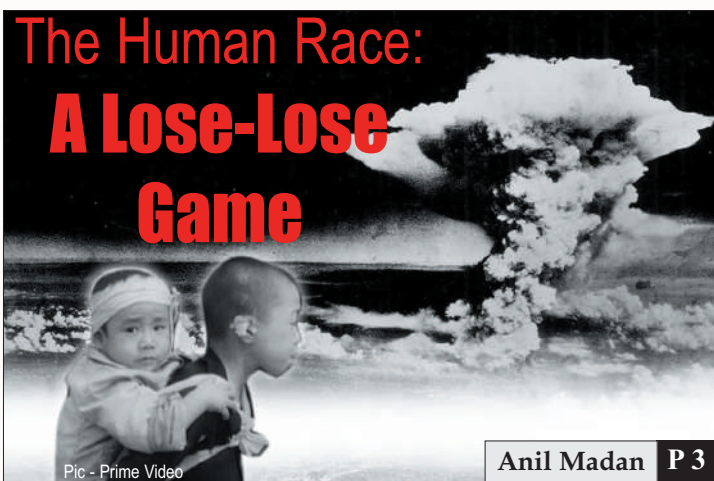


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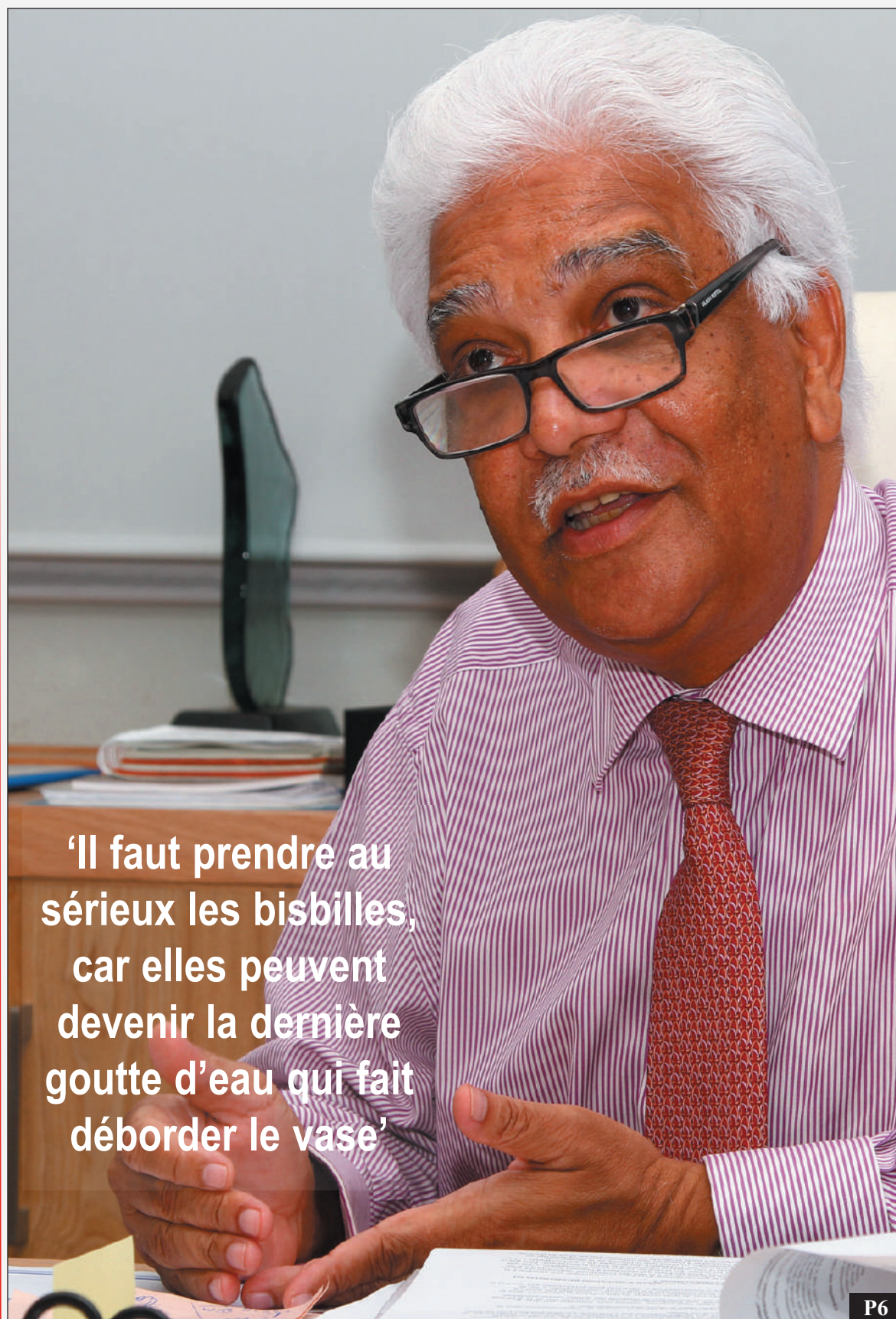


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The Time for Change is Now

The political landscape in Mauritius — characterised by shifting alliances and strong rivalries — is once again under public scrutiny. The very name of the current ruling coalition, Alliance du Changement, evoked hopes of a fresh beginning, a break from entrenched patterns, and a commitment to good governance. Yet, only months into its mandate, the alliance is facing growing internal pressures, rising public expectations, and the early signs of discontent. There is increasing concern that its cohesion may be under strain.

The recent exchange between Junior Minister Anishta Babooram and Minister for Gender Equality, Arianne Navarre-Marie, is a case in point. Occurring so early in the government's term, it has raised eyebrows. Is this simply a personality clash, a momentary misalignment of perspectives? Or does it reflect a deeper challenge in reconciling distinct political identities within the coalition? Beyond personalities, the incident highlights the difficulties of forging unity in a government made up of diverse traditions and political culture. If not addressed constructively, such tensions risk eroding public confidence and offering critics an opportunity to question the alliance's ability to govern with clarity and purpose.

This episode also casts a spotlight on the coalition's two veteran leaders — Navin Ramgoolam and Paul Bérenger. Long-time rivals, their partnership is widely seen as strategic: a calculated effort to secure political stability and preserve the relevance of their respective parties. Each brings a distinct legacy and personal motivation — Ramgoolam seeking to cement his political standing, and Bérenger, perhaps, pursuing one final opportunity to shape the country's direction. Whether their collaboration can withstand mounting political pressures and satisfy the electorate's expectations remains to be seen.

Public expectations are undeniably high. Key electoral promises are still pending, and areas such as the reform of the pension system have generated concern. While the government's decision to press ahead with this reform may reflect fiscal prudence and long-term thinking, it is not without political cost. In democracies, necessary but unpopular decisions often clash with the



imperative to maintain public support. The risk here is that the electorate, facing short-term discomfort, may not wait for promised long-term benefits — placing future electoral prospects in jeopardy.

Adding to the sense of impatience is the perceived slow pace of implementation of major projects and reforms. While it is unrealistic to expect transformative change within months — given the complexity of legal and institutional frameworks — this nuance is often lost on a public seeking visible action. Deputy Prime Minister Bérenger's recent press conference, particularly his remarks on Air Mauritius and energy, suggests that even within government, there is a desire to accelerate progress. It is essential for the government to clearly explain delays and manage expectations. Otherwise, public dissatisfaction risks hardening into disillusionment.

More recently, changes in fiscal policy have sparked further debate. The decision to maintain corporate tax levels and introduce a moratorium on new taxes for real estate developments, while simultaneously implementing measures perceived as austere for vulnerable groups such as pensioners, has generated criticism. These decisions, viewed by some as favouring corporate and affluent interests, appear to stand in contrast with the alliance's initial pledges of equity and inclusiveness. The perception of unequal burden-sha-

ring — where some prosper while others struggle — can erode public trust and fuel social discontent.

Perhaps the most decisive test of this government's credibility lies in its approach to corruption. Expectations surrounding the Financial Crimes Commission (FCC) are considerable. After repeated warnings from the Director of Audit and a series of publicised allegations — including the recent "Missié Moustass" audio leaks — the public is rightly demanding accountability. The key issue now is whether the FCC will be given the resources and political backing to pursue cases effectively. Tackling entrenched corruption will require institutional resilience and an unequivocal commitment from the highest levels of government. The FCC's performance will likely serve as a key indicator of whether the promises of good governance were rhetorical or real.

Ultimately, however, much will depend on economic realities. For most citizens, principles of fairness and good governance matter — but they are filtered through the daily experience of earning a living, securing employment, and coping with rising costs. The broader global context is not favourable, with external uncertainties — including unpredictable shifts in US policy — affecting key Mauritian export markets. The question many are asking is: when will signs of a meaningful economic recovery emerge? The answer will

depend not just on sound policy, but on leadership marked by clarity, discipline, and consistency. In the absence of concrete progress, public patience may wane.

In conclusion, the coming months will be crucial. The electorate is watching closely, hopeful but also increasingly sceptical. Whether this period marks a real turning point or merely a rebranding of old dynamics will depend on the government's ability to listen, adapt, and deliver. The road ahead is challenging, but not insurmountable. What is needed is focus, honesty, and a renewed commitment to the principles that brought the Alliance du Changement to power.

The time for change is indeed now — but it must be real, responsible, and results-driven.

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Anil Madan

The Human Race: A Lose-Lose Game

We are all destined to go to our graves at some point. From time immemorial, humans have striven to hasten the other's arrival at that end point sooner than nature intended

A few days ago, in a muse, I mentioned India's history of being conquered by marauders over the centuries and wrote: "It seems that the only marauder India escaped was Genghis Khan, the Mongol." My friend Mathew who lives in India, sent a link to an article on Timur, a/k/a Tamerlane who, he noted, was "likely descended from Genghis and ancestor to Babur." <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timur>

Babur was, of course, the first Mughal Emperor of India.

Mathew wrote: "I don't think there is any real hope for an extended future for mankind - perhaps less than a couple of centuries hence... But I concede that doomsday for humanity has been predicted and failed many times over, so maybe I will be proved wrong."

Mathew also sent me a video of an interview with Yuval Noah Harari.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pB5UI3GHFxA>. More on that later, perhaps in a follow up article.

I agree with Mathew's despairing assessment of the prospects for humanity, but I think a grace period of a couple of centuries is too generous. From my perspective, we humans continue to refine the art of exterminating each other, and at some point, in the not-too-distant future, some demented member of our race will succeed in doing the unthinkable. It does not seem to me a good proposition to bet that humans will show restraint and not use weapons of mass destruction. It happened once at Hiroshima. After seeing the destruction, one might have bet on a NEVER AGAIN proposition. But it happened twice. As I write on August 6, 2025, the 80th anniversary of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima, it is well to remember that just three days later, a second nuclear attack was unleashed on another Japanese city, Nagasaki.

Ever since the first successful nuclear test and the use of two nuclear bombs on civilians, the metaphorical sword of Damocles has been suspended over the world by a single horsehair... or one might say, by a single horse's ass.

Mathew's reference to Timur, or Tamerlane, and his ancestor (sort of) Genghis Khan spurred me to investigate a bit. They turn out to be interesting examples of human depravity lurking under a veneer of respectability.

Although I intend to write about this problem of humans killing humans as a worldwide phenomenon, the historical context of India's experience is illustrative.

Genghis Khan, a relative latecomer to the marauders and killers of human history was the founder and first lord or chief (Khan) of the Mongol Empire comprising large parts of China and Central Asia. His reign lasted for 21 years in the 13th century. His reputation for ruthlessness is well-deserved. His army was responsible for the deaths of millions — estimates range from 20 to 40 million, or 11-13% of the world's population during his time. One estimate ran to 60 million dead, but its veracity is dubious. Like many despotic tyrants, he claimed Divine Right. He believed that the shamanic supreme deity had destined him for world domination.

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genghis_Khan

Tamerlane or Timur ruled from the latter part of the 14th century (1370) into the early fifteenth century (1405). He apparently shared a common ancestor with Genghis



Injured civilians, having escaped the raging inferno, gathered on a pavement west of Miyuki-bashi in Hiroshima, Japan, about 11 am on 6 August 1945. - UN Photo/Yoshito Matsushige

Khan. He founded the Timurid Empire which spanned parts of what is today's Afghanistan, Iran and parts of Central Asia. He was reputedly one of the greatest military tacticians and remained undefeated in battle. He was, like Genghis Khan, a brutal conqueror. His armies are estimated to have caused the deaths of perhaps as many as 17 million.

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/medieval/tamerlane-middle-east.html>

On the other hand, this ruthless killer was revered as a patron of the arts and sciences, engaged with intellectuals, and his reign has been called the Timurid renaissance. The veneer was perhaps a personal camouflage to keep him from looking at what he truly was.

Babur (1483-1530) was the great-great-grandson of Timur (1336 - 1405). Babur, then 12-years old, took the throne of Fergana in Uzbekistan in 1494. His troops repulsed a rebellion and conquered Samarkand two years later. In ensuing battles to control the capital Fergana, he lost control of Samarkand. In 1501, his attempt to recapture both the regions failed when the Uzbek prince Muhammad Shaybani defeated him.

In 1504 at age 21, he conquered Kabul. Partnering with another emperor, he reconquered parts of Turkestan, including Samarkand, only to again lose it and the other newly conquered lands to the Shaybanids.

In terms of Indian history, this is where things took a major turn. After his third defeat at Samarkand, Babur directed his attention to India. Enlisting aid from the Ottoman and Safavid empires, he defeated Ibrahim Lodi who was then Sultan of Delhi. This victory in the First Battle of Panipat in 1526 marks the founding of the Mughal Empire in India.

The Kingdom of Mewar was adjacent to the Delhi Sultanate. Its ruler Rana Sanga gathered a coalition of almost 100,000 Rajput troops to take down Babur. But Babur was a wily chap and with half the number of soldiers, used skillful troop positioning, gunpowder and cannon artillery to inflict a major defeat of Sanga. This was the opening for the expansion of the Mughal Empire into the northern India.

When he was older (keep in mind that he died at 47),

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Babur became more tolerant of non-Islamic religions than his predecessors and ancestors. He allowed followers of these faiths to coexist peacefully at his court and across his empire. Perhaps the Timurid Renaissance was in his genes, as he showed an affinity for theology, poetry, geography, history, and even biology. This savage warrior was also said to have humanistic religious and philosophical stances.

But tolerance was hardly the watchword in his early years as a ruler. Babur ruled for 4 years and his son Humayun, who succeeded him, for 26. During those thirty years, violence against Hindus and Sikhs was common. In fact, Guru Nanak, the founder and spiritual saint of the Sikh religion, commented on Babur's cruelty in four hymns. There are some historical suggestions that this period of violence and abuse of Sikhs by the Mughals was responsible for the transformation of the Sikhs from peaceful and introspective people to a race of fighters for their own survival. Babur admitted in his autobiography, *Baburnama*, that he set out to kill Hindus, Sikhs, and non-Sunni Muslims who were considered apostates. An immense number were killed.

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“Neither a minister nor a junior minister is appointed to boost their ego; their role is to fulfill their constitutional duties”

The recent public dispute between Minister Arianne Navarre-Marie and Junior Minister Anishta Babooram has drawn attention to the constitutional roles of these positions in Mauritius. Section 66 of the Constitution specifies that Junior Ministers are appointed to “assist Ministers,” a mandate that seems to clash with the open conflict. This situation raises important questions about the distribution of tasks, the definition of “assistance,” and the ultimate authority within a ministry. It highlights a potential lack of clarity in the government’s hierarchy and division of power. Lex looks into the constitutional provisions, the conflict, and its broader implications for the government’s internal dynamics.

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*** The Constitution of Mauritius specifically addresses the post of Junior Minister in Section 66. What does your reading of that Section inform you about the relationship between a Junior Minister and a Minister? Is it one of opposition, or rather one of collaboration and assistance?**

Section 66(1) of the Constitution makes it clear that Junior Ministers are appointed to assist ministers in the performance of their duties. Their primary role is to support and work alongside the designated minister within a specific government department. This assistance can involve various tasks, including policy formulation, implementation, and representing the ministry’s interests. Similar to ministers, Junior Ministers are required to take an oath of allegiance before the President of the Republic before they can assume their responsibilities.

The oath, which is prescribed in the Third Schedule of the Constitution, reads:

I,, being appointed ... Junior Minister, do swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will to the best of my judgment, at all times when so required, freely give my counsel and advice to the President (or any other person for the time being lawfully performing the functions of that office) for the good management of the public affairs of Mauritius, and I do further swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will not on any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose the counsel, advice, opinion or vote of any particular Minister or Junior Minister and that I will not, except with the authority of the Cabinet and to such extent as may be required for the good management of the affairs of Mauritius, directly or indirectly reveal the business or proceedings of the Prime Minister/Minister/Junior Minister or any matter coming to my knowledge in my capacity as such and that in all things I will be a true and faithful Prime Minister/Minister/Junior Minister. (So, help me God.)

A junior minister must faithfully adhere to the spirit of the oath.

*** The public dispute between Junior Minister Anishta Babooram and Minister Arianne Navarre Marie over the Junior Minister’s duties raises an important question: Does this incident show that the responsibilities of junior ministers are unclear? If so, how can we fix this to avoid future conflicts?**

A minister should work in collaboration and respect with a junior minister, rather than directing or giving orders. Whenever a minister requests a junior minister to handle a matter, the junior minister should not take offence but



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*** Given the constitutional mandate for Junior Ministers to “assist Ministers,” does the Constitution or any law define what constitutes “assistance” versus “executive authority”?**

The role of a junior minister has never been explicitly or completely detailed. That would be very difficult to do. That is why the Constitution uses the general term “assist.” It is understood, however, that they should assist ministers. How this assistance is carried out depends largely on the relationship between the minister and their junior minister.

*** How does the role of a Junior Minister constitutionally differ from that of a Private Parliamentary Secretary (PPS), particularly given that both roles are often held by government backbenchers and have been subject to public discussion regarding their function and purpose?**

A Private Parliamentary Secretary (PPS) was not attached to any ministry and worked only to coordinate projects for the government’s National Development Unit (NDU) at the constituency level, as explained by Ahmed Iqbal Khan in an article in *l’Express* on October 30, 2023. He also quotes constitutional lawyer Milan Meertarban,

who stated, “The role of the PPS is much more political.” According to former President of the Republic and ex-Speaker of the National Assembly Kailash Purryag, “Each PPS is/was supposed to oversee development projects, such as road and drain construction, in an average of two constituencies. That is/was their role.”

*** Does this public quarrel highlight a lack of clarity in the distribution of tasks and powers between Ministers and Junior Ministers across the government?**

It was ill-advised for the junior minister to make public allegations against the minister. Ministers and junior ministers are human beings with their own strengths, weaknesses,

and egos, but once they assume political office, personal considerations should be set aside. If the junior minister felt that the minister was not treating her properly, she should first and foremost have seen the Prime Minister to discuss the matter with him. Other junior ministers are working in close collaboration with their respective ministers without any complaints.

A conflict of this nature often results from a combination of factors, including personal egos. While it is possible this played a major role, only the Minister and the Junior Minister involved can know the full details.

*** It is known at this stage what is the Prime Minister’s position on this open conflict within his cabinet, and what actions he is taking to restore order. Could this dispute be a sign of deeper tensions within the ruling alliance, or an isolated personality conflict?**

A single personal disagreement from a junior minister is unlikely to destabilize the government. The conflict might be a sign of a deeper issue, but it doesn’t necessarily mean that the cohesion is not there anymore.

*** How does the Prime Minister’s role as the leader of the cabinet and head of the government’s alliance play into resolving this dispute?**

In the event of a conflict between a minister and a junior minister, the Prime Minister’s role is to mediate and resolve the disagreement.

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I cannot find any precise figures for the number of people Babur killed. There is a bit of information in some articles I have read, but how reliable is it?

<https://www.sikhnet.com/news/islamic-india-biggest-holocaust-world-history>

This article suggests that some 200-300 million Indians were killed during the Mughal rule and British Raj (in which I include the predecessor East India Company).

<https://www.firstpost.com/opinion/how-muslim-invaders-and-british-rulers-killed-over-300-million-people-in-india-still-no-memorial-for-hindu-holocaust-11831111.html>

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use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine and lately, reminds the world that Russia has ended its moratorium on the deployment of short- and medium-range nuclear missiles. He warns that Trump is playing an ultimatum game with Russia and: “Each new ultimatum is a threat and a step towards war. Not between Russia and Ukraine, but with his own country. Don't go down the Sleepy Joe road!” Medvedev had said. (*The nickname “Sleepy Joe”, originally coined by Donald Trump to mock Joe Biden during his presidency, suggests that Biden is slow, disengaged, or ineffective as a leader.*) And China has ramped up production of nuclear warheads, with plans to add thousands more by 2030.

I take no solace in Mathew's observation that historically, doomsday predictions for humanity have gone by the boards. In this age of Artificial Intelligence, my prediction is that Natural Stupidity will win out. So far, man's record of killing his fellow man has been a remarkably repetitive one. Our history of having weapons of mass destruction is relatively short. The joy of oppressing others is a much older story.

We are all destined to go to our graves at some point. From time immemorial, humans have striven to hasten the other's arrival at that end point sooner than nature intended.

In this race against itself, the human race — the only entrant — is determined to come in second.

Cheerz...
Bwana

‘Ambiguous roles for ministers and junior ministers can lead to inefficiency and policy paralysis’

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This is essential to ensure the government functions effectively and maintains a united front. This process often involves clarifying roles, facilitating communication, and, if necessary, making a final decision.

*** What is the potential impact of this public quarrel on the ruling alliance's cohesion and public image?**

At this stage, there appears to be little public reaction. The full extent of the public response remains to be seen.

*** Given the public nature of this dispute, what formal or informal mechanisms do other Commonwealth countries, such as the UK, Australia, or Canada, use to resolve or mediate conflicts between senior and junior ministers, and could a similar process be implemented in Mauritius?**

In Commonwealth countries, resolving disputes between ministers and junior ministers typically involves a hierarchical structure, with the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretary playing key roles. The Prime Minister is the ultimate judge of ministerial conduct and can impose sanctions for breaches of the “Ministerial Code”.

If a dispute arises between a minister and a junior minister, it should first be addressed within the department, with the minister ultimately responsible for resolving it. If the issue remains unresolved, the matter is then escalated to the Cabinet Secretary and the Prime Minister.

*** Beyond the immediate conflict, what are the long-term implications for governance in Mauritius if the roles of ministers and junior ministers remain ambiguous?**

While the personal responsibility of each minister and junior minister to avoid or manage conflict is important, a system that relies solely on individual discretion — rather than clear, established rules — is inherently vulnerable to personality clashes and inconsistent governance, which ultimately creates the very problems it seeks to avoid.

Without clear guidelines, ambiguous roles for ministers and junior ministers can lead to inefficiency and policy paralysis, as tasks may be duplicated or fall through the cracks. This constant tug-of-war over responsibilities hinders the effective formulation and implementation of policies.

Furthermore, this ambiguity creates a significant lack of accountability; when roles are unclear, it becomes difficult to assign responsibility for a policy's success or failure, allowing ministers and the junior ministers to avoid blame and leading to a decline in performance standards. Such internal friction and a disunited front can ultimately erode public trust in the government's ability to manage the country effectively.

Ultimately, this lack of clarity can undermine the hierarchical structure of the government, challenging the authority of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet and leading to a breakdown in discipline and coherent decision-making.

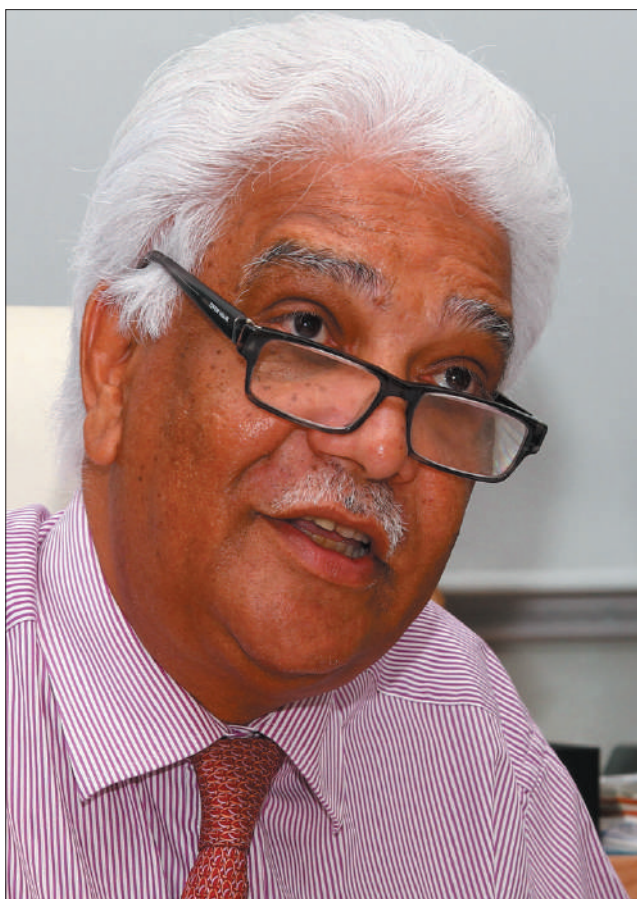
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- ‘Il nous faut un ministre des Finances pour exécuter les mesures annoncées, sans quoi Moody's se présentera de nouveau’

Mauritius Times: L'affaire du conflit opposant la *Junior Minister* Anishta Babooram à la ministre de l'Égalité des genres, Arianne Navarre-Marie, est-elle, selon vous, le symptôme d'une mésentente assez sérieuse au sein de l'Alliance du Changement? Ou n'est-ce qu'un simple feu de paille occasionné par les egos de deux femmes issues de cultures politiques différentes?

Jean Claude de l'Estrac: Je vois trois explications à ce mini drame: l'institutionnel, le personnel, la politique.

La première raison de ce conflit tient à l'ambiguïté de la fonction d'un *Junior Minister* dont le rôle n'a été défini nulle part. Chaque *Junior Minister* s'est donc donné sa propre définition de son rôle et de ses pouvoirs. Le conseil des ministres devrait urgemment profiter de l'occasion de ce conflit pour apporter une nécessaire clarification.

Peut-être aussi sur le rôle et les pouvoirs d'un Premier ministre adjoint. Là aussi, il y a des raisons de penser que des précisions sont devenues essentielles. Même si Paul Béranger a réussi, hier, au cours d'une conférence de presse bienvenue, concrète et pédagogique, à donner une vraie consistance à son rôle et sa contribution au gouvernement. Ils sont réels.

La deuxième raison est une affaire de personnalités. Il y a des ministres qui ont horreur que quiconque leur fasse de

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Tout incident impliquant des acteurs de la classe politique suscite immédiatement des réactions. Il en est ainsi depuis que le conflit entre une Ministre de Tutelle et une Junior Minister est devenu public. Alors que pour certains, il ne s'agit que d'une bagarre entre deux personnalités fortes, d'autres y voient une mésentente sérieuse au sein de l'Alliance du Changement. Quant à Jean Claude de l'Estrac, il propose d'axer la réflexion sur les facteurs institutionnels, personnels et politiques en jeu, mais aussi d'étendre l'analyse sur la santé du gouvernement, les défis des réformes économiques et le désenchantement croissant de la population, révélateur d'un déficit de communication entre les élus et le peuple.

l'ombre. Cela peut aller très loin. Il y a des *Juniors* qui rêvent d'être *Seniors*. C'est la recette de la crise.

Enfin, il y a le rapport de forces politique. Dans une situation parfois conflictuelle entre partenaires, la cohabitation entre deux sensibilités différentes, peut devenir problématique surtout si les deux premières conditions sont réunies. Mais ce n'est pas une fatalité. Il y a aussi des exemples de rapports confiants.

* Cette affaire, et probablement d'autres sujets de désaccord entre les deux principaux partenaires de l'Alliance qui ne sont pas étalés sur la place publique, ne sont pas susceptibles de mettre en péril cette entente. On pourrait croire que Navin Ramgoolam et Paul Béranger ont un intérêt mutuel à préserver leur alliance, ou qu'ils se sont grandement investis pour assurer sa pérennité à long terme. Quelle est votre analyse de leur agenda personnel et de celui de leur parti respectif?

Je n'ai pas connaissance de l'agenda personnel à long terme et parfaitement maîtrisé de chacun des protagonistes. Mais je suis instruit par l'Histoire. Je sais qu'il peut advenir un moment où une dynamique qui dépasse les volontés, s'installe. J'ai déjà vu se dérouler ce psychodrame national. C'est pourquoi il faut prendre au sérieux ce qui peut paraître, au départ, comme des bisbilles que l'on a tendance à minimiser. Il faut toujours garder en tête le phénomène de la dernière goutte d'eau qui fait déborder le vase... Il faut espérer que nous n'en sommes pas là.

Je suis certain que les intéressés en sont conscients. Mais il y a des signaux inquiétants, et ils sont de plus en plus du domaine public. Hier, le Premier ministre adjoint a fait une sortie publique dont on peut penser que l'objectif principal était de rassurer la population sur le bon fonctionnement politique de l'Alliance au gouvernement. Béranger a pris grand soin de prendre tout le monde «on board» -

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comme il le dit souvent.

Plus inquiétante encore est la question de la pérennisation des partis politiques. Dans le cas des deux principaux partis au gouvernement, leurs leaders sont en fin de carrière. Là encore, les leaders-proprétaires des partis n'ont jamais voulu préparer un plan de succession. On dirait qu'ils se croient immortels.

« J'espère que les leaders mesurent leurs responsabilités. Que des divergences existent entre les deux têtes de l'exécutif n'est pas une révélation. Pour les avoir déjà vu à l'œuvre, ensemble ou séparément, nous savons qu'il y a là deux conceptions différentes sinon antagonistes de l'exercice du pouvoir. C'est cela qui se manifeste dans leurs relations même s'il nous joue, l'un et l'autre, la comédie de l'entente parfaite... »

* Dans de nombreux milieux, on soutient toutefois qu'il y a un sentiment de frustration sur le terrain. Ce sentiment serait lié aux promesses électorales non tenues, aux réformes, comme celle du système de retraite, qui n'auraient pas été suffisamment expliquées, aux nominations controversées ou laissées en suspens, ainsi qu'aux résultats qui tardent à venir. Cependant, il n'est pas évident que le gouvernement actuel puisse satisfaire tout le monde et obtenir des résultats probants en si peu de temps, n'est-ce pas?

Bien sûr. Mais le gouvernement s'est largement piégé par la course aux promesses démagogiques. Une minorité d'électeurs savaient parfaitement que nombre de ces promesses financières étaient intenables. Mais beaucoup y ont cru, d'où le désenchantement.

Mais bien au-delà de ces frustrations, se développe le sentiment que le gouvernement tâtonne, qu'il est lent, qu'il est contradictoire, qu'il est indûment centralisateur, que les vieux démons ressuscitent, qu'il ne sait pas parler à la population même pour promouvoir ses réalisations, il y en a.

La pire des choses qui pourrait arriver au pays, en la conjoncture, c'est une crise politique. J'espère que les leaders mesurent leurs responsabilités. Que des divergences existent entre les deux têtes de l'exécutif n'est pas une révélation.

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* **Le gouvernement a maintenu sa position sur la réforme du système de retraite malgré le mécontentement d'une grande partie de la population. Cette réforme était sans doute nécessaire, au fait "long due". Le gouvernement espère probablement que les Mauriciens finiront par comprendre l'enjeu de cette réforme, afin qu'elle ne compromette pas leur capital électoral le moment venu. Mais est-ce un pari risqué?**

Je pense que le gouvernement a fait ce qu'il fallait faire. Mais il l'a fait de la plus mauvaise manière qui soit. Je ne sais à quoi sert son armée de communicants. Il y avait plusieurs options : je pense que la perception publique aurait été autre si, par exemple, la réforme sur la pension avait été découplée des propositions financières du budget. Elle est vue aujourd'hui comme une manière cynique du gouvernement de faire des économies sur le dos des pensionnés. A la vérité, le pays vit une transition démographique, catastrophique et existentielle, qui n'a pas été suffisamment expliquée à la population. Le problème n'est pas seulement économique, il n'est pas seulement mauricien non plus.

Quel sera l'état de l'opinion dans cinq ans, personne ne peut le dire à ce stade. Beaucoup dépendra alors de ce qui aura été l'évolution de l'économie, la croissance, la qualité de la gouvernance, l'émergence de nouveaux leaders...

* **Le sentiment de frustration concernant les résultats qui tardent à venir est-il justifié, selon vous? C'est probablement faire preuve de méconnaissance du fonctionnement du gouvernement, avec ses procédures lourdes et chronophages, mais dans la majorité des cas obligatoires de par la loi, que de penser que les grands chantiers vont prendre forme assez rapidement, dès la première année du mandat du gouvernement. Votre opinion?**

Bien sûr que Rome n'a pas été construite en un jour. Mais au bout de 300 jours, on commence à se poser des questions tout de même... Certains retards sont inexplicables et

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intolérables. Il y a des problèmes qui ne pourront être résolus que dans le temps. Mais il n'en demeure pas moins vrai qu'une part du problème vient d'une hypercentralisation, elle même née d'un manque de confiance entre partenaires politiques.

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* **Par ailleurs, le revirement du gouvernement concernant l'impôt sur les sociétés (Corporate Income Tax) et le moratoire sur les nouvelles taxes pour les projets immobiliers, tels qu'annoncés récemment – qui sont perçus comme des concessions fiscales accordées au "big business" et aux personnes à hauts revenus, tout en imposant l'austérité aux personnes à faibles revenus qui dépendent des pensions de vieillesse – ne passe pas bien auprès de tout le monde. Voyez-vous ces mesures fiscales compatibles avec les promesses d'un développement économique équitable et inclusif pour l'ensemble de la population mauricienne?**

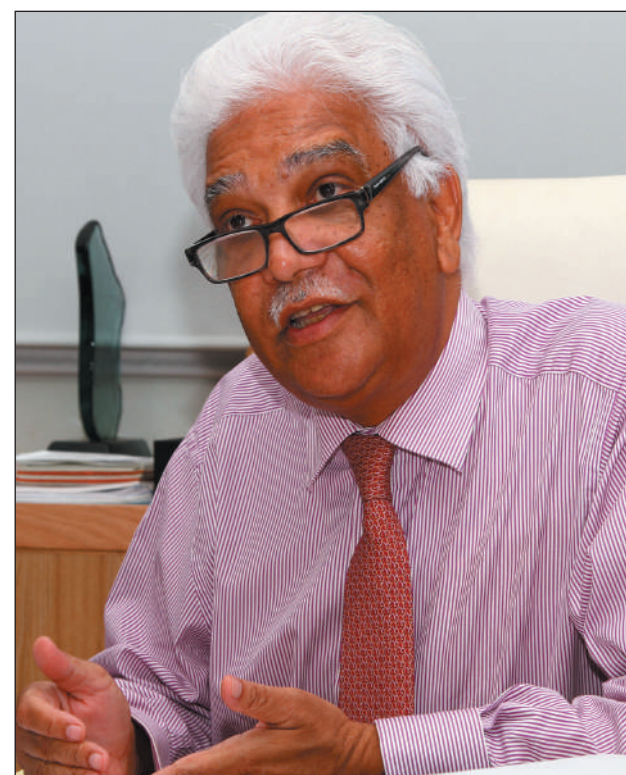
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La croissance «stupid», comme aurait dit l'autre. L'exercice est effectivement délicat. Il est bien sûr indispensable dans la situation difficile dans laquelle on se trouve, et que l'on ne peut pas nier, que les sacrifices à faire soient équitablement répartis.

En filigrane dans le discours du budget, il y avait une parade pour éviter un déclasserment de Moody's. Beaucoup d'électeurs ne semblent pas attacher une grande importance à la question. Toutefois, ils ont tort. Une mauvaise notation de cette agence aurait eu des graves conséquences pour l'économie du pays: un ralentissement des investissements étrangers dont nous avons tant besoin, un accès renchéri à l'emprunt international qui aurait alourdi davantage le service de la dette, déjà exorbitant.

Il fallait montrer la volonté d'assainissement mais sans envoyer des mauvais signaux susceptibles de freiner l'élan des investisseurs, locaux et étrangers. Le Premier ministre vient de la redire, à juste raison, seule une collaboration intelligente et confiante, secteur privé-Etat peut produire la croissance escomptée.

* **Une forte attente pèse sur les enquêtes de la Financier Crimes Commission (FCC), largement relayées par les médias depuis un certain temps. Après des années de pillage des caisses de l'État dans de multiples institutions, comme rapporté par le Directeur de l'Audit année après année, la population mauricienne est en droit d'attendre des résultats tangibles. Pensez-vous que ces enquêtes aboutiront à des poursuites judiciaires concrètes ou s'inscriront-elles dans un cycle**



de rapports sans suite, comme on a pu le voir par le passé?

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Notons qu'il y a eu ces jours derniers, des indications d'une meilleure coordination entre les agences concernées.

* **Selon vous, quelle est l'étendue réelle de cette corruption systémique? Et, au-delà des intentions affichées, existe-t-il une véritable volonté politique et un soutien institutionnel suffisant pour que ces enquêtes aboutissent enfin et répondent à cette attente populaire?**

La corruption est partout, la petite comme la grande. Les enquêtes policières et l'administration de la justice ne dépendent pas de la politique, en principe en tout cas.

Moi, ce qui m'inquiète au plus haut point, c'est l'état de déperissement d'une partie de la force policière. J'en suis à penser qu'une grande partie de nos problèmes d'ordre public - la drogue, l'insécurité, les violences - sont dus à la déliquescence de l'autorité policière, de haut en bas. On frissonne à l'idée de ce qui aurait pu se passer, si le fonctionnement mafieux de certaines instances policières n'avait pas été démasqué.

Il faut espérer maintenant des punitions exemplaires.

* **Au bout du compte, ce qui primera aux yeux de l'électorat, au-delà de l'équité et de la bonne gouvernance, c'est l'état de son porte-monnaie. Cela dépendra d'une véritable reprise économique. Au vu du contexte économique local et international, et avec un ministre des Finances à temps partiel, une telle reprise est-elle crédible?**

Elle ne pointe pas encore du nez.

Vous avez raison, il nous faudrait maintenant un ministre des Finances, chargé plus spécialement de l'exécution des mesures annoncées. Faute de quoi, Moody's se présentera de nouveau à nos portes dans quelques mois.

A Comedy of Political Roles

The Minister, the Junior and the Case of the Missing Bonjour

In an improbable corner of Port Louis, beneath a flamboyant tree and over a glass of aloude, the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates finds himself embroiled in a very modern Mauritian drama. What begins as a simple query about ministerial duties soon unravels into a spirited exchange on power, ego, WhatsApp etiquette, and the metaphysics of being “sidelined.”

When Junior Minister Anisthia publicly accuses her senior, Arianina, of neglect and political gaslighting, the island’s usual hush of protocol is broken. Enter Socrates — meddling with charm, guided by questions more potent than accusations. Alongside him, a cast of characters as vivid as any in a Greek chorus: Glaucus the civil servant, Hermes the nosy journalist disguised as foliage, and Kreola the market vendor whose mangoes and metaphors are equally sharp.

This dialogue, while humorous, lays bare the timeless tensions between ambition and authority, form and function, dignity and duty. In a system where titles often outrun substance and silence passes for decorum, Socrates holds up a mirror — cracked perhaps, but reflective nonetheless.

Plutonix

Let the courtyard debate begin.

Dramatis Personae:

- Socrates – The curious old philosopher, inexplicably in Mauritius
- Glaucus – A well-meaning civil servant
- Anisthia – A fiery young politician recently transferred from Gender Equality to Health
- Arianina – A senior Minister with a sense of protocol
- Hermes – A nosy journalist, disguised as a tree
- Kreola – A wise market vendor who’s seen it all

Socrates: Good day, Glaucus! You appear more wrinkled than usual. What news from the ministries?

Glaucus: Oh Socrates, it is chaos in our usually dignified corridors. Junior Minister Anisthia has publicly accused her senior, Arianina, of... how shall I say... oxygen-level dishonesty.

Socrates: My word! Did she say the Minister breathes lies?

Glaucus: Quite literally: “She lies as she breathes,” were her words. You see, Anisthia claims she was sidelined, ignored, not even granted a “bonjour”.

Socrates: A “bonjour” withheld? In France, that would qualify as psychological warfare. But tell me, what does a Junior Minister do, exactly?

Glaucus: According to our Constitution, she is to “assist the Minister.”

Socrates: “Assist”? A word as vague as a politician’s promise. Suppose I hand you a coconut and say, “assist it” — what would you do?

Glaucus: I suppose I’d ask it what it

her senior advisor — who, by the way, gives the impression of running the entire Ministry like it’s a cake shop.

Socrates: So your tasks were administrative, not ministerial?

Anisthia: Precisely. And when I protested, I was painted as lazy. Overshadowing her, she apparently grumbled!

Socrates: Ah, the oldest tactic in the play-book. When a woman speaks her mind, she is not merely asserting herself, but ‘grumbling.’ When she excels, she is ‘overshadowing.’ This is not a new grievance, my friend. It seems the human heart, and the political arena, has changed little over the millennia. Anyway, that’s a curious charge. Did you bring an eclipse with you?

Anisthia: Only my competence.



needs.

Socrates: And if it said, “Nothing, please leave me alone,” what then?

Glaucus: Then I’d sit quietly near it and hope for a miracle.

Socrates: Precisely what Anisthia did, it seems. Now, let us summon her, if she is not busy reorganising syringes at the Ministry of Health.

(Enter Anisthia, storming in like a cyclone named after herself.)

Anisthia: I was summoned?

Socrates: Only by truth, dear Anisthia. What afflicts you?

Anisthia: Eight months of nothingness. Not a single file. Not a single meeting. Not even a WhatsApp forward from Arianina. I had to post on Facebook to be heard!

Socrates: A grave step indeed. In Athens, we’d only post on Facebook to announce our engagement or a good tzatziki — you know, don’t you — the sauce recipe.

Anisthia: Take notes. Call crêches. Assist

(A sudden gust of incense. Arianina enters in full ceremonial dress, followed by two interns and a chihuahua.)

Arianina: I hear philosophy is being weaponized. I must defend myself.

Socrates: Welcome, Arianina. We are only seeking clarity — something rarely found in ministries. Tell us, why did you not assign tasks to your Junior Minister?

Arianina: But I did! I handed her four major files: adoption reform, domestic violence, crèches, and shelters. She dismissed them as “for civil servants.”

Anisthia: Lies! The only thing that reached my desk was a flyer on International Women’s Day.

Arianina: She avoided me since January! How can I assign files to a ghost?

Socrates: So we have a paradox: a Minister who claims she offered tasks, and a Junior Minister who says she received none. Tell me, Arianina, did you communicate

these files in writing?

Arianina: No. We work on trust.

Anisthia: More like telepathy.

(From behind the flamboyant tree, Hermes the Journalist scribbles furiously.)

Hermes: “Ministers caught in metaphysical feud; tree overhears everything...”

Socrates: Let us ask: What does it mean to “assist”? If Glaucus assists me in writing this dialogue, but I give him no pen, can he be blamed?

Arianina: But a Junior Minister must show initiative!

Socrates: Ah! But not too much initiative, or else she overshadows the senior. It’s like asking a candle to light the room but not shine.

Kreola: In my stall, when someone comes to help, I give them a task. If they stand idle, it’s my fault, not theirs. Unless they eat all my mangoes.

Socrates: Wise Kreola! Now, dear Anisthia, did you attempt to mend the gap?

Anisthia: I went on leave. Then I waited. Then I posted.

Socrates: Social media: the last resort of the ignored.

Arianina: She wanted me to bow to her demands. I am the Minister!

Socrates: And yet, even kings must speak to their scribes. Tell me, were you both from the same party?

Anisthia: I am Labour.

Arianina: I am MMM.

Socrates: Ah, the plot thickens like rougaille left too long on the stove. Perhaps the Constitution should include not just duties but boundaries for egos. You are two women at the helm of a vital Ministry — surely this should be a sign of progress?

Kreola (the wise market vendor): Or of double the trouble, if pride gets in the way.

Arianina: This is not about pride.

Anisthia: It’s about dignity.

Socrates: And possibly a lack of WhatsApp messages. But let me ask you both: What is the purpose of governance?

Anisthia and Arianina: To serve the people.

Socrates: Yet here we are, arguing about who got to serve less. Perhaps we are in the wrong play entirely. Maybe this is a tragedy disguised as a sitcom.

Glaucus: So what now?

Socrates: Perhaps a new Ministry: The Ministry of Ministerial Relations. Staffed entirely by retired aunts who excel at patching quarrels with tea and sarcasm.

Hermes: Or we could just rename all Junior Ministers as “Assistant Ministers (With Feelings).”

Kreola: Or hire a goat to mediate. Goats have no ego. Just grass and wisdom.

Socrates: Indeed, the goat might be the wisest among us. But until the Constitution is rewritten, we must remember: Power without clarity is a recipe for conflict. And politics without humility is just theatre without a script.

(They all fall silent. The chihuahua sneezes.)

Le bras de fer économique: Quand les sanctions de Trump défient la souveraineté indienne

Par A. Bartleby

Les relations entre les États-Unis et l'Inde, longtemps décrites comme un partenariat stratégique en pleine ascension, connaissent un tournant dramatique. Par un décret présidentiel devant entrer en vigueur dans 21 jours, Donald Trump a annoncé une hausse de 25 % des droits de douane sur les importations indiennes, portant le total à 50 %. Officiellement motivée par les achats persistants de pétrole russe par New Delhi, cette mesure unilatérale des États-Unis risque de fragiliser l'équilibre géopolitique en Asie.

Le pétrole russe au cœur du différend

Depuis le début du conflit en Ukraine, l'Inde a massivement augmenté ses importations de pétrole russe, profitant des prix bradés dus aux sanctions occidentales. Troisième plus grand importateur de brut au monde, New Delhi a justifié cette politique par l'impératif de répondre aux besoins énergétiques de ses 1,4 milliard de citoyens.

Mais Washington voit rouge. En signant le décret le 6 août 2025, Trump a voulu envoyer un message clair : tout commerce avec la Russie sera sanctionné, même lorsqu'il émane d'alliés stratégiques. La réponse indienne ne s'est pas fait attendre. Le porte-parole du ministère des Affaires étrangères, Randhir Jaiswal, a dénoncé une décision «malheureuse» et «injustifiée», pointant du doigt le double poids des mesures des États-Unis, qui épargnent la Chine — pourtant premier importateur mondial de pétrole russe.

Une économie indienne sous pression

Ajay Srivastava, ancien haut fonctionnaire du commerce, prévient: ces tarifs punitifs pourraient entraîner une chute de 40 % à 50 % des exportations indiennes vers les États-Unis. Des secteurs clés tels que le textile, les pierres précieuses, la pharmacie ou encore l'agriculture seraient

les plus durement touchés.

La volte-face de Trump marque un contraste saisissant avec la politique de l'administration Biden, qui avait soutenu les achats indiens de pétrole russe sous réserve d'un plafonnement des prix. La nouvelle doctrine américaine semble désormais guidée par une vision transactionnelle de la diplomatie, où les alliances traditionnelles cèdent la place à des tactiques de chantage économique.

Tensions politiques: le Pakistan comme nouvel allié de Washington?

La crise ne se limite pas au commerce. Trump a récemment multiplié les gestes d'ouverture envers le Pakistan, rival historique de l'Inde. En mai, il a affirmé avoir «médié» une trêve après des affrontements au Cachemire — une initiative immédiatement rejetée par New Delhi.

Depuis, Trump a même convié le chef de l'armée pakistanaise à un déjeuner privé à la Maison-Blanche, saluant les efforts d'Islamabad contre le terrorisme. Pour l'Inde, ces gestes représentent un profond revirement diplomatique et posent la question de la fiabilité de Washington en tant que partenaire stratégique.

Ce refroidissement intervient après une période de rapprochement personnel entre Trump et Modi, marquée par des événements spectaculaires comme le «Howdy Modi» à Houston. Aujourd'hui, cette amitié semble reléguée au passé, remplacée par une joute d'accusations sur les réseaux sociaux.

Des négociations commerciales suspendues

Dans ce contexte tendu, les discussions commerciales sont à l'arrêt. Une délégation américaine attendue à New Delhi le 25 août a annulé sa visite. Trump a affirmé qu'aucune discussion ne reprendrait tant que l'Inde ne cèdera pas sur la question des tarifs.

Pour Narendra Modi, la situation est délicate. Son gouvernement avait consenti à des concessions majeures, notamment



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l'ouverture de certains marchés agricoles — un sujet explosif en Inde, qui avait déjà provoqué une contestation massive des agriculteurs. Ces efforts semblent aujourd'hui caducs, laissant l'Inde sans marge de manœuvre face à une Maison-Blanche imprévisible.

Une guerre commerciale à dimension souverainiste

L'enjeu dépasse le simple commerce: c'est la souveraineté nationale de l'Inde — et d'autres alliés — qui est désormais en jeu, comme le souligne Prak Nee dans une publication sur Facebook.

L'Inde n'est pas la seule à subir la pression américaine. Le Canada, autre partenaire de longue date des États-Unis et membre de l'OTAN ainsi que de l'accord commercial CUSMA (ex-ALENA) est, lui aussi, frappé par une hausse de 35 % des tarifs douaniers sur plusieurs produits stratégiques, dont l'acier, l'aluminium et les véhicules.

Certains analystes vont jusqu'à dire que Trump utilise l'arme économique pour contraindre le Canada à devenir le 51e État américain. Ottawa, fidèle à sa tradition d'indépendance, résiste avec vigueur à cette tentative de domination déguisée.

Du côté de l'Inde, la situation est tout aussi grave. En plus des 25 % de droits de douane généraux, Trump a ajouté 25 % supplémentaires pour punir les achats de pétrole russe. L'objectif est clair : forcer l'Inde à se détacher de la Russie. Mais New Delhi, qui dépend à 80 % des importations russes pour ses besoins énergétiques, ne cède pas.

Le dilemme est donc posé : l'Inde continuera-t-elle à affirmer son autonomie stratégique, quitte à en payer le prix économique?

Un test grandeur nature de souveraineté nationale

Dans cette nouvelle guerre commerciale, ce ne sont pas seulement les échanges ou les alliances qui sont mis à l'épreuve, mais le droit fondamental des nations à décider librement de leurs intérêts. Pour le Canada comme pour l'Inde, l'heure est à la résistance.

La souveraineté n'a pas de prix. Et face à une Amérique qui utilise son poids économique comme instrument de coercition, les démocraties alliées doivent désormais choisir entre alignement forcé et affirmation de leur indépendance.

Gouvernance en question: ce que révèle l'affaire Babooram-Navarre Marie

Dans l'arène politique de Maurice, l'actualité a été bousculée par un événement sans précédent. Une *Junior Minister*, Anishta Babooram, a publiquement critiqué sa ministre de tutelle, Arianne Navarre-Marie, pour — selon ses dires — l'avoir marginalisée au sein du ministère de l'Égalité des Genres et du Bien-être familial. Ce conflit a non seulement mis en lumière des tensions interpersonnelles, mais il a égale-

ment soulevé des questions fondamentales sur la structure et le fonctionnement du gouvernement mauricien, en particulier le rôle encore flou des *Junior Ministers*.

Anishta Babooram est une activiste et politicienne de 39 ans, membre du Parti travailliste. Élue pour la première fois lors des élections générales de novembre 2024, elle a été nommée *Junior Minister*. Juriste de for-

mation, elle a toujours été une fervente défenseuse des droits humains, notamment pour les détenus et les groupes marginalisés. Son passage au ministère de l'Égalité des Genres aura été de courte durée: à la suite de la dispute avec la ministre, elle a été nommée, dans la précipitation, *Junior Minister* au ministère de la Santé.

Ce différend a soulevé de multiples interrogations. La *Junior Minister* a-t-elle été sciemment mise à l'écart? Si oui, pour quelles raisons? Au-delà des personnalités, cet épisode a mis en évidence le manque de clarté de la Constitution mauricienne concernant le rôle des *Junior Ministers*.

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Gouvernance en question: ce que révèle l'affaire Babooram-Navarre Marie

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L'article 66 de la Constitution stipule que ces derniers sont nommés pour «assister les Ministres». C'est une définition vague qui, comme nous le voyons, peut être source de conflits, d'autant plus quand les personnes concernées appartiennent à des partis différents au sein d'une alliance gouvernementale.

Certains observateurs, en quête d'explications plus terre à terre, ont suggéré que la friction pourrait être due à un simple conflit d'égo, une situation qui, selon une perception commune, se manifeste avec une intensité particulière quand deux femmes occupent des postes de pouvoir. Toutefois, si cette perspective a le mérite de l'anecdote, elle ne doit pas nous éloigner de la question plus profonde: comment le système constitutionnel et de gouvernance peut-il prévenir de telles disputes?

Pour mieux comprendre la situation et envisager des solutions, il est instructif de se tourner vers d'autres pays du Commonwealth. Leurs cadres constitutionnels et leurs pratiques offrent des pistes pour désamorcer les conflits de ce type. Au Royaume-Uni, au Canada ou en Australie, les rôles des *Junior Ministers* sont souvent clairement définis et documentés. Le ministre principal, tout en conservant la responsabilité ultime, est censé déléguer des portefeuilles ou des domaines de politique spécifiques à ses juniors. Cette délégation n'est pas une simple formalité; elle est détaillée dans des codes ministériels.



Maurice pourrait créer un cadre plus transparent et structuré pour ses *Junior Ministers*, ce qui permettrait de réduire le risque que des désaccords personnels ne se transforment en problèmes de gouvernance publique. - P - tripadvisor.com

Au Royaume-Uni, le «Ministerial Code» encourage les ministres à proposer un éventail de responsabilités, évitant ainsi l'ambiguïté et garantissant que les *Junior Ministers* ont un rôle substantiel et non purement honorifique. De plus, ces ministres juniors sont généralement tenus de rendre des comptes au Parlement pour leurs domaines de responsabilité. Ils peuvent être chargés de répondre à des questions parlementaires et de prendre la parole au nom de leur ministre. Ce rôle parlementaire leur confère une fonction formelle et une visibilité publique qui empêche un ministre senior de les marginaliser facilement.

Le rôle du Premier ministre, en tant que

chef du gouvernement, est également crucial. Dans des coalitions, le Premier ministre est souvent l'arbitre final des différends. Certains pays disposent de «Manuels de Cabinet» qui encadrent les conventions et les procédures de nomination ministérielle et le fonctionnement du gouvernement. Ces documents fournissent un cadre formel pour la résolution des conflits internes.

L'expérience d'autres pays du Commonwealth montre aussi l'importance de la formation et de l'encadrement des nouveaux ministres. Pour qu'un nouveau *Junior Minister* ne se sente pas perdu, on lui fournit des guides ou des manuels décrivant clairement ses responsabilités,

les procédures parlementaires et sa relation avec les ministres seniors et les fonctionnaires.

En s'inspirant de ces modèles, Maurice pourrait trouver des solutions pour éviter que le conflit Babooram-Navarre Marie ne se répète. Pour ce faire, il serait judicieux de:

- **Formaliser la délégation:** Les rôles des *Junior Minister* devraient être explicitement définis au moment de leur nomination, avec une liste claire de portefeuilles ou de domaines de politique dont ils sont responsables.

- **Établir des lignes de responsabilité:** Un mécanisme formel pourrait être mis en place pour donner aux *Junior Ministers* l'occasion de faire un rapport sur leurs domaines de responsabilité à l'Assemblée nationale.

- **Mettre en place un Code de Conduite Ministériel:** Un code de conduite écrit et clair, qui définit les attentes en matière de collaboration et le processus de résolution des différends, serait un outil efficace pour gérer les conflits internes.

En apprenant de ces exemples, Maurice pourrait créer un cadre plus transparent et structuré pour ses *Junior Ministers*, ce qui permettrait de réduire le risque que des désaccords personnels ne se transforment en problèmes de gouvernance publique. Le cas d'Anishta Babooram n'est peut-être pas la fin d'une carrière, mais le début d'une réflexion nécessaire sur la modernisation de la gouvernance mauricienne.

Grande Breagne: La démission de Rushanara Ali et ses leçons pour Maurice

Dans le paysage politique britannique, une démission a récemment fait les gros titres cette semaine, offrant une leçon de gouvernance potentiellement utile pour Maurice. Selon la presse britannique d'hier, Rushanara Ali, la ministre du Logement et des Sans-abri, a démissionné après des accusations d'hypocrisie. Il lui a été reproché d'avoir expulsé quatre locataires d'une propriété qu'elle possédait pour ensuite la remettre en location avec une augmentation de loyer mensuel de près de 700 livres sterling.

Le scandale a éclaté après que les anciens locataires, informés en novembre dernier que leur contrat ne serait pas renouvelé car la maison était mise en vente, aient découvert que la propriété était de retour sur le marché quelques semaines plus tard, avec un loyer qui était passé de 3



Rushanara Ali, la ministre du Logement et des Sans-abri, a démissionné après des accusations d'hypocrisie. P - Bdnews24

300 à 4 000 livres. Cette action était en contradiction flagrante avec les positions publiques de Rushanara Ali, qui avait dénoncé l'exploitation des locataires et s'était engagée à les protéger contre les aug-

mentations de loyer excessives.

Face à la tempête médiatique et aux critiques intenses des associations de logement et des partis d'opposition, la ministre a annoncé sa démission. Dans sa lettre au

leader du Parti travailliste, Keir Starmer, elle a affirmé avoir respecté «toutes les exigences légales», mais a concédé que sa présence au Gouvernement serait une «distraction». Le Premier ministre Starmer, a accepté sa démission en la remerciant pour son travail, tandis que les partis d'opposition ont saisi l'occasion pour critiquer le Gouvernement, accusant Starmer de diriger un Gouvernement d'«hypocrisie et d'égoïsme». Ce cas a mis en lumière la nécessité d'une cohérence entre les actions personnelles des politiciens et leur rôle public, un principe qui est au cœur de la responsabilité ministérielle.

Les leçons pour la gouvernance mauricienne

Le cas de Rushanara Ali offre des enseignements précieux pour la gouvernance à Maurice, particulièrement en ce qui concerne l'éthique et la responsabilité politique.

Premièrement, l'affaire souligne l'importance de la **responsabilité ministérielle**.

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Animal Farm at 80: George Orwell's enduring commitment to socialist revolution

Animal Farm, in contrast, is a melancholy reflection on the corruption of revolution, and the need to keep looking for a better one

During the early years of the second world war, George Orwell believed that England's revolutionary moment had arrived. The defeat at Dunkirk had discredited the country's ruling elite. Their bungling had left England on the verge of invasion and defeat.

To win the war and defeat fascism, a social revolution was needed, as Orwell explained in his socialist manifesto, *The Lion and the Unicorn* (1941). Now was the time, he argued, to turn "this war into a revolutionary war and England into a socialist democracy".

Orwell believed this revolution, though likely to be violent, would also conserve much, setting free "the native genius of the English people". England's long liberal tradition would be retained and enhanced, and the revolution would be more patriotic than class-based:

From the English-speaking culture ... a society of free and equal human beings will ultimately arise.

However, while Orwell never overtly abandoned his commitment to socialist revolution, he quickly came to lose heart in its imminence. He came to think that the war would defeat fascism but not totalitarianism, and that real socialism still lay a long way in the future.

In this mood, he wrote *Animal Farm* in the last months of 1943 and first half of 1944 – with much support and possibly substantial input from his first wife, Eileen O'Shaughnessy. August 17 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the novel's publication.

In September 1944, just after completing *Animal Farm* (it wouldn't be published for another year), Orwell explained some of his wider purposes in a letter to the American intellectual and fellow liberal socialist, Dwight Macdonald.

The Soviet Union, Orwell thought, really did provide people with hope in a socialist future, and for that reason it would not be good to see it destroyed. But at the same time, working people in the west needed "to become disillusioned about it and to realise that they must build their own Socialist move-

ment without Russian interference". The success of this might then have a "regenerative influence upon Russia" itself.

Orwell, Zamyatin and *Animal Farm*

It was while writing *Animal Farm* that Orwell first learned something of substance about the Russian author Yevgeny Zamyatin and his dystopian satire, *We*, published in 1924.

That book became a significant influence for *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1949). Though Orwell did not read *We* in full until late 1945, he knew a little about the book from Gleb Struve's anthology *25 Years of Soviet Russian Literature* in early 1944 and wrote to Struve to tell him it had whetted his appetite to know more about Zamyatin.

Struve's anthology quotes a passage that Orwell would pick out as important. In it, one character declares that "our revolution was the last and there can never be another". To which his interlocutor responds: "Just like numbers, revolutions are infinite and there can never be a final one."

When he adapted *Animal Farm* for the radio in 1946, Orwell had Napoleon the pig say: "When there has been one rebellion, there can never be another." But he

must surely have had in mind the reply: "There can always be another."

It was again to Macdonald that Orwell spelled out the implications of *Animal Farm* in December 1946. Though "primarily" a "satire on the Russian revolution", Orwell was clear it had "wider application" as a denunciation of "that kind of revolution (violent, conspiratorial) that can only lead to a change of masters". Revolutions can improve things, he wrote, but only when "the masses ... know how to chuck out their leaders as soon as ... they have done their job".

Orwell had earlier written in September 1944 that "all revolutions are failures, but they are not all the same failure". They all fail because perfection is beyond human grasp – the challenge is to fail better and in ways that improve things, as he told Macdonald:

If people think I am defending the status quo [in *Animal Farm*], that is... because they have grown pessimistic and assume that there is no alternative except dictatorship and or laissez faire capitalism.

Animal Farm is one of those very short and very accessible books that defy easy interpretation. Classic examples are Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince* (1532) and Thomas More's *Utopia* (1516). Though political, they are not manifestos, unlike Orwell's *The Lion and the Unicorn* – that book sought to mobilise people behind a clear vision of an attainable better future.

Animal Farm, in contrast, is a melancholy reflection on the corruption of revolution, and the need to keep looking for a better one.

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Egypt set to inaugurate 'billion-dollar' antiquities museum near pyramids



Egypt's new billion-dollar museum is fit for a pharaoh. Pic – National Geographic

Egypt set Nov. 1 for the formal opening of its billion-dollar antiquities museum, after the war between Israel and Iran delayed plans to hold the long-awaited event this summer.

The new inauguration date for the Grand Egyptian Museum was approved by President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi, with government ministries ordered to make preparations, Egypt's cabinet said Wednesday in a statement.

The GEM, located a mile from the Giza pyramids and in the works for about two decades, is expected to give a significant boost to the North African nation's crucial tourism industry, reports Bloomberg.

The government cancelled the initial July 3

opening date, citing regional tensions. The move came after Israel struck the Islamic Republic's nuclear facilities in June, embroiling the two nations in a 12-day conflict.

Egyptian authorities envisage the 120-acre attraction, where many exhibitions halls are already open, will bring in 5 million annual visitors. Billed as the world's largest archaeological museum, it's set to display some 100,000 artefacts, including items from King Tutankhamun's tomb.

Egypt's tourism industry has proved resilient, despite turmoil elsewhere in the Middle East. The government is predicting a record 18 million arrivals in 2025.

Trump to shut down NASA missions that monitor carbon dioxide and plant health

The Trump administration is moving to shut down two NASA missions that monitor a potent greenhouse gas and plant health, potentially shutting off an important source of data for scientists, policymakers and farmers.

President Donald Trump's budget request for fiscal year 2026 includes no money for the Orbiting Carbon Observatories, which can precisely show where carbon dioxide is being emitted and absorbed and how well crops are growing, reports AP.

NASA said in an emailed statement on Wednesday that the missions were "beyond their prime mission" and being terminated "to align with the President's agenda and budget priorities".

But the missions -- a free-flying satellite launched in 2014 and an instrument attached to the International Space Station in 2019 that include technology used in the Hubble Space Telescope -- still are more sensitive and accurate than any other sys-



NASA's Mars Mission. Pic – The Economic Times

tems in the world, operating or planned, and a "national asset" that should be saved, said David Crisp, a retired NASA scientist who led their development.

They helped scientists discover, for example, that the Amazon rain forest emits more carbon dioxide than it absorbs, while boreal forests in Canada, Russia and places where permafrost is melting absorb more than they emit, Crisp said.

They also can detect the "glow" of photosynthesis in plants, which helps monitor

drought and predict food shortages that can lead to civil unrest and famine, he said.

"This is really critical," Crisp said. "We are learning so much about this rapidly-changing planet."

The decision to end the missions is "extremely short-sighted", said Jonathan Overpeck, a climate scientist at the University of Michigan.

"The observations provided by these satellites ... (are) critical for managing growing climate change impacts around the planet, including in the US," he said.

Across The World

Trump Hikes Tariffs on India

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday hiked tariffs on India to 50% over its purchase of Russian oil, ratcheting up tensions with the world's most populous nation. While other governments rushed to make concessions in the face of Trump's tariff onslaught, India has refused to stop buying Russian oil, largely because it has no easy substitute for the 2 million barrels a day it gets from Moscow, the Financial Times wrote. Washington's move is aimed at pressuring Russia to end the Ukraine war, and Trump reportedly intends to meet with Vladimir Putin as soon as next week. But even if India scales back imports of Russian oil, Moscow could still gain revenue if crude prices spike, experts say.

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US Crime Is Down, But People Don't Buy It



Crime is a concern for many midterm voters across the country. Pic - Getty Images

Violent crime is down in the US and UK, but public perceptions of crime are up in both countries. The economist Paul Krugman argued that in the US, Republicans are hyping up a "nonexistent crime wave" to drum up fears of immigration.

The Financial Times' John Burn-Murdoch noted that while dangerous crimes

are now rarer, visible offenses such as shoplifting or phone snatching are up. The public correctly believes it is in less physical danger, but perceives a degradation of public order. A UK policy writer argued that people's "experience" of crime and the police's response to it is "far worse" than what the low crime numbers reflect.

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India Modestly Warms to China

India is modestly improving economic ties with China — even as New Delhi moves to counter Beijing in other arenas. India's prime minister will visit China this month for the first time since 2018 to attend a multilateral summit. New Delhi also signaled it could ease investment restrictions on Chinese firms. US President Donald Trump's recent economic onslaught against India — once seen as Washington's strategic bulwark against China — has likely accelerated these geopolitical shifts, analysts said. But New Delhi's outreach to Beijing is not driven by "strategic frailty," Foreign Policy wrote. This week, India held its first joint naval exercises with the Philippines in the South China Sea in a clear challenge to Beijing's maritime claims.

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Israel Weighs Gaza Operation

Israel is expected to approve a new plan today to take over Gaza in order to completely destroy Hamas and secure hostage releases, despite fierce opposition and warnings of a worsening humanitarian crisis in the enclave. The operation could take up to five months and would involve a phased effort with military operations and increased humanitarian support, Israeli media reported. Yet several ministers and even Israel's military chief have warned against the plan, with one telling an Israeli broadcaster that the country could end up "knowingly entering a Vietnam model." The potential expansion of operations comes as Gazans face widespread hunger and disease, and the UN warns that the scale of relief efforts remains far short of what is required.



Israel's 'People's Army' at War. Pic - RAND

Across The World



Wildfires. Pic- Forbes

Wildfires in Canada, France, US

Wildfires across parts of Canada and the US, as well as blazes in southern France, caused significant damage and sparked warnings of the impact of extreme weather events. More than 500 wildfires were burning out of control in Canada, authorities there said, while around 81 million people in the US were under air quality alerts. In France, meanwhile, the prime minister described a "catastrophe on an unprecedented scale."

Changing weather patterns, driven in large part by climate change, are having serious financial consequences. The first six months of 2025 saw about \$80 billion in insured catastrophe losses worldwide, the reinsurer Swiss Re said. "Wildfire risk is evolving... with changing climates compounding the loss threat that fires present," it said.

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Labubu dolls. Pic - TOI

China's growing soft power heft

A recent global craze for Labubu dolls has showcased the rise of Chinese soft power. The furry, toothy figures have been around for a decade, but now sell out almost instantly in the US and go for several times their retail price on eBay and other resellers.

Their popularity is a sign of waning US cultural hegemony, one analyst said: China is not the only beneficiary, with South Korea's K-pop and Japan's anime also increasing in popularity. But Beijing in particular is focused on boosting its influence, investing heavily in museums and other cultural initiatives as well as pop culture to boost its "cultural superpower" status, the *South China Morning Post* reported.

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OpenAI readies GPT-5

OpenAI is expected to release GPT-5 — its most advanced large language model — next month, *The Verge* reported. The upgrade will mostly combine capabilities from existing OpenAI artificial intelligence models into one package: Though ostensibly just a user-experience, or UX, upgrade, the tech writer Azeem Azhar noted that the LLM boom was driven by a UX upgrade, when OpenAI wrapped GPT-3 in the intuitive, useful ChatGPT chatbot. The rise of LLMs, though, is a distraction from AI's true power, Alibaba's head of AI told Bloomberg: Wang Jian said that "90% of the AI people are talking about" will go away within 10 years. Chatbot AIs have gained the most attention, but AI technology is rapidly changing science and the military.

US Tariffs Come Into Force

US President Donald Trump's global tariffs have kicked in, reshaping international commerce by instituting levies on imports from both allies and adversaries. Though some US allies have secured lower rates than were initially threatened, and Washington's three biggest trading partners — Canada, China, and Mexico — are still negotiating, other friendly nations like India and Switzerland have been significantly impacted.

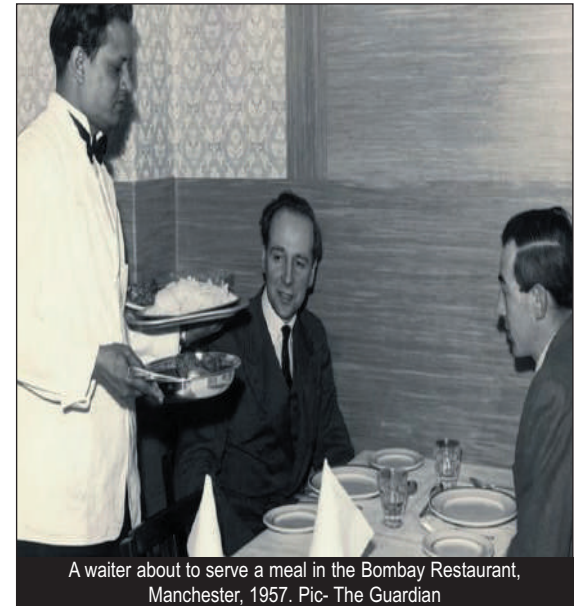
The protectionist move pushed the effective US tariff rate to its highest level since World War II, with the prospect of further increases looming. Trump on Wednesday said he would impose 100% tariffs on imported semiconductors, after earlier threatening levies on pharmaceutical products that could eventually reach 250%. "Tariff uncertainty hasn't gone away," HSBC said in a note to clients.

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China Exports Point to Trade Shifts

Surging Chinese exports to Southeast Asia and Europe point to major changes underway in global trade as a result of Washington's tariffs. China's exports last month grew much faster than economists expected, with a huge fall in trade with the US — sales to the country fell by more than a fifth year-on-year, after a record annual decline in May — offset by substantial increases to other parts of the world.

Separately, the Danish shipping giant Maersk, whose results are closely watched by investors and economists for signals on trade patterns, reported a profit that beat forecasts. "Outside of the United States, we see continued very strong demand," its CEO told CNBC.



A waiter about to serve a meal in the Bombay Restaurant, Manchester, 1957. Pic- The Guardian

Britain's Indian Food Heads to US

Britain's top Indian restaurants will soon open outlets in the US. The UK, which has a large South Asian population, has long produced some of the West's best Indian food, with Birmingham in particular being home to many leading lights such as the two-Michelin-starred Opheem, and London housing several more. Now, major eateries such as Dishoom and Gymkhana — which also has two Michelin stars — are looking across the Atlantic for growth. According to Karam Sethi, head of Gymkhana's parent company, around 30% of diners at the restaurant are American. "The US is about 10 to 15 years behind us," one British Indian food writer told *The New York Times*. "I feel like the time is right."

Cambodia and Thailand to hammer out permanent ceasefire in Malaysia meeting



Cambodia and Thailand to hammer out permanent ceasefire in Malaysia meeting. Pic- Apa.az

Cambodia and Thailand's top defence officials began a meeting in Malaysia on Thursday to finalise a permanent end to hostilities following a violent five-day border conflict that ended in an unconditional ceasefire late in July. The Southeast Asian neighbours saw the worst fighting in over a decade last month, including exchanges of artillery fire and jet fighter bombing runs that claimed at least 43 lives and left over 300,000 people dis-

placed on both sides of the border.

Fighting continued despite diplomatic interventions from China and Malaysia, chair of the regional bloc ASEAN, calling for restraint. The leaders of Cambodia and Thailand only came to the negotiation table when U.S. President Donald Trump told them that tariff negotiations would not continue unless there was peace, reports Reuters.

Cambodian Defence Minister Tea Seiha and Thailand's acting defence minister Nattaphon-Narkphanit are due to meet at Malaysia's Armed Forces headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

The two countries will establish guidelines to resolve border disputes, restore trust between their military forces and agree to a ceasefire with measures to minimise tensions and protect civilians, Nattaphon said in a statement before the talks.

Thailand and Cambodia have quarrelled for decades over undemarcated parts of their 817 km land border, which was first mapped by France in 1907 when the latter was its colony.



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Educational Expansion

Ten years ago, the Education Department carried out a survey of existing school accommodation and prepared a five-year plan for both primary and secondary school building. 56 new primary schools, providing places for another 12,000 children, were envisaged. A girls' secondary school for 300 girls was to be built; the Royal College and the Royal College School were to be rebuilt and expanded to accommodate 500 boys each instead of 300. The annual teacher turn-out of the Training College was to be raised to 150.

Let us go back to 1950 and look at some figures relating to the state of educational provision at that time. There were 140 primary schools (Mauritius and Rodrigues together) with 1,411 teachers and 55,283 pupils. There were but two Government secondary schools, both for boys: the Royal College, with 296 pupils, and the Royal College School, with 228 pupils. Less than a hundred teachers had been trained at the Training College.



Now let us look at 1958. The number of primary schools had risen to 183; an increase of 43 whereas the plan has said 56. But, against this, the number of pupils had risen to 100,551; the first time in the history of Mauritius that the number of pupils in primary schools had exceeded 100,000. This was 45,228 pupils more than in 1950; but the plan had fore-shadowed only 12,000 more in the 56 new schools. So, although the number of new schools was less than had been planned, there had been a tremendous number of additional classrooms built in order that this huge increase in school population could be accommodated. In 1958 there were three Government secondary schools: Royal College and Royal College School for boys, and Queen Elizabeth College for girls (opened by Lady Blood in 1951). The number of pupils at the secondary schools was 438 (College), 497 (School), and 217 (Q.E.).

These numbers are the 1957 school rolls. Thus, the target of 500 at each boys' school and 300 at the girls' school were practically reached. And the turnout of trained teachers in 1957 (I haven't the 1958 figures as yet) was 218, plus 12 handicraft teachers - well in excess of the plan's target of 150 which was first exceeded in 1955.

Although the total number of primary school pupils rose so much between 1950 and 1958, and the colony's record teacher training and secondary schools was so good,

expenditure on education did not absorb in 1957 as great a proportion of the colony's expenditure as might have been expected. In 1950, total education expenditure was Rs 6,188,689; eight years later this had become Rs 18,596,750, or three times as much. But, in 1950, the education budget had been 9 per cent of the colony's total recurrent expenditure, whereas the three-fold increase in 1958 was only 11.7 per cent of the colony's total recurrent expenditure. The great expansion... over 45,000 extra pupils, with 43 new schools and over 400 additional classrooms at existing schools, a new secondary school and 628 extra secondary school pupils, training college expansion, and 2,630 teachers in the primary schools (1958) as against only 1,411 (in 1950) - of educational facilities in general was accompanied by only a 2.7 p.c. increase in the proportion of the colony's expenditure devoted to education.

Look at it this way. The colony spent 9 per cent. of its budget on education in 1950; Rs 6 million out of a total of Rs 68.75 million. (I am using round figures in this paragraph) The total budget in 1958 was Rs 158 million, if the same proportion as in 1950 had been spent on education, the education expenditure would have been Rs 14.25 million. But, in fact it was 11.7 per cent, or Rs 18.5 million. But, instead of 55,000 children being taught by 1,411 teachers for your 9 per cent of expenditure, you had 100,000 children being taught by 2,630 teachers for your 11.7 per cent of expenditure. Which is the better value to the taxpayer? Obviously, the latter.

Another pertinent fact to take into account is this. In 1950, out of every 10 children who could have been enrolled at a primary school, only 6 were enrolled. Only 6 out of 10. Yet in 1958, out of every 10 children who could have been enrolled at primary schools, as many as 8.5 were enrolled. 60 per cent of the children were enrolled at schools in 1950, 84 per cent were enrolled in 1958. So, 9 per cent of the colony's expenditure educated 60 per cent of the children ten years ago, whereas it takes only 11.7 per cent of the total expenditure to educate 84 per cent of the children in 1958.

Underlying this expansion of educational facilities since 1950 is the implication that there has been economy in the Department so that Mauritius gets better value for money. Certainly, although education expenditure has risen in terms of rupees, it has not by any means soared as much as could have been expected, given the steep rise in numbers of pupils, etc.

Labour first sat in the Legislative Council as a political force in 1948, but it was not until the 1953 elections that Labour was a decisive force. Even, then, of course, the Governor's action in making 12 anti-Labour nominees violated the electorate's wishes and prevented the Labour Party from governing the island as a majority of the voters had wished. So, it is perhaps pertinent to examine the rate of educational development over the years. I will examine only the number of primary schools and pupils since it is the primary schools which are, to all intents and purposes, the People's Schools in Mauritius to-day. (Despite some inroads made since 1953 by the Labour Government, money and class privilege still rule the roost where secondary education

is concerned). The following table shows, for each year from 1947 to 1958, the number of primary schools, primary school teachers, and primary school pupils in Mauritius and Rodrigues put together; the sources are the *Yearbook of Statistics* and the annual reports of the Education Department.

Year	Schools	Teachers	Pupils
1947	132	1,269	45,188
1948	135	1,241	45,157
1949	138	1,442	50,559
1950	140	1,411	55,283
1951	143	1,668	58,819
1952	145	1,808	62,959
1953	148	1,847	70,754
1954	152	1,950	71,072
1955	155	1,879	73,510
1956	163	2,330	74,288
1957	175	2,602	88,477
1958	183	2,630	100,551

It will readily be seen that between 1947 and 1953 (when Labour won the majority of elected seats), only 16 new schools were built. Six years, 16 new schools; not even three a year on average. But from 1953 to 1958, five years of an elected Labour majority in Council, we had no less than 35 new schools — an average of seven a year, well over twice the average for the previous six years. Why, in the two years 1955 to 1957, more new schools were provided (20 altogether) than in the whole of the six years 1947-53!

From 1953 to 1958 the most striking expansion of primary school facilities has taken place: 35 new schools; 783 additional teachers: 29,797 more pupils; and in 1956 alone, 384 new classrooms were added to existing schools (the equivalent of 38 new schools, in fact).

All this terrific expansion, unprecedented in the history of Mauritius, was in accordance with the Labour Party's programme announced in its 1953 election manifesto: *extirper l'analphabétisme, c'est-à-dire un plan pour enseigner à lire et à écrire à ceux qui ne peuvent encore le faire et construire de nouvelles écoles et apporter des améliorations aux bâtiments scolaires existants.*

In accordance with the first part of this election programme (*extirper l'analphabétisme*), grants have also been made to voluntary bodies to enable mass adult literacy campaigns to be undertaken; adults choosing to become literate in English, French, Hindi or Urdu. But of course, it is in the schools that illiteracy can best be combated. The Labour Party has lived up to its election promises in the field of education; the factual survey I have given above, and the figures I have quoted from official sources showing the extent of the expansion of education (an extent that is not often realised; an extent that is all too often denigrated and cried down by the traducers of the Labour Party) will serve admirably to rebut the false propaganda of those persons of ill-will whose only aim in life is to decry the achievements of the Labour Party and the Labour-dominated Legislative Council in order to clamber back to power themselves.

But when we see how the Labour Party lives up to its promises, and how it provides for the education of the workers' children, we cannot but reflect on the poverty of the provision made for the education of the workers' children in the days before the Labour Party:

The hope of the future of Mauritius lies with the Labour Party as the Government of the future. Let no one in his right mind try to contradict such a self-evident truth.

NIC Group partners with HollardHealth for Exclusive International Health Plan

The NIC Group, a major Mauritian public institution specializing in life insurance, general insurance, and financing, has announced a strategic partnership with HollardHealth International, a South African specialist in international health insurance, to launch "HollardHealth": a premium health insurance solution tailored for multinational corporations, conglomerates, expatriates, and business professionals operating in Mauritius.

This new offering introduces world-class medical protection and digital support aimed at balancing the lifestyle and well-being of professionals and executives, thereby strengthening Mauritius's appeal as a prime destination for international investment and foreign talent.

Addressing a strategic market need

In response to the continuous growth of international companies establishing themselves in Mauritius, the demand for premium and cross-border health solutions has become a priority.

According to Dr Rishi Sookdawoor, Chief Executive Officer of the NIC Group, this product represents a significant advantage for companies employing overseas human resources:

"We are proud to launch this innovative product in partnership with HollardHealth International. This project reflects our commitment to creating tangible value for businesses and individuals. By enabling companies to meet the needs of their employees and thereby protect and retain their human resources, we contribute to business continuity in an interconnected world."

Mr Santosh Gujadhur, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NIC Group, further emphasized: "We are expanding the capabilities of our insurance ecosystem with global expertise and cutting-edge health insurance management platforms, while equipping companies – both local and international – with an innovative solution to protect their key personnel and attract and retain talent in a competitive global market."

Ministerial support and strategic alignment

The launch was officially endorsed by the Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Dr Jyoti Jeetun, who hailed this initiative as a major step in consolidating the Mauritian financial sector.



Santosh Gujadhur, Group Chairman de la NIC, Tobé Hope, CEO Hollard Health International, Dr Jyoti Jeetun, Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, et Dr Rishi Sookdawoor, Group Officer in Charge à la NIC

Dr Jeetun said: "This partnership between NIC Group and HollardHealth strengthens our positioning as a credible international financial centre. As Mauritius increasingly attracts international businesses and professionals, it is essential to offer them health solutions that meet their expectations and are connected to the global network. This is a prime example of innovation serving national ambitions, and this strategic partnership clearly reinforces our ties with the African continent."

HealthMov – A digital platform for well-being

Complementing the insurance coverage, policyholders will benefit from HealthMov, a digital well-being application developed by HollardHealth International, offering:

- Real-time health and fitness tracking
- Personalized well-being programs and health coaching
- Remote medical consultations and second medical opinions
- Prevention resources tailored to risk profiles

This approach positions the NIC-HollardHealth partnership as a proactive and innovative well-being duo, going far beyond the traditional role of an insurer.

A Launch Focused on Well-being

To mark the launch as a unique event, guests also participated in an inspiring conference on well-being in the workplace, led by Dr Anouchka Sooriamorthy, a Doctor of Philosophy, leadership trainer, and speaker specializing in critical thinking in the world of work and professional life.

Her presentation highlighted the growing importance of mental and emotional well-being in the sustainable performance of organizations, demonstrating the crucial role of professions offering a protective framework, such as the insurance industry.

The collaboration between NIC Group and HollardHealth International marks a significant advancement in the Mauritian financial landscape. By introducing a premium international health insurance solution coupled with a comprehensive digital well-being platform, they are not only catering to the growing needs of the international business community but also actively contributing to the attractiveness of Mauritius as a global hub for talent and investment. This partnership signifies a proactive approach to supporting the health and well-being of professionals, recognizing its crucial role in sustained economic growth and development.

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Grande Breagne: La démission de Rushanara Ali et ses leçons pour Maurice

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Un ministre mauricien, tout comme son homologue britannique, doit être irréprochable non seulement dans ses fonctions officielles, mais aussi dans sa vie privée. Les actions personnelles d'un ministre, surtout lorsqu'elles contredisent les politiques qu'il est censé incarner, peuvent

éroder la confiance du public et la crédibilité de l'ensemble du gouvernement. La démission de Rushanara Ali montre qu'il est parfois nécessaire de se retirer pour protéger l'intégrité de la fonction ministérielle, même si aucune infraction légale n'a été commise.

Enfin, l'affaire Rushanara Ali met en évidence la néces-

sité d'un **cadre éthique plus solide et une plus grande transparence**. Le projet de loi britannique sur les droits des locataires vise à interdire les pratiques utilisées par la ministre, montrant ainsi la volonté de créer un environnement où de tels conflits d'intérêts ne peuvent pas se produire. Pour Maurice, cela pourrait signifier la mise en place d'un code de conduite plus strict pour les ministres et les parlementaires. Un tel cadre permettrait d'éviter les conflits d'intérêts et de clarifier les attentes en matière de comportement, offrant une base pour la résolution des problèmes et la promotion d'une gouvernance plus éthique et plus transparente.

Hiroshima: 80 ans après, les voix des survivants résonnent encore à travers les générations

Le 6 août 1945 à 8h15 du matin, une bombe surnommée «Little Boy», larguée par un bombardier américain B-29, explose à 600 mètres au-dessus du centre-ville d'Hiroshima. Cette détonation marque non seulement un tournant tragique dans l'histoire mondiale, mais aussi le début d'un héritage intergénérationnel de souffrances invisibles.

Aujourd'hui, 80 ans après, les hibakusha – survivants des bombardements atomiques d'Hiroshima et de Nagasaki – continuent de témoigner pour que leur douleur ne soit pas oubliée, et que le monde n'oublie jamais le coût humain du nucléaire. Parmi eux, Emiko Yamanaka, 91 ans, et sa petite-fille Kazumi Kuwahara, 29 ans, incarnent la mémoire vive de cette tragédie et son impact transgénérationnel.

Kazumi, troisième génération de hibakusha, confie: «Je me suis toujours sentie malade, affaiblie. À 25 ans, on m'a retiré une tumeur à l'abdomen.»

Sa grand-mère lui a alors dit: «Je suis désolée, c'est ma faute.»

Ces mots poignants soulignent une culpabilité silencieuse que beaucoup de survivants portent, comme si les blessures physiques et psychologiques pouvaient se transmettre biologiquement, moralement, génération après génération.

Emiko Yamanaka avait 11 ans en août 1945. Elle se trouvait à 1,4 km de l'épicentre. Ce jour-là, elle se rendait chez un ophtalmologue lorsqu'elle fut surprise par un éclair aveuglant et une onde de choc. Piégée sous les décombres, elle fut secourue par un inconnu dont la peau se détachait au simple contact. Elle racontera plus tard avoir couru le long du fleuve Ota, poursuivie par les flammes qui dévoraient la ville: «La ville a commencé à brûler... le feu me poursuivait.»



Minute de silence 80 ans après Hiroshima. P - BFMTV

Ce n'est que bien plus tard qu'Emiko retrouvera sa mère, méconnaissable, entièrement bandée. Elle-même conservera des éclats de verre sous la peau pendant des décennies. Certains réapparaissent encore, mêlés à du pus brunâtre. Et pourtant, ce ne fut que le début: maladies sanguines, troubles thyroïdiens, opérations chirurgicales, perte de proches. Ses trois filles ont elles aussi souffert de graves pathologies: cancers, leucémie, troubles ovariens.

Mais les séquelles du bombardement ne sont pas seulement physiques. Elles sont aussi sociales. Les hibakusha ont été discriminés au Japon: difficultés à se marier, à trouver un emploi, isolement. Pendant des années, la censure – d'abord japonaise, puis américaine durant l'occupation – a interdit toute mention de la bombe. Le mot même «bombe atomique» était proscrit. Des générations entières ont grandi dans le silence, la honte et l'incompréhension.

Keiko Ogura, 87 ans, en témoigne: «Pendant 40 ans,

j'ai fait des cauchemars. Ma mère ne voulait pas en parler, de peur qu'on me discrimine.» Enfant, elle pensait qu'elle ne pourrait jamais se marier, tant les hibakusha étaient perçus comme des êtres marqués à vie.

Et pourtant, certains ont décidé de briser ce silence. Kazumi Kuwahara, dès l'âge de 13 ans, a voulu porter la mémoire de sa grand-mère. Plus tard, elle est devenue denshōsha – ambassadrice de la mémoire –, guide au parc de la paix d'Hiroshima. Ce rôle exige six mois de formation intensive.

Elle explique: «Chaque visiteur est unique. Je me demande sans cesse comment partager au mieux l'histoire d'Hiroshima.»

Ce travail de transmission est vital car les témoins directs disparaissent. Selon Elizabeth Chappell, chercheuse affiliée de l'Open University, au 31 mars 2025, seuls 99 130 hibakusha sont encore en vie, avec une moyenne d'âge de 86 ans. Pourtant, le besoin de mémoire est plus pressant que jamais. Comme l'a écrit John Hersey, auteur du livre 'Hiroshima' en 1946: «Ce qui a empêché l'usage de la bombe depuis 1945, c'est la mémoire de ce qui s'est passé à Hiroshima.»

Cette mémoire, ce sont les voix d'Emiko, de Kazumi, de Keiko, de Keisaburo Toyonaga – survivants, enfants et petits-enfants de survivants – qui la portent. Dans les parcs de la paix, les musées, les temples, les écoles et les maisons de thé, ces histoires sont transmises, lentement mais fermement, comme des prières silencieuses pour l'avenir.

Le souvenir d'Hiroshima n'est pas figé dans le passé. Il est vivant, tremblant, transmis d'âme en âme. À nous désormais d'écouter – et de transmettre.

A. Bartleby

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 – DEC 21

Curiosity is your compass. New information, travel, or a learning opportunity awakens your restless spirit. A friend's advice could shift your mindset. Speak your truth—it unlocks something valuable.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 8, 13, 19, 27, 39

CAPRICORN DEC 22 – JAN 19

You're focused on money, power, and control, but don't neglect emotional needs. A calculated risk pays off, but resist overdoing it financially. Vulnerability makes relationships richer and more real.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 11, 17, 23, 28, 33

AQUARIUS JAN 20 – FEB 18

This week is about personal evolution. You're stepping into your power by setting healthy boundaries. A relationship shift midweek brings a turning point. Lead with openness and courage.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 4, 10, 21, 29, 32

PISCES FEB 19 – MAR 20

Clear out emotional clutter—you're absorbing too much.

YOUR STARS

Make time for solitude, dreams, and spiritual renewal. At work, delegate more and trust your team. A dream or hunch may bring a hidden truth to light.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 12, 15, 20, 25, 39

ARIES MAR 21 – APR 19

Ambition rises this week. You're energized and ready to push forward, especially with career or personal goals. Watch for conflict midweek—respond with calm, not fire.

Money matters clarify by Friday. Trust your instincts, but don't rush.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 13, 18, 22, 27, 36

TAURUS APR 20 – MAY 20

You crave security, but life asks for flexibility. A surprise development at work challenges your comfort zone. Say yes to new experiences. Love and emotional honesty grow stronger—open your heart by weekend.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 11, 19, 24, 30, 38

GEMINI MAY 21 – JUN 20

You're communicative and charming, pulling attention without trying. Networking pays off, but don't scatter your energy. Focus is your superpower this week. By Thursday, a conversation leads to an unexpected offer.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 8, 14, 21, 29, 33

CANCER JUN 21 – JUL 22

Your intuition is strong—follow it. Something needs to change, especially around finances or home. Support someone close but maintain your own emotional balance.

Reflection brings clarity and peace.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 17, 23, 31, 37

LEO JUL 23 – AUG 22

A breakthrough week for you. You're radiant and persuasive—perfect for pitching ideas or taking bold steps. Financial opportunity appears midweek. Romance or creativity will flourish if you lead with

confidence and heart.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 10, 15, 20, 28, 35

VIRGO AUG 23 – SEP 22

You're feeling off balance. Avoid the urge to fix everything immediately. This week calls for patience, rest, and inner work. Reconnect with your health routines. Sunday brings renewed clarity.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 12, 25, 32, 39

LIBRA SEP 23 – OCT 22

Your social life is buzzing, but you're seeking deeper connections. Be real about what — and who — you want. A creative idea takes flight midweek. Collaboration brings joy and success, especially if you stay true to yourself.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 16, 22, 26, 34

SCORPIO OCT 23 – NOV 21

You're under professional pressure, but it's a moment of growth, not defeat. Stay strategic and composed. By Friday, a family or home issue settles down. Power lies in emotional control and clear vision.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 9, 18, 24, 30, 36

Beyond Diabetes: How Slightly High Blood Sugar Threatens Men's Sexual Health

For aging men, the decline in sexual health may not be solely attributable to age or dwindling testosterone, but rather to a more insidious culprit: subtly elevated blood sugar. New research presented at ENDO 2025, The Endocrine Society's annual meeting, reveals that even modest increases in metabolic markers like glucose have a more significant impact on male reproductive function than previously understood.

The six-year study, which followed otherwise healthy men aged 18-85, indicates that even blood sugar levels below the official diabetes threshold can impair crucial aspects of male sexual health, specifically sperm mobility and erectile function.

Metabolic changes, not just age or testosterone, are key drivers

"Although age and testosterone levels have long been considered an impetus for men's declining sexual health, our research indicates that these changes more closely correlate with modest increases in blood sugar and other



metabolic changes," explained Michael Zitzmann, M.D., Ph.D., professor and doctor of medicine at University Hospital in Muenster, Germany.

The study, which began in 2014 with 200 participants and concluded in 2020 with 117, meticulously tracked changes in participants' semen and hormonal profiles, erectile functioning, and metabolic health, including BMI

and HbA1c levels (a measure of average blood sugar over time).

The Silent Threat: Impaired Sperm and Erectile Function

While participants' hormone levels and semen parameters generally remained within normal ranges over the study period, a critical finding emerged: sperm movement and erectile function declined notably in men with even minimally elevated blood sugar levels. These levels were consistently below the 6.5% HbA1c threshold that defines diabetes. Interestingly, the study also observed that while testosterone levels didn't

directly affect erectile function, they did correlate with a man's libido.

This groundbreaking research suggests a proactive approach to male reproductive vitality. "This means that men can take steps to preserve or revive their reproductive health with lifestyle choices and appropriate medical interventions," Dr. Zitzmann stated.



Why is heart cancer so rare? A biologist explains

Studying why heart cells are less likely to become cancerous can provide clues to improving heart regeneration and treatments for heart disease.

You probably know someone who is affected by cancer. This disease results when cells divide uncontrollably and can make a person sick, sometimes very seriously.

Cancer can occur anywhere in the body because every tissue and organ is made up of billions or even trillions of cells. But there are some parts of the body where cancer doesn't happen as often, such as the heart. Studies show 3 in 10,000 people develop heart cancer. In comparison, 1 in 20 women are expected to develop breast cancer. Why is that?

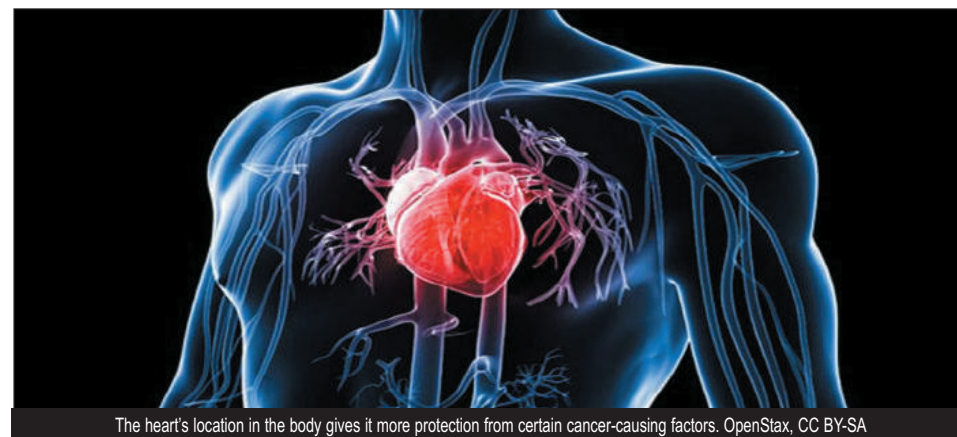
I'm a biologist who specializes in the blood vessels of the cardiovascular system. A big part of my work focuses on how cells interact with their environment to regulate the function of tissues and organs. Disease can develop when things go wrong.

Turns out, heart cells have unique features that make them super resistant to cancer.

How cancer starts

Cells produce more cells to grow, replace older or worn-out cells or to repair damaged tissues. This process is called cell division. Each type of cell in the body divides at different rates based on multiple factors, including what their function is and a person's age.

For example, the cells of a growing human embryo divide extremely fast, undergoing four divisions in three days. The cells that make up the skin, nails and hair regularly replenish across your lifespan. Bone cells divide at a rate that will give you an entirely new skeleton approximately every 10 years.



The heart's location in the body gives it more protection from certain cancer-causing factors. OpenStax, CC BY-SA

Whether and how often a cell divides is tightly regulated by a series of molecular checkpoints. During cell division, genes within DNA are duplicated and evenly distributed into two daughter cells. Damage to these genes caused by exposure to harmful chemicals, ultraviolet light or radiation can result in mutations that cause disease. Mutations can just happen randomly, too. When there are mutations on the genes regulating cell division, cancer can develop.

What protects heart cells from cancer?

Even though the heart is the first organ to form and start working during early development, cells in the adult heart divide very few times after birth, with division dramatically declining after age 20. In fact, less than 50% of heart cells are replaced over the course of an average human life. That means half of the heart cells you're born with will be helping pump blood for your entire life.

This low rate of cell division in the adult heart likely serves as its primary defense

against cancer. The less often a cell divides, the fewer opportunities there are for mistakes during DNA replication.

The heart is also less directly exposed to cancer-causing factors, such as UV light on the skin or inhaled substances in the lung, due to its protected location in the chest.

Unfortunately, the heart's low rate of cell division has some downsides, such as a reduced ability to repair and replace cells damaged by disease, injury or aging.

Why heart cancer still happens

Even with the heart's resistance to cancer, tumors may still form.

When cancer is found in the heart, it's often the result of cancer cells migrating from another part of the body to the heart. This process is called metastasis. Certain types of skin cancers or cancers in the chest are more likely to spread to the heart, though this is still rare.

When they do happen, heart tumors can be quite serious and more aggressive than other cancers. A study analyzing

more than 100,000 heart cancer cases in the United States found that patients who underwent surgery and chemotherapy to treat their heart cancer survived longer than those who did not.

Successful cancer care spans multiple areas of medicine. These include palliative care, which focuses on relieving pain and addressing symptoms, and integrative medicine, which considers the mind-body-spirit connection.

Heart cancer holds clues to heart regeneration

Understanding how heart cells divide and what causes that process to change offers clues about disease and shapes ideas for new treatments.

For example, research into how heart cells divide helps scientists better understand why the heart doesn't heal well after a heart attack. Researchers found that although failing hearts have more dividing cells than healthy hearts, they need help to recover fully.

New technologies, such as the ability to reprogram blood cells into heart cells, have allowed researchers to develop new heart disease models to study and one day achieve heart regeneration. This opens doors for new treatments for heart diseases, including cancer.

Understanding why cancer doesn't happen is just as important for developing new and better treatments as knowing why it does. The answers to both questions lie truly at the heart.

Julie Phillippi

Associate Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Bioengineering, University of Pittsburgh



The Masked Surprise

A couple was invited to a swanky masked Halloween party.

The wife, battling a terrible headache, told her husband to go ahead without her.

He protested, but she insisted – she'd take some aspirin, rest, and didn't want him missing out on the fun.

So he left with his costume.

After an hour of deep sleep, the wife woke up feeling perfectly fine. Realizing the night was still young, she decided to join the party too – secretly. Since her husband had no idea what costume she had chosen, she thought it'd be fun to observe his behaviour from behind the mask.

At the party, she soon spotted him on the dance floor – laughing, flirting, dancing with every attractive woman in sight, sneaking in a kiss here and a little feel there.

Amused and intrigued, she approached him in character. Her seductive charm caught his attention immediately. He dropped his dance partner without hesitation and focused entirely on this mysterious new arrival – his own wife in disguise.

She let him carry on, curious to see how far he'd go. After some dancing and whispering, he proposed something more private. She agreed.

Out they went to the parking lot... and had a little escapade in one of the cars.

Before the midnight unmasking, she quietly slipped away, returned home, tucked away her costume, and got back in bed with a book – waiting.

Her husband came in a little later.

"Did you have fun at the party?" she asked.

He sighed, "Ah, the same old thing. You know I never enjoy myself when you're not there."

"Oh?" she raised an eyebrow. "Did you dance much?"

He replied, "Didn't dance a single step. I met Pete, Bill Brown, and a few others, and we played poker in the den all night. But I'll tell you –"

He smirked.

"– the guy I loaned my costume to had one hell of a



time."

Why doctors need anger management courses!

A woman comes running to the doctor, shouting in pain:

"Please, doctor, help me! I've been stung by a bee!"

Doctor: "Don't worry, I'll put some cream on it."

Woman: "But you'll never find that bee, it's probably miles away!"

Doctor: "No, I mean I'll put cream on the place you were stung."

Woman: "Oh! It happened in the garden, under a tree."

Doctor (frustrated): "NO! I mean which part of your body did the bee sting?"

Woman (still crying): "Oh... on my finger. It really hurts!"

Doctor (angrily): "Which one?!"

Woman: "How am I supposed to know? All bees look the same!"

And that's why doctors get heart attacks so young!

Some English Puns

- She fell in love with a banker, but he showed no interest.
- She fell in love with an astronaut, but he wanted space.
- She fell in love with a gym trainer, but it didn't work out.
- She fell in love with a librarian, but his time was always booked.
- She fell in love with an electrician but for him there was no spark.
- She fell in love with a cardiologist, but he broke her heart.
- She fell in love with a geologist, but the relationship was too rocky.
- She fell in love with an economist, but he couldn't supply her demands.
- She fell in love with a violinist, but he said, "No strings attached."
- She fell in love with the linguist, but he left her speechless.
- She fell in love with a seismologist, but he was always finding fault.
- She fell in love with a cook, but he left her on the back burner.
- She fell in love with a mathematician, but she couldn't count on him.
- She fell in love with a scuba diver—on the surface everything seemed to be fine, but deep down she knew something fishy was going on ...
- She fell in love with a fisherman, but he wasn't a good catch.

- She fell in love with a mason, but they never built a strong foundation.
- She fell in love with a teacher, but he had no class!
- She fell in love with a tennis player, but love meant nothing to him.
- She fell in love with the magician, but he kept turning tricks.
- She fell in love with a guru, but he wanted time to meditate.
- She fell in love with a grammarian, but he put a full stop.
- She fell in love with old man, but he kept on forgetting her name.

Funny Police and Life Jokes

An old lady makes a complaint to the police about her neighbour who walks naked in the house with the curtains open.

The police officer who visits her says: "But madam, you can't see into her house from here," as he peers from the old lady's window at the neighbour's house.

"No, you have to climb onto the bookcase and look through the skylight," replies the lady.

Two priests are stopped by a police officer for speeding on a motorbike.

"What's the idea? You could have an accident driving as fast as that," the policeman remarks.

One of the priests pats the policeman reassuringly on the arm, "Don't alarm yourself, my son, Jesus is with us."

The police officer pulls out his notebook. "In that case, I'll have to book you for an additional offence – you can't have three persons on a motorbike."

A drunk loitering on a street is stopped by a police officer.

"What are you hanging about here for?"

The drunk replies, "I have heard the world goes around every twenty hours, so I'm waiting for my house."

How do you make holy water?

Boil the hell out of it.

The Next Olympic Sport for Ladies

This will be the new sport introduced at the next Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

For the ladies who want to win the Gold medal... you still have three years to start practicing.



How to Be a Gentleman

In an era that often feels increasingly rushed and digitally detached, the concept of the gentleman might seem antiquated to some. However, Jonathan Briggs's "How to Be a Gentleman: A Contemporary Guide to Common Courtesy" argues compellingly that the core tenets of gentlemanliness are more relevant than ever. This insightful guide bridges the gap between tradition and modern life, offering practical wisdom for living with integrity, respect, and grace. Here are key lessons from Briggs's essential manual:

Redefining Gentlemanliness

Briggs starts by expanding our understanding of what it means to be a gentleman. It's far more than just knowing which fork to use at dinner. It's about embodying integrity, kindness, and respect in every facet of life – in your interactions, your decisions, and your character. It's a holistic approach to living honourably.

Personal Presentation Matters

While appearance isn't everything, Briggs emphasizes its importance in setting the tone. Grooming, dressing well, and maintaining good posture aren't about vanity; they are about showing self-respect and consideration for those

around you. Your presentation communicates your attentiveness and care.

Mastering Social Etiquette

From navigating formal dinners to casual gatherings and professional networking events, social settings can be tricky. Briggs provides practical tips to move through these situations with ease, tact, and grace. Knowing the nuances of social etiquette allows you to focus on genuine connection rather than awkwardness.

Respect Above All

A cornerstone of true gentlemanliness is unwavering respect for everyone, regardless of their background, status, or beliefs. Courtesy, empathy, and kindness are non-negotiable traits. This lesson underscores the fundamental human decency that should guide all interactions.

Meaningful Relationships

Briggs stresses that healthy relationships – whether friendships, romantic partnerships, or professional bonds – are built on honesty, loyalty, and open communication. A gentleman understands that genuine connection requires effort, transparency, and consistent nurturing.

Professionalism in the Workplace

In today's diverse work environments, maintaining a professional image is



crucial. Briggs highlights integrity, humility, and a strong sense of decorum as essential for navigating office dynamics successfully. This extends to how you conduct yourself in meetings, communicate with colleagues, and handle responsibilities.

Digital Decency

In our increasingly connected world, digital etiquette is just as vital as in-person manners. Briggs offers guidance on how to be courteous in all online interactions – from emails and texts to social media and dating apps. Being a gentleman extends to how you present yourself and interact behind a screen.

Grace in Travel and Leisure

Whether you're exploring new cultures abroad or attending a local event, travel and recreation call for a mindful approach. Briggs encourages approaching these experiences with cultural sensitivity, con-

sideration for others, and poise. This means being aware of local customs and treating destinations with respect.

Mentorship and Leadership

A true gentleman doesn't just embody these values for himself; he inspires them in others. Briggs encourages readers to lead by example, mentor others, and actively build community. It's about fostering gentlemanly values in everyday life and contributing positively to the world around you.

Character Is the Core

Beyond outward appearances and polished etiquette, Briggs reiterates that character is what truly defines a gentleman. Integrity, humility, and resilience are the foundational traits that underpin all other aspects of gentlemanly conduct. These are the qualities that stand the test of time and truly shape a person.

Jonathan Briggs' "How to Be a Gentleman" is more than just a book of manners; it's a thoughtful and practical guide for anyone – regardless of gender – looking to embody grace, respect, and strong character in modern life. In a world that often feels rushed and reactive, Briggs's work serves as a powerful reminder that true courtesy and genuine character never go out of style.

Stray Thoughts
Animal Farm

“The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was impossible to say which was which.”

“Man is the only creature that consumes without producing...He sets them to work, gives back the bare minimum to prevent starvation, and keeps the rest for himself.”

George Orwell

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Reservations Destroy a Nation

This famous statement of Nelson Mandela is displayed at the entrance of the University of South Africa as follows...

"Destroying any nation does not require the use of atomic bombs or the use of long range missiles. It only requires lowering the quality of education and allowing cheating in the examinations by the students."

Patients die at the hands of such doctors.

Buildings collapse at the hands of such engineers.

Money is lost in the hands of such economists and accountants.

Humanity dies at the hands of such religious scholars.

Justice is lost at the hands of such judges.

"The collapse of education is the collapse of a nation."

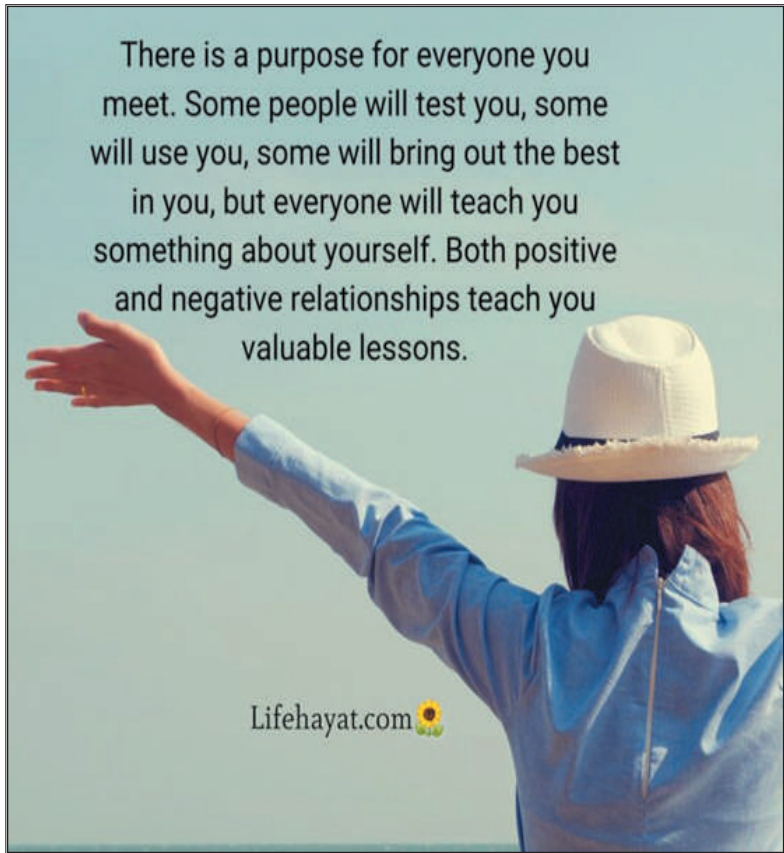


I hope we have learned throughout centuries of revolution and reaction that it's really a shift in consciousness that we need. And I think there is a shift in consciousness among our human species. I think the human species is evolving, spiritually.

— Elizabeth Lesser —

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There is a purpose for everyone you meet. Some people will test you, some will use you, some will bring out the best in you, but everyone will teach you something about yourself. Both positive and negative relationships teach you valuable lessons.



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The Wisdom of Sai Baba: A
Collection of Quotable Insights

- Leadership is more about taking the team ahead than putting oneself in the front. The best leader is like a shepherd who stands behind and moves the flock forward.
- Today is a new day, a day to step out with a heart filled with hope.
- Teach yourself not to announce any good news until everything is sealed. Premature announcements attract jealous spirits.
- Today is the day to make it happen. A new day brings a blank slate. It's your opportunity to fill the colours of your choice. Keep your thoughts positive and your heart grateful. Do your best to make life wonderful.
- Do it now. Sometimes "later" becomes "never." Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today. The time for action is now. It's never too late to do something; it's never too late to turn your life around, even after a certain age.
- Be simple but look stylish. Be tough but look soft. Be tensed but look cool. Be a winner but look like a beginner. That's the real attitude of life.
- If you don't go through life with an open mind, you will find a lot of closed doors.
- Be humble and never think you are better than any one else; we all leave this world with nothing.
- Honesty is not a promise to someone else, but a self-imposed rule to live a good life that reveals the beauty of your personality!
- Faith and prayer both are invisible, but they make impossible things possible.
- If you find your own flaws, it's great. If you correct them yourself, it's even greater. But the best is if you accept them, open the flower of your heart, and become a gift of beauty to the world.

Like many, I've navigated restless nights, scrolling through endless recommendations, seeking that elusive spark to ignite deeper purpose and elevate my performance. Caught between career demands and a yearning for a more meaningful life, I stumbled upon "Inner Excellence: Train Your Mind for Extraordinary Performance and the Best Possible Life" by Jim Murphy. Its magnetic title and promise of blending peak performance with inner peace instantly captivated me. Murphy's insights are not just theoretical; they're actionable blueprints for a life of impact and fulfillment. Here are the core lessons that reshaped my perspective:

Discover Your "Why"

Murphy immediately challenged me to define my **purpose**. He argues that without a clear "why," even disciplined efforts feel hollow. Through inspiring stories of athletes and professionals, he shows how aligning actions with a deeper mission leads to extraordinary success. This isn't just about setting goals; it's about connecting them to something greater than yourself. I realized I'd often chased external validation over intrinsic fulfillment. This lesson forced me to ask, "What truly matters to me?" It's a question that can help anyone refocus their energy on what's genuinely meaningful.

Tame Your Inner Critic

Murphy bravely tackles **negative self-talk**, emphasizing that our thoughts shape our reality. He provides practical strategies to reframe limiting beliefs, insisting we treat self-doubt as a "mental opponent" to be trained and defeated. Through journaling and mindfulness, I became acutely aware of my own harsh self-criticism. This lesson is invaluable for anyone battling self-doubt or anxiety, offering tools to cultivate an empowering inner narrative.

Embrace the Power of Presence

In our distraction-laden world, Murphy's emphasis on **being fully present** was a wake-up call. He demystifies mindfulness, presenting it as a critical skill for peak performance. Examples from elite athletes thriving under pressure by staying in the moment made it clear: presence is trainable. Simple techniques like deep breathing and single-task focus yielded immediate results - I felt calmer, more



focused, and in control. This lesson is a game-changer for anyone feeling overwhelmed or scattered.

View Adversity as a Teacher

One of the most profound lessons was Murphy's perspective on **adversity**. He reframes challenges as oppor-

tunities for growth, showing how setbacks can be stepping stones to greater success. This resonated deeply, as I'd often viewed struggles as roadblocks. By shifting my mindset, I began approaching difficulties with curiosity and courage. This lesson serves as a lifeline for anyone facing tough times, reminding us that adversity can be our greatest teacher.

Manage Your Energy Effectively

Murphy highlights the critical link between **physical energy and mental performance**. He stresses the importance of sleep, nutrition, and exercise for maintaining peak cognitive and emotional states. This was a significant realization, as I often sacrificed self-care for perceived productivity. Small daily changes led to remarkable improvements in focus and mood. This lesson is essential for anyone experiencing burnout or exhaustion.

Build Earned Confidence

Confidence, Murphy explains, isn't arrogance; it's about **trusting your preparation and abilities**. He shares strategies like visualization and positive affirmations, emphasizing "earned confidence" that comes from consistent effort and small wins. This lesson helped me shift from seeking external validation to trusting my own journey. It's a powerful reminder for anyone grappling with imposter syndrome or self-doubt.

Cultivate Gratitude for Excellence

Murphy's discussion on **gratitude** was unexpectedly impactful. He argues it's not just a feel-good emotion but a genuine performance enhancer. By focusing on what we're grateful for, we shift from scarcity to abundance. Keeping a gratitude journal astonishingly boosted my optimism, resilience, and motivation. This lesson offers a gentle yet powerful antidote for negativity.

Live with Integrity

The final lesson was perhaps the most profound. Murphy emphasizes that true excellence means **living in alignment with your values**. He challenges readers to define core principles and make decisions that honor them. This forced me to confront areas where I'd compromised integrity for short-term gains. It's a powerful call to action for anyone seeking a life of authenticity and purpose.

Health Bytes

How chilli pepper may guard against heart attack and stroke



New scientific findings suggest that a common kitchen staple, the chilli pepper might hold a key to a longer, healthier life by significantly reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke.

A study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology tracked the health and eating habits of over 22,000 men and women in Molise, Italy, for eight years. The results were striking: individuals who regularly consumed chilli pepper (four or more times a week) saw their risk of dying from a heart attack drop by a remarkable

40%. Their overall mortality risk decreased by 23%, and the risk of death from stroke more than halved compared to those who rarely or never ate chilli pepper.

According to lead author Marialaura Bonaccio, an epidemiologist at the Mediterranean Neurological Institute (Neuromed), "An interesting fact is that protection from mortality risk was independent of the type of diet people followed." This suggests that chilli pepper's protective effect could benefit diverse dietary habits.

While the exact mechanisms are still being investigated, the study team plans further research to pinpoint what makes chilli so beneficial. Duane Mellor, a registered dietitian and senior teaching fellow at Aston Medical School, offered a cautious perspective, noting that people who use chillies might also be consuming more fresh foods, herbs, and spices, which could contribute to overall health.

Beyond its potential cardiovascular benefits, chilli pepper, rich in minerals, vitamins, and antioxidants, has been associated with other health advantages, including improved digestive health and metabolism, aid in

weight loss, alleviation of migraines and joint pain, and potential reduction in the risk of certain cancers and type 2 diabetes. It may also help fight flu, colds, fungal infections, and inflammation, promote red blood cell growth, and even offer benefits for skin and hair health.

However, moderation is key. Chilli pepper is potent, and excessive consumption can lead to side effects such as stomach pain and diarrhea. Some studies also suggest a potential association between very high chilli consumption and an increased cancer risk, highlighting the importance of balanced intake.

NOTICE FOR BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION NOTICE FOR PERMISSION FOR LAND USE

Take notice that I, **Miss Daksha Autar**, will apply to the **District Council of Rivière du Rempart** for a Building and Land Use Permit for the proposed construction of a reinforced concrete building (ground floor only) to be used as a general retailer (foodstuff and non-foodstuff) at Royal Road, Petit Raffray.

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

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Breaking the Mold: The Bollywood couples redefining relationship norms

In the dazzling world of Bollywood, love stories often captivate the public imagination, but some have done more than just entertain — they've challenged and reshaped our understanding of relationships. Over the years, several celebrity couples with surprising age gaps have moved beyond being a mere curiosity to become powerful symbols of enduring love, compatibility, and mutual respect. Their marriages have redefined what is considered "normal," proving that a genuine connection is far deeper than a number.



1. Dilip Kumar and Saira Banu: A Timeless Legacy

One of Bollywood's most legendary love stories is that of Dilip Kumar and Saira Banu, a couple with a 22-year age difference. Marrying in 1966 when Saira was just 22, their relationship faced considerable public scrutiny. Yet, for over five decades, their bond endured as a testament to their unwavering commitment. Their story is a beacon of eternal love that transcended age and public opinion, solidifying their place in history as an iconic couple.

2. Kabir Bedi and Parveen Dusanj: A Bond of Intellect and Respect

Kabir Bedi's marriage to Parveen Dusanj, who is 29 years his junior, sparked widespread interest, especially as Parveen is younger than his daughter, Pooja Bedi. Married in 2005, their relationship is built on a strong foundation of intellectual connection and shared values. By challenging conventional expectations, they have shown that a relationship can thrive on mutual respect and affection, proving that age is irrelevant when two people share a deep understanding.



3. Milind Soman and Ankita Konwar: Defying Social Noise

When Milind Soman and Ankita Konwar married in 2018 with a 26-year age gap, their relationship became a hot topic on social media. Despite the initial backlash, the couple has been transparent and consistent, focusing on their emotional bond. Milind has even playfully mentioned his mother-in-law being younger than him. Their relationship is a symbol of modern love, representing a shared passion for wellness and emotional maturity that goes beyond their generational difference.



4. Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas: A Global Pop Culture Moment

The 10-year age difference between Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas, with Priyanka being the older partner, made their 2018 marriage a global pop culture event. Their cross-cultural love story resonated with millions,

demonstrating that love knows no boundaries of age or geography. By blending Eastern and Western traditions, their marriage has become a powerful example of how mutual love and respect are the true foundations of a modern relationship.

5. Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor: A Celebration of Maturity

Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor's ten-year age difference was a topic of much discussion when they married in 2012. What began as a seemingly unconventional pairing blossomed into one of Bollywood's most celebrated and fashionable couples. Their relationship, marked by maturity and a shared vision for their careers and family, has become a model for a dynamic partnership that thrives on mutual respect.



6. Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput: From Arranged to Modern Romance

Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput's arranged marriage in 2015, with a 13-year age gap, initially raised eyebrows. However, over time, their bond has evolved into a deeply personal and modern love story. Mira's fresh perspective and the couple's ability to seamlessly blend traditional values with contemporary sensibilities have made their relationship a refreshing and relatable example for many.

These marriages, in their unique ways, have gone beyond the headlines to redefine what constitutes a successful partnership. They remind us that the heart of a relationship lies not in conforming to societal norms but in the genuine connection, respect, and love shared between two people.

Kartik Aaryan's journey to becoming one of Bollywood's box office kings

Kartik Aaryan's journey to becoming one of Bollywood's most bankable stars is a masterclass in making smart choices and connecting with a mass audience. From his early days defined by long, viral monologues to consistently delivering hits, he has cemented his place as a modern-day superstar. With an impressive streak of six consecutive films, Aaryan has proven that his charm and sharp instinct for what audiences want are a potent combination.

Let's take a closer look at the films that propelled him to the status of a box office king.

Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety This youthful comedy, exploring the classic friendship-versus-romance dilemma, was Kartik's major breakout hit. His now-iconic monologue resonated deeply with young viewers, turning the film into a surprise blockbuster with a worldwide gross of ₹108.8 crore on a modest budget.



Luka Chuppi In this romantic comedy co-starring Kriti Sanon, Kartik tackled the complexities of live-in relationships in small-town India. The film's relatable theme struck a chord with audiences across India.

Pati Patni Aur Woh Taking on the remake of a classic, Kartik showed his versatility by playing a character with more nuanced shades of grey. He infused the role with his signature charm and humor, a formula that worked wonders.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 This film was a game-changer, not just for Kartik but for the industry, as it was instrumental in bringing audiences back to theaters in large numbers after the pandemic. Stepping into a beloved franchise, Kartik made the character of "Rooh Baba" his own, delivering a blend of laughs and

thrills that captivated viewers.

Satyaprem Ki Katha Marking a departure from his comedic roots, this emotional love story showcased a more sensitive side of Kartik. The film was a critical and commercial success, with his nuanced performance earning appreciation from both critics and audiences.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 The third installment of the franchise was a blockbuster phenomenon and a testament to Kartik's star power. It became his highest-grossing film to date with a worldwide total of ₹396.7 crore, solidifying his "Rooh Baba" persona as a genuine pop culture sensation.

With an exciting slate of upcoming films, including the Anurag Basu-directed 'Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri' and the fantasy drama 'Naagzilla', Kartik Aaryan is clearly set on an even more ambitious path, promising to continue his reign as one of Bollywood's most bankable and dynamic stars.



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Samedi 9 Août - 20.15



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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
09.25 Film: 1917
11.30 Tele: Lying Heart
12.00 Le Journal
12.35 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
13.19 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent
13.42 Tele: La Desalmada
15.00 Live: Samachar
16.12 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
22.14 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
23.04 Tele: Lying Heart
23.30 Le Journal

MBC 2

09.35 Local: Le Mag
10.30 Local: Saver Lokal
11.03 Local: Glwar Dantan
11.30 Local: Entractes
12.00 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion
13.05 Nou Later Nou Lamer Nou ...
13.31 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
14.53 Local: Le Challenge
15.15 Local: En Forme
16.29 Local: Metie
18.40 Local: Saver Kiltirel
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.30 Science Quest 2025
19.57 Local: Animalia
20.30 Local: Ucmas Little Champs
21.19 Local: Inspirasion
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: Nos Aines

MBC 3

08.00 D.Anime: Kicko & Super Speedo
10.18 Local: Ramayan
11.35 Serial: Shiv Shakti
12.00 Film: Janwar
Starring: Rajshree, Shammi Kapoor
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: Mehfil-E-Ghazal
20.30 Serial: Vidrohi
21.00 Film: Bairi Kangan 2
Cast: Ravi Kishan, Kajal R
23.32 Serial: Mere Sai
00.24 Wagle Ki Duniya
00.47 Mati Ke Mol
01.13 Mehfil-E-Ghazal
02.04 Local: Khel Khiladi

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06.25 Film: M. Popper Et Ses Pingouins
07.46 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
08.50 D.Anime: Zig's Space...
09.05 Film: Le Prince D'Egypte
11.03 D.Anime: The Avengers
11.30 Film: Miraculous New York
12.55 Mag: Animal DNA
13.19 Mag: Lab 360
13.24 D. Anime: The Adventures Of Peanut And Pig
14.48 D.Anime: C'est Mon Metier
14.55 D.Anime: Samsam
15.18 D.Anime: La Famille Blaireau
15.42 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go!
16.26 D.Anime: Jurassic World
16.39 Mag: Recipes For Kids
17.07 Doc: All The Answers
18.52 Doc: Food Up!
19.30 Mag: Euromaxx
20.01 Tele: L'Heritiere

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14.25 Radha Mohan
14.55 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
15.30 Film: Linga
Cast: Rajinikanth, Anushka Shetty, Sonakshi Sinha
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Kundali Bhagya
19.01 Udaariyaan
19.32 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua
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: Linga
Cast: Rajinikanth, Anushka Shetty, Sonakshi Sinha

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04.28 Serial: Blue Lights
05.25 Tele: L'Amour A Mort
06.25 Tele: L'Heritiere
06.50 Serial: The Lazarus Project
07.28 Serial: Nautilus
08.22 Serial: Elementary
08.57 Serial: Heartland
09.47 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: Resurgence
22.04 Serial: Nautilus
23.41 Le journal

06.00 Local: Mon Jardin Ma Maison
06.25 Local: Tous Egaux
06.44 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
08.00 Local: Sur Prise
09.31 Local: La Sosiete
10.30 Local: J'ai Faim
11.00 Local: Ucmas Little Champs
12.00 Local: Palette
13.45 Local: Sur Prise
14.39 Local: Inspirasion
18.00 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.38 Rodrig: Kot Nou
20.00 Local: Les Petits Genies
20.30 Local: Music Tour 2025
21.30 Local: Glwar Dantan
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard
23.03 Zournal Kreol
23.23 Local: Tous Egaux
23.32 Local: Saver Kiltirel
23.53 Local: Bricolo Ecolo
00.31 Local: J'ai Faim

05.00 Film: Bairi Kangan 2
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: An Evening In Paris
Cast: Shammi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore, Pran
18.10 Live: Samachar
18.31 Local: Puranya Pakwan
21.00 Film: Rashtra Kavach
Cast: Aditya Roy Kapoor, Sanjana Sanghai
22.59 Local: Puranya Pakwan
23.32 Local: Duniya Mein Iss Saptah
23.47 Local: Virasat

06.00 Film: Ferdinand
08.05 Film: Miraculous...
08.25 D.Anime: Agi Bagi
08.47 D.Anime: The Psammy
09.03 Film: Retour Au Temps Des Dinosaurés
10.23 Mag: Lab 360
11.30 Film: The Biggest Slime...
13.24 Film: Spies In Disguise
15.02 D.Anime: Will, La Série
14.57 D.Anime: Samsam
16.09 D.Anime: Rainbow Rangers
16.31 D.Anime: Jurassic World
17.43 Doc: Japan Video Topics
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
23.28 Film: Red Sparrow

08.00 Dharam Patni
10.02 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
12.08 Udaariyaan
14.02 Anupamaa
16.00 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani
17.30 Vidrohi
18.30 Film: Raksha Bandhan
With: Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar, Manu Rishi Chadha



20.15 Gadget Guru Ganesha
21.00 Keh Doon Tumhein

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02.55 Tele: Living To Love
04.46 Tele: L'Amour A Mort
05.50 Tele: L'Heritiere
06.13 Film: Independence Day
08.12 Serial: Blue Lights
09.10 Film: 47 Metres Down
10.45 Your Love Is My Fortune
11.30 Serial: L'Heritiere
12.34 Film: Les Affameurs
14.05 Serial: L'Homme Qui Valait Trois Millions
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Film: Independence Day: Resurgence
18.00 Samachar
18.30 Serial: Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
19.30 Le Journal
20.15 Serial: Ce Soir Avec Vince
20.45 Film: St Vincent
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: La Barre De Recherche
12.58 Local: End Of Year Show
16.00 Local: Le Challenge
16.45 Local: Tous Egaux
17.31 Local: Glwar Dantan
18.05 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.34 Local: En Toute Intimite
20.00 Local: Les Klips
21.00 Le Tour Du Monde En 80 Jours
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard
23.00 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion
23.20 Local: Coin Jardin
23.33 Local: Arsiv MBC
23.52 Rodrig - Zenn Aktif

08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness
08.26 Local: Puranya Pakwan
09.00 Live From Suryodaye Bhawan
12.00 Film: Aan Aur Shaan
Cast: Shammi Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor, Moushumi Chatterjee
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 MBC Prod Sunday
20.30 Serial: Porus
21.00 Keh Doon Tumhein
22.00 Serial: Crime Patrol
22.46 Serial: Naagin
23.25 Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile...
23.59 Humni Ke Sitare

06.00 Film: Ice Age
08.59 Film: The Adventures Of Peanut And Pig
10.25 Serial: Sept Nains Et Moi
11.13 Mag: Travel
11.30 Film: Happily Never After
13.04 Mag: Animal DNA
13.30 Film: Strange Magic
15.01 D.Anime: Will, La Série
15.22 D.Anime: Mush Mush And...
15.37 D.Anime: La Famille Blaireau Renard
16.36 D.Anime: Jurassic World
18.00 Doc: Healing Gardens
18.30 Doc: Going Beyond
19.30 Mag: Arts Unveiled
20.00 Tele: L'Heritiere
21.44 Film: Glass
Cast: James McAvoy, Bruce Willis, Anya Taylor-Joy, Samuel L. Jackson

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: Munna Michael
Cast: Tiger Shroff, Nidhi Agerwal, Nawazuddin Siddiqui
20.35 Tenali Rama
21.00 Mahabharat
21.44 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa L'il Champs
22.47 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey

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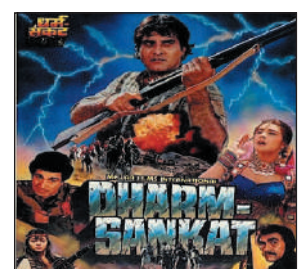
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05.03 Tele: L'Amour A Mort
06.00 Tele: The Queen Of Flow
07.27 Doc: NELLE Tue Mani
08.20 Tele: L'Heritiere
08.45 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour
09.35 Film: St Vincent
11.30 Tele: Lying Heart
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
13.10 Tele: Les 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
09.54 Local: Clin D'Oeil
10.40 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef
11.00 Local: Les Klips
12.00 Local: Nu Rasinn
13.05 La Journee Sous Le Regard
14.35 Voyage A La Gastronomie
15.14 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: Kot Nou

05.00 Mag: DDI Live
07.00 Local: Humni Ke Sitare
08.23 Local: Tarak Mehta
10.00 Local: Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar
12.00 Film: Padosan
Cast: Sunil Dutt, Saira Banu, Mehmood
15.00 Samachar
16.00 Kundali Bhagya
17.30 Shiv Shakti
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.31 Local: Ved Ki Shikshahein
18.57 Local: Ayush
20.06 Local: Charcha
20.30 Serial: Ramayan
21.00 Film: Amar Prem
Cast: Sharmila Tagore, Rajesh Khanna, Vinod Mehra
23.26 Mere Sai
00.19 Wagle Ki Duniya

06.25 Film: Spies In Disguise
07.56 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
08.08 D.Anime: The Jungle Book
11.30 Film: Rufus Et Le Royaume D'Alyne
12.56 Mag: Animal DNA
13.20 Mag: Lab 360
13.34 Film: Aliens Ate My Homework
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
17.17 Doc: All The Answers
18.00 Mag: Eco Africa
18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent
19.00 Doc: Top Dive Sites
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21.36 Film: Hangman

14.25 Radha Mohan
14.51 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
15.25 Film: Dharam Sankat



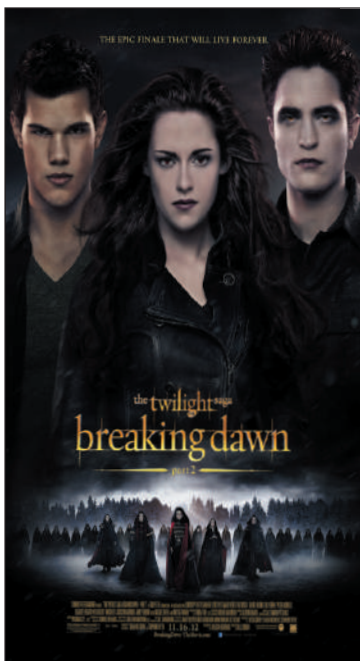
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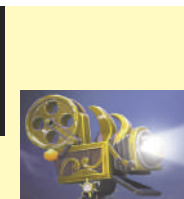
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Programme TV



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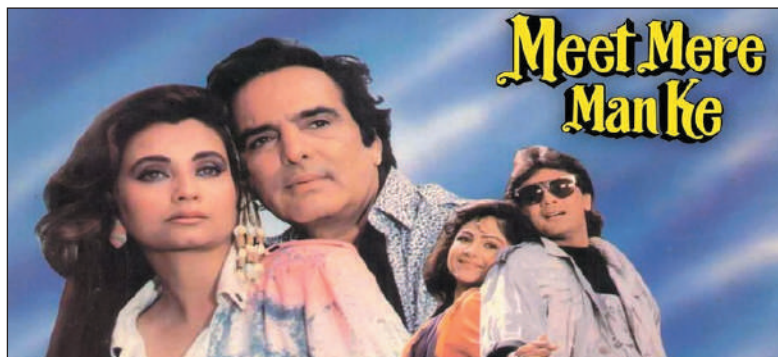
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Stars: Dulquer Salmaan, Mrunal Thakur, Rashmika Mandanna





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La crise mondiale

Plusieurs États craignent une crise semblable à celle de 1929 qui fut une crise déflationniste. Ceux qui dirigent notre pays doivent prendre conscience de sa situation économique et adopter un nouveau positionnement politique

Depuis le retour de Donald Trump, le monde est menacé d'une crise économique provoquée par des années de déficits commerciaux (\$1130 milliards en 2024) et de déficits budgétaires des États-Unis. Ces derniers, en 2024, étaient de 7% de son PIB sans oublier la dette publique qui est de 122% du PIB en 2025, le plus élevé depuis 1776, c'est-à-dire depuis son indépendance.

Pour sortir de cette crise, que propose Trump ? Il propose de baisser les impôts et de taxer irrationnellement les importations ! Et ce, alors que les États-Unis sortent à peine de la crise 2007-2012, plus particulièrement celles de 2008 et 2009 et celle provoquée par la Covid-19, qui ont provoqué un ralentissement de la production et un accroissement du chômage.

Comme j'ai étudié l'économie à la fin des années 60, je suis intéressé à comprendre l'économie mondiale particulièrement depuis le commencement des années 70 (crise du pétrole) et à partir des années 80 avec la relance de la production mondiale par l'endettement massif des États-Unis. La dette américaine est aujourd'hui de plus de \$36000 milliards.

Les États-Unis sont ainsi endettés envers plusieurs pays dont la Chine (\$1150 milliards), le Japon (\$ 1130 milliards), l'Allemagne, le Royaume Uni, l'Irlande, le Taiwan, etc., sans oublier les agences gouvernementales américaines et le secteur financier américain, entre autres. La dette des États-Unis envers Maurice est de 186,8 millions de dollars (2024), soit plus de 8,6 milliards de roupies. Des dizaines de pays se trouvent être les créanciers des États-Unis, l'Allemagne étant le plus grand créancier mondial.

Dans le cadre de mon auto-initiation à l'économie, j'ai écrit plusieurs articles. Celui que je vais reprendre ci-dessous est un texte que j'ai écrit dans le numéro 52 de décembre 1990 du journal «*Komba Travayer*», un organe de presse unifié de l'OMT- FNAS et de la FMP.

Économie-Politique - Stagnation, déclin et récession

Les informations qui nous parviennent confirment que l'économie internationale est entrée dans la troisième phase du présent cycle économique capitaliste: celle de la stagnation et du déclin. Les économistes réformistes tiennent Reagan responsable de la stagnation économique actuelle.

L'invasion de Koweït et la décision des États-Unis d'imposer un embargo sur l'Iraq risquent de provoquer la troisième crise du pétrole et, ainsi, accélérer le déclin économique. Les multinationales du pétrole ont



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déjà augmenté leurs prix et, d'ici la fin de l'année, les prix en général vont flamber si le Mexique, le Venezuela et l'Arabie saoudite ne parviennent à augmenter leurs productions.

La relance économique internationale par la politique de la consommation et de l'endettement adoptée par les États-Unis depuis 1983 a placé ce pays et le monde capitaliste dans une situation économique contradictoire et inconciliable. L'État américain contrôle la division de production internationale (par ses importations); il paye ses dettes en papier dollar et la masse de dollars en circulation dans le monde a fait de cette devise la monnaie internationale, et bien qu'il soit endetté d'une façon inimaginable (c'est le pays le plus endetté au monde), il maintient sa politique économique d'endettement et de consommation.

Par ailleurs, bien que les autres pays développés contestent la politique économique américaine, ils sont obligés d'assurer la protection du dollar et continuent d'exporter en masse vers les États-Unis, et financent jusqu'à ses dettes intérieures tout en lui demandant de redresser sa balance des paiements.

Quand on prend conscience que les dépressions économiques capitalistes sont généralement enrayées par le crédit accordé par les pays développés, on se demande comment les pays capitalistes vont sortir de la dépression économique qui les frappera tôt ou tard... Faudra-t-il détruire la surproduction, annuler les dettes, dévaluer le dollar, freiner la croissance économique ou accélérer la spirale

de l'endettement pour empêcher la crise?

La stratégie de la dévaluation du dollar pour relancer la production américaine et pour réduire son déficit commercial sera dramatique pour les pays qui ont en réserve des milliards et des milliards de dollars. Pour l'économie américaine, elle sera aussi indigeste sur le plan des importations et des dettes extérieures.

Théoriquement il n'existe aucune solution à la crise qui s'annonce. Poursuivre le chemin tracé par les États-Unis, c'est - dans les faits - continuer à transférer en masse les ressources des pays développés vers les États-Unis. Cette politique ne peut continuer éternellement. L'adoption à son tour par l'Europe de la stratégie de la consommation et de l'endettement pour soulager les États-Unis et pour maintenir la production internationale à son taux de croissance actuel est une solution inacceptable pour les États européens.

Certains attendent que la politique du chantage du capital international arrive à forcer l'ouverture des marchés des pays socialistes aux produits des pays capitalistes développés. Ils risquent d'attendre très longtemps. Ces pays ne veulent libéraliser la convertibilité de leurs devises. Comme on le constate, la crise économique est derrière la porte, et les solutions aléatoires.

A l'île Maurice la reprise économique des années 84-86 a été effectuée sans planification, et c'est dans l'anarchie que l'expansion économique a été effectuée entre 1986 et 1989. On nous avait annoncé un boom économique pour l'année 1990. Nous sommes dans les faits au début du déclin économique.

La stratégie économique des régimes qui se sont succédé depuis 1983 est condamnable parce qu'elle a été élaborée sur la base de l'intégration complète de notre économie au système capitaliste international: elle a permis le déploiement de tous les mécanismes du système capitaliste dans le secteur financier. Ces régimes n'ont jamais pris au sérieux la situation économique internationale et n'ont pris aucune disposition pour préserver notre économie du choc de la récession économique internationale. Sortir du système capitaliste est un combat politique anticapitaliste que même le MMM, depuis longtemps, a renoncé à entreprendre.

La classe ouvrière ne doit pas permettre que les richesses qu'elle produit soient accaparées par les capitalistes pendant les années de prospérité et qu'elle ait à subir la misère quand s'installe la crise économique capitaliste.

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Cela étant dit, faut-il se soumettre à Trump dans sa stratégie de réduire les dettes des États-Unis en taxant ses créanciers et payer les dettes par la somme faramineuse de taxes sur ses importations de ces mêmes pays créanciers?

En arrière-plan, il y a des guerres sans justifications en Europe et au Moyen-Orient et d'autres qui s'annoncent entre l'Inde et le Pakistan, entre la Chine et le Taiwan. Plusieurs pays ont adopté des économies «de guerres» et, de plus, un clivage s'installe entre les États-Unis et l'Europe et les Brics. Guerre des devises?

Plusieurs États craignent une crise semblable à celle de 1929 qui fut une crise déflationniste. Dans notre monde, aujourd'hui, une crise déflationniste combinerait une baisse de la demande et ainsi une augmentation relative de l'offre et une augmentation du « poids réel » des dettes.

Ceux qui dirigent notre pays doivent prendre conscience de sa situation économique et adopter un nouveau positionnement politique. Mais envers quoi en particulier?

Je suis d'avis, que les champs d'actions doivent être de s'opposer aux guerres et de ne pas louer les Chagos aux États-Unis. Ne PAS recevoir l'argent SALE de la location de Diégo et il faut prendre conscience que le retrait (possible) des États-Unis de l'OTAN mettra en exergue l'expansion de sa base militaire à Diégo.

Il faut se souvenir du bombardement du Japon par les États-Unis le 9/10 mars 1945 de Tokyo, menant à un massacre de plus de 100,000 morts. La plus grande tuerie de l'histoire.

Ensuite, ce fut les deux bombes atomiques d'août 1945 - Hiroshima et Nagasaki. Plus de 200,000 morts sans compter les effets de la radiation. Encore des dizaines de milliers de morts entre 60,000 et 200,000 personnes et bien après la guerre. Il ne faut jamais faire confiance aux États-Unis. Absolument pas!