil des années, le “hardcore” du MMM a été réduit à une peau de chagrin. Et c'est bien cet électorat qui est le plus apte à être séduit par les partis extraparlamentaires, comme le témoigne la percée de Patrick Belcourt dans ce qui est



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considéré comme le fief du leader historique du parti.

Il faut aussi se rappeler que le MMM a fait une très longue traversée du désert pendant près de 20 ans. On voit mal des militants fatigués et vieillissants quitter allégrement le pouvoir. Et finalement un parti politique représente inévitablement des intérêts particuliers. Et la défense de ces gros intérêts ne peut se faire qu'à l'intérieur et non à l'extérieur du pouvoir.

**\* Quoi qu'il en soit, il ne fait aucun doute que sous le gouvernement dirigé par Ramgoolam et Bérenger, le pays respire mieux. La “Police Headquarters Special Striking Team” appartient au passé, et les Mauriciens s'expriment librement sans crainte de représailles. La seule source de mécontentement notable parmi la grande masse de Mauriciens est la réforme du système de pension. Celle-ci a provoqué un mouvement de contestation qui a duré plusieurs semaines, jusqu'à ce que l'affaire de la “Reward Money” vienne l'éclipser en grande partie. Les dirigeants du gouvernement pourraient se dire que “that too will pass”. Ont-ils raison ou non?**

Il y a définitivement une perception chez beaucoup que la chape de plomb qu'un gouvernement autocratique faisait peser surtout un chacun a été levée. On n'a qu'à se référer à ce qui s'est passé pour la marche organisée par les syndicats contre la réforme du BRP (“Basic Retirement Pension”). Celui qui voulait y mettre des obstacles de der-

nière minute à la tenue de cette manifestation a été immédiatement limogé, le PMO réaffirmant, à travers un communiqué, son attachement à la liberté d'expression de tout citoyen.

Cela dit, il faut se rappeler que l'ancien régime n'avait été porté au pouvoir que par 37% des votants et, de ce fait, fut très critique vis-à-vis de toute opposition tandis que le gouvernement actuel a été largement plébiscité par l'électorat à travers un score de 60-0. Il faudra attendre la suite avec l'impopularité grandissante du gouvernement. Déjà, on annonce de nouvelles mesures par rapport aux réseaux sociaux. Et on attend toujours la “Freedom of information Act”. Du point de vue de la transparence, on attend avec impatience le rapport de la HRC (“Human Rights Commission”) sur les incidents récents à la prison de Melrose où plusieurs détenus ont affirmé avoir subi des violences physiques contraires aux dispositions constitutionnelles relatives à l'élimination de la torture dans la République de Maurice.

Il ne faut pas oublier que la démocratie voudrait dire respect de l'opposition et cela ne se fait pas à travers des éphémères dégradantes lancées contre les rares députés de l'opposition parlementaire. De même, c'est honteux que le Parlement panafricain ait refusé d'avaliser la délégation mauricienne pour motif qu'elle n'était pas représentative du Parlement mauricien.

En outre, la démocratie, c'est aussi le respect de la séparation des pouvoirs. Or, des informations troublantes ont paru dans la presse au sujet de la polémique entourant la liste des prochains “Senior Counsels”.

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**\* Ce que l'Histoire nous apprend, c'est que les mouvements ou les voix de contestation durent un certain temps, puis les gens passent rapidement à d'autres préoccupations. Ce fut également le cas avec la “Sales Tax”, dont l'introduction en 1982 par le ministre des Finances d'alors, Paul Bérenger, avait soulevé une vague de protestation. Mais le gouvernement de l'époque tint bon, tout comme l'actuel gouvernement semble vouloir le faire en 2025. Pensez-vous que les Mauriciens finiront par apprécier et accepter la justesse de cette réforme?**

Oui et non. Car l'introduction de la “Sales Tax” a coûté très cher à Paul Bérenger aux élections de 1983, surtout que la critique de la mesure fut accompagnée d'une campagne pernicieuse sur les Rs57 millions accordées à l'industrie sucrière.

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# "It's not because the water is calm that there are no crocodiles"

*'Il est certain que la réforme des pensions sera un des thèmes majeurs des prochaines élections générales'*

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Certes le gouvernement dirigé par Sir Anerood Jugnauth va pérenniser cette mesure, mais il prit soin de résister aux pressions du FMI et de la Banque mondiale pour réduire drastiquement le "Welfare State".

D'ailleurs, Maurice fut le seul pays au monde où le "Structural Readjustment Programme" ne fut pas accompagné par une contraction majeure de l'Etat-providence, le FMI et la Banque mondiale ayant compris que cela aurait entraîné à coup sûr la déroute du gouvernement d'alors aux élections générales. Plus important, la croissance et la prospérité revinrent et avec le "feel-good factor".

« A un moment où l'on exige des sacrifices de la classe ouvrière et de la classe moyenne, il n'y a aucune réduction dans les salaires et allocations perçus par les ministres, députés, conseillers et autres nominés politiques. Et il y a pire : les mesures fiscales visant les Smart Cities sont finalement renvoyées par voie de moratoire... »

Par contre, d'autres mesures d'austérité, notamment celles introduites par Rama Sithanen comme l'extension graduelle de l'âge de la retraite à 65 ans, la "Residential Property Tax", la taxe sur l'épargne, la fin des "school meals", etc..., lui coûta très cher. Il fut débarqué aux élections de 2010 où le PTr fut contraint de s'allier au MSM pour rester au pouvoir. Certaines de ses mesures à l'instar du "Residential Property Tax" ou la taxe sur les "savings deposits" furent carrément abolies.

Cela dit, les Mauriciens ont compris que les manifestations bruyantes et autres initiatives citoyennes ne sont souvent que des défouloirs sans aucun impact sur les décisions du gouvernement. Nous sommes en démocratie représentative où la souveraineté du peuple ne s'exerce que le jour des élections. Une fois les députés élus, et le gouvernement constitué, il n'a aucun moyen direct pour influencer ses décisions.

Cela ne signifie pas, pour autant, que la population s'est résignée à accepter n'importe quelle mesure introduite par le gouvernement. Comme le rappelle un proverbe africain: "It's not because the water is calm that there are no crocodiles." Il est certain que la réforme du BRP sera l'un des thèmes majeurs aux prochaines élections générales. Quel en sera le poids dépendra du contexte politique économique et social.

\* Il faut aussi situer le contexte politique dans lequel cette réforme a été engagée: c'est un gouvernement à 60-0 disposant d'une majorité absolue, composé du MMM soutenant le PTr, et ce, en l'absence d'une opposition capable de faire bloc contre cette réforme. Au-delà du courage requis pour ce type de réforme, un tel contexte politique s'y prête parfaitement, n'est-ce pas?

Bien sûr, tout comme l'introduction de la "Sales Tax" en 1982 au lendemain du premier 60-0. Par contre, Rama Sithanen avait introduit des réformes impopulaires face à un Parlement avec une forte opposition MMM et MSM... Les effets qui vous collent à la peau en furent les mêmes: mécontentement de la population, grand impact sur la carrière politique... et une réputation de 'serre ceinture', d'anti



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Le premier constat, c'est que l'immense soutien populaire dont disposait l'Alliance du Changement au lendemain des élections de novembre 2024 s'est complètement effondré, et cela même avant la fin des fameux 100 jours de grâce généralement accordée à tout nouveau gouvernement. Il y a plusieurs raisons à cela.

D'abord, il y a eu les lenteurs, les hésitations à adresser les problèmes majeurs du pays. La lenteur dans la constitution d'un gouvernement malgré une majorité absolue est inédite. Il y a aussi les lenteurs pour traduire en justice et châtier ceux de l'ancien régime associés aux magouilles,

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Mais il y a eu surtout le reniement des promesses électorales à l'instar de la baisse du prix de l'essence et de l'octroi d'un 14ème mois à tous. Au contraire, une politique d'austérité, de serre ceinture a été annoncée, le document "The State of the Economy" ainsi que les prescriptions du FMI et de Moody's (qui - en gros - rejoignent les points de vue du patronat) devenant les références incontournables du gouvernement du changement...

Il faut ajouter à cela une perception de détérioration du "Law and Order" et de l'augmentation du nombre de zombies-consommateurs de drogues synthétiques sur la voie publique.

La très faible participation des électeurs aux élections municipales et l'élection de trois candidats de partis extra parlementaires/indépendant, malgré les efforts des leaders de l'Alliance du Changement en faveur d'un 126-0 était déjà un signal fort du mécontentement de l'électorat qui ne voulait plus être "taken for granted".

Vint ensuite le tsunami du budget, avec la réforme du "Basic Retirement Pension", la TVA sur les petites entreprises, l'augmentation de la taxe sur les véhicules neufs, la fin annoncée de plusieurs allocations sociales, et de la gratuité de l'éducation tertiaire pour les "part-time students", etc. Bref, une réduction importante du volume des transferts sociaux.

« L'introduction de la "Sales Tax" a coûté très cher à Paul Bérenger aux élections de 1983, surtout que la critique de la mesure fut accompagnée d'une campagne pernicieuse sur les Rs57 millions accordées à l'industrie sucrière. Certes le gouvernement dirigé par Sir Anerood Jugnauth va pérenniser cette mesure, mais il prit soin de résister aux pressions du FMI et de la Banque mondiale pour réduire drastiquement le 'Welfare State'... »

Mais, à un moment où l'on exige des sacrifices de la classe ouvrière et de la classe moyenne, il n'y a aucune réduction dans les salaires et allocations perçus par les ministres, députés, conseillers et autres nominés politiques. Et il y a pire: les mesures fiscales visant les Smart Cities sont finalement renvoyées par voie de moratoire...

Aujourd'hui, chez une très grande partie de l'électorat, la désillusion est complète. Le dernier sondage d'Afrobarometer révèle que plus de 81% des électeurs ne se sentent proche d'aucun parti politique. En 2024, le pourcentage tournait autour de 60%. Si certains partis politiques songeaient à se refaire une santé une fois au pouvoir, il faudra y repasser. Au contraire, sur les réseaux sociaux, la colère envers la classe politique est palpable, et le mot 'changement' est en passe de devenir péjoratif.

Certes, le gouvernement dispose d'une majorité extrêmement confortable et peu de députés, à l'exception de Kushal Lobine et d'Eshan Juman, ont eu le courage d'exprimer publiquement leur état d'âme. Par contre, les membres de Rezistans ek Alternativ doivent être très mal à l'aise en ce moment. Il faudra surveiller de près leur prise de position, surtout en ce qu'il s'agit de la réforme constitutionnelle et de l'introduction de la semaine de 40 heures, pour comprendre si la grande Alliance du Changement va durer.

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# Pravind Jugnauth aurait dû soumettre sa démission en faveur d'un autre cadre dont la mission serait d'effectuer un "rebranding" du MSM...

## ...Est-ce possible dans un parti familial et dynastique?

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En ce qu'il s'agit du MMM et du PTR, Ramgoolam et Bérenger termineront sans doute ensemble leur mandat de 5 ans. Par la suite, tout dépendra de la conjoncture politique et des problèmes liés à la succession au sein des partis respectifs.

**\*En tout cas, il n'existe pas d'alternatives crédibles à ce jour, et le MSM, déjà diabolisé – et cela est en partie de son propre fait en raison de sa gestion scan-**

et qui tournent autour d'une personne ou d'une dynastie. Pour que le parti se relève, après une défaite aussi cuisante, le leader aurait dû soumettre sa démission en faveur d'un autre cadre dont la mission serait d'effectuer un "rebranding" du parti afin de faire oublier les erreurs et gabegies du passé. Est-ce possible dans un parti familial et dynastique?

**\*Voyez-vous un vide politique se développer sur la scène politique dans**

Donald Trump. Ce dernier, dans sa volonté de 'Make America Great Again', bouleverse constamment les données au niveau de l'ordre international. Au-delà de la personnalité de Trump, nous sommes entrés de plain-pied dans l'ère du 'capitalisme de la finitude', c'est-à-dire une ère où, avec la prise de conscience que les ressources de la planète ne sont plus illimitées, les grandes puissances sont en compétition pour en maximiser le contrôle, d'où les projets d'expansion et de conquêtes de certains espaces géographiques riches en ressources: Ukraine, Alaska, la République Démocratique du Congo, etc.

La compétition féroce entraîne des conflits, des tensions et les alliés d'hier deviennent des rivaux d'aujourd'hui; et, de même, le protectionnisme remplace le libre-échange. On assiste ainsi à une démondialisation au moment où la guerre fait son retour comme instrument de politique internationale. Inévitablement, il y a la tentation de créer un "national defence state" en se repliant sur soi-même. En outre, un grand basculement est en train de s'effectuer avec le "decline of the West and the rise of the

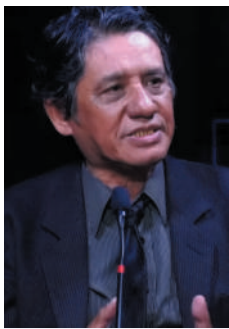
"feel-good factor", c'est un pari risqué dans un tel contexte international.

**\* Ce qui est dommage aussi, c'est qu'à part les révélations quasi hebdomadaires d'abus et d'actes illégaux commis par le précédent gouvernement et ses dirigeants — dévoilées en réponses aux questions parlementaires — on n'a pas encore vu, sauf dans deux ou trois secteurs, les grands plans qui jeteront les bases d'une reprise économique. Le gouvernement ne devrait-il pas prioriser la présentation de ces plans concrets pour rassurer la population et les investisseurs, plutôt que de se focaliser uniquement sur les manquements du passé?**

Les projets du gouvernement ont déjà été dévoilés dans un discours programme cohérent et ambitieux. Mais, à l'époque déjà, des observateurs avaient fort justement fait ressortir la difficulté de réaliser un ensemble de projets aussi ambitieux en cinq ans sans compter les contraintes pour trouver les financements nécessaires.

Le budget, c'est le prolongement du discours programme et les mêmes observations sont pertinentes. En outre, derrière le verbiage, on trouve souvent un *repackaging* d'anciens projets qui - malheureusement - n'ont jamais été concrétisés à l'instar du "Blue Economy" ou des différents hubs comme le "tertiary education hub" qui date de l'époque de Rajesh Jeetah... Mais il faut donner le temps au temps pour voir si tout cela va se concrétiser.

**\* La réforme du système des pensions a clairement montré que le soutien**



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daleuse des affaires de l'État durant les 10 dernières années – ne présente pas une alternative crédible. Et le pire en ce qui concerne le MSM reste encore à venir, paraît-il. Qu'en pensez-vous?

Dans le moyen terme, effectivement le MSM ne peut pas prétendre diriger le pays de nouveau. Car si le bilan social de l'ancien gouvernement est assez impressionnant — revenu minimum, diverses allocations à ceux au bas de l'échelle sociale, etc. — par contre, l'affairisme, le clientélisme et les magouilles semblent avoir été omniprésents comme l'ont révélé les "Moustass Leaks".

Ces "Moustass Leaks" ont peut-être donné un coup de grâce à la carrière politique de Pravind Jugnauth, en le présentant comme un Premier ministre faible, agissant sous les directives de son épouse. Il sera difficile pour lui de se débarrasser de cette perception. Il est vrai qu'avec la désillusion de l'électorat par rapport à l'Alliance du Changement, certains partisans du MSM tentent de susciter une forme de nostalgie du régime de Pravind Jugnauth.

Dans un contexte où les promesses électorales ne sont plus respectées, le slogan 'Parole donnée, Parole sacrée'; est effectivement très puissant. Mais le leader et des figures clés du MSM sont empêtrés dans des affaires judiciaires et même s'ils arrivent à s'en extirper — ce qui n'est pas certain — cela prendra beaucoup de temps. Entretemps la machine du MSM est grippée et repose essentiellement sur la performance de Joe Lesjongard.

Au fond, les problèmes actuels du MSM découlent de la nature même des partis personnels, non collectifs, non démocratiques

les prochaines années – peut-être même plus vite qu'on pourrait le penser – et que ce vide pourrait être comblé par des hommes et des femmes relativement jeunes et capables de reprendre le flambeau du Parti Travailleiste et du MMM, et pas nécessairement issus de partis extra-parlementaires?

Le vide est là depuis longtemps déjà. Au fil des années, les sondages ont révélé l'inadéquation croissante entre l'offre et la demande politique à Maurice. Ils révèlent aussi une très forte aspiration à un renouveau de la classe politique à Maurice, avec un nouveau personnel, une nouvelle culture et de nouvelles pratiques politiques.

Il y a beaucoup d'obstacles à ce que ce renouveau se fasse à l'intérieur de partis personnels, non démocratiques et non collectifs, et où tout tourne autour de la volonté d'une seule personne. Comment introduire de nouvelles idées, de nouvelles pratiques au sein d'organisations aussi figées? Mais le temps de la succession au sein de ces partis n'est pas si éloigné. Attendons encore un peu.

**\* En attendant, le gouvernement fait face à un immense chantier. Il a dévoilé un programme gouvernemental très ambitieux, mais la question essentielle demeure: les conditions, tant au niveau local qu'international, sont-elles vraiment réunies pour assurer une reprise durable de notre économie? Quelle est votre analyse à ce sujet?**

Il est difficile de se prononcer en raison du manque de visibilité au niveau international, l'élément clé étant, à première vue, les politiques changeantes du Président

« Rama Sithanen avait introduit des réformes impopulaires face à un Parlement avec une forte opposition MMM et MSM... Les effets qui vous collent à la peau en furent les mêmes : mécontentement de la population, grand impact sur la carrière politique... et une réputation de 'serre ceinture', d'anti "ti-dimounn" tout en restant en faveur des nantis... »



rest" alors que le droit international cède la place à la loi du plus fort.

Un tel bouleversement international a effectivement un effet délétère sur la croissance économique mondiale. L'horizon s'assombrit, par exemple, en Europe avec le nouvel accord entre les Etats Unis et l'Union européenne- ce qui pourrait s'avérer néfaste à notre perspective de croissance, étant donné notre dépendance sur les marchés extérieurs. De même qu'advient-il de l'AGO? C'est vrai la rente résultant du 'Chagos Deal' apportera un certain soulagement aux finances publiques, mais elle n'est pas considérable.

Localement, la réduction du volume des transferts sociaux en raison de la réforme du "Basic Retirement Pension" et la fin programmée de certaines allocations sociales, ajoutée à la TVA sur les petites entreprises, tout cela risque de ralentir considérablement la consommation avec un impact négatif sur la croissance.

Mais restons optimistes. Cependant, se fier uniquement sur une reprise forte de l'économie pour générer de nouveau un

de la population n'est jamais acquis. La question cruciale qui se pose aujourd'hui est la suivante: la population mauricienne est-elle réellement préparée et prête à accompagner les réformes indispensables à la relance économique, ou doit-on s'attendre à de la résistance sociale?

Il est évident que la manière de faire du gouvernement a aliéné une grande partie de l'électorat: reniement des promesses électorales, dissimulation des réformes à venir avant les municipales, réforme du BRP sans consultation aucune alors qu'une telle réforme nécessite une légitimité populaire qui ne peut être obtenue qu'à travers de consultation large.

La résistance sociale est déjà en marche, les syndicats ayant constitué un front commun contre la réforme du "Basic Retirement Pension". La société civile suivra sans doute. Evidemment toute politique d'austérité entraîne des résistances sociales, surtout dans un contexte où les partis d'opposition sont très affaiblis.



## The Perils of the Animal Kingdom

# Why You Can't Trust the Monkeys with Bananas

**G**eorge Orwell's *'Animal Farm'* asks the age-old question: "What happens when farm animals decide to run the show?"

This satirical fable answers that with a bang, as the animals stage a revolution, kick out their human oppressor, and set up a new society based on the idea that "all animals are equal."

Naturally, a group of politically ambitious pigs quickly takes charge, and things get delightfully chaotic. What starts as a noble experiment in animal democracy quickly devolves into a hilarious, yet chilling, tale of power-hungry leaders, ever-changing rules, and a farm where some animals, it turns out, are just "more equal" than others.

### Plutonix

Join Socrates (the venerable philosopher, always eager to expose ignorance) and Cephalus (a wealthy elder, fond of comfortable certainties) in a sun-drenched Athenian courtyard as they hilariously dissect a fable of power, corruption, and why you really, truly can't trust the monkeys with the bananas.

**Socrates:** Ah, Cephalus, my dear friend! You seem in excellent spirits this fine afternoon. Have you perhaps heard a tale that brightens the soul as much as the sun brightens these stones?

**Cephalus:** (Chuckles) Socrates, ever the seeker of narratives! As it happens, I was just pondering a most peculiar fable, one that recounts the unfortunate history of an animal kingdom. A cautionary tale, perhaps, for those who dabble in the affairs of governance.

**Socrates:** Indeed? Do tell, Cephalus. For though I spend my days in the pursuit of truth, I find that even the simplest fable can sometimes illuminate the greatest complexities of human, or indeed, animal nature.

**Cephalus:** (Settles in) Well, it begins in a time of harmony, Socrates. All the creatures, from the tiniest shrew to the mightiest elephant, lived as one. They built water reserves, stored food, and secured their homes. And, in a stroke of what they believed was genius, they devised a system: each group would rule for exactly twelve moon seasons, then pass the baton. Fairness, they called it.

**Socrates:** A rotation of power, you say? A most democratic notion, for animals! And who, pray tell, had the auspicious start?

**Cephalus:** The hyenas, Socrates. Feared, respected, and seemingly strong. But alas, they were cursed with a terrible indolence. After feasting, they'd sleep for days, utterly neglecting the community's needs. Any creature brave enough to question their slumber risked becoming the hyenas' next meal.

**Socrates:** (Nods thoughtfully) So, the first rulers, though chosen for their perceived strength, wielded it not for service, but for their own comfort and, dare I say, gluttony? And they silenced dissent with... a rather direct form of persuasion, wouldn't you agree?

**Cephalus:** Precisely! The animals grumbled, of course, as any sensible beast would, but they were powerless. They simply had to endure the full twelve moons. A lesson in patience, if nothing else.

**Socrates:** Patience, or perhaps a lack of courage to challenge the established order, even when it's clearly detrimental. But then, the twelve moons must have ended. What fresh hope did the animal kingdom embrace?



George Orwell's *Animal Farm* is a political fable that serves as a warning against the inevitable fate of mankind under certain conditions. It illustrates the ultimate goals of power-seeking demagogues in any country.  
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**Cephalus:** Ah, then came the monkeys! The animals rejoiced, Socrates. Cheerful, energetic, they filled the land with laughter and movement. For the first six moons, everything improved! Farms burst with crops, energy abounded.

**Socrates:** A veritable golden age, then! Or so it seemed. But fables, like life, rarely maintain such a perfectly cheerful trajectory, do they, Cephalus?

**Cephalus:** (Sighs) You are too shrewd, Socrates. Trouble returned. The farms were overflowing, yes, but the food stores? Mysteriously empty. The animals grew thin, while the monkeys, rather conspicuously, grew quite plump.

**Socrates:** So, the energetic and cheerful leaders, once celebrated for their vibrancy, became rather adept at, shall we say, *redistributing* resources? From the community's belly to their own?

**Cephalus:** Exactly! Until one clever kangaroo uncovered the truth: the monkey leaders were secretly stealing food. When confronted, they responded not with apologies, but with violence with their *Gabelou Special Striking Team*. Beatings for anyone who dared question their plumpness! Fear returned, Socrates, just as it had under the hyenas. But again, the animals waited.

**Socrates:** (Stroking his beard) Fascinating. So, whether through lazy neglect or active theft, the outcome for the common animals remained the same: scarcity and fear. It seems the form of leadership changed, but the essence of self-serving power did not. And these kangaroos, they were the bringers of truth, were they not? Surely, they offered a better path?

**Cephalus:** Indeed! At last, the monkeys' rule ended, and the animals, remembering the kangaroos' honesty, elected them. Hope was restored! The kangaroos set up courts, a system of justice – peace and order returned for a while.

**Socrates:** Justice! A noble pursuit, Cephalus. One might think they had finally discovered the formula for a harmonious society. But I detect a pause in your voice... a tremor of foreboding, perhaps?

**Cephalus:** You know me too well, Socrates. Power, it seems, has a peculiar effect on even the most honest. The

kangaroos became utterly obsessed with making laws. Laws that restricted movement, laws that silenced voices, laws that taxed even the smallest berry!

**Socrates:** (Raises an eyebrow) From justice to endless legislation? So, they exchanged overt violence for the subtle, yet equally oppressive, chains of bureaucracy and taxation? One might imagine the animals spending all their waking hours simply trying to understand, let alone obey, the new dictates.

**Cephalus:** Precisely! And then came the most shocking decree: the twelve-moon rule was abolished. The kangaroos declared themselves rulers for life!

**Socrates:** (Gasps dramatically) For life! So, the very system of fairness they inherited, designed to prevent stagnation and tyranny, they themselves dismantled? A classic manoeuvre, it seems, in both animal and human realms. What became of this kingdom then, under such benevolent, eternal rule?

**Cephalus:** Under the crushing weight of penalties and taxes, the animals could no longer care for themselves. The kangaroos grew richer, of course, as the rest grew poorer. And so, one by one, the animals left. Foxes, deer, even birds – seeking new lands, new kingdoms where they could finally be free.

**Socrates:** An exodus! They abandoned their once-united home, not due to external invaders, but from the internal decay wrought by their own leaders. It sounds remarkably like certain cities, or even entire nations, I have heard of, both ancient and modern. Tell me, Cephalus, what do you conclude from this tragic tale?

**Cephalus:** Well, Socrates, the kingdom fell. Undone not by enemies, but by leaders who took more than their share. Whether hyenas, monkeys, or kangaroos, each had forgotten their promise: to **serve**, not rule.

**Socrates:** (Nods slowly, a wry smile playing on his lips) "To serve, not rule." A profound truth, Cephalus. It seems these animals, despite their different methods – the hyenas' lazy neglect, the monkeys' cunning theft, and the kangaroos' obsessive legislation and perpetual rule – all converged on the same fundamental error: using power for self-enrichment and control, rather than for the good of the community.

**Cephalus:** Indeed. It reminds me of certain... political developments in our own time, Socrates. One sees the echoes in places far away, even small island nations like Mauritius, where promises of progress often give way to the consolidation of power, the silent siphoning of resources, and the stifling of dissenting voices. The forms may change – from overt threats to subtle legislative traps – but the outcome for the ordinary citizen, or animal, remains sadly familiar.

**Socrates:** A keen observation, my friend! It seems the "animal kingdom" is merely a mirror, reflecting the eternal struggle within any society to find true, selfless leadership. For if rulers forget their primary duty is to **tend the flock**, rather than **shear it for their own gain**, then indeed, the flock will scatter, seeking greener pastures, or perhaps, simply, freedom from the shears.

**Cephalus:** So, what's the solution, Socrates? How can one ensure that leaders remember their promise to serve?

**Socrates:** Ah, Cephalus, that is the million-drachma question, isn't it? Perhaps it lies not just in the leaders themselves, but in the **vigilance** of the led. For if the animals had, perhaps, learned to distinguish between true strength and mere intimidation, between genuine cheerfulness and opportunistic greed, and between just laws and tyrannical decrees, perhaps their kingdom might yet stand. It seems the education of the *ruled* is as crucial as the virtue of the *rulers*. What do you think, Cephalus? Does this fable offer us a practical lesson for our own polis?





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## 'Tariffs making America great and rich again': US President Donald Trump



Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivers her seventh State of the State address in Lansing, Mich., on Feb. 26, 2025. Pic - Michigan Advance

**D**ay after imposing 25 per cent tariffs on India, United States President Donald Trump said that tariffs were making "America great and rich again."

In a post on Truth Social, Trump claimed that tariffs had been used against the US for decades. "...Coupled with really dumb, pathetic, and crooked politicians, (the tariffs) were having a devastating impact on the future, and even the survival, of our country," he said.

He added that the "tide has completely turned", and that the US had successfully countered the "onslaught of tariffs against it".

"One year ago, America was a dead country, now it is the "hottest" country anywhere in the world.

Congratulations to all!" Trump said in the post.

Trump imposed 25 per cent reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods and an unspecified penalty for purchases from Russia, which will come into effect from August 1, reports HT.

While announcing the decision, Trump said that India's tariffs were "among the highest in the World". He further said that the country had the "most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary Trade Barriers of any country".

Trump also said that the US had done relatively little business with India over the past years owing to the "high tariffs".

### Centre's response to Trump's tariffs

In response to the tariffs, the Centre said that it had taken note of the announcement and is studying its "implications".

A statement by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that the India and US have been engaged in negotiations to conclude "a fair, balanced, and mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement" over the past few months. The ministry said that India remains committed to that objective.

The ministry further said that the government attached utmost importance "to protecting and promoting the welfare of our farmers, entrepreneurs, and MSMEs". It added that the government would take all steps necessary to secure India's national interest.

## Kamala Harris running for president in 2028?

**K**amala Harris has announced that she will not run for the post of California Governor, ruling out a chance to contest for her home state's highest post. In a statement, the former US Vice President said that she had given "serious thought" to the matter, but ultimately decided not to run for Governor. The news has sparked speculation about the Democratic leader's intention to run for the 2028 presidential election.

As per The Washington Post, Kamala Harris' decision leaves the door open for another White House bid in 2028. The former Vice President has been exploring the prospects of forming new groups to continue her involvement in politics and advocate for the causes she championed during her 2024 campaign. This comes as she was defeated by Donald Trump in the 2024 US presidential election.

This is not the first time Harris has passed up the opportunity to run for governor. She had chosen to run for the US Senate earlier, as she and her advisers felt it was a better fit for her national policy interests and her background as California's former attorney general.

In her statement, Harris also



Former US Vice President Kamala Harris announced that she would not run for the post of California Governor. Pic - Los Angeles Times

indicated that the government had often failed voters. "At the same time, we must recognize that our politics, our government, and our institutions have too often failed the American people, culminating in this moment of crisis. As we look ahead, we must be willing to pursue change through new methods and fresh thinking — committed to our same values and principles, but not bound by the same playbook."

### 2028 Presidential elections

Several candidates are looking

to put their name forward for the 2028 presidential election. This includes Gavin Newsom. Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey and Maryland Governor Wes Moore are believed to be considering a run as well.

If Harris and Newsom both run for the Democrat nomination, it could complicate things as they share some of the same advisers and donors.

## Across The World

### Trump Heaps 25% Tariffs on India

**U**S President Donald Trump threatened India with 25% tariffs starting Friday, straining relations with a defiant New Delhi. India was one of the first countries to begin US trade talks, and hopes were high for a deal as their leaders boasted warm ties and New Delhi took a conciliatory approach. But India toughened its stance to protect domestic industries, "signaling a more assertive phase in its global economic engagement," The Economic Times wrote. Trump also vowed to penalize India over its purchase of Russian oil, which accounts for 40% of New Delhi's crude imports. The tariffs — which one analyst said have dragged US-India ties to their worst level since the mid-1990s — also endanger India's status as a manufacturing alternative to China.



Data Centre in Space. Pic - Tech Monitor

### Data centres in space

**A**n Abu Dhabi firm wants to put data centers in space. The proposed orbital facilities would primarily provide compute for artificial intelligence models processing data generated in space, Madari Space's CEO told Bloomberg, with the first mission planned for next year. The executive acknowledged his company couldn't have existed a decade ago, but the significant decline in satellite launch costs has made data centres in space feasible. As demand for computing power booms, companies are getting creative to address the facilities' high energy consumption: A Swedish initiative warms people's homes using heat generated by data centres; China is putting some facilities underwater to keep them cool; and tech giant Tencent houses data centres within mountain caverns.

### China offers \$500 for childcare

**E**ast Asia is deepening efforts to incentivize having children. China on Monday launched its first nationwide childcare subsidy program, offering families about \$500 annually for each child under 3 as part of a broader move to address declining marriages and fertility rates. And more South Korean men are taking paternity leave following government reforms expanding benefits. The issue extends beyond the region, with global fertility at its lowest rate in recorded history, and the world's population expected to start declining in 2080. Some experts argue that such depopulation will lead to fewer wars as governments focus on shrinking resources. But two leading economists noted many societies have improved — with better nutrition and more resources — as their populations boomed.

### US military testing AI agents

**A**ccording to Reuters, the US military will start using artificial intelligence agents in its war games. The experimental project, Thunderforge, uses AI agents to critique military plans and run war simulations: It was tested during a tabletop exercise in June, and will be rolled out to the Pacific and European commands this year. Its developers hope it will allow human war-planners to step back from micromanaging specific processes and instead use strategic judgment to choose between options the system generates. But experts told IEEE Spectrum that there are risks of hallucination, and said that while "AI excels in structured, bounded, low-stakes domains with routine data," war is often messy and chaotic, and failures can be catastrophic.



## What does US-Pakistan trade deal over 'massive oil reserves' mean for India?

In what appears to be a pressure tactic, US President Donald Trump has announced a trade deal with Pakistan while threatening 25% tariffs on Indian goods, saying that Washington would help Islamabad develop its "massive oil reserves."

In a social media post, the US President wondered if Pakistan could sell oil to India "some day".



Trump said the United States and Pakistan are "in the process of choosing the Oil Company that will lead this Partnership" aimed at developing Pakistan's oil resources. Pic - TIL Creatives

"We have just concluded a deal with the country of Pakistan, whereby Pakistan and the United States will work together on developing their massive oil reserves," Donald Trump said in a post on Truth Social, reports HT.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday thanked Donald Trump for the "historic" trade agreement reached between Islamabad and Washington, and expressed hope that it would expand cooperation between the two nations.

"I wish to convey my profound thanks to President Trump @realDonaldTrump for his leadership role in finalization of the historic US-Pakistan trade agreement, successfully concluded by our two sides in Washington, last night," he wrote on X.

"This landmark deal will enhance our growing cooperation so as to expand the frontiers of our enduring partnership in days to come," he said.

### What is US-Pakistan oil agreement?

It is not immediately clear what massive oil reserves in Pakistan Trump was referring to. Trump also made no mention of tariffs in his announcement.

Pakistan has long claimed to have

large oil deposits along its coast, but no progress has been made to tap those deposits. It has been trying to lure in investments to tap into these reserves.

Pakistan currently imports oil from the Middle East to meet its energy demands.

The deal was reached during a meeting between Pakistan's finance minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, US secretary of commerce Howard Lutnick, and US trade representative ambassador Jamieson Greer in Washington, DC, according to Radio Pakistan.

The trade agreement aims at boosting bilateral trade, expanding market access, attracting investment and fostering cooperation in areas of mutual interest, the report said.

"The agreement will result in a reduction of reciprocal tariffs especially on Pakistani exports to the United States. This deal marks the beginning of a new era of economic collaboration especially in energy, mines and minerals, IT, cryptocurrency and other sectors," it added.

### What does US-Pakistan trade deal mean for India?

It's not clear immediately. The announcement is being seen as a pressure tactic to get New Delhi to agree to demands made by the US, which has, in recent days, got favourable trade deals with major partners like Japan, the UK and the European Union.

In a social media post, Trump called India's trade policies "most strenuous and obnoxious".

"All things not good! India will therefore be paying a tariff of 25 per cent, plus a penalty for the above, starting on August first," Trump said.

During the day, he spoke multiple times about the tariffs that India imposes and referred to India's membership in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) grouping, which he described as "anti-US".



A new screening approach for eradicating tuberculosis. Pic - Worldcook

and closing the gap between the poorest countries and the richest could save over a million lives a year.

## Eradicating tuberculosis

The number of lives that could be saved each year if humanity were to finish the job of eradicating tuberculosis. The bacterial disease used to kill about 1% of people in London every year, but has been all but eliminated in the rich world. In poorer countries, though, it has not: In the Central African Republic, 327 people out of every 100,000 die of it every year, compared to 0.114 in the US. Vaccination rates have stagnated at 88% for 15 years. "We could make fast progress against this disease at a relatively low cost," Our World in Data noted,

## Across The World



Artificial Intelligence grows as a ripe theme in Indian cinema. Pic - Indianext

### Indian movie uses AI to change ending

An Indian movie studio used artificial intelligence to change the ending of a 2013 film, apparently without the director's consent. Raanjhanaa is a love story about a Hindu man and a Muslim woman that ends in tragedy. Now, the studio plans to re-release a version of the film with an AI-generated, happier, conclusion. The director told Variety that the AI edit "disregards the fundamental principles of creative intent and artistic consent," but the studio said the new version "can coexist with the original version respectfully." The dispute mirrors concerns in Hollywood over AI use in filmmaking, although the technology is increasingly used to fine-tune actors' voices, de-age characters, and even create entire sets.

### UK age-gating law sees VPN use surge

Britons found themselves locked out of thousands of websites as the country's age-gating laws took effect. Reddit restricted access to subreddits including those relating to sexual assault and periods, which "provide... support and resources for adults and minors alike," The Verge argued, while some forums for hobbyists and car users geoblocked their services because they lack the resources to support verification systems. To access age-blocked websites, users are required to upload their bank details or government ID, or submit to a facial scan, although the latter can sometimes be fooled by using images from video games. Use of VPNs has skyrocketed, which happens "when-ever a government announces an increase in surveillance," one VPN company spokesperson told Wired.

### World's 'oldest baby' is born

The world's "oldest baby" was born using a 30-year-old frozen embryo. Linda Archerd had a baby with IVF in the 1990s, and froze three other embryos, hoping to have another child. She never did, but in 2022 donated them to an embryo "adoption agency" that pairs

donors with would-be parents: Such religiously-motivated agencies consider embryos to be morally human, so they accept even old ones that other fertility clinics would consider higher risk. Of Archerd's three embryos, two survived to be implanted, and one developed into a fetus. The adoptive parents — one of whom was a toddler when the embryos were created — told MIT Technology Review that it was "like something from a sci-fi movie... The baby has a 30-year-old sister."

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### Cracks in MAGA

Cracks are showing in US President Donald Trump's MAGA coalition. Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, one of the president's most ardent backers, broke with the Republican establishment by calling Israel's actions in Gaza a "genocide," having become outspoken over US involvement in the Middle East. Meanwhile, the right-wing activist Laura Loomer, another Trump loyalist, led a campaign against a key Trump-appointed health regulator, leading to his resignation. And Trump's links to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein are still roiling his base, with podcaster Joe Rogan calling the president's denials "gaslighting." Trump is keen to move on from the Epstein story but revived it by admitting the financier "stole" young women from his employ.



The US Navy is burning through key missiles needed for a China fight. Pic - Business Insider

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### US burning through missiles

The US used nearly a quarter of its best interceptor missiles during Israel's 12-day war with Iran. Two of the Pentagon's seven THAAD air defense systems are deployed in Israel, and launched 150 missiles to fend off Iranian barrages. Each rocket costs around \$13 million; last year the US procured just 11. One analyst told The Wall Street Journal that the depletion reveals "the need for massive defensive munitions procurement," but others argued that existing defense systems are inadequate in a world of cheap, mass-produced ballistic missiles. War burns through weapons quickly: Russia's vast stockpiles of Soviet-era weaponry are also heavily depleted, including 1970s-era tanks that have been pressed into service on the front lines.



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• Everything in nature goes by law, and not by luck. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

# A Roof For Every Family!

**O**n Wednesday the Government made public its housing plans. This is something which the people have been feverishly waiting for since the arrival of the ministerial delegation from London. At the Press Conference the Ministers have provided enough detailed information to satisfy the cyclone victims. Let it be said right from the start that whatever the extent of the miseries created by the cyclones and however impatient the multi-headed opposition might be or wants to be, the fact of the matter is that it does take some time to work out as huge a plan as the one the Government has elaborated. The plan is now on paper only but with the preparations going on and with the Government's decision to cut red tape "whether bureaucratic or mental" one can safely heave a sigh of relief that in a very near future the housing conditions will be improved.

The complete housing plan will be for the construction of 25,000 houses: 5,000 concrete houses and 20,000 in timber. But under the first part of the programme 17,000 timber houses and 3,000 concrete houses will be built. It is assumed that the building of 20,000 houses will be built in three years. With the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee's plan of putting up another 3,000 houses for sugar workers, Mauritius will therefore be provided soon with 23,000 houses: 17,000 timber and 6,000 concrete houses. There is no doubt that such a plan successfully completed will substantially change the over-all depressing picture of rural and suburban life. The country must be thankful to Mr Macleod, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has kept his promise that "swift, substantial and sympathetic help" would be given to Mauritius. And the Ministers who have done all in their power to present our case in London deserve the unanimous gratitude and congratulations of Mauritians. Last but not least the British Treasury can rest assured that we will never forget their friendly gesture in our darkest hour.

To complete the programme in time we must bear in mind that time is running out. We would suggest that the Legislative Council gives priority to the necessary legislation required to set afoot the contemplated housing organisation. As soon as Mr Archibald arrives, steps could be taken to find whether the building firms which have already built prototype houses for the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee could not start building the concrete houses. We feel



that in view of the fact that Government would have to give more attention to timber houses, the construction of concrete houses could be given to private contractors, of course with proper guarantees. It is indeed a good thing that the loan element in every house will be reimbursable in 25 years. The recipient of a timber house will therefore have to pay Rs 6.66 plus interest and that of a concrete house Rs 13.33 plus interest. We would suggest that Government ensures that these houses are insured against all risks just as the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee hopes to do.

**W**e must also reiterate our suggestion that now that Government is undertaking a vast programme of housing the same opportunity must be seized to build up new villages and new townships or at best to re-plan existing villages. It is no secret that many of our villages and even towns have been badly planned: in some areas there has been no planning at all. In this respect the Ministry of Housing, Lands,

Town and Country planning has no less a crucial role to play. We must guard ourselves against the tendency of getting too much engrossed with the immediate thus completely overlooking the future. Steps must also be taken to utilize as much as possible all plots of Crown Lands available in inhabited areas.

**S**ometime ago we suggested that the battle cry of the Labour Party and the Comité d'Action Musulman must be: 'A Roof For Every Family!' There is no doubt now that the Government has decided to eradicate the abject housing conditions unmasked by Carol, but we must warn the Government against red tape and wastage which seem to have become indispensable characteristics of any state enterprises. The new housing organisation must not be turned into another CEB. Recruitment of labour and the overall staffing of the organisation must be made through the proper channels: care must be taken to ensure that entire families are not employed as in the CEB, and drastic actions will have to be taken against eventual parasites and blood-suckers who would surely attempt to pinch materials. Unless the Government has a firm hand, the people might lose faith in its authority.

Again, we thank Mr Macleod and our Ministers and wish them the best. There is no reason why the people will not be satisfied. Mr Hazareesingh, Director of the CIO, has a vital role to play in putting across to the people though the artificial confusion created by the Opposition. We expect him to rise to this occasion.

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#### Ordre du jour:

1. Mot de bienvenue du Président
2. Lecture et adoption du procès-verbal de la dernière AGA
3. Présentation du rapport annuel
4. Présentation et adoption des comptes audités
5. Élection des membres du Bureau
6. Nomination de l'Auditeur
7. Divers
8. Remerciements

La présence de tous les membres est vivement souhaitée et appréciée.

*Le Secrétaire*



# Drogues de Synthèse: Toxiques, Accessibles et Dévastatrices

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Parmi les plus courantes, on retrouve les cannabinoïdes de synthèse (souvent vaporisés sur des herbes ou du tabac, connus sous le nom de "spice"), les cathinones de synthèse (similaires aux amphétamines) et les opioïdes de synthèse (comme le fentanyl), souvent beaucoup plus puissants que l'héroïne elle-même.

**Les effets des drogues de synthèse** sont imprévisibles et peuvent être dévastateurs. Puisqu'elles sont fabriquées dans des conditions non contrôlées, leur pureté et leur dosage varient énormément, augmentant le risque d'overdose. Leurs effets cliniques sont très variés: elles peuvent être dépressives, stimulantes ou hallucinogènes. Selon des études médicales et scientifiques, les consommateurs peuvent ressentir une euphorie intense ainsi qu'une diminution de la fatigue et de l'anxiété. Cependant, ces substances entraînent également de graves effets secondaires, tels que des:

- **Troubles psychiatriques:** délires, hallucinations, paranoïa, anxiété sévère et risque de suicide;
- **Troubles neurologiques:** tremblements, convulsions, perte de conscience et lésions cérébrales;
- **Problèmes cardiovasculaires:** tachycardie, douleurs thoraciques et AVC;
- **Problèmes physiques:** troubles gastro-intestinaux (nausées, vomissements), crampes, insuffisance rénale et dommages permanents aux organes.

L'arrêt brutal de leur consommation peut provoquer un syndrome de sevrage intense, caractérisé par de l'anxiété, de l'insomnie et des douleurs généralisées.

La puissance pharmacologique accrue de nombreuses drogues de synthèse les rend extrêmement addictives, souvent plus rapidement et plus intensément que le cannabis ou même l'héroïne. Les opioïdes de synthèse, par exemple, sont connus pour leur pouvoir addictif fulgurant et le risque élevé de surdose mortelle en raison de leur puissance. Tandis que l'héroïne crée une dépendance physique forte et rapide, de nombreuses substances de synthèse peuvent provoquer une dépendance psychique tout aussi intense, voire plus, ainsi qu'une toxicité cérébrale significative entraînant une détérioration des capacités mentales. La recherche indique une augmentation constante des troubles liés à l'usage de ces substances.

Le coût des drogues de synthèse est un facteur clé de leur propagation. Souvent, elles sont moins chères à produire que les drogues traditionnelles, car elles ne dépendent pas de récoltes ou de chaînes d'approvisionnement complexes. Cette faible barrière à l'entrée permet aux trafiquants



Face à la menace grandissante des drogues de synthèse, un fléau qui menace particulièrement la jeunesse en raison de leur toxicité, de leur accessibilité et de leur pouvoir addictif, Maurice doit s'engager dans une stratégie holistique et proactive.  
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de les vendre à des prix très attractifs, rendant ces substances accessibles à un plus grand nombre de personnes, y compris les jeunes et les individus à faibles revenus. À Maurice, la consommation de ces nouvelles substances psychoactives est une préoccupation majeure, en particulier chez les jeunes.

Les implications des drogues de synthèse sur les sociétés sont profondes et multifacettes. Elles exercent une pression énorme sur la santé publique, entraînant une hausse des «overdoses», des hospitalisations et des maladies infectieuses. Leur production et leur trafic alimentent la criminalité, la violence et la corruption, tandis que leurs effets imprévisibles peuvent causer des comportements dangereux et des accidents. Sur le plan social, la dépendance détruit les familles et mène à l'exclusion, la précarité et le décrochage scolaire, poussant parfois les consommateurs à commettre des délits pour financer leur addiction. Un défi législatif s'ajoute à cela, car les lois peinent à suivre l'apparition rapide de nouvelles molécules, créant des vides juridiques que les trafiquants se hâtent d'exploiter.

## Comment certains pays combattent-ils ce fléau avec succès?

La lutte contre les drogues de synthèse est un défi mondial qui exige une approche multidimensionnelle. Bien qu'il n'y ait pas de solution unique, plusieurs pays ont mis en œuvre des stratégies prometteuses:

- **Législation proactive et dynamique:** Certains pays adoptent des lois qui interdisent des groupes entiers de substances chimiques ou qui permettent d'interdire rapidement de nouvelles molécules dès leur identification, plutôt que de lister chaque substance individuellement. Le

Royaume-Uni a, par exemple, mis en place le "Psychoactive Substances Act" qui criminalise la production, la distribution et la vente de toute substance destinée à produire un effet psychoactif, sans avoir à prouver qu'elle est un stupéfiant spécifié.

- **Coopération internationale et partage d'informations:** Les réseaux de renseignement entre forces de police, douanes et agences de santé à l'échelle internationale sont essentiels pour suivre l'évolution des substances et des modes de trafic. La France, par exemple, s'engage activement au sein de la Commission des Stupéfiants des Nations Unies (ONUDC) pour renforcer la coopération et le partage des meilleures pratiques.

- **Prévention et sensibilisation:** Des campagnes de sensibilisation ciblées, notamment auprès des jeunes, informent sur les dangers spécifiques des drogues de synthèse. Des programmes éducatifs dans les écoles et les communautés aident à réduire la demande.

- **Réduction des risques et traitement:** Au-delà de la répression, des services de réduction des risques (comme les programmes d'échange de seringues ou les centres d'injection supervisée) et des traitements de l'addiction accessibles et efficaces sont cruciaux pour aider les consommateurs et minimiser les conséquences sanitaires et sociales. Des pays comme le Portugal ont montré l'efficacité d'une approche de décriminalisation de la consommation combinée à un fort investissement dans les services de traitement et de réduction des risques.

- **Recherche et surveillance:** La mise en place d'observatoires nationaux des drogues permet de surveiller les tendances de consommation, d'identifier rapidement les nouvelles substances et d'adapter les politiques publiques en conséquence.

L'atelier de la NADC marque une étape cruciale pour l'île Maurice. Face à un fléau qui menace particulièrement la jeunesse en raison de sa toxicité, son accessibilité et son pouvoir addictif, Maurice doit s'engager dans une stratégie holistique et proactive. S'inspirant des exemples internationaux de législation agile, de collaboration entre agences et de programmes de prévention ciblée, Maurice peut renforcer son cadre de lutte.

Il est impératif de combiner la répression avec un investissement significatif dans la prévention, le traitement de la dépendance et les services de réduction des risques. C'est en adoptant une telle approche multidimensionnelle, impliquant les autorités, la société civile et les familles, que l'île Maurice pourra espérer protéger sa population et son avenir contre les dangers croissants des drogues de synthèse.

A. Bartleby

## SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 – DEC 21

You're restless and ready for something new. Travel, education, or a shift in belief may refresh your spirit. Midweek brings a welcome surprise in a long-term project. Avoid overpromising or underdelivering.

**Lucky Numbers:** 3, 9, 15, 19, 30, 36

## CAPRICORN DEC 22 – JAN 19

Heavy responsibilities weigh on you, but they also pave the way for long-term rewards. Financial talks or debt restructuring could be on the table. Someone in your circle may offer unexpected support — don't dismiss it.

**Lucky Numbers:** 2, 7, 12, 20, 28, 39

## AQUARIUS JAN 20 – FEB 18

Relationships take center stage. Whether romantic, professional, or personal — clarity and boundaries are essential. You may need to compromise, but make sure you're not giving up your voice.

**Lucky Numbers:** 5, 11, 16, 24, 31, 38

## PISCES FEB 19 – MAR 20

Details matter — don't gloss over the fine print. Health,

routines, and productivity come under review. A new wellness habit could bring real benefits. Sunday brings a gentle emotional release and renewed hope.

**Lucky Numbers:** 4, 8, 10, 23, 29, 34

## ARIES MAR 21 – APR 19

This week, your leadership skills are in demand. At work, expect fast-paced decisions and a need to take initiative. You may be asked to mediate a conflict — stay calm and impartial. Financial matters need careful review, especially midweek.

**Lucky Numbers:** 7, 13, 19, 22, 27, 35

## TAURUS APR 20 – MAY 20

You crave comfort and calm, but life may push you out of your comfort zone. Midweek offers insights into your long-term goals. Travel plans or learning opportunities may arise. A heartfelt conversation with someone close clears the air. Finances begin to improve by week's end.

**Lucky Numbers:** 6, 14, 18, 21, 30, 36

## YOUR STARS

## GEMINI MAY 21 – JUN 20

Your communication skills shine but be mindful of misunderstandings. A sibling or friend may reach out with unexpected news. Romance feels exciting but could be short-lived unless grounded in honesty.

**Lucky Numbers:** 3, 9, 16, 20, 28, 34

## CANCER JUN 21 – JUL 22

Your sensitivity is both your strength and challenge this week. Home matters take priority early on — take care of a lingering issue. Watch spending and avoid emotional purchases. A relationship may need nurturing.

**Lucky Numbers:** 2, 12, 17, 24, 31, 38

## LEO JUL 23 – AUG 22

It's your season — and it shows! You're charismatic and energetic, drawing attention wherever you go. Use this to your advantage, especially in career or creative pursuits. A financial decision on Thursday requires logic over pride.

**Lucky Numbers:** 5, 10, 15, 23, 29, 39

## VIRGO AUG 23 – SEP 22

You may feel introspective, preferring solitude over social buzz. Use this time to organize your thoughts and rest. A health issue or habit might need attention. Later in the week, someone from the past reappears — choose your response carefully.

**Lucky Numbers:** 4, 11, 18, 25, 32, 40

## LIBRA SEP 23 – OCT 22

This week is about teamwork and harmony. Collaboration brings excellent results but avoid pleasing everyone at your own expense. A social event midweek lifts your mood. Financially, small gains are possible through group efforts.

**Lucky Numbers:** 1, 8, 14, 22, 33, 37

## SCORPIO OCT 23 – NOV 21

Someone may test your patience — respond, don't react. Family responsibilities take up time but bring emotional rewards. Saturday is ideal for deep conversations or making a bold personal decision.

**Lucky Numbers:** 6, 13, 17, 21, 26,



# Why men are more vulnerable to alcoholism: The dopamine connection

**A**lcoholism affects millions globally, but men are nearly twice as likely as women to develop alcohol dependence. For years, the biological reason behind this gender gap remained unclear -- until now.

A study published in *Biological Psychiatry* sheds new light on the issue, revealing that dopamine, the brain's pleasure chemical, may play a critical role in why men are more susceptible to alcoholism.

Researchers from Columbia and Yale universities studied male and female college-age social drinkers. Participants consumed either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink and then underwent PET brain scans to measure dopamine release -- a chemical linked to pleasure and

reward.

The results were telling: despite consuming similar amounts of alcohol, men experienced significantly higher dopamine release than women, particularly in the ventral striatum, a brain region associated with reward, reinforcement, and addiction.

"This heightened dopamine response in men was closely tied to stronger feelings of pleasure from alcohol," said lead author Dr. Nina Urban. This increased "high" may explain why men are more likely to form a habit or addiction.

Interestingly, the study also found that dopamine release decreased with repeated heavy drinking, a possible marker of tolerance -- the early step toward dependence and addiction.



Senior author Dr. Anissa Abi-Dargham noted that understanding this dopamine mechanism offers insight into both the initial appeal of alcohol and the long-term risk of addiction, particularly for men.

These findings mark a major advance in addiction research, highlighting the role of brain chemistry -- not just behaviour -- in shaping who becomes dependent on alcohol and why.



## Do you really need to read to learn? What neuroscience says about reading versus listening

*Whether reading a book or listening to a podcast, the goal is the same: understanding. But these activities support comprehension in different ways.*

**L**et's start with a thought experiment: Close your eyes and imagine what the future might look like in a few hundred years.

Are people intergalactic travelers zooming between galaxies? Maybe we live on spaceships, underwater worlds or planets with purple skies.

Now, picture your bedroom as a teenager of the future. There's probably a glowing screen on the wall. And when you look out the window, maybe you see Saturn's rings, Neptune's blue glow or the wonders of the ocean floor.

Now ask yourself: Is there a book in the room?

Open your eyes. Chances are, there's a book nearby. Maybe it's on your nightstand or shoved under your bed. Some people have only one; others have many.

You'll still find books today, even in a world filled with podcasts. Why is that? If we can listen to almost anything, why does reading still matter?

As a language scientist, I study how biological factors and social experiences shape language. My work explores how the brain processes spoken and written language, using tools like MRI and EEG.

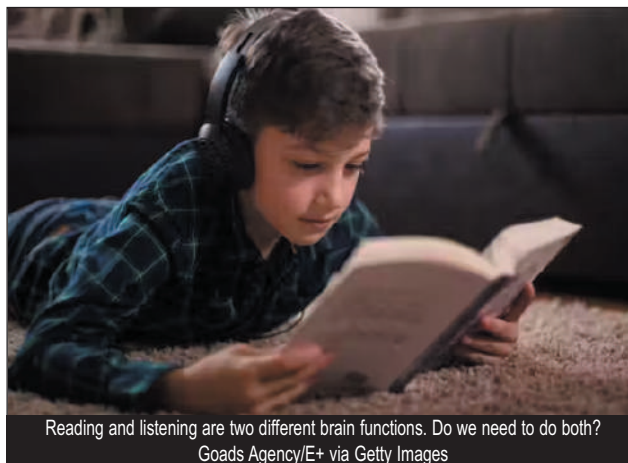
Whether reading a book or listening to a recording, the goal is the same: understanding. But these activities aren't exactly alike. Each supports comprehension in different ways. Listening doesn't provide all the benefits of reading, and reading doesn't offer everything listening does. Both are important, but they are not interchangeable.

### Different brain processes

Your brain uses some of the same language and cognitive systems for both reading and listening, but it also performs different functions depending on how you're taking in the information.

When you read, your brain is working hard behind the scenes. It recognizes the shapes of letters, matches them to speech sounds, connects those sounds to meaning, then links those meanings across words, sentences and even whole books. The text uses visual structure such as punctuation marks, paragraph breaks or bolded words to guide understanding. You can go at your own speed.

Listening, on the other hand, requires your brain to



work at the pace of the speaker. Because spoken language is fleeting, listeners must rely on cognitive processes, including memory to hold onto what they just heard.

Speech is also a continuous stream, not neatly separated words. When someone speaks, the sounds blend together in a process called coarticulation. This requires the listener's brain to quickly identify word boundaries and connect sounds to meanings. Beyond identifying the words themselves, the listener's brain must also pay attention to tone, speaker identity and context to understand the speaker's meaning.

### 'Easier' is relative -- and contextual

Many people assume that listening is easier than reading, but this is not usually the case. Research shows that listening can be harder than reading, especially when the material is complex or unfamiliar.

Listening and reading comprehension are more similar for simple narratives, like fictional stories, than for nonfiction books or essays that explain facts, ideas or how things work. My research shows that genre affects how you read. In fact, different kinds of texts rely on specialized brain networks. Fictional stories engage regions of the brain involved in social understanding and storytelling. Nonfiction texts, on the other hand, rely on a brain network that helps with strategic thinking and goal-directed attention.

Reading difficult material tends to be easier than listening from a practical standpoint, as well. Reading lets you move around within the text easily, rereading particular sections if you're struggling to understand, or underlining important points to revisit later. A listener who is having trouble following a particular point must pause and rewind, which is less precise than scanning a page and can interrupt the flow of listening, impeding understanding.

Even so, for some people, like those with developmental dyslexia, listening may be easier. Individuals with developmental dyslexia often struggle to apply their knowledge of written language to correctly pronounce written words, a process known as decoding. Listening allows the brain to extract meaning without the difficult process of decoding.

### Engaging with the material

One last thing to consider is engagement. In this context, engagement refers to being mentally present, actively focusing, processing information and connecting ideas to what you already know.

People often listen while doing other things, like exercising, cooking or browsing the internet -- activities that would be hard to do while reading. When researchers asked college students to either read or listen to a podcast on their own time, students who read the material performed significantly better on a quiz than those who listened. Many of the students who listened reported multitasking, such as clicking around on their computers while the podcast played. This is particularly important, as paying attention appears to be more important for listening comprehension than reading comprehension.

So, yes, reading still matters, even when listening is an option. Each activity offers something different, and they are not interchangeable.

The best way to learn is not by treating books and audio recordings as the same, but by knowing how each works and using both to better understand the world.

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*Laughter is the  
Best Medicine*



## The Cow from Minsk

The only cow in a small town in Poland stopped giving milk.

The townspeople did some research and discovered they could buy a cow from Moscow for two thousand roubles, or one from Minsk for one thousand roubles.

Being frugal, they chose the cow from Minsk.

To their delight, the cow was wonderful -- it produced lots of milk, and everyone was thrilled. They were so happy that they decided to buy a bull to mate with the cow and hopefully produce more cows like it. That way, they'd never have to worry about their milk supply again. So they bought a bull and put it in the pasture with their beloved cow.

But no matter what the bull tried, the cow wasn't interested.

Whenever the bull came close, she moved away.

If he approached from behind, she stepped forward.

If he came from the front, she backed off.

If he tried from the side, she walked to the other side of the field.

The people were puzzled and upset, so they went to their wise rabbi for advice.

They explained, "Whenever the bull approaches our cow, she moves away. From the back, she steps forward. From the front, she backs off. From the side, she just walks away."

The rabbi thought for a moment, then asked, "Did you buy this cow from Minsk?"

The people were amazed. "Yes! How did you know that? We never mentioned it!"

The rabbi sighed and replied, "My wife is from Minsk."

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### The 95-Year-Old Groom's Secret

A ninety-five-year-old man married a twenty-three-year-old girl prompting fears for his health from the wedding guests.

They were afraid that the wedding night might prove fatal because he was a frail old man and she was a vivacious young woman.

But the next morning everyone was surprised to see the bride come down the main stairwell of the hotel very slowly, step by step, and painfully bow-legged. Eventually she managed to hobble to the front desk.

The clerk looked very concerned, and asked the bride: "What happened to you? You look as if you've



"I wish you'd sit down, Lily. I never win when you keep pacing around."

gone ten rounds with Evander Holyfield?"

"It's my husband!" she gasped. "Oh, my God! When he told me that he'd been saving up for seventy-five years, I thought he meant his money!"

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### Jokes of the Day...

A motorist accidentally runs over an old lady's cat. He finds the cat's address on its collar and decides to visit her. He knocks on the door and says,

"I'm really sorry, but I've run over your cat and killed it. I'd be happy to replace it."

"Great," says the old lady, "but how are you at catching mice?"

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A man finds himself in a field with a fierce-looking bull.

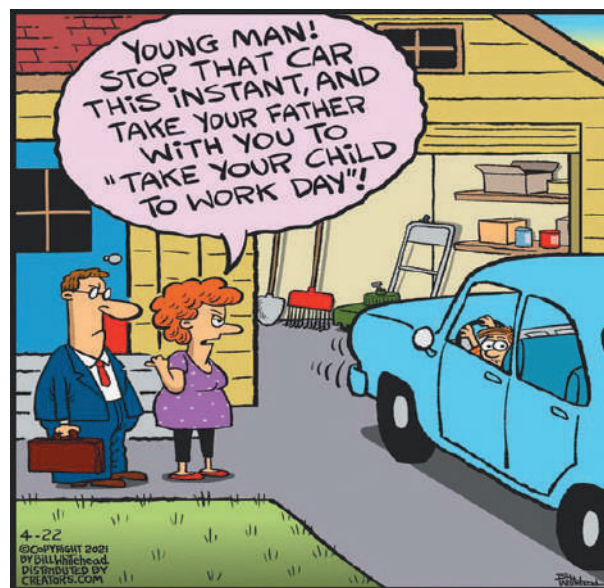
Spotting the farmer near the fence, he shouts, "Is that bull safe?"

"Sure," replies the farmer, "but I don't think *you* are."

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An expectant father phones the hospital to check on his wife but accidentally dials the cricket results hotline.

When he asks for an update, he's told, "We've got three out, hoping to get the rest out by lunch. The last one was a duck."



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Two guys rent a boat to go fishing in a local lake. At the end of the day, they're thrilled -- they've caught more than four dozen fish.

The first guy says, "John, mark this spot so we remember where to come next time."

John pulls out his penknife and carves a big X on the side of the boat.

"You idiot," says the first guy, "what if we don't get the same boat next time?"

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An old lady wins a million pounds in the lottery. Fearing the shock might be too much for her, her family asks the family doctor to break the news gently.

The doctor visits her, chats a bit, then casually asks, "Tell me, what would you do if you won a million pounds?"

The old lady smiles and says, "Well, you've been so nice to me, Doctor -- I'd give half of it to you."

The doctor collapses and dies of shock.

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**Son:** "Dad, what's the difference between rape, romance, and marriage?"

**Father:** "Clothes, my son... clothes."



**Son (confused):** "What?!"

**Father:**

"In rape, you tear the clothes.

In romance, you remove the clothes.

In marriage, you wash the clothes."

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### "Your Idea, Boss -- You Explain It."

A couple of years ago, I was asked to create an internal competition for employees. I designed the entire thing -- format, communication strategy, judging criteria, everything. It ran nationally, was a big hit, and the winning entry even earned an external national award.

Fast forward to the following year: my boss is invited to speak about the competition at the awards ceremony. Since I built the whole thing, I prepared his presentation -- slides, speaking notes, even rehearsed with him.

After his talk, some company reps approached him, wanting to know how we pulled it off. He set up a few meetings and invited me along.

"I'm going to do most of the talking," he said, "but I'd like you to listen in."

I thought, *Great! What a cool opportunity -- and nice of him to include me.*

Then the meeting starts.

He opens with, "So this was my idea from the beginning..." and goes on and on for 15 minutes about his "vision" and how he "led the strategy from day one." He even introduced me as someone who "helped with the setup on the day." I was stunned. I kept my expression neutral and nodded along.

Then came the questions. Basic ones -- about logistics, structure, tech tools, employee engagement.

He stammered. Repeated himself. Started sweating. And then he turned to me with,

"Actually, Sarah can probably elaborate on that."

That's when the malicious compliance kicked in.

With a polite smile and perfect poker face, I said,

"Oh, I'm not too sure on that one. Your strategic vision was really integral here -- I wouldn't want to misrepresent it."

He tried again later with another question.

"That's a great point, but again, this was your brainchild. I was only part of the set-up team."

He floundered through the rest of the meeting. The reps were courteous but clearly unimpressed. Afterward, he stayed quiet the rest of the day.

Lesson: If you're going to take all the credit, be prepared to carry all the weight too.



Life's Lesson

## Before You Love Her, Heal Yourself

**W**hen a man is unhappy with himself, he often projects that unhappiness onto the woman who tries to love him. He may sabotage her joy simply because he can't find his own. But a woman's love is not a remedy for your pain -- it's not her job to heal wounds you refuse to face.

If you carry unresolved anger, insecurity, or self-doubt, you'll eventually turn her love into a battlefield. She'll try to hold you, to remind you of your worth, but if you don't believe in it yourself, her words will feel false. You'll push her away -- not because she's unworthy, but because deep down, you believe you are.



When a man feels unworthy of love, he unconsciously destroys it. He may criticize, belittle, or make his partner feel like she's never enough -- not because she isn't, but because he feels like he isn't.

A woman in love will try to bring light into your darkness. But if you're unwilling to release the shadows, you'll dim her light, too. That's why healing is essential. You can't pour from an empty cup, and you can't build love on a foundation of self-hate.

Do the inner work. So, when love arrives, you can welcome it with open arms, not reject it out of fear. Heal your past, so you don't bleed on a woman who had nothing to do with your wounds. Own your happiness, so she doesn't have to carry the weight of both her heart and yours.

Learn to love yourself, so when she loves you, you can believe her. A good woman will love you deeply -- but even the strongest woman cannot save a man who refuses to save himself.

If you're broken, acknowledge it. If you're lost, find your way. If you're hurt, seek healing. Your pain may not be your fault -- but your healing is your responsibility. No woman deserves to suffer for the work you refuse to do.

Love should be a sanctuary, not a war zone.

So, dear man -- work on yourself. Not just for her, but for you. Love yourself enough to become the man who can love her the way she deserves.

## 13 Qualities That Keep a Man Attracted to You

**M**aintaining attraction in a relationship is a dynamic process requiring effort from both partners. If you're looking to understand how to keep a man genuinely attracted to you, certain qualities and behaviors can significantly nurture and sustain his interest. It's about building a connection that goes beyond initial sparks, fostering a deep and lasting bond.

### Cultivating Lasting Appeal

Here are key aspects that contribute to a man's sustained attraction:

- **Confidence:** This is incredibly alluring. Men are often drawn to women who are comfortable in their own skin, don't seek constant external validation, and embrace their strengths and imperfections. Confidence makes you appealing not just physically, but emotionally and intellectually too.

- **Independence:** Having your own life, goals, and passions outside the relationship is vital. A man is more likely to remain attracted to a woman who is independent and doesn't rely solely on him for her happiness or purpose. Your individuality adds excitement and keeps the relationship balanced and intriguing.

- **Authenticity:** Being genuine and true to yourself is profoundly attractive. Trying to be someone you're not or constantly pretending to be perfect is exhausting and unsustainable. A man will appreciate you more when you're authentic and show him your true self, flaws and all.

- **Emotional Intelligence:** The ability to understand, express, and manage your emotions in a healthy way deepens any connection. A woman who is emotionally intelligent can navigate conflict, empathize with his feelings, and communicate openly, fostering a stronger bond and sustained attraction.

- **Respect and Appreciation:** These are foundational for keeping attraction alive. A man needs to feel valued and respected within the relationship. Showing gratitude for his efforts and acknowledging his qualities or achievements strengthens the bond and maintains his interest.



He &amp; She

- **Maintaining Physical Attraction:**

While looks aren't everything, physical attraction does play a role. Taking care of yourself — through grooming, dressing confidently, or staying active — helps keep the physical aspect of attraction vibrant. When you feel attractive to yourself, it often translates to your partner noticing it too.

- **Sense of Humor:** Being able to laugh together and not take everything too seriously keeps a relationship fun and exciting. A shared sense of humor builds connection and helps you both navigate life's ups and downs with ease and lightness.

- **Support and Encouragement:** Being his cheerleader, especially during challenging times, builds a powerful emotional connection. A man appreciates a partner who genuinely believes in him and supports his growth, whether in his career, personal goals, or hobbies.

- **Mystery and Spontaneity:** Maintaining some level of mystery can add excitement. This doesn't mean playing games, but allowing for a little spontaneity and not revealing every single detail can create an air of intrigue. Men often stay attracted when there's an element of surprise or discovery.

- **Being Passionate:** Whether it's about your career, a hobby, or your beliefs, passion is contagious. A man is more likely to stay attracted to a woman who has her own interests and invests energy into things that

excite her. Passionate individuals naturally possess a spark that draws others in.

- **Kindness and Compassion:** Being kind, caring, and compassionate towards others, as well as towards him, deepens emotional attraction. Men often appreciate a woman who shows empathy and concern for others' well-being, reflecting a strong and appealing character.

- **Shared Goals and Values:** Having common values, goals, and a shared vision for the future creates a strong sense of partnership. When you are both aligned in your long-term aspirations and core beliefs, it strengthens the relationship and sustains attraction over time.

- **Intimacy and Connection:** Physical intimacy and emotional connection are intertwined. Maintaining a healthy and fulfilling sexual relationship can continue to foster attraction. However, intimacy also encompasses non-physical closeness, such as affection, cuddling, deep conversations, and shared meaningful moments.

Confidence, independence, emotional intelligence, and mutual respect are just some of the vital elements that can help sustain and deepen a man's attraction to you. Ultimately, being genuine and true to yourself is paramount, as authenticity is what keeps the connection real and lasting.

Stray Thoughts

## Le Partage qui Multiplie

« Si tu as un pain et moi un euro, et que j'utilise mon euro pour acheter ton pain, à la fin de l'échange, j'aurai le pain et toi l'euro. Cela semble être un équilibre parfait, n'est-ce pas ? Au départ, A possède un euro et B un pain ; ensuite, A le pain et B à l'euro. C'est une transaction juste, mais strictement matérielle.

Maintenant, imagine que tu possèdes un poème de

Verlaine ou que tu connais le théorème de Pythagore, et que moi, je ne connais rien de tout cela. Si tu me les enseignes, à la fin de cet échange, j'aurai appris le poème et le théorème, et toi, tu les possèderas toujours. Il ne s'agit plus seulement d'un équilibre, mais d'un véritable enrichissement mutuel.

Dans le premier cas, nous avons réalisé un échange commercial. Dans le second, nous avons partagé des savoirs. Alors que les biens matériels se consomment, la culture, elle, se partage et se propage sans limites. »

Michel Serres, philosophe français



# Understanding Modern Relationships: A Candid Look for Men

In today's complex dating landscape, it's easy for men to feel confused and frustrated. Traditional notions of love and commitment often clash with modern realities, leading to misunderstandings and heartbreak. Here's a frank perspective on managing relationships, urging men to cultivate self-awareness and strong boundaries.

## Loyalty: A Shifting Concept?

The idea that "she's not yours, it's just your turn" might sound cynical, but it highlights a perceived shift in relational dynamics. In an era where **attention is currency** and options seem limitless, some argue that loyalty has become optional. The article suggests that women may seek the "highest bidder," implying a transactional view of relationships where value is constantly assessed.

## The Weight of Her Past

"Her past matters" is a direct assertion about the impact of a woman's previous relationships. Specifically, it claims that a high "body count" can affect **pair-bonding, loyalty, and respect**. The underlying message is that expecting to "change" someone with a long and varied romantic history might be unrealistic.

## Love vs. Opportunity

The piece contends that **"women love opportunistically."** This isn't about malicious intent, but rather a view that a woman's perception of her "soulmate" is tied to how a man benefits her lifestyle, emotional well-being, and social status. The implication is that if these benefits diminish, so too might her affection.

## Respect Over Romantic Fantasy

Perhaps one of the most crucial points raised is the idea that **"respect > love."**



The argument is that while a woman might love a man and still betray him, she is less likely to betray someone she genuinely **respects**. This emphasizes the importance of demanding respect and setting clear boundaries, rather than pursuing an idealized "romantic fantasy."

## Choosing Your Partner Wisely

Several points focus on vetting potential partners:

- **Don't date a party girl:** If a woman constantly seeks external validation through clubbing or "girls' nights out," the article suggests she's "marketing herself" and isn't suitable for a committed relationship.
- **Don't fix broken women:** Men are cautioned against taking on the role of a therapist. It's argued that attempting to "fix" a woman's past trauma isn't a man's responsibility and can lead to betrayal.
- **The more options she has, the**

**less loyal she'll be:** With dating apps and social media, women often have an abundance of choices. This influx of attention can inflate ego and create a constant sense of competition for men.

- **Feminine women are rare:** The article suggests that many modern women aspire to be "bosses" rather than wives, and that genuinely "feminine" women who are more nurturing and dependent are becoming uncommon.

## Navigating Relationship Dynamics

The article also provides advice on how men should conduct themselves within a relationship:

- **She'll test your masculinity constantly:** Maintaining frame, dominance, and confidence is presented as essential. Bending to a woman's every whim, it argues, leads to a loss of attraction.

- **Her looks get her in the door, your game keeps her interested:** While physical attractiveness can initiate interest, it's a man's "game" — his ability to be engaging, interesting, and strong-minded — that sustains a woman's attention.
- **Don't argue, walk away:** Debating points or trying to "win" arguments is discouraged. Instead, men should set boundaries and be prepared to leave if those boundaries are disrespected. "Weak men negotiate, strong men replace."
- **Sex is not love:** It's a stark reminder that physical intimacy doesn't automatically equate to genuine desire or commitment. Men are urged not to confuse the two.

## The Stakes of Choosing Wrong

The warning, **"marrying a wrong woman destroys your life,"** underscores the severe consequences of poor partner selection, particularly given the dynamics of family courts. It claims that a wrong choice can cost a man his money, freedom, and sanity. Furthermore, the article states, **"she doesn't love you for you; she loves how you make her feel."** This implies that her affection is conditional on a man maintaining his status, drive, and "frame."

Ultimately, the piece argues that understanding "female nature" is crucial for men's survival and success in relationships. Without this understanding, men risk being "used, discarded, and forgotten." As a Yoruba adage quoted in the article suggests, a woman might belong to many, but it's that "one" who truly "has her" — and if you are that one, you are lucky.

## HealthBytes

# What you really need to know for a healthy mouth

Maintaining good oral hygiene is crucial for your overall health, yet it's often overlooked. Many believe that simply brushing their teeth is enough. However, brushing alone cleans only about a quarter of your mouth. For truly effective oral care, a complete daily routine including brushing, flossing, and using a mouthwash is recommended. Despite its critical importance, numerous myths and misconceptions about oral hygiene lead to ineffective habits. Let's set the record straight:

## Common Oral Care Myths — Debunked!

- **Myth 1: Rinsing with water after mouthwash is necessary.**

**Fact:** Rinsing immediately washes away the active ingredients, reducing effectiveness. For best results, avoid rinsing with water for at least 30 minutes after using mouthwash.

- **Myth 2: Mouthwash should be diluted with**



**water.**

**Fact:** Mouthwash is formulated to be used at full strength. Diluting it weakens its antibacterial properties, making it less effective against germs and plaque.

- **Myth 3: Brushing harder results in cleaner teeth.**

**Fact:** Brushing too hard can actually wear down enamel and damage gums, leading to sensitivity and irritation. Use a soft-bristle toothbrush with gentle, circular motions for effective and safe cleaning.

- **Myth 4: Mouthwash can replace brushing and flossing.**

**Fact:** Mouthwash is an excellent addition to your routine, but it's not a substitute for brushing or flossing. Brushing removes plaque from surfaces, flossing cleans between teeth, and mouthwash helps remove bacteria and freshen breath. Use all three for comprehensive care.

- **Myth 5: Sugar is the main cause of cavities.**

**Fact:** While sugar contributes, it's the bacteria in your mouth that cause decay. These bacteria feed on sugar, producing acids that weaken enamel. Reducing sugar helps, but using an antibacterial mouthwash with fluoride can also prevent plaque and strengthen teeth.

- **Myth 6: Brushing the tongue is unnecessary.**

**Fact:** Your tongue harbors bacteria just like your teeth and gums. Neglecting it can contribute to bad breath and plaque. Use a tongue scraper or brush your tongue daily for a cleaner mouth.

- **Myth 7: Teeth whitening damages enamel.**

**Fact:** Professional whitening treatments, when performed correctly by a dentist, do not damage enamel. However, overuse of unregulated over-the-counter products can cause sensitivity. Always opt for a dentist-approved whitening routine.

By debunking these common myths and embracing a complete oral care routine, you can significantly improve your oral health and contribute to your overall well-being.



# 'Saiyaara' Sets New Records with Rs 2.28 Billion worldwide in 11 days

Debutants shine, industry stunned, Subhash Ghai calls for a rethink

**S**aiyaara, the latest Bollywood romantic drama directed by Mohit Suri, has taken the Indian film industry by storm, grossing an astonishing India Rs 404 crore — approximately MUR 2.28 billion — worldwide in just 11 days. This breakout hit, featuring first-time actors Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda, now holds the record as the highest-grossing love story in Indian cinema history.

Released on July 18, the film's emotional resonance, combined with a soulful soundtrack and intimate storytelling, has helped it outshine major box office heavyweights like *Kabir Singh*, *Happy New Year*, and *The Kashmir Files*.

Directed with depth and nuance, *Saiyaara* follows Krish Kapoor (Ahaan), a struggling musician, and Vaani Batra (Aneet), a young writer battling Alzheimer's, whose lyrical collaboration turns into a tender love story. Suri's vision blends simplicity, raw emotion, and lyrical beauty — elements that have won hearts across both urban metros and smaller towns.

## Industry veteran Subhash Ghai reacts

Filmmaker Subhash Ghai, taking to Instagram, praised the film's success, writing:

"Many new faces broke the records at box office coz of an interesting character, good story, good director, great music... We forget this every time and go back to repeating stars and formulas."

He compared *Saiyaara* to earlier hits driven by newcomers — *Bobby*, *Hero*, *Maine Pyar Kiya*, *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*, *The Kerala Story*, and more.

Ghai noted that *Saiyaara* crossing Indian Rs 250



crore (MUR 1.4 billion) in India alone sends a strong signal to producers:

"When a new star-cast film creates a wave at the box office, it sends us a clear message... no money spent on stars' whims — no extra spend on marketing stunts."

## A wake-up call for Bollywood

In an industry often driven by celebrity culture and massive marketing budgets, *Saiyaara* proves that authentic storytelling, fresh talent, and disciplined production can deliver unmatched success.

With its soaring numbers and heartfelt impact, *Saiyaara* is more than just a box office phenomenon — it's a cultural moment urging Bollywood to rethink its star-first, substance-later model.

# Ahaan Panday's Bollywood royal family background

**A**haan Panday is the son of Alok Sharad Panday, known as Chikki Panday, and Deanne Panday. Unlike his more famous brother, veteran actor Chunky Panday, Chikki is primarily known as a respected philanthropist and businessman.

Deanne Panday, Ahaan's mother, has carved out a celebrated career as a wellness expert, lifestyle coach, and bestselling author. With books like *I'm Not Stressed* and *Shut Up and Train!*, she's a prominent figure in the fitness world, especially among celebrities. Chikki and Deanne, who married in 1994, are also parents to Ahaan's elder sister, Alanna Panday, a highly successful lifestyle influencer with a substantial social media following, who recently welcomed her first child.

Beyond his immediate family, Ahaan's lineage boasts serious pedigree. His uncle, Chunky Panday, is Bollywood actor known for his versatile roles, particularly as 'Aakhri Pasta' in the *Housefull* franchise. Chunky is married to Bhavana Pandey, a fashion entrepreneur and reality TV personality from Netflix's *Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives*.

Yet, the "royal" connection runs deeper than just Bollywood glam. Ahaan's grandfather, Dr. Sharad Panday, was a renowned heart surgeon, famously part of the team that performed India's first heart transplant. His grandmother, Dr. Snehlata Panday, was a physician and dietician who pioneered in the wellness space, co-founding the beauty salon and dieting centre, Slimelle, and consulting for Bollywood's elite.

As Ahaan steps into the spotlight with *Saiyaara*, it's clear he comes from a family deeply rooted in both service and success, extending far beyond the conventional definitions of Bollywood royalty.

## BollyBytes

## Amitabh Bachchan embraces Instagram at 82: "I hope it works"

**A**t 82, Amitabh Bachchan continues to explore the digital world, now taking on Instagram. In a brief video shared via Instagram Stories, the legendary actor quipped, "So, I am just getting educated on how to use Instagram and I hope it works."

Though new to the platform, Bachchan remains an active blogger. Recently, he posted a sentimental image of an old Rs 20 ticket from *Sholay* — his 1975 blockbuster set to mark its 50th anniversary on August 15, 2025. "The *Sholay* ticket... Rs 20!! I'm told that's the price of a soda in theaters these days. Is that true?" he mused.

*Sholay*, directed by Ramesh Sippy and co-starring Dharmendra, remains one of Hindi cinema's most iconic films.

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## Aamir Khan's new film to stream free on YouTube

In a bold move to democratize film access, Aamir Khan has announced that his latest release *Sitaare Zameen Par* will be available exclusively on YouTube starting August 1.

"For 15 years, I've wanted to reach audiences



without access to cinemas," Khan said. "With digital infrastructure in place, now is the time."

Directed by R.S. Prasanna, the film hit theaters on June 20. Gunjan Soni of YouTube India called the initiative a "milestone in accessible storytelling."

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## Elli AvrRam Reflects on Love, Marriage, and Swedish Traditions

Back in Sweden for her birthday, actress Elli AvrRam opened up about her personal philosophy on relationships.

Dismissing recent dating rumours, she told IANS, "I'll speak when there's a ring on my finger."

Elli emphasized growth and self-discovery over societal pressure, adding, "When I marry, I want it to be a power couple equation."

Her birthday celebration followed cherished Swedish traditions — breakfast in bed, cake, and quiet moments with family.

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## Manisha Koirala finds solace in Lake District escape

After a demanding schedule, actress Manisha Koirala retreated to the UK's Lake District for a three-day solo journey of rest and reflection.

"It was a soft, healing pause," she wrote, sharing glimpses of nature walks, healthy meals, and peaceful lakeside cafés.



Notably anonymous in the largely non-Desi crowd, Manisha described the experience as "a quiet kind of joy." She even picked up a book on the meaning of life at a local bookshop — an unexpected moment of introspection.





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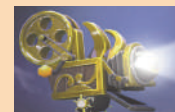
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## Programme TV



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## MBC 1

05.04 Serial: L'Amour A Mort  
08.38 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour  
09.00 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer  
09.35 Film: Don't Let Go  
11.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.35 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
13.30 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent  
14.00 Tele: La Desalmada  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Tele: Living To Love  
17.21 Doc: Not About Music  
17.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
18.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
19.00 Serial: 19 Minutes  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.20 Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn  
22.22 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
23.07 Tele: Lying Heart  
23.30 Le Journal

## MBC 2

09.35 Local: Le Mag  
10.27 Local: Saver Lokal  
11.03 Local: Glwar Dantan  
11.30 Local: Arsiv MBC  
12.00 Local: Encounter  
13.05 Nou Later Nou Lamer Nou ...  
13.31 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel  
14.53 Local: Le Challenge  
15.20 Rodrig: Saver Lokal  
16.29 Local: Emotion En Avant...  
17.03 Local: La Sosiete  
18.00 Tele: La Desalmada  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.30 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir  
20.30 Fashion FX & Lifestyle  
21.30 Local: La Sosiete  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.00 Zournal Kreol  
23.20 Local: En Forme  
23.33 Mon Jardin Ma Maison  
23.59 Local: Exceptionnelles

## MBC 3

08.00 D.Anime: Kicko & Super Speedo  
10.00 Local: Ramayan  
11.35 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
12.00 Film: Payal Ki Jhankaar  
Starring: Sudha Shivpuri, Alankar Joshi, Komal Mahuvakar  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
16.00 Serial: Mithai  
17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
18.00 Samachar  
18.32 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
18.57 Local: Shiva The Universe  
20.30 Serial: Vidrohi  
21.00 Film: Maar Deb Goli Kehu Na Boli  
Cast: Ravi Kishan, Gunjan Pant  
23.12 Serial: Mere Sai  
00.09 Wagle Ki Duniya  
00.31 Mati Ke Mol  
00.57 Shiva The Universe

## Cine 12

06.25 Film: Bayala  
07.46 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs  
08.50 D.Anime: Zig's Space...  
09.01 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
11.09 Mag: Eco India  
11.30 Film: Princess Halle...  
12.55 Mag: Animal DNA  
13.14 Mag: Lab 360  
13.24 D. Anime: Kids Songs  
13.34 Film: Georges, le Petit...  
14.59 D.Anime: C'est Mon Metier  
15.06 D.Anime: Samsam  
15.29 D.Anime: La Famille Blaureau  
15.52 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go!  
16.26 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.48 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
16.54 Doc: The Worst Witch  
17.20 Doc: All The Answers  
18.52 Doc: Food Up!  
19.30 Mag: Euromaxx  
20.01 Tele: L'Heritiere

## Bollywood TV

14.25 Radha Mohan  
14.55 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
15.30 Film: Raiszaada  
Cast: Shashi Kapoor, Asha Parekh, Govinda, Sonam  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Kundali Bhagya  
19.01 Udaariyaan  
19.32 Dharam Patni  
20.01 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
20.25 Shrimad Ramayan  
20.55 Anupamaa  
21.25 Mere Sai  
21.57 Serial: Dhruv Tara  
22.30 Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.00 Serial: Mahabharat  
23.23 Film: Raiszaada  
Cast: Shashi Kapoor, Asha Parekh, Govinda, Sonam

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04.23 Serial: Blue Lights  
05.27 Tele: L'Amour A Mort  
06.25 Tele: L'Heritiere  
06.50 Serial: The Lazarus Project  
07.28 Serial: Nautilus  
08.19 Serial: Elementary  
08.57 Serial: Heartland  
09.40 Serial: Blue Lights  
10.46 Your Love Is My Fortune  
11.32 Tele: L'Heritiere  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.30 Tele: Barbarita  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.25 Film: The Twilight Saga  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Sa Re Ga Ma Pa  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.15 Film: Independence Day  
22.33 Serial: Nautilus  
23.24 Doc: Quotes By Famous People

06.00 Local: Mon Jardin Ma Maison  
06.25 Local: Tous Egaux  
06.44 Local: Ti Zistwar Zanan  
08.00 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig  
09.31 Local: La Sosiete  
10.30 Local: J'ai Faim  
11.00 Fashion FX & Lifestyle  
12.00 Local: Arsiv MBC  
13.45 Enn Semenn Dan Lafrik  
18.00 Entre Justice Et Vengeance  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.28 Rodrig: Coin Zen  
20.00 Local: Les Petits Genies  
20.30 Local: Music Tour 2025  
21.30 Local: En Toute Intimite  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.03 Zournal Kreol  
23.23 Local: Tous Egaux  
23.32 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
23.53 Local Production  
00.31 Local: J'ai Faim

05.00 Film: Maar Ded Goli Kehu...  
08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness  
08.30 Local: Abhyas Yog  
09.00 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
10.37 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
12.00 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo  
12.22 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
14.00 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan  
15.00 Samachar  
15.30 Film: Pakhandee  
Cast: Shashi Kapoor, Zeenat Aman  
18.10 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
21.00 Film: Freddy  
Cast: Kartik Aryan, Alaya  
22.59 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
23.25 Local: Duniya Mein Iss Saptah  
23.40 Local: Virasat Swaraj Bhawan  
01.27 Film: Freddy

06.00 Film: A.R.I.  
07.25 Film: Miraculous New York  
08.25 D.Anime: Agi Bagi  
08.47 Film: The Psammy Show  
09.03 Film: Refus Et Le Royaume...  
10.23 Mag: Lab 360  
11.30 Film: Gnomeo Et Juliet  
13.21 Film: Ghoster, Le Fantôme...  
15.02 D.Anime: Will, La Série  
14.57 D.Anime: Samsam  
16.17 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.39 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
17.43 Mag: Travel  
18.10 Mag: In Good Shape  
18.30 Doc: Country Dreams  
18.56 Doc: Food Up!  
19.30 Mag: Afrimaxx  
20.01 Tele: L'Heritiere  
20.53 Tele: Living To Love  
22.23 Mag: Travel  
22.42 Film: The Hunt

08.00 Dharam Patni  
10.02 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
12.08 Udaariyaan  
14.02 Anupamaa  
16.16 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
17.30 Vidrohi  
18.30 Film: Raju Chacha  
With: Kajol, Ajay Devgan, Rishi Kapoor



21.17 Gadget Guru Ganesha  
21.29 Keh Doon Tumhein

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02.55 Tele: Living To Love  
04.27 Tele: L'Amour A Mort  
05.21 Tele: L'Heritiere  
05.50 Film: Independence Day  
08.10 Serial: Blue Lights  
09.10 Film: 47 Metres Down  
10.40 Your Love Is My Fortune  
11.30 Serial: L'Heritiere  
12.34 Film: Romeo & Juliette  
14.30 Serial: Video Killed The Radio Star  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Film: Independence Day  
18.00 Samachar  
18.30 Radha Krishna  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.15 Serial: Ce Soir Avec Vince  
20.45 Film: La Prophétie De L'Horloge  
22.27 Serial: Blue Lights  
23.30 Le Journal

09.09 Local: Les Petits Genies  
09.30 Rodrig: 25e Edition Festival Kreol  
11.00 Local: Nu Rasinn  
12.00 Local: Nos Aines  
12.42 Entrepreneuriat Au Feminin  
13.05 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
14.00 Local: Konn Ou Drwa  
16.00 Local: Le Challenge  
16.45 Local: Tous Egaux  
17.31 Local: En Toute Intimite  
18.05 Entre Justice Et Vengeance  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.34 Local: En Toute Intimite  
20.00 Local: Les Klips  
21.00 Manu Desroches Au Caudau  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.00 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion  
23.20 Local: Coin Jardin  
23.33 Local: Belle Et Mystérieuse  
23.52 Rodrig - Zenn Aktif

08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness  
09.22 Local: Desi Beats  
10.30 Mahabharat  
12.00 Film: Pakhandee  
Cast: Shashi Kapoor, Zeenat Aman  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.21 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
15.47 Duniya Mein Iss Saptah  
17.00 Local: Desi Beats  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Local: Humni Ke Sitare  
19.00 Local: Tohar Rashi  
19.30 Babaji Hansraj Raghuvanshi concert  
20.30 Serial: Porus  
21.00 Keh Doon Tumhein  
22.00 Serial: Crime Patrol  
22.46 Serial: Naagin  
23.25 Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile...  
23.45 Humni Ke Sitare

06.00 Film: The Peanuts  
08.59 Film: Le Mystere Du Livre...  
10.34 Serial: Sept Nains Et Moi  
11.21 Doc: Natural Wonders  
11.30 Film: Bayala  
13.04 Mag: Animal DNA  
13.23 Film: M. Popper Et Ses Pingouins  
15.01 D.Anime: Will, La Série  
15.22 D.Anime: Mush Mush And...  
15.34 D.Anime: La Famille Blaureau Renard  
16.28 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
18.00 Doc: Healing Gardens  
18.30 Doc: Going Beyond  
19.22 Doc: Food Up!  
19.30 Mag: Arts Unveiled  
20.00 Tele: L'Heritiere  
21.50 Film: Don't Breathe 2  
Cast: Stephen Lang, Madelyn Grace, Brendan Sexton III

00.25 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
02.05 Udaariyaan  
03.59 Anupamaa  
06.34 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani  
07.43 Serial: Tenali Rama  
08.00 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey  
10.05 Kundali Bhagya  
12.20 Rajaa Betaa  
14.00 Doree  
16.00 Wagle Ki Duniya  
18.30 Film: Deewana Mujh Sa Nahin  
Cast: Amir Khan And Madhuri Dixit  
20.35 Tenali Rama  
21.00 Mahabharat  
22.00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa L'il Champs  
22.43 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey

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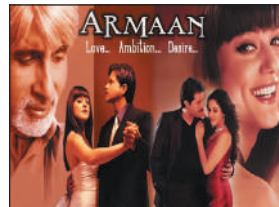
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08.45 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour  
09.35 Film: La Prophétie De L'Horloge  
11.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
13.10 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent  
13.33 Tele: La Desalmada  
15.00 Samachar  
15.30 Serial: Les Têtes Brûlées  
17.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
18.00 Samachar  
18.46 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
19.07 Live: Grand Titre  
20.15 Serial: Quantico  
21.00 Serial: Elementary  
21.46 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie

09.09 Local: En Toute Intimite  
09.36 Local: Le Challenge  
09.49 Local: Clin D'Oeil  
10.30 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef  
11.00 Local: Les Klips  
12.00 Local: Nu Rasinn  
13.05 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
14.35 Local: En Toue Intimite  
15.01 Local: Itinerer Moris  
15.58 Local: Les Klips  
17.03 Local: Morisien Konn Ou La Sante  
18.05 Tele: La Desalmada  
18.30 Tele: Séparé par L'Amour  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
20.30 Local: Tous Egaux  
20.45 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante  
21.15 Local: 19 Minutes  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.00 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion  
23.20 Local: Itinerer Moris  
23.34 Rodrig Mo Pei

05.00 Mag: DDI Live  
08.00 Local: Humni Ke Sitare  
08.30 Local: Tarak Mehta  
10.00 Local: Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar  
12.00 Film: Oh Bewafaa  
Cast: Rajendra Kumar, Yogeeta Bali  
15.00 Samachar  
16.00 Kundali Bhagya  
17.30 Shiv Shakti  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Local: Ved Ki Shikshahein  
18.57 Sahitya Pankaj Patrika  
20.06 Local: Charcha  
20.30 Serial: Ramayan  
21.00 Film: Preetam  
Cast: Shammi Kapoor, Leena Chandavarkar  
23.20 Mere Sai  
00.17 Wagle Ki Duniya

06.25 Film: Anastasia  
07.56 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs  
08.08 D.Anime: The Jungle Book  
08.58 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
11.17 Mag: Travel  
11.30 Film: La Legende De Manolo  
12.56 Mag: Animal DNA  
13.20 Mag: Lab 360  
13.34 Film: Retour Au Temps Des Dinosaures  
14.56 D.Anime: Will, La Série  
14.58 D.Anime: C'est Mon Metier  
15.40 D.Anime: Le Petit Nicolas  
15.51 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go!  
16.03 D.Anime: Raindow Rangers  
16.25 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.59 Serial: Pan Tau  
17.17 Doc: All The Answers  
18.00 Mag: Eco Africa  
18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent  
19.00 Doc: Food Up!

14.25 Radha Mohan  
14.51 Doree  
15.25 Film: Armaan  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Anil Kapoor, Preity Zinta, Gracy Singh, Randhir Kapoor

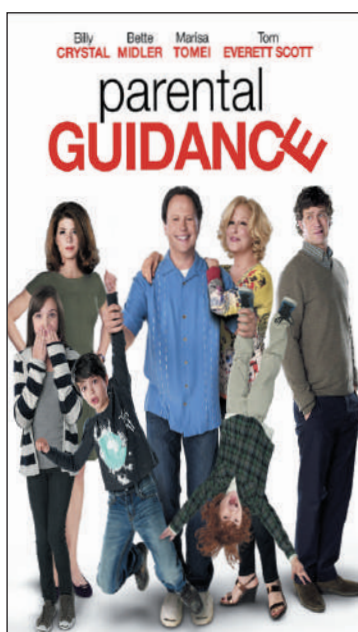


18.00 Samachar  
18.31 Kundali Bhagya  
19.00 Udaariyaan  
19.30 Dharam Patni  
20.05 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
20.30 Shrimad Ramayan





Mardi 5 Août - 21.05



Mercredi 6 Août - 21.40



Mercredi 6 Août - 15.30



# Programme TV



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## MBC 1

04.47 Tele: La Desalmada  
05.13 Tele: L'Amour A Mort  
06.00 Tele: The Queen Of Flow  
07.27 Serial: Quantico  
08.31 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour  
09.35 Film: 47 Metres Down  
11.28 Tele: Lying Heart  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
13.15 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent  
13.45 Tele: La Desalmada  
15.30 Film: Code Mercury  
17.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
18.00 Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
18.58 Serial: Doree  
19.30 Le Journal  
21.10 Film: Parental Guidance  
21.50 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
23.30 Le Journal  
00.05 Quotes By Famous People

## MBC 2

09.35 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante  
10.14 Local: Son Ladan Mem  
11.30 Local: Grand Titre  
12.00 Entrepreneuriat Au Feminin  
13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
13.56 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel  
14.15 Local: Coin Jardin  
14.45 Local: Tous Egaux  
15.30 Local: Mangeons Veg  
17.00 Local: Le Mag  
18.00 Tele: La Desalmada  
18.29 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour  
19.04 Zournal Kreol  
19.20 Local: Itinerer - Rodrig  
19.42 Local: Son Ladan Mem  
20.30 Local: Priorite Sante  
21.26 Local: Le Mag  
22.36 Local: Profil  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.16 Local: Face Cachee  
23.33 Local: Music Tour 2025

## MBC 3

08.00 Ved Ki Shikshahein  
10.07 Kundali Bhagya  
11.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
12.01 Film: Yeh Raat Phir Na Aayegi  
Cast: Prithviraj Kapoor, Biswajeet, Sharmila Tagore, Mumtaz  
15.00 Samachar  
15.41 Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar  
16.00 Serial: Dharam Patni  
17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Local: Tark Vitark  
18.55 Local: Humni Ke Sitare  
19.23 Local: Abhyas Yog  
20.15 Local: Gyan Vigyan  
20.30 Serial: Ramayan  
21.00 Film: Sadhna  
Cast: Vijayanthimala, Sunil Dutt, Leela Chitnis

## MBC 5

06.00 Film: Georges, Le Petit Curieux  
07.24 D.Anime: Giant: Baby...  
08.06 D.Anime: The Jungle Book  
08.39 D.Anime: Dino Ranch  
09.01 Film: Ploey: You Never Fly...  
10.25 D.Anime: The Avatars  
11.30 Film: L'Odyssée D'Albert  
13.00 Mag: Animal DNA  
13.28 Film: Zombillennium  
15.00 D.Anime: Early Learning  
15.30 D.Anime: La Famille Blaireau...  
15.49 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go!  
17.46 Mag: Travel  
18.00 Mag: Rev  
18.30 Mag: Shift  
18.42 Mag: Her: Women In Asia  
19.30 Doc: Global US  
20.01 Tele: L'Heritiere  
20.53 Tele: Wildflower  
21.40 Tele: Seref Meselesi

## Bollywood TV

14.25 Radha Mohan  
14.55 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
15.30 Film: Haathi Mere Sathi  
Cast: Bhuvan Arora, Sheeba Chaddha, Rana Daggubati  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Kundali Bhagya  
19.03 Udaariyaan  
19.33 Dharam Patni  
20.00 Na Umr Ki Seema Ho  
20.29 Shrimad Ramayan  
21.07 Anupama  
21.24 Mere Sai  
21.56 Dhruv Tara  
22.30 Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.00 Mahabharat  
23.23 Film: Haathi Mere Sathi  
Cast: Bhuvan Arora, Sheeba Chaddha, Rana Daggubati

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06.01 Serial: The Queen Of Flow  
07.27 Serial: L'Homme Qui Valait Trois Millions  
08.16 Tele: L'Heritiere  
09.31 Film: Parental Guidance  
11.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
13.15 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent  
13.45 Tele: La Desalmada  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Tele: Seref Meselesi  
17.00 Mag: Video Killed The Radio  
17.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
18.55 Live: Grand Titre  
19.30 Journal & La Meteo  
20.15 Serial: New Amsterdam  
21.05 Serial: The Lazarus Project  
21.58 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
22.39 Tele: Lying Heart

09.35 Local: Le Mag  
10.30 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef  
10.34 Local: Saver Lokal  
11.01 Local: Viens Decouvrir  
11.30 Local: Le Petits Genies  
12.00 Local: Couleur Marine  
12.30 Local: Itinerer - Rodrig  
13.30 Local: Priorite Sante  
14.30 Local: Nu Rasinn  
15.22 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef  
16.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
18.00 Tele: La Desalmada  
18.30 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.30 Local: Rodrig Spor  
20.00 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
20.30 Local: Miot Rehab Centre  
20.45 Local: En Forme  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.20 Grand Titre  
23.20 Local: Clin D'Oeil  
23.35 Fashion Fx & Lifestyle

06.59 Local: Tark Vitark  
08.00 D.Anime: Kicko & Super...  
10.00 Dharam Patni  
11.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
12.00 Film: Sone Ke Haath  
Cast: Sanjay Khan, Babita Kapoor, Om Prakash  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.58 Serial: Radha Mohan  
17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
19.00 Local: Heart Disease with out Bypass Without Surgery Guest  
19.30 Local: Darsgab  
20.00 Local: Virasat  
20.16 Local: Kaam Daam  
21.00 Film: Chori Chori Cupke Chupke  
Cast: Kesari Lal Yadav, Safar Afza  
23.32 Serial: Mere Sai

06.00 Film: Even Bigger Slime  
07.49 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs  
08.20 D.Anime: Tut! Tut! Cory...  
08.40 D.Anime: Dino Ranch  
10.24 D.Anime: The Avatars  
11.36 Film: C.I.Ape  
13.02 Mag: Animal DNA  
13.32 Film: Operation Grizzli  
15.04 D.Anime: C'est Mon Metier  
15.11 D.Anime: Samsam  
15.23 D.Anime: Mush Mush...  
15.34 D.Anime: La Famille Blaireau  
17.10 Serial: Pan Tau  
18.06 Mag: Afrimaxx  
18.42 Mag: Planet A  
18.55 Mag: Arts Unveiled  
19.30 Doc: Submerged Universe  
20.01 Tele: L'Heritiere  
20.50 Tele: Wildflower  
21.40 Film: The Twilight Saga  
23.36 Mag: Close Up  
00.02 Mag: Focus On Europe

14.25 Radha Mohan  
14.50 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
15.30 Film: Kambakkht Ishq  
Cast: Akshaye Kumar, Sylvester Stallone, Kareena Kapoor, Denise Richards...  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Kundali Bhagya  
19.02 Udaariyaan  
19.33 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua  
20.00 Na Umr Ki Seema Ho  
20.31 Shrimad Ramayan  
21.00 Anupamaa  
21.25 Mere Sai  
21.57 Dhruv Tara  
22.30 Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.00 Serial: Mahabharat  
23.30 Film: Kambakkht Ishq  
Cast: Akshaye Kumar, Sylvester Stallone, Kareena Kapoor, Denise Richards...

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05.03 Tele: L'Amour A Mort  
06.00 Tele: The Queen Of Flow  
08.10 Tele: L'Heritiere  
08.32 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour  
09.25 Film: The Twilight Saga  
11.30 Tele: Lying Heart  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie  
13.15 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent  
13.45 Tele: La Desalmada  
14.15 Serial: Wildflower  
15.30 Film: L'Homme De La Sierra  
17.15 Tele: Lying Heart  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
19.00 Serial: Doree  
19.30 Le Journal Televisé  
20.10 Film: Thank God  
Cast: Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra, Rakul Preet Singh

09.10 Local: En Forme  
10.41 Local: Les Klips  
11.35 Local: Grand Titre  
12.00 Local: Exceptionnelles  
12.29 Local: En Toute Intimite  
13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
13.31 Saver Kiltirel  
14.00 Local: Miot Rehab Centre  
15.30 Local: Saveurs Plus  
16.52 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
17.00 Local: Le Mag  
18.00 Tele: La Desalmada  
19.05 Zournal Kreol  
19.30 Rodrig Prog: Komanter  
20.00 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
21.00 Local: Ce Soir Avec Vince  
21.30 Local: Le Mag  
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.20 Local: Son Ladan Mem  
23.37 Nou Later Nou Lamer Nou...  
00.01 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel

07.00 Local: Yatra  
08.00 D.Anime: Kicko & Super  
10.00 Serial: Radha Mohan  
12.00 Film: Ek Phool Char Kante  
Cast: Sunil Dutt, Waheeda Rehman  
15.00 Samachar  
15.30 Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Local: Amrit Vani  
18.43 Satguru Kabir Ka Gyan  
20.08 Local: Hunarbaaz  
20.30 Serial: Ramayan  
21.00 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
21.30 Yashomati Maiyya Ke Nanlala  
22.00 Serial: Mere Sai  
22.48 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.10 Local: Amrit Vani

06.00 Film: Ghoster  
07.54 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs  
09.01 Mag: Recipes For Kids  
09.06 Film: Happily Never After  
10.25 D.Anime: The Avatars  
11.30 Film: Rio  
12.55 Mag: Animal DNA  
13.36 Film: Peter Rabbit 2  
15.06 D.Anime: Will, La Série  
15.15 D.Anime: Samsam  
15.27 D.Anime: Mush Mush...  
16.35 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
18.00 Mag: Eco India  
18.30 Doc: Healing Gardens  
18.50 Doc: Food Up!  
19.30 Mag: Tomorrow Today  
20.01 Tele: L'Heritiere  
20.53 Serial: Wildflower  
22.38 Serial: Les Têtes Brûlées  
23.06 Doc: My Dark Beautiful...  
23.47 Doc: Old Enmities

14.25 Radha Mohan  
15.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain  
15.30 Film: Diljalaa  
Cast: Jackie Shroff, Farah Naaz Hashmi, Tanuja Mukherjee, Danny Denzongpa  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.30 Kundali Bhagya  
19.00 Udaariyaan  
19.30 Dharam Patni  
20.00 Na Umr Ki Seema Ho  
20.24 Shrimad Ramayan  
21.02 Anupamaa  
21.34 Mere Sai  
22.01 Dhruv Tara  
22.29 Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.05 Mahabharat  
23.31 Film: Diljalaa  
Cast: Jackie Shroff, Farah Naaz Hashmi, Tanuja Mukherjee, Danny Denzongpa



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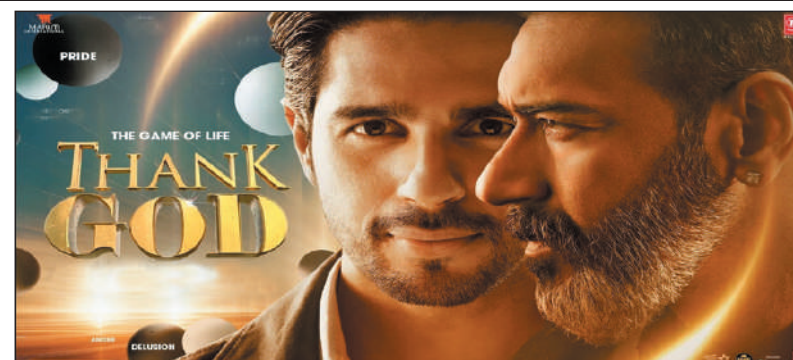
Stars:

Jackie Shroff, Farah Naaz Hashmi, Tanuja Mukherjee, Danny Denzongpa



Jeudi 7 Août - 20.10

Stars: Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra, Rakul Preet Singh







Nita Chicooree-Mercier

## Au-delà du Pont de Terre Rouge

# L'évolution discrète de l'île Maurice

**L**e pont de Terre Rouge, attendu depuis des années, est une véritable aubaine pour les automobilistes. Sa construction, que nous observions patiemment aux quatre embranchements du rond-point en attendant le signal de passage du "gabelou" de service, a été chaleureusement accueillie. En effet, son ouverture a mis fin au stress généré par un embouteillage devenu insupportable.

C'est un pont singulier, le plus triste de l'île, n'ayant connu ni ruban ni discours d'inauguration. Sans doute classé comme une création "illégitime" ou de "paternité gênante", il fut privé de baptême. Du jour au lendemain, les automobilistes se dirigeant vers le nord ont pu se laisser glisser agréablement sur le pont, comme des enfants dans un manège qui les propulse joyeusement en l'air. Ce passage aérien rompt la monotonie du paysage plat du réseau routier, offrant une légèreté bienvenue quotidiennement. Plus d'attente, plus de stress, plus de temps perdu: un véritable changement pour les usagers.

En attendant les voitures volantes, une ligne de tramway reliant le nord et l'est à partir de l'aéroport serait souhaitable à l'avenir. Actuellement, le trajet Plaisance-Nord en taxi est plus onéreux que celui d'Orly vers le centre de Paris. La possibilité de contourner la capitale et de se déplacer sans que Port-Louis ne soit un passage obligé est à envisager. Hormis quelques esprits chagrins que la présence même du métro dérange, personne ne rechigne à la venue de plus de modernité et de confort. Le sud et le sud-ouest de l'île présentent des opportunités de développement d'infrastructures qui bénéficieront au public dans le long terme. Un transport en commun moderne et rapide serait bien plus attrayant que l'offre actuelle, doublement pénalisante en temps perdu et en inconfort.

Depuis plus de deux décennies, travailler à Ébène était perçu comme un symbole de réussite professionnelle; une aura de prestige enveloppait quiconque désignant la Cybercité et ses multiples tours comme lieu de travail. Calquée sur un modèle indien, cette concentration de tours était nécessaire et a ouvert la voie à d'autres projets, compte tenu du développement économique et de la profusion des compagnies *offshore*.

Heureusement, les Business Parks sont sortis de terre comme des champignons à travers l'île ces dernières années, permettant à des milliers de jeunes de travailler à une distance raisonnable de leur domicile, sans être contraints de parcourir des kilomètres et de changer deux fois de bus pour se rendre à Ébène. Ces centres d'affaires sont les "petits frères" d'Ébène, et, fort heureusement, leur légitimité n'est pas contestée!

### Un changement de mentalité subtil mais profond

Il y a des transitions à peine perceptibles parce qu'elles s'opèrent dans le silence. Elles avancent à pas feutrés et transforment le regard sur soi-même, la vie professionnelle et la société. Slogan tapageur ni tambour, une autre approche se met



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en place, gagnant en authenticité et en humilité. Ce n'est pas tombé du ciel du jour au lendemain, mais cette manière différente de se percevoir, de saisir les opportunités d'évolution de carrière et de mesurer les avantages en termes de qualité de vie s'est installée au fil de l'expérience.

Celle-ci fut provoquée par la prospérité déferlante des décennies qui ont suivi l'indépendance, ce qui a ouvert la porte au plein emploi et au consumérisme, aiguillant un esprit de compétition à tous les niveaux et dans tous les domaines, et créant une culture de l'apparence fondée sur la possession: maison, voiture, diplôme et lieu de travail. Les fortes inégalités qui subsistaient entre les classes sociales aisées et les autres se sont estompées de manière significative ces dernières années. Plus de gens ont eu accès à la consommation et aux loisirs. Tandis que le consumérisme s'envolait à ailes déployées, une prise de conscience de l'artificialité s'est fait sentir.

**L**es divers Business Parks délocalisés dans les régions rurales ont changé la donne. Les jeunes diplômés des villages préfèrent travailler à proximité de leur domicile. La capitale a progressivement perdu de son attrait, et Ébène est laissé à ceux qui y trouvent un avantage de proximité, ou à ceux du Sud qui ont le choix entre les Business Parks de leur région et la Cyber Cité. Désormais, l'environnement et la qualité de vie sont des critères non négligeables dans le choix que font les jeunes issus de l'université. Tant mieux. Il fallait que tout ce beau monde, pris dans le tourbillon de la prospérité et de la course aux "bonnes affaires", retombe sur ses pieds, à commencer par les jeunes adultes.

L'horizon n'est pas infini dans les centres d'affaires, mais y mettre le pied est déjà un bon début pour affûter la motivation et le dynamisme. Et ils peuvent changer de centre pour mieux satisfaire leurs ambitions. C'est la question de l'environnement où sont situés les Business Parks qui nous intéresse ici. Les villages offrent l'espace souhaitable pour créer un lieu de travail paisible avec jardin et café. Ceux de Labourdonnais et de Calebasses en sont des exemples. Le jardin bien

entretenu de l'un, dans un quartier presque inhabité, et les grands arbres de l'autre, les protègent de toute pollution sonore. Le dernier-né des Business Parks à Arsenal est un véritable bijou. Si le bâtiment abritant les bureaux est plutôt quelconque, c'est la végétation environnante et la sérénité du lieu qui lui confèrent un cachet particulier. Ce sera de plus en plus un luxe de pouvoir travailler dans de tels cadres. Soyons-en sûrs. Hormis quelques magasins de luxe, il lui manque une cafétéria pour l'instant. Et aucune compagnie d'autobus ne dessert la nouvelle route qui passe à proximité. Mais quel lieu apaisant et agréable!

### Défis urbains et aspirations sociales

**P**ort-Louis est surpeuplée de bureaux, de passants, de magasins et de marchands bruyants. En octobre 2024, la rue devant le marché s'est de nouveau affranchie de tout règlement, envahie par les marchands ambulants. Au dernier passage, le chaos a repris ses droits; outre le désordre et les déchets jonchant le sol, les uns et les autres s'interpellent bruyamment dans une ambiance carnavalesque. Selon les heures, ces derniers jouent à cache-cache avec les agents de l'ordre public. Dès que ces derniers quittent les lieux, les marchands étalent leurs marchandises sur la route. C'est comme un accord tacite entre policiers et marchands, l'ordre et le désordre apparaissent à tour de rôle. À l'entrée de la rue, le marchand de journaux attend patiemment les clients; sur ses cartons, les quatre journaux se tiennent compagnie en bonne entente. Le langage ordurier de quelques excités exacerbe la pollution sonore du lieu.

Nous félicitons donc ce partenariat public-privé qui a permis de délocaliser les lieux de travail à travers l'île, offrant aux jeunes une vie professionnelle pratique dans des cadres agréables. Le consumérisme effréné et la culture des apparences ne disparaissent pas par décret, mais divers facteurs font que la qualité de vie s'apprécie désormais sur d'autres critères.

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Si le pont de Terre Rouge ne passe pas inaperçu et que nous lui sommes reconnaissants d'exister, nous saluons aussi le développement des infrastructures qui permettent aux sociétés privées et étrangères de s'implanter un peu partout et d'embaucher tant de jeunes diplômés. Et nous ne pouvons qu'espérer que la société, et surtout la jeune génération, se défasse de l'artificialité et d'une certaine mentalité, pour s'approprier les critères d'une vie saine.

### Tree of Knowledge

### Experiences We Don't Understand



All of the events in our lives lead to other events; they are all connected

**S**ometimes we have an experience that we don't understand, but if we look deeply or wait long enough, a reason for that experience will usually reveal itself. All the events in our lives lead to other events, and all that we have manifested in this present moment is the result of past events and experiences. We cannot easily tease apart the many threads that have been woven together to create our current reality. Experiences that don't make sense, as well as any that we regret, are just as responsible for the good things in our lives as the experiences we do understand or label as "good."

This is especially important to remember at times when we feel directionless or unsure of what to do. It is often at times like these that we take a job or move to a place without really knowing if it's the right thing to do. We may ultimately end up leaving the job or the place, but while we were there, we may have met an important friend, or we may have had an experience that changed us in a profound way. When all the pieces of our life don't quite make sense, we can remember that there may be some hidden gem why we are where we are.

It's fun to look back on past experiences with an eye to uncovering those gems — the dreadful temporary job in a bland office building that introduced you to the love of your life; the roommate you couldn't tolerate who gave you a book that changed your life; the time spent living in a city you didn't like that led you into a deeper relationship with yourself. Remembering these past experiences can restore our faith in the present. Life is full of buried treasures. Chances are, you're sitting on some right now.