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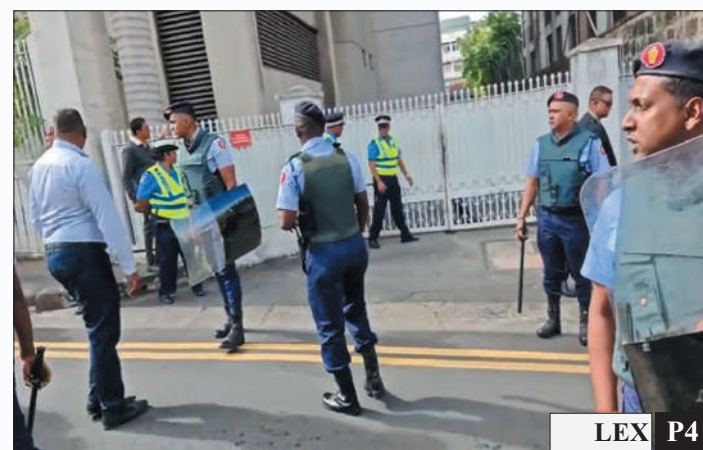


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Wakashio: The Anatomy of a Systemic Collapse



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The long-awaited report from the Court of Investigation into the grounding of the MV Wakashio, on 25 July 2020, is not merely a document; it is a searing indictment of systemic failure. Released yesterday, the findings confirm what many feared: one of Mauritius's gravest environmental catastrophes was not an act of God, but the predictable, tragic result of a combination of human error, institutional paralysis, and a shocking lack of preparedness. The price of this collective negligence? A nearly \$2.5 billion bill and the contamination of the country's most precious natural heritage for generations to come.

The report forces us to confront an uncomfortable truth: in the final, desperate moments, a 300-metre bulk carrier was allowed to steam at full speed toward a sensitive coral reef because the officer on watch was preoccupied with finding a phone signal to call home, his cadet had abandoned post, and the captain was allegedly distracted by alcohol and a futile quest for internet connection. The Court speaks of a "total disregard for basic navigation rules." The blame on the crew is absolute, but for Mauritius, this maritime disaster is a story of internal systemic collapse.

From Preparedness to Paralysis: The Institutional Blunder

The inquiry's most damning revelation lies in the failure of the Mauritian surveillance system. The *Wakashio*, clearly violating the rule of innocent passage, was allowed to approach the coast dangerously without any contact from the National Coast Guard (NCG). Fifteen minutes before impact, no alert was raised. The report points to a "culpable omission" by the authorities.

This official silence was followed by a staggering lethargy in the response phase. It took nearly two weeks to declare a state of environmental emergency, critically delaying essential pumping and containment operations. Institutions, rather than cooperating, worked in "silos," breeding confusion and sparking justified outrage from local NGOs, who decried the lack of transparency and coordination. The result is quantified devastation: an estimated 96 km² of coral reefs and marine habitats destroyed, with long-term health risks from heavy metal contamination looming over coastal communities reliant on fishing and tourism.

The report's call for fundamental reforms — including revising the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan, enhancing inter-institutional coordination, and establishing marine exclusion zones — is a necessary but insufficient step toward accountability. As Minister of the Blue Economy,

Arvin Boolell, rightly asserts, the report censures the previous government, noting the telling absence of the former Prime Minister and environment/fisheries ministers before the inquiry. The publication of this document is not the end of a chapter, but the opening of an era of reckoning.

The Paradox of Preparedness: What Went Wrong?

The court's findings on institutional failure stand in stark contrast to expert analysis on Mauritius's historical capacity. As highlighted in a previous editorial, international experts like Professor Christian Bueger found it "puzzling that there was such a lack of preparedness." The truth, however, is not a lack of *planning*, but a failure of *execution*.

Archival evidence confirms that Mauritius was, on paper, "very well prepared." It was one of the first African nations to finalize an oil spill contingency plan in 1990, benefiting from substantial capacity building through the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the World Bank, and the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP). Records show that Mauritian officials were acutely aware of the "high risk" posed by the country's proximity to one of the world's busiest shipping routes, and possessed "sophisticated planning, response and disaster assessment tools."

Furthermore, the authorities had practical experience. They successfully prevented a major oil spill after the 2005 collision between the *MSC Katie* and the *MV Nordsun*. Crucially, in 2016, when the *MV Benita* ran aground nearby, a minor spill was contained swiftly due to quick action by salvage companies.

The evidence points to a massive disconnect: how could a country with decades of training, detailed contingency plans, and proven experience suffer such a debilitating paralysis?

The Questions of Will and Wisdom

This paradox begs a fundamental series of questions regarding the two weeks between the grounding (July 25, 2020) and the visible oil spill (August 6, 2020) — the critical window lost to inaction:

Was the government properly advised or alerted about the imminent risk of a spill from the 4,180 metric tons of fuel oil aboard the *Wakashio*?

If the then Prime Minister, as he claimed, deferred to expert advice, what was the precise content of that advice?

What factors — including weather conditions, wave calculations, and risk quantification — were factored into the

advice given to the highest political office?

Only a truly independent inquiry, empowered to review the operational decisions of the day, can illuminate this chasm between institutional preparedness and actual response. This investigation must specifically scrutinize the role and responsibilities of the Director of Shipping — the designated "Receiver of Wrecks" under the Merchant Shipping Act 2007 — who was best placed to advise the government on the wreck and salvage efforts.

The two-week delay transformed a manageable grounding into a catastrophe and, more dangerously, ignited the public's imagination, lending credence to conspiracy theories that the vessel was covertly transporting a drug consignment. The political imperative now is not just to fix the system, but to restore public trust. Acknowledging any specific mishap or lapse in judgment will be the first essential step toward future resilience.

The Vulnerability Tax and the Way Forward

The *Wakashio* catastrophe exposed Mauritius's profound vulnerability as an island state located on a major global shipping artery. The cost — both economic and ecological — is the tax we now pay for institutional amnesia. The disaster was not simply a navigational error by an inebriated captain; it was a failure of the national security apparatus to utilize its own, well-developed tools and protocols.

The recommendations of the Court of Investigation are a roadmap to recovery and future proofing. We must:

Implement the Freedom of Information Act: The current lack of transparency has allowed doubts and theories to fester. A robust FOIA will empower citizens and the press to hold institutions accountable.

Strengthen the NCG and Surveillance: Invest heavily in the equipment, training, and operational capacity of the National Coast Guard to ensure that no vessel can ever again approach the coast without immediate, decisive intervention.

Integrate Local Communities: The extraordinary, spontaneous mobilisation of the Mauritian people, who used hair booms and local knowledge to fight the spill, must be formalized by integrating them into the revised National Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

"We cannot afford a second *Wakashio*," concludes the report. This is more than a cautionary warning; it is a profound truth. The integrity of our unique marine environment, our economy, and the very soul of the island demand that the government not just publish this report, but act upon it with unreserved commitment and transparency. The window for change, unlike the crucial two weeks in 2020, must not be missed. We must convert negligence into resilience.

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Combat contre les crimes financiers:

Est-ce que l'impunité arrive à sa fin?

Deux développements majeurs sur le plan juridique ont retenu l'attention publique la semaine dernière: (a) l'arrestation de l'ancien commissaire de police Anil Kumar Dip par la *Financial Crimes Commission* (FCC) sous une charge provisoire de malversation dans l'affaire de la monnaie de récompense («reward money») payée aux informateurs de la police, et (b) la décision du Directeur des Poursuites Publiques (DPP) de rayer la charge provisoire de trafic de drogue contre six individus qui se disaient victimes d'un complot ourdi par des «brebis galeuses» de la police.

Ces deux développements ont une forte valeur de symbole dans le cadre de la lutte contre les crimes financiers et l'exercice de l'État de droit à Maurice. Ils sont emblématiques d'une nouvelle approche institutionnelle visant à mettre fin à des dérives dans le système administratif tout en faisant prévaloir les principes de la justice.

Pendant trop longtemps, l'impunité des suspects de crimes à col blanc, et surtout celle des forces de police accusées d'actions arbitraires contre des opposants politiques ou des citoyens osant critiquer les gouvernements tout-puissants du jour, fut érigée en politique d'État par un gouvernement autocratique empêtré dans des combines les plus louches. Le changement politique du 11 novembre 2024 exprima le ras-le-bol général d'un peuple qui en avait assez du statu quo pourri et espérait une nouvelle approche en matière de gouvernance. Malgré l'impatience populaire face au rythme du changement, force est de constater que les choses changent dans ce pays peu à peu dans deux domaines cruciaux de la démocratie: la poursuite des crimes financiers et l'administration de la justice.

Il faut sans doute relativiser la portée de certaines actions de la FCC accomplies à ce jour, vu l'ampleur des crimes financiers et du trafic de drogue. D'ailleurs, les suspects ont droit à la présomption d'innocence en attendant que le judiciaire statue sur les charges contre eux. Toutefois, de petits pas dans le sens de l'assainissement général des mœurs sont toujours salutaires.

Monnaie de récompense

L'arrestation de l'ancien commissaire de police, sous la charge de fonctionnaire utilisant sa fonction à des fins de gratification personnelle («public official using office for gratification») en vertu de la section 7 de la loi relative à la lutte contre la Corruption («Prevention of Corruption Act» - POCA) pour son rôle allégué dans l'affaire de la monnaie de récompense, était attendue vu qu'il était le chef d'une police qui était en théorie comptable des agissements de ses subalternes, selon la reddition de comptes. La monnaie de récompense payée aux informateurs de la police qui donnent des tuyaux menant à des saisies de drogue est un scandale financier avec des implications très graves.

Comme indiqué dans le tableau ci-dessous, une somme de Rs 250 millions a été déboursée en quatre ans. A ce jour, l'enquête de la FCC a mené à l'inculpation provisoire de plusieurs anciens haut-gradés de la police pour cause de blanchiment d'argent sous la loi (*Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act* - FIAMLA).

L'investigation a révélé douze aspects très troublants de l'affaire, notamment :

- (a) le versement de sommes considérables dans les comptes bancaires personnels de certains officiers (Rs 160 millions dans un cas) pour les besoins de



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« À ce jour, les dossiers compilés à la FCC recèlent des délits de blanchiment pour un montant de Rs 65.7 milliards et le nombre de suspects interpellés et inculpés provisoirement s'élève à 75. En sus des avoirs saisis de l'ordre de Rs 100 millions, il y a des ordonnances de saisie («attachments orders») obtenues des juges siégeant en référé contre des suspects pour Rs 800 millions. Manifestement, les trafics illicites sont une économie parallèle à Maurice où l'enrichissement ostentatoire des opérateurs au noir est indéniable. Le succès du régime AML-CFT (*Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism*) à Maurice dépendra en fin de compte de l'issue de toutes ces affaires devant une Cour de justice... »

paiement des récompenses aux informateurs, ce qui aurait donné lieu à un détournement de fonds au profit de tierces parties;

- (b) des dépôts et des retraits de ces comptes bancaires dépassant le montant réglementaire de Rs 500,000 par jour sous l'article 5 de la FIAMLA;
- (c) la faillite du contrôle interne au département de la police sur la validation et l'autorisation des demandes de récompense ainsi que sur les décaissements d'argent aux informateurs;
- (d) l'absence d'une liste fiable des informateurs ayant été payés;
- (e) les chevauchements de rôles entre officiers responsables dans l'administration du fonds de récompense, ce qui enfreint la règle de la séparation des fonctions;
- (f) les instructions présumées données par un haut gradé de la police dans un memo adressé à une banque (SBM) pour que des retraits quotidiens de montants élevés (Rs 1 million par jour), destinés aux informateurs, soient permis en contournant les règles bancaires;
- (g) la possibilité que des sommes destinées aux informateurs ayant quitté le pays au gré des

voyages entrepris à l'étranger par de tierces parties;

- (h) le lien possible entre la monnaie de récompense et l'acquisition des avoirs (véhicules et terrains) par de tierces parties sous des prête-noms;
- (i) la surévaluation de la récompense, dans certains cas, par rapport à la valeur de la drogue saisie;
- (j) la responsabilité du ministère des Finances dans cette affaire, car cette institution fait voter les dotations budgétaires au fonds de récompense;
- (k) la non-traçabilité des bons de paiement authentiques signés par l'officier concerné au moment du déboursement des récompenses;
- (l) l'usage de la loi relative aux Secrets d'État («Official Secrets Act») par des suspects pour refuser de révéler l'identité des informateurs et les récompenses qui leur ont été payées, ce qui va contre tout principe de transparence.

Un procès éventuel contre l'ancien commissaire donnera sans doute lieu à un débat byzantin sur les responsabilités du chef et de ses subordonnés dans une hiérarchie fondée sur la discipline, la décentralisation des pouvoirs et le devoir de rendre compte de ses actes.

- Qui était redevable à qui dans l'exercice de ses fonctions?
- Qui prenait les décisions en consultation avec qui?
- Qui donnait des ordres et qui les exécutait?

Autant de questions à éclaircir dans la chaîne de commandement de la police ! Pour toute défense, l'ancien commissaire invoque une vendetta politique contre lui. Il incombera au DPP d'évaluer la justesse de cette thèse en toute indépendance en se basant sur le dossier d'enquête de la FCC.

Ampleur époustouflante

Les chiffres sur les résultats préliminaires des nombreuses enquêtes de la FCC en neuf mois sont époustouflants. À ce jour, les dossiers compilés à la FCC recèlent des délits de blanchiment pour un montant de Rs 65.7 milliards et le nombre de suspects interpellés et inculpés provisoirement s'élève à 75. En sus des avoirs saisis de l'ordre de Rs 100 millions, il y a des ordonnances de saisie («attachments orders») obtenues des juges siégeant en référé contre des suspects pour Rs 800 millions.

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Par ailleurs, au palmarès des suspects de la FCC, figurent les noms d'anciennes personnalités de l'État, tous accusés provisoirement de blanchiment d'argent: l'ex-Premier ministre Jugnauth pour une affaire de valises bourrées de Rs 115 millions, l'ancien ministre des Finances Padayachy dans l'affaire Menlo Park, l'ancien Attorney-General Gobin inculpé dans une affaire de Rs 3 millions de pot-de-vin payé par un entrepreneur pour avoir le bail d'un terrain de l'État à Grand Bassin. C'est toute l'image de l'ancien gouvernement qui a été éclaboussée par toutes ces affaires sordides.

Table: Breakdown of reward money		
Year	Informers	Policemen
	Rs	Rs
2020	1,100,000	225,000
2021	13,200,000	224,000
2022	74,400,000	229,000
2023	84,600,000	0
Jan-Aug 2024	26,700,000	0
Sep-Oct 2024	50,000,000	0
Total	250,000,000	678,000

L'action du DPP

La décision du DPP de rayer les charges provisoires de trafic de drogue contre six individus qui furent arrêtés lors des coups d'éclat de l'ancienne unité de la police SST démontre l'indépendance de son bureau par rapport à la police. Faut-il rappeler que celle-ci avait constamment objecté à la libération sous caution de ces «suspects» en allant contre la position du DPP. A telle enseigne que l'ancien



commissaire de police avait contesté devant la Cour suprême les pouvoirs de poursuite du DPP, causant ainsi une crise constitutionnelle entre les deux pôles de l'État de droit.

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Police Accountability, the SST, and the DPP's Power

'Police misconduct severely damages fair trials and bail applications by jeopardizing the integrity of evidence'

This week's Qs & As column critically examines the constitutional powers of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in Mauritius, particularly as they confront major public controversies, including the Wakashio grounding and serious allegations of misconduct — such as evidence planting — against the now-disbanded Special Striking Team (SST). The focus is on the legal necessity of further investigations, the complex issues of police accountability, and the fundamental guarantee of a fair trial for the accused.

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* Let's first address the *Wakashio* grounding incident. The DPP has indicated, in a communique dated 19 Sep 2025, that there are "sufficient elements that would justify a police investigation" against officials responsible for monitoring the vessel. Since the DPP's power is, to our understanding, to institute criminal proceedings, not investigations, what is the legal significance of the DPP publicly issuing this 'view,' and does the police force have a legal obligation to act upon this directive?

It has been a long-standing practice for the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to request the police to carry out a further inquiry in any file submitted to his office if the circumstances so demand. The DPP cannot blindly accept all that is contained in a police file. He and his team of officers study the file to determine whether there are any omissions or failings in the investigation. He then sends the file back to the police for further investigation on specific lines. There is nothing wrong with this long-standing procedure.

* The DPP has requested that "further investigation" be conducted by the Police into the cases of alleged drug trafficking against Akil Bissessur, Avinash Bissessur, Doomila Devi Moheeputh, Jean Bruneau Laurette, Jean Luca Ryan Laurette, and Vimen Sabapati — cases which were all investigated by the Special Striking Team (SST) under the supervision of the same high-ranking police officers. How important is this decision of the



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DPP? Is it unusual for the DPP to recommend further investigations in a case of this nature?

Drug offences are very serious. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has taken note of the allegations of planting made by suspects arrested by the Special Striking Team (SST), and he has rightly qualified these allegations as very serious. While that decision may appear unusual, the underlying accusation — that evidence was planted — is itself highly irregular and strikes at the very heart of the rule of law.

* Would it be correct to say that when the DPP orders a "further investigation" where the police themselves (especially high-ranking officers) are the subject of serious allegations, the

DPP must use their constitutional and procedural powers to take effective control of the investigative process?

The DPP has no power to investigate a case himself. His authority is limited to supplementing an investigation by requesting the police to conduct a further inquiry. The Constitution has very clearly allocated distinct powers to the DPP and the Commissioner of Police (CP).

The CP, through a combined reading of Section 71 of the Constitution and the Police Act, holds the full power to investigate an offence. Section 72 of the Constitution, conversely, empowers the DPP to institute criminal proceedings.

The DPP cannot exercise that power if an investigation is faulty and if all relevant avenues have not been thoroughly explored.

* In the context of the DPP taking effective control of the investigation, we would assume that the investigating team — under a new Commissioner of Police — would strive to get to the bottom of the different cases and question the high-ranking police officers of the SST and whoever in and outside the police force directed them to carry out these operations?

Once the Commissioner of Police (CP) receives the police file from the DPP for a further inquiry, he would and should comply. This compliance is paramount in the interest of justice and in the public interest.

The investigating team is legally and procedurally bound to follow the evidence wherever it leads. This means the scope cannot be limited only to high-ranking police officers; it must explicitly include all individuals who may have directed, authorized, or influenced the SST operations, even if they are outside the police force.

The credibility of the entire investigation hinges on its willingness to probe the chain of command, from the on-the-ground operatives all the way up to any external political or administrative figures who may have instigated these activities.

* There is one commonality as regards the accused parties: most of them publicly opposed the former government, and it's quite possible that the alleged planting operations, if they actually took place, were meant to silence them. But proving that the drugs and evidence were indeed planted by the SST might prove extremely difficult. What kind of evidence would satisfy a court of law?

Proving that drugs or evidence were planted is extremely difficult, as it requires the police inquiry to probe the matter very deeply and searchingly to uncover a specific, malicious intent and a coordinated act by police officers to subvert justice. If the inquiry reveals evidence of planting, the DPP will take appropriate action against the police officers. Should he order a prosecution, he must ensure the evidence is capable of satisfying a trial court beyond reasonable doubt of the officers' guilt.

In essence, the evidence must establish a clear pattern of motive and opportunity, coupled with scientific proof that the planted items did not belong to the accused and were handled only by the police.

* Given the multiple "planting" allegations against the SST, what concrete, systemic steps can the Commissioner of Police, collaborating with other authorities, take beyond the specific case files to address such misconduct, restore public trust, and ensure the police force upholds its constitutional duty to administer justice fairly?

It is the responsibility of the Commissioner of Police (CP) to hold training sessions with police officers and advise them how to act and behave according to professional standards. The SST was, however, a special case — a police unit that was allegedly acting outside the boundaries of the Rule of Law. Its leadership reportedly dismissed criticisms that it brushed aside as a farce.

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'Police misconduct severely damages fair trials and bail applications by jeopardizing the integrity of evidence'



“Police misconduct negatively impacts fair trials and bail applications by jeopardizing the integrity of evidence, influencing the fairness of pre-trial proceedings, and potentially leading to wrongful convictions or the unjust denial of liberty. Examples include evidence tampering, illegal searches, planting false evidence, or coercing confessions, all of which violate the presumption of innocence and can result in the exclusion of crucial evidence, a stay of proceedings, or an unfair bail decision...”

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The Mauritius Police Force's Code of Ethics establishes the bedrock of police conduct, demanding integrity, fairness, and accountability to foster public trust. It mandates that all members must:

Act only within the law and due legal process.

Uphold fundamental human rights and treat all individuals with respect.

Act with fairness, integrity, and impartiality.

Accept personal accountability for their acts and omissions, and actively oppose any malpractice.

Are police officers acting accordingly?

While the majority of the Police likely upholds its ethical code, the reported misconduct of the SST demonstrates a critical breakdown of accountability where ethical standards were systematically ignored or subverted by those involved. The investigation is necessary to enforce the accountability required by the Code of Ethics.

*** How does the prolonged need for “further investigations” by the DPP's office — necessitated by “allegations of planting” — impact the constitutional guarantee of a fair trial within a reasonable time for the accused persons, given the severity of the bail and prohibition orders?**

Police misconduct negatively impacts fair trials and bail applications by jeopardizing the integrity of evidence, influen-

cing the fairness of pre-trial proceedings, and potentially leading to wrongful convictions or the unjust denial of liberty. Examples include evidence tampering, illegal searches, planting false evidence, or coercing confessions, all of which violate the presumption of innocence and can result in the exclusion of crucial evidence, a stay of proceedings, or an unfair bail decision.

*** If the “further investigations” ultimately fail to either substantiate the charges or definitively rule out the allegations of planting, what are the competing public interest factors the DPP must balance in making the final decision to prosecute or to formally enter a *nolle prosequi*?**

The DPP's decision to prosecute rests on both a strong Evidential Test and the Public Interest Test. The evidence must be sufficient and admissible to provide a realistic prospect of conviction. This means the DPP must be satisfied that a court, properly directed, is likely to find the accused guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Even if the evidential test is met, the DPP must consider whether a prosecution is required in the public interest. This involves weighing factors such as: the seriousness of the offence, the accused party's degree of culpability, the prevalence of the crime and the need to maintain public confidence in key institutions.

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OUTER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of:

- (1) **Accountant/Senior Accountant**
- (2) **Human Resource Officer/Senior Human Resource Officer**
- (3) **Accounts Officer/Senior Accounts Officer**

to serve at the Outer Islands Development Corporation on a permanent and pensionable basis.

Age Limit: Candidates, unless already in service (Government and Parastatal), should not have reached their 45th birthday by the closing date for the submission of applications.

1. Accountant/Senior Accountant

Qualifications: A. Candidates should possess a pass at the final examination required for admission to membership of one of the following bodies –

- (i) **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales**
- (ii) **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland**
- (iii) **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland**
- (iv) **The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants**
- (v) **The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants**
- (vi) **The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy**

And

be registered with Mauritius Institute of Professional Accountants in accordance with section 51 of the Financial Reporting Act;

Salary Scale: Rs 30700 x 825 – 35650 x 900 – 37450 x 950 – 42200 x 1300 – 46100 x 1575 – 49250 x 1650 – 54200 x 1700 – 64400 x 1800 – 69800 (OIC 39)

Salary negotiable within the range of PRB 2021

Note: Candidates should produce written evidence of experience/knowledge claimed.

2. Human Resource Officer/Senior Human Resource Officer

Qualifications: A. Passes in at least two subjects obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education 'A' Level or equivalent qualification acceptable to the Board
B. A diploma in Human Resource Management from a recognized institution or equivalent qualification acceptable to the Corporation.
C. At least three years' experience in HR matters Candidates should produce written evidence of experience /knowledge claimed.

Salary : Rs 21850 x 375 – 22225 x400 – 23425 x 525 – 26050 x 675 - 27400 x 825 – 35650 x 900 – 37450 x 950 – 42200 x 1300 – 46100 (OIC 31)

3. Accounts Officer/Senior Accounts Officer

QUALIFICATIONS: (i) Cambridge School Certificate with 5 credits including English Language, French and Mathematics or an alternative equivalent qualification.
(ii) Diploma in Public Administration and Financial Management or a pass at Level 1 of the A.C.CA exams or a higher stage in Accounting or an alternative equivalent qualification acceptable by the Outer Islands Development Board.
(iii) At least 2 year's experience in accounting duties.

Candidates should produce written evidence of experience /knowledge claimed.

Salary: Rs 24,475 x 525 – 26,050 x 675 – 27,400 x 825 – 35,650 x 900 - 37,450 x 950 – 42,200 x 1300– 46,100 x 1575 – 49,250 (OIC 34)

Other requirements for the above post and list of duties as prescribed in the Scheme of Service are available at the Reception Desk of OI.D.C. Port Louis or visit our website on <http://oidc.govmu.org>

MODE OF APPLICATION:

Application should be made on the prescribed **form available** at our website and returned, duly filled in, together with photocopies of birth, marriage (where applicable) and education/ professional certificates to reach the General Manager, Outer Islands Development Corporation, 2nd Floor, Ken Lee Building, Port Louis.

The post applied for should be clearly marked on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Closing Date: 15:00 hours on 09 October 2025.

Note: The Corporation reserves the right to convene only the best qualified candidates for interview as well as the right not to make any appointment following this advertisement.

Outer Islands Development Corporation

25 September 2025

Interview: Me Rama Valayden

“La FCC affiche un mélange de vitesse et de précipitation; son action ne doit pas être guidée par la seule satisfaction d’une opinion publique volatile”



Me Rama Valayden dresse, dans l'interview de cette semaine, un réquisitoire virulent contre la corruption endémique, l'impunité historique et l'inertie politique à Maurice. En confirmant la réactivation des «Avengers» — un réseau d'avocats pénalistes œuvrant *pro bono* contre les *cover-ups* —, il dénonce l'échec d'un certain nombre d'institutions à fournir des résultats concrets. La crédibilité de la nouvelle *Financial Crimes Commission* (FCC) est mise en doute face à la réalité d'un petit pays où l'indépendance des gardiens est constamment menacée par des pressions politiques, financières et communalistes. Face à la montée de la criminalité de rue et à la menace d'une explosion sociale, Rama Valayden appelle à une stratégie de choc inspirée de l'opération *Mani Pulite* et exige une réforme institutionnelle d'envergure.

Mauritius Times: Les «Avengers» — ce «rempart contre les *cover-ups*», comme vous les avez qualifiés à l'époque — seraient en voie de réactivation, à en croire la presse. Reste à savoir: quelle cible ont-ils dans le viseur cette fois-ci?

Rama Valayden: Les «Avengers»: ce n'est pas une organisation structurée avec un organigramme où chaque membre a un rôle précis. C'est un réseau d'avocats pénalistes, imbus des droits humains, qui militent pour la vérité, pour que la justice triomphe, peu importe la situation politique, la popularité ou l'impopularité de l'affaire traitée. En tout,

ce qu'on a fait ou que l'on fait est «pro bono». Nos membres sont «colour blind», c'est-à-dire que nous ne pratiquons pas la politique partisane. Mais force est de constater qu'aucun de nos avocats ne vient de l'écurie orange.

Je suis convaincu que les «Avengers» ont joué un rôle prédominant dans le combat contre les «*cover-ups*». Sans l'apport des «Avengers», beaucoup d'affaires auraient sombré dans l'oubli. Nous avons eu le respect que nous méritons. Mais nous n'avons jamais été attirés par les nombreuses propositions de faire de la politique.

La réactivation est certes en cours. Il y a plusieurs affaires qui n'ont pas abouti. On ne sait pas qui sont les tueurs, les commanditaires dans les affaires suivantes: (a) Kistnen, (b) Mouniarack, (c) Martingale, (d) Permes et tant d'autres.

Dans toutes les affaires mentionnées, c'est grâce à nos efforts conjugués que nous avons abouti à des enquêtes judiciaires. La seule «judicial enquiry» complétée, c'est l'affaire Kistnen. Cela étant dit, l'opacité demeure.

Parmi les membres les plus actifs, certains ont souhaité que nous travaillions bien plus de concert avec les syndicats et les ONGs. Nous nous attellerons à la tâche, car nous savons que le peuple nous a fait confiance.

*** Les «Avengers» avaient trouvé leur raison d'être suite à l'inaction — ou l'inefficacité — de l'ICAC au cours des dix dernières années. Mais le contexte a changé: aujourd'hui la «Financial Crimes Commission» (FCC) affiche une volonté affirmée de lutter contre la corruption. Comment réagissez-vous à cette évolution?**

C'est encore tôt pour juger la FCC. Ils sont mieux armés que l'ICAC. Sous le même toit, ils ont des enquêteurs, des commissaires et des avocats. Mais la corruption n'est pas seulement «orange». Les pourris sont ailleurs aussi. Des informations crédibles sur la corruption et d'autres crimes financiers qui circulent m'inquiètent. J'ai logé une plainte où un actuel ministre est impliqué depuis trois mois mais, comme dans le conte de Charles Perrault, 'La Barbe Bleue, je suis toujours en train d'attendre: «Anne, ma sœur Anne, ne vois-tu rien venir?».

Scrutons l'horizon: 2025, l'année des arrestations. Bravo! Mais l'année 2026, à partir de mars, sera l'heure de l'annulation des accusations provisoires («Striking Out Provisional Charges»). Nous allons assister à la série des documents perdus, des pertes de mémoire, des morts naturelles pas trop naturelles... Nous allons peut-être observer des scandales qui effacent d'autres scandales ou justifient d'autres scandales. Comment réagira le pouvoir si l'un des siens est impliqué dans une affaire? Comment réagira le bureau du DPP?

Je le répète: la lutte contre la corruption ne peut être gagnée sans une transparence totale et sans l'éducation d'un peuple — un peuple malheureusement trop souvent avide de gains. Bien que la FCC ne soit pas chargée de ce type d'éducation, d'autres institutions le sont. Les outils sont variés. C'est la raison pour laquelle j'ai déjà préparé in toto la «Freedom of Information Act» que Linion Moris a fait circuler lors d'une convention à Bagatelle.

La bataille de la perception est une chose, mais la réalité, elle, reste à prouver. Dans cette optique de pédagogie et de transparence, je suis favorable à la retransmission en direct des procès. D'ailleurs, nous avons envisagé cette

idée pour le procès de Michaela Harte. Cependant, certains milieux ont estimé que je risquais de gagner en popularité, si mon collègue Sanjeev Teeluckdharry et moi-même obtenions gain de cause.

*** La création de la FCC est perçue comme un changement de paradigme et un outil législatif puissant pour lutter contre les scandales passés et la corruption, mais sa crédibilité à long terme dépendra uniquement de l'indépendance et de l'efficacité de son exécution, mesurée par des résultats concrets et des condamnations. Dans quelle mesure ses actions et ses résultats à ce jour témoignent-ils du sérieux et du professionnalisme attendus d'une institution anti-corruption crédible?**

Affirmer que la FCC est un changement de paradigme... permettez-moi d'exprimer mes doutes. L'argent n'est-il pas roi et n'achète-t-il pas tout, comme l'a si bien démontré mon acteur préféré, Raj Kapoor? Nous avons fêté son centenaire en décembre dernier, mais avons-nous retenu la véritable portée de son message?

Pour l'instant, les résultats concrets se font attendre. Si nous voulons réellement un changement, la FCC doit être radicalement renforcée. Plusieurs mesures urgentes s'imposent.

●Ressources Humaines: Augmenter significativement le nombre d'avocats et recruter des experts en «forensic auditing» (audit judiciaire) de l'Europe, afin de garantir une expertise de pointe.



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●Heures de Travail: Instaurer des horaires de travail calqués sur Singapour: de 8h00 à 20h00, incluant les samedis et les dimanches.

●Justice Nocturne: La «Financial Crimes Division» doit siéger durant la nuit (comme nous le faisons déjà aux assises depuis belle lurette).

●Procédures Accélérées: Mettre en place un protocole d'accord pour les appels, et établir un protocole clair avec le Conseil Privé afin de fluidifier les procédures judiciaires.

●Amnistie: Proposer l'amnistie pour ceux qui se présentent volontairement pour se dénoncer.

●Immunité: Accorder l'immunité à certains témoins pour garantir la coopération.

C'est un vaste chantier qui ne peut être mené à bien sans un engagement total.

● Suite en page 8

'Kistnen Papers': Le gouvernement de Navin Ramgoolam doit agir.

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Ce que j'observe actuellement à la FCC, c'est un mélange de vitesse et de précipitation. N'agissez pas de grâce uniquement pour satisfaire l'opinion publique, qui est par nature volatile. Pour qu'une entité devienne une institution digne de ce nom, cela demande du temps. Quand j'assiste aux fuites d'informations qui devraient rester strictement confidentielles, je me dis que c'est soit mal parti, soit au contraire très bien parti... pour les pourris. N'oublions pas que la pourriture a atteint des proportions gigantesques: le pays est pourri jusqu'à la moelle...



● Suite de la page 7

Pour cela, il nous faut un ministre de l'Intérieur à temps plein («full time»), entièrement dédié à cette tâche. Je souhaite sincèrement que l'ensemble de ces réformes se réalise.

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Si nous voulons des résultats concrets, nous ne pouvons pas nous contenter d'arrêter des gens au hasard. Ce n'est pas un jeu d'enfant. Il faut œuvrer avec une stratégie bien déterminée.

Souvenons-nous de l'opération *Mani Pulite* (Opération Mains Propres) en Italie dans les années 90: cette action coup de poing contre la corruption politique s'attaquait frontalement aux mafieux. À Maurice, la tâche de lutte contre la corruption n'est peut-être pas aussi complexe qu'ailleurs, mais elle exige impérativement une stratégie de choc similaire à celle de l'opération *Mani Pulite*. Il faut frapper fort, cibler le cœur du système et y mettre fin.

Cette approche doit se dérouler en deux temps pour garantir l'effet de surprise et l'efficacité. Primo, il faut cibler les têtes et arrêter les figures clés de la corruption en une seule nuit. Secundo, il faut assurer une surveillance efficace. Pour cela, il faut mettre les suspects sur écoute, car, même si cela se fait sans «fiat» légal, leur ignorance de l'Histoire et leur présomption pourraient leur coûter très cher.

Ceux qui sont en charge ne sont peut-être pas médiocres, mais ils ignorent l'Histoire. Regardez comment Zuma a pu se débarrasser des «Scorpions» pour échapper à la justice en Afrique du Sud. Ici même, à Maurice, on a noirci Madame Manrakhan et on a dissout le Tribunal Anti-Corruption pour protéger un dirigeant en vue du MMM.

Quand les partis politiques vivent grâce à des revenus occultes, croyez-vous encore au Père Noël?

* En ce qui concerne les affaires en suspens (les «cover-ups»), la FCC a clairement indiqué qu'elle donnerait la priorité aux enquêtes sur les scandales non

résolus de l'ère précédente. Où en sont concrètement les enquêtes sur les anciens scandales, et ces progrès suffisent-ils à convaincre le public que l'ère de l'impunité est révolue?

Il y a toujours des «cover-ups». C'est la machinerie de tout pouvoir, partout dans le monde. Richard Nixon n'a pas été destitué pour l'écoute électronique, mais pour avoir tenté de dissimuler le crime.

Aujourd'hui, l'opacité est la règle. Dans l'affaire des *reward money*, les documents manquants deviendront des «missing links» qui mèneront inéluctablement à un maillon faible de preuves. Où sont les progrès? On nous parle de *reward money*, mais quid des papiers d'examen? Quid des gros appels d'offres de ces cinq dernières années? Quid des passeports vendus, de l'affaire Lee Shim ou de la GRA? Moi, je ne vois que du Tollywood et des miroirs aux alouettes.

Avez-vous vu des enquêtes sur l'enrichissement sans cause des anciens ministres et de leur entourage? Non, ce sont toujours les mêmes compagnies puissantes qui en bénéficient. Le système est basé sur le favoritisme: «Tu me grattes le dos, je te gratte le dos».

La presse est censée être notre chien de garde, mais elle est souvent déviante, ressemblant à Rantanplan devant des malfaiteurs bien plus intelligents que les Daltons. L'impunité règne... mais pas pour tout le monde. Les récents troubles à la prison de Melrose, impliquant les enfants des pauvres, a fait du bruit pendant une semaine, puis silence radio. La durée de ces prétendues «arrestations» et des rumeurs qui les accompagnent est celle d'un moustique.

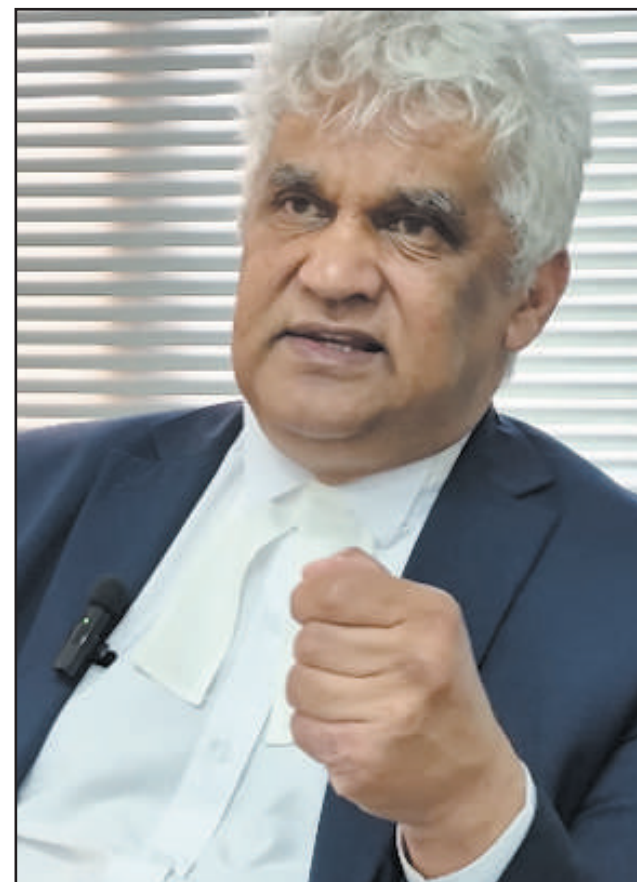
Cela étant dit, la bataille légale s'annonce moins difficile que la politique ne le croit ; le vent tourne déjà avec l'affaiblissement du pouvoir.

* Parmi les affaires en suspens, on retrouve notamment le dossier du meurtre de Soopramanien Kistnen, dont le corps calciné a été découvert dans un champ de cannes à sucre le 18 octobre 2020. L'état d'avancement de l'enquête policière sur cette affaire demeure toujours inconnu. Des pressions ou des obstacles spécifiques entravent-ils, selon vous, les progrès de la police dans cette affaire?

Les «Avengers» ont consacré un temps considérable pour que cette affaire ne soit pas classée comme un suicide. Grâce à l'aide cruciale de journalistes indépendants, nous sommes parvenus à un consensus: il s'agit bel et bien d'un assassinat. Alors, pourquoi les personnes impliquées, directement ou indirectement, sont-elles toujours en liberté? La raison serait-elle simple et dévastatrice: le régime MSM ne voulait pas que la vérité éclate?

Pravind Jugnauth, s'était même permis d'annoncer qu'il avait mené sa propre enquête et qu'il n'y avait eu aucun *foul-play*. Par cette déclaration, le ministre de l'Intérieur avait occulté toute tentative, si minime fût-elle, de faire avancer l'enquête.

Si une investigation était menée correctement, nous retrouverions non seulement les coupables, mais aussi les commanditaires. De plus, en offrant un *reward money* à la hauteur de l'enjeu, les langues se délieraient plus vite que l'éclair. L'affidavit de M. Shibchurn, par exemple, démontre que la MCIT a refusé d'explorer des pistes cruciales pourtant mentionnées avec détails. Une véritable enquête permettrait



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Il faut se tourner vers des hommes de terrain. Dès le premier jour, l'ASP Badal avait déclaré haut et fort à Telfair que c'était un meurtre. Vous savez ce qui lui est arrivé: il a été muté de station en station. Même sort pour l'inspecteur Cowlessur. C'est le sort réservé à ceux qui osent dire la vérité face à un pouvoir déterminé à l'étouffer.

L'arrivée d'agents de Scotland Yard n'a abouti à rien de concret. Pourquoi? Parce que l'on a beau engager le plus grand chef au monde, il ne peut transformer un «briyanigate» en un jour. Seul Dieu peut faire un tel miracle.

N'oublions jamais que la MCIT était catégorique: c'était un suicide. Lorsque Sanjeev Teeluckdhar, Anoup Goodary et moi-même, nous avons eu une réunion avec la MCIT aux Casernes Centrales, en présence de la famille Kistnen, nous avons été quasiment bafoués. Heureusement que la bouffonnerie ne tue pas.

Je publierai très bientôt un rapport complet sur cette affaire. Je dispose d'autres documents qui authentifient le contenu des «Kistnen Papers».

Savez-vous qu'il n'y a jamais eu de tests graphologiques dans ce dossier? Rezistans ek Alternativ (REA) avait pourtant consigné des déclarations, mais sans succès.

Est-il possible de réagir face à une telle inertie? Le gouvernement de Navin Ramgoolam doit agir. Sinon, cela signifiera que la décision a déjà été prise de ne rien faire. L'ombre des jeux d'alliances politiques plane déjà.

● Suite en page 9

'Reward Money': 'Une Commission d'enquête n'est pas seulement souhaitable, elle est indispensable'



'Kistnen Papers': Le gouvernement de Navin Ramgoolam doit agir. Sinon, cela signifiera que la décision a déjà été prise de ne rien faire... L'ombre des jeux d'alliances politiques plane déjà. Le message est clair: l'enquête a été entravée, des preuves essentielles ont été ignorées, et la vérité est retenue en otage. La question n'est plus de savoir si l'affaire sera résolue, mais qui aura le courage politique de rouvrir ce dossier explosif...



● Suite de la page 8

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* Par ailleurs, les «Kistnen Papers» ayant révélé des allégations de financement électoral illégal et de blanchiment d'argent, l'absence de saisies ou d'arrestations liées à ce volet financier soulève des interrogations: cette inaction est-elle due à des entraves à une enquête sérieuse, ou reflète-t-elle une volonté de bloquer son avancement?

Le moment de l'apparition des *Kistnen Papers* était critique, coïncidant avec des pétitions électorales en cours. Imaginez l'impact: si une enquête avait été menée sur ces documents, nous aurions pu démontrer, sans l'ombre d'un doute, que les dépenses électorales – du moins dans la circonscription numéro 8 – dépassaient largement le cadre légal. L'argent coulait à flot.

La machine du MSM tournait à plein régime, 24/7, dans une opération de blanchiment d'argent via les casinos, les bureaux de change («money changers»), les restaurants, les bookmakers et autres. Ce n'est que la pointe de l'iceberg. Des valises d'argent quittaient le pays régulièrement. Comme je l'ai déjà souligné, ce système mafieux opérait de manière brutale, toutes les institutions étant au diapason pour plaire à notre «famille royale.»

La police recevait des ordres: elle manipulait les déclarations, refusait d'enquêter et ignorait les dépenses qui sautaient aux yeux.

L'opposition parlementaire, elle, laissait l'opposition extra-parlementaire faire «le sale boulot», sachant pertinemment qu'elle bénéficierait in fine de l'affaiblissement du pouvoir grâce à ses propres machineries électorales et à son soutien dans la presse.

Nos institutions électorales ne possèdent pas l'arsenal légal de pays comme l'Inde, qui a fait des bonds en avant pour rendre ses élections plus équitables. Il y a tout un travail de fond à accomplir, mais je ne crois pas que les partis traditionnels veuillent y remédier. Il est malheureusement évident qu'il n'y aura pas d'enquête, et ce, pour des raisons purement politiques.

* En ce qui concerne l'actualité récente, l'affaire de la «reward money» domine les gros titres depuis plusieurs mois. Elle a conduit à l'arrestation de hauts officiers de la force policière, dont l'ancien Commissaire de Police et des responsables de la Special Striking Team (SST). L'enquête menée par la FCC est-elle suffisante, ou une Commission d'enquête serait-elle nécessaire pour faire toute la lumière sur ce système?

Une Commission d'enquête n'est pas seulement souhaitable, elle est indispensable. Elle seule peut aider le peuple à comprendre la vérité et proposer des solutions justes et réalisables à court terme pour assainir notre système.

Pour être efficace, cette Commission doit être investie de «terms of reference» très larges, à l'image de ce que Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam avait consenti sous la pression des contestataires dans l'affaire Badry et Daby.

Puisque le temps presse, la Commission devrait siéger «live» à partir de 16h00. Ce sera un outil pédagogique essentiel. Le peuple verra qui doit être exposé à la honte (*shame*). Ce processus de dénonciation publique («shaming process») pourrait, à lui seul, être suffisant pour rétablir une certaine moralité publique.

Je dois ajouter que le «reward money» est un maillon essentiel pour toutes les affaires criminelles (corruption, blanchiment, trafic de drogue, d'armes ou d'êtres humains). Le montant doit rester discrétionnaire, mais il doit être encadré par un mécanisme de reddition de comptes («accountability») et de transparence rigoureux. Un grand problème demeure: Qui contrôle les gardiens?

Aujourd'hui, l'enquête de la FCC se déroule dans l'opacité. Il y aura toujours une perception de manipulation politique. Les arrestations sont cosmétiques, car on a trop tardé à réagir. De plus, sans une véritable enquête de la police ou de la FCC, il n'y aura pas de poursuites.

D'ailleurs, la FCC constatera inéluctablement que le «reward money» a été utilisé pour financer des politiciens de tous bords, y compris un parti politique ayant un intérêt direct si la victoire du MSM est assurée. Ils ont pillé des sommes



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incroyables pour financer cette alliance afin que leur «tam-tam» financier continue. Pour éviter à nouveau ces dérives, il n'y a qu'une seule solution durable: une Commission d'enquête dotée des pleins pouvoirs.

* Le détournement de plusieurs millions de roupies est-il, selon vous, la conséquence de procédures de versement du «reward money» qui auraient été intentionnellement conçues de manière laxiste? Quels points de défaillance spécifiques ont permis une fraude d'une telle ampleur?

Ce serait une opération intentionnelle. Ils savaient parfaitement où le bât blessait.

Nous savons qui signait des chèques ou donnait des directives pour plusieurs millions de roupies. Qui décidait quel compte créditer de ces sommes colossales? Quelle était la procédure exacte? Ceci explique la violence des policiers impliqués dans l'affaire des «reward money» contre nous devant la cour de Mahébourg, alors que nous défendions notre ami Akhil Bissessur et son frère.

Je vais ajouter un secret de Polichinelle: les officiers honnêtes de l'ADSU, ceux avec un bon *track record*, ne touchaient pas un sou. Pourtant, l'opposition parlementaire restait aveugle à cette concentration de pouvoir.

Il existe d'autres sphères opaques au sein de la police.

Qui contrôle l'argent obtenu des «sabots» (pénalités ou amendes illégales)? Savez-vous que ce paiement se fait directement à la station? Et que dire du «commissioner's fund»? Quels montants y transitent? Nous pouvons critiquer ce que nous voulons, mais les Commissaires Servansingh et Ramparsad étaient, eux, honnêtes.

La corruption prospère grâce à une série de défaillances institutionnelles, notamment

- (a) au Bureau du Commissaire de police
- (b) au Pay Office et son mécanisme de paiement
- (c) l'absence de rigueur de l'Audit Interne
- (d) les manquements du Bureau de l'Audit général
- (e) la faiblesse du Public Accounts Committee
- (f) le non-sérieux des parlementaires.

C'est pourquoi, en ajoutant une «Freedom of Information Act» à l'arsenal, un journaliste qui maîtrise son utilisation pourrait faire des merveilles pour révéler la vérité. C'est l'unique rempart contre une opacité devenue la norme.

* Diriez-vous que la manière dont l'actuel gouvernement va gérer cette affaire en dira long sur sa volonté de combattre la fraude et la corruption?

La culture de l'impunité remonte aux fondations mêmes de notre histoire:

- Impunité des esclavagistes et absence de compensation pour les descendants d'esclaves;
- Impunité pour les exactions commises contre les «coolies»;
- Impunité des colons pour leurs actes malveillants.



Depuis l'Indépendance, cette culture s'est profondément enracinée. Les brutalités policières sont systématiquement restées impunies. Les cas récents en sont la preuve criante.

● Affaire Toofany: Il n'y a eu aucune condamnation et nous attendons toujours le jugement en délibéré suite à l'appel du bureau du DPP.

● Affaire Kaya: Les policiers qui étaient de garde à Alcatraz n'ont jamais été inquiétés.

● Affaire Martingale: Les gardes pénitentiaires sont tirés d'affaire, et ne sont pas dans le collimateur de la justice. Peut-être que la «Judicial Enquiry» qui démarre le 13 octobre 2025 fera la lumière, notamment grâce au rapport de contre-autopsie du Docteur Siphosi.

Cette culture d'impunité émane de notre culture politique. En tant que peuple, nous ne nous servons pas de notre conception de ce qui est juste pour exiger la vérité, mais de considérations annexes, souvent politiques, ou malheureusement, communalistes.

Si nous parvenions à éradiquer cette culture d'impunité, ou ne serait-ce qu'à la faire reculer significativement, je serais un homme heureux.

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Shyam Bhatia

Pink Ball, Stolen Gods: The British Museum's Gala of Contradiction

A museum built on empire's loot is poised to celebrate itself with chandeliers, champagne, and celebrity

The British Museum, custodian of more than 30,000 Indian artefacts taken during the Raj, will this month host its first ever "Pink Ball". According to *The Times* newspaper in London, tickets are priced at £2,000 (around Rs 120,000 Mauritian rupees) and 800 guests will dine in the Great Court only yards away from the Amaravati Sculptures — Buddhist treasures hacked out of Andhra Pradesh by the East India Company.

On stage will be Anoushka Shankar, the sitar virtuoso and daughter of the late Ravi Shankar, whose music brought Indian classical traditions to audiences worldwide. The event is co-chaired by Isha Ambani, daughter of Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani, alongside museum director Nicholas Cullinan.

On the surface, it is a spectacle designed to rival New York's Met Gala. The committee features Naomi Campbell, the British supermodel; Edward Enninfu, the Ghanaian-born former editor-in-chief of *British Vogue*; Courtney Love, the American rock musician and actress best known as widow of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain; and Zadie Smith, the acclaimed British novelist. The evening will be themed around the "colours and light of India". But beneath the pink glow lies a contradiction: a gala intended to raise millions for a museum that still refuses to return the treasures it took by conquest, coercion, or theft.

The Amaravati Sculptures illustrate the point. Carved between the 2nd century BCE and 3rd century CE, they once adorned a great Buddhist stupa on the banks of the Krishna River. Their panels told the life stories of the Buddha to pilgrims. When East India Company engineers dis-



The museum's very origins underline the continuity of exploitation. Founded in 1753, it was built with funds from the estate of Sir Hans Sloane, a physician and collector whose wealth was tied to slavery and the transatlantic trade. From its first days, the museum's grandeur was inseparable from empire. Pic - iStock

mantled the site, hundreds of blocks were crated for London. What remained in India was left exposed to decay. Today, those carvings, once alive with ritual and devotion, are reduced to dinner décor for wealthy donors.

The Indian presence in the British Museum is vast. More than 30,000 objects from the subcontinent form the largest collection outside South Asia. Chola bronzes once worshipped in Tamil Nadu, Hindu deities from Bengal and Odisha, and relics from Buddhist shrines now sit in storerooms or under glass. Many have never been catalogued; most will never be displayed. To priests and pilgrims, they were once living gods. In Bloomsbury, they are lifeless curiosities.

The museum also stores human remains. It admits to holding more than 6,000 sets of remains from across the world, including South Asia — bones looted from battlefields, burial grounds and temples. Scholars say the denial of dignity to the dead is even more shocking than the hoarding of bronzes or carvings.

Critics ask: what exactly is being celebrated? The institution is already scarred by scandal. In 2023, it admitted that more than 1,500 objects had gone missing from its storerooms. Only 634 have been traced. Hundreds remain unaccounted for, many never photographed or catalogued. The museum blamed a former curator, Peter Higgs, while police investigations continue. Reports suggest missing pieces passed through dealers in Britain, Switzerland and the Middle East before disappearing into

private collections. Far from being a model custodian, the museum has shown itself unable to protect even what it keeps.

Financially, too, the contradictions are glaring. Freedom of Information requests answered by the museum show that in 2024/25 it received £44 million in operating subsidies and another £30 million in capital grants — more than £74 million (around Rs 4.4 billion Mauritian rupees) in total taxpayer funding. Its director Nicholas Cullinan earns between £215,000 and £220,000 a year (Rs 12–13 million Mauritian rupees), more than the British Prime Minister. A further £14 million (Rs 840 million) was spent on public relations, press handling and security — a sum larger than the annual budget of many regional museums.

Yet the Pink Ball seeks more money, this time from diaspora pockets. Its Indian theme and its celebrity endorsements are deliberately pitched to attract wealthy donors, especially among the Indian diasporas. Critics say this is a double imposition: first the artefacts were taken, and now the heirs of those dispossessed are asked to fund their keepers.

Nor is India the only country with claims. Greece continues to demand the return of the Parthenon Marbles. Nigeria campaigns for the Benin Bronzes. Ethiopia

seeks regalia seized at the Battle of Maqdala in 1868. China points to treasures looted from the Summer Palace in 1860. As Professor Dan Hicks, British archaeologist and author of *The British Museums*, has said: "Restitution is not only about the past — it's about the kind of future we want to build."

For Mauritius, the resonance is direct. The unresolved fate of the Chagos Islands — detached by Britain in the 1960s and leased to the United States despite international rulings in favour of Mauritian sovereignty — is itself a form of dispossession. Just as India seeks the Amaravati Sculptures and Greece the Marbles, Mauritius continues to demand the return of what was taken. The struggles are linked by a common theme: restitution as dignity, restitution as justice.

The museum's very origins underline the continuity of exploitation. Founded in 1753, it was built with funds from the estate of Sir Hans Sloane, a physician and collector whose wealth was tied to slavery and the transatlantic trade. From its first days, the museum's grandeur was inseparable from empire. The Pink Ball does not mark a departure from that history but a continuation of it under softer lighting.

Britain's fiscal pressures add another edge. Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves, the UK's finance minister, must find tens of billions without raising taxes or slashing services. The British Museum squats on 5.5 acres of prime Bloomsbury real estate worth more than £2 billion. Its collections, valued conservatively at £30–50 billion, could transform public finances if restitution, sales or shared custody were seriously pursued. Advocates say that such measures would not only redress past wrongs but also fund hospitals, housing and schools, while decentralising cultural infrastructure to cities like Manchester or Birmingham.

Instead, chandeliers will sparkle, and sitar strings will sound. Anoushka Shankar, Isha Ambani and a roster of international celebrities will lend their prestige to an institution scarred by thefts and scandals. Yet for all the glamour, the contradictions are impossible to conceal. A museum built on empire's loot is asking the heirs of the looted to pay again.

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Around the world, migrants are being deported at alarming rates

The US, UK and Australia are all expanding efforts to deport non-citizens, reframing the act of seeking asylum from a human right to a criminal act

Under President Donald Trump, the United States is expanding its efforts to detain and deport non-citizens at an alarming rate. In recent months, the Trump administration made deals with a number of third states to receive deported non-citizens.

In Australia, the Labor government has similarly established new powers to deport non-citizens to third states. The government signed a secretive deal with Nauru in September, guaranteeing the small Micronesian island A\$2.5 billion over the next three decades to accommodate the first cohort of deportees.

In both countries, migrants can now be banished to states to which they have no prior connection.

Last year in the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Keir Starmer's Labour party promised that the previous Conservative government's plan to deport people to Rwanda was "dead and buried". Yet, Labour removed close to 35,000 people in 2024, an increase of 25% over the previous year.

Starmer has also proposed establishing "return hubs" in third countries for people with rejected asylum claims.

Meanwhile, the far-right Reform Party has put forward a "mass deportation" plan involving the use of military bases to detain and deport hundreds of thousands of people, if it wins power in the next general election.

Similar policies may soon come to Europe, too. In May, the European Commission published a proposal that would allow EU member states to deport people seeking asylum to third countries where they have no previous connection.

The deportation of populations deemed problematic is not a new practice. For centuries, states have used forms of deportation to forcibly remove people, as Australia's own history as a British penal colony illustrates.

Today, deportations are a staple of migration governance around the world. However, the recent expansion of detention and deportations reflects an accelerated criminalisation and punishment of non-citizens, tied to a rising authoritarianism across purportedly liberal Western countries.

Criminalising movement

The expansion and outsourcing of deportation is underpinned by long histories of criminalising migration.

Over the past three decades, legal



Extremist slogans such as 'Ireland for the Irish' are becoming more common.
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obstacles and securitised borders have increasingly forced those fleeing war, persecution and insecurity to rely on unauthorised routes to seek refuge.

Governments have simultaneously reframed the act of seeking asylum from a human right to a criminal act, brandishing those on the move as "illegal" as a way of justifying onshore and offshore immigration detention.

Racialised people living in the community have also been subject to increased policing, regardless of their migration status.

In the US, UK and Australia, this criminalising language, once the preserve of the right-wing press, is now echoed by politicians across the political spectrum and enshrined in legislation. This has accelerated what migration expert Alison Mountz has termed "the death of asylum", and normalising deportations.

In Australia, for example, the government lowered the threshold for visa cancellations in 2014, resulting in people with minor offences being detained and scheduled for deportation. Those who could not be returned to their home countries continued to languish in detention until a 2023 high court ruling mandated their release.

Despite having served their sentences, in addition to protracted periods in immigration detention, a media frenzy framed these people as a major threat to the community. The Labor government then legislated to deport them, in addition to thousands of others on precarious visas, to a third country.

Deportations have also been a central

facet of US immigration enforcement for many years.

Former President Barack Obama was branded "Deporter in Chief" for achieving a record three million deportations while in office.

While Obama focused on "felons not families", Trump has equated migration itself with crime and insecurity. His administration has cast a much wider net, rounding up those with and without criminal convictions, including citizens.

Detentions and deportations have also been used to suppress political dissent on issues, such as the genocide in Gaza.

To expedite his pledge to deport one million people in his first year, the Trump administration hastily set up detention centres in former prisons and military bases, including at Guantánamo Bay.

Reports suggest the government has also approached 58 third countries to accept deported non-nationals. Countries that have agreed, or already received people, are shown in the map below.

In many cases, people are then re-detained on arrival in hotels, prisons and camps, with some subject to further deportation.

Rising authoritarianism

These recent developments reveal an explicit authoritarianism in which deportations are achieved through the elimination of procedural fairness. Reducing notice periods, the ability to appeal decisions, and access to legal counsel allows for rushed

and opaque procedures.

In June, eight people were deported from the US to South Sudan without the chance to contest their removal. After a failed court intervention, the three liberal US Supreme Court justices stated:

The government has made clear in word and deed that it feels itself unconstrained by law, free to deport anyone, anywhere without notice or an opportunity to be heard.

In the UK, the Labour party expanded the "Deport Now Appeal Later" scheme in August, extending the countries to which people can be deported without appeal rights from eight to 23.

And this month in Australia, the Migration Act was amended to expunge the rules of natural justice for people scheduled for deportation.

Across all three countries, the rapid expansion of detention and deportation practices terrorise those targeted, leaving whole communities living in fear. Australian human rights lawyer Alison Battison described deportation as "a creeping death to the individuals and their families".

These policies have also legitimised and emboldened far-right, neo-Nazi groups, who have taken to the streets in both the UK and Australia in recent weeks calling for an end to migration. In both countries, the effects of decades of neoliberal policies, such as a lack of affordable housing, jobs, and health care, are redefined as a problem of migration.

How communities are responding

Communities are now organising and making the case for a different sort of politics.

In Los Angeles, for example, grassroots organisations mobilised earlier this year to counter escalating raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. Networks also began providing information and support to those targeted by ICE arrests. In July, Detention Watch Network relaunched the Communities Not Cages coalition of grassroots campaigns against detention.

In the UK, far-right rallies at asylum hotels have been met by counter demonstrations, with people insisting on a politics of welcome and unity.

But the challenge remains how to turn local and national opposition into a coalition capable of confronting this rise in authoritarian politics of exclusion and expulsion.



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The Board of Directors of SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd
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Morocco erupts in Gen Z-led protests over World Cup spending, hundreds injured

Morocco said almost 300 police officers and civilians were injured in the latest night of youth-led protests against failing government services and lavish spending for the 2030 men's football World Cup.

Demonstrations that started during the weekend spread to new parts of the North African kingdom late Tuesday. The deepening unrest mirrors recent 'Gen Z' protests in countries such as Madagascar, where President Andry Rajoelina fired his government this week following days of turmoil.

The Moroccan Interior Ministry said Wednesday at least 263 members of the security forces and 23 civilians were hurt in protests across 17 cities the previous night. Some 409 individuals were taken into police custody, reports Bloomberg.

Upheaval on this scale is rare for Morocco, an investor favourite that's seen as a beacon of stability in the Middle East and North Africa. It comes as authorities plan an estimated \$35 billion in infrastructure spending over the coming years, some of which will go toward facilities to co-host football's top event with Spain and Portugal.

Such outlay has enraged many in the country of 38 million people on Europe's doorstep, where youth unemployment is rampant and health and education facilities languish. A leaderless and tech-savvy group named GenZ212 has spearheaded the opposition, drumming up demonstrations via social media.

'Health Care First'

"Health care first, we don't want the World Cup," protesters have chanted.



Morocco witnesses Gen-Z led protest amid infrastructure crisis and upcoming Fifa World Cup. Pic - YouTube

The ministry accused demonstrators of a "dangerous escalation" and alleged they used knives and firebombs. "All persons proven to have committed acts or behaviours that fall under the scope of the law will be dealt with firmly and strictly," it said in a statement.

AMDH, Morocco's main human rights advocacy group, estimates more than 1,000 people have been arrested since last Saturday. In the capital Rabat alone, 148 protesters have faced charges ranging from disparaging public security to committing acts of violence, it said.

Damir, a prominent advocacy group, urged the government to reconsider its national investment priorities and "strictly respect" citizens' constitutional right to assert their opinions peacefully.

In a statement, it expressed regret over "the disproportionate response of public authorities to these demonstrations, rejects the excessive use of force, and condemns the use of violence by intruders within the protests."

Colombia expels Israeli diplomats over Gaza flotilla intercept

Colombian President Gustavo Petro on Wednesday expelled all remaining Israeli diplomats in the country over Israel's interception of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla and reported detention of two Colombian activists.



Colombia expels Israeli diplomats, Spain summons top envoy over Gaza flotilla intercept. Pic - Arham Online

Petro said two Colombian women, "who were engaged in human solidarity activities with Palestine," were detained by Israeli forces in international waters.

In a statement, his office said Manuela Bedoya and Luna Barreto were part of the Global Sumud Flotilla and called for their immediate release, reports AFP.

The Israeli foreign ministry confirmed that "several vessels" in the flotilla had been "safely stopped" and that the passengers were being brought to an Israeli port.

The leftist Petro severed relations with Israel last year but four diplomats remained posted in the country, said a source at the Israeli consulate in Bogota.

Writing on X, Petro announced the expulsion of "the entire diplomatic delegation of Israel" over what he called "a new international crime" by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

He also terminated a free-trade deal in force with Israel since 2020.

Colombia's leader is one of Netanyahu's most vocal critics, calling him "genocidal," while also slamming US President Donald Trump as an "accomplice" to "genocide."

Last week, Petro attended a pro-Palestinian protest in New York, where he called on the US military to "disobey" Trump.

Washington revoked Petro's visa over his remarks.

Across the Globe

Europe backs drone wall

European leaders backed a plan to build a so-called drone wall to bolster the continent's defenses, aiming to send a clear message to Moscow after multiple Russian incursions into NATO airspace. The continent is scrambling to build the necessary capacities to defend against drones, highlighting not only its lagging technology but also how rapidly warfare has shifted to the use of unmanned aircraft.

According to NATO, the Russian army is now capable of making drones for a few thousand dollars that Europe can only shoot down with missiles that cost millions of dollars apiece. Moscow's ongoing hybrid war makes a drone wall necessary, Finland's prime minister argued: "Russia will continue and we have to be ready."

Israel intercepts Gaza aid flotilla

Israeli naval ships intercepted a flotilla attempting to deliver aid to Gaza and detained several activists, including Greta Thunberg. The "Global Sumud Flotilla" of more than 40 vessels set sail in September, intending to breach Israel's naval blockade of the enclave, where the UN says a humanitarian catastrophe is underway.



Israel said several vessels were taken to port, citing what it called a violation of a "lawful naval blockade," but flotilla organizers said their boats had been illegally boarded and targeted with water cannon and drones. The boats have become an international cause célèbre: They were escorted part-way by Italian and Spanish naval ships, and their interception has been met by protests in several European countries.

US vows to protect Qatar

US President Donald Trump signed a NATO-like security guarantee for Qatar, part of efforts to reassure the emirate after an Israeli strike on Hamas leaders in Doha last month. The executive order pledges to take all measures, including US military support, to defend the Gulf state, though its legal and practical value is in question.

Such agreements have historically required the approval of the US Senate, and the announcement was met with criticism from some of Trump's conservative supporters. The move was ostensibly made to reassure Washington's Gulf allies following the Israeli strike — Saudi Arabia has already reached a mutual-defense pact with nuclear-armed Pakistan — but Politico nevertheless called it a "shocking departure from the administration's America First approach."

AI upends Chinese education



I guide students exploring AI-generated art on an interactive touchscreen. We discuss and brainstorm ideas in the bright, modern classroom. Pic - The Economic Times

China is integrating AI into more aspects of childhood, spurring the growth of a multibillion-dollar industry. Robot toys that help with tutoring, homework-grading systems, and AI-enabled tablets are becoming more common in Chinese homes and classrooms, accompanying a government directive for AI to be embedded throughout early education.

The push has created a vast business opportunity for Chinese tech firms, though analysts say AI hasn't yet positively transformed education, Rest of World reported. "People are buying things randomly because it's AI," one expert said. Some Chinese teachers have complained the new systems only add to their workload, and that their adoption is performative.

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Chernobyl and Europe's biggest nuclear plant at risk?



A Russian serviceman stands guard the territory outside the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station in Energodar. Pic -AFP/Getty Images

Russia's sustained bombardment of Ukraine's power grid is deepening concerns about the safety of the country's nuclear facilities after a drone knocked out power for more than three hours to the site of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster and as Europe's biggest atomic power plant remains disconnected from the grid, officials said.

Both Chernobyl and the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant are not working but they require a constant power supply to run crucial cooling systems for spent fuel rods in order to avoid a potential nuclear incident, reports AP.

A blackout could also blind the radiation monitoring systems, installed to boost security at Chernobyl and operated by the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"Russia is deliberately creating the threat of radiation incidents," Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky said late Wednesday, criticizing the U.N. watchdog and its chief Rafael Mariano Grossi for what he described as weak responses to the danger.

"Every day of Russia's war, every strike on our energy facilities, including those connected to nuclear safety, is a global threat," he said. "Weak and half-measures will not work. Strong action is needed."

Zelensky said in his nightly video address that Russia launched over 20 Shahed drones against energy infrastructure in Slavutych, the city whose

power supply services Chernobyl, the site of the world's worst nuclear accident.

A wave of drones overwhelmed defences and caused a blackout, he said, affecting the sarcophagus that prevents radioactive dust from escaping the destroyed fourth reactor and storage housing more than 3,000 tons of spent fuel. He did not provide details of how it was affected.

"The Russians could not have been unaware that a strike on Slavutych would have such consequences for Chernobyl," Zelensky said.

Last February, a drone armed with a warhead hit Chernobyl's protective outer shell, briefly starting a fire. Radiation levels there did not increase, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Zaporizhzhia plant, which is one of the 10 biggest nuclear facilities in the world, has been disconnected from the grid for over a week.

Zaporizhzhia has repeatedly been caught in the crossfire during the war. Zelensky blamed Russian artillery for cutting the power line to the plant, but Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it was Ukrainian shelling.

The facility is using emergency diesel generators to run cooling systems for its six shutdown reactors and spent fuel.

The IAEA says the plant is not in immediate danger but wants it swiftly reconnected to the grid.

AGOA trade pact gets US reprieve

The White House reportedly backed a one-year extension for a key US-Africa trade agreement that is due to expire today, though its renewal remains uncertain. Since the African Growth and Opportunity Act was implemented in 2000, sub-Saharan African nations have exchanged goods duty-free with the US, boosting trans-Atlantic trade. But the deal has been effectively scuppered by American tariffs, while pleas by African leaders to extend AGOA have gone unanswered.

A formal end to the agreement would signal that the Trump administration is disengaging with Africa at a time when other global powers, including China and several Gulf nations, are ramping up their presence across the continent.

Across The Globe

China woos top foreign talent

China launched a new program to woo top scientists and tech experts from around the world, in sharp contrast with a recent US policy that dramatically increased the price of talent visas. China's new "K visa" seeks to attract foreign experts to boost the country's standing as a global technological superpower: In a symbolic move, a world-leading Italian battery scientist recently left a top position in Europe to lead a research facility at a Nanjing university, the South China Morning Post reported. Beijing's openness to foreign talent is at odds with Washington's recent decision to hike the price of visas for talented workers as much as 50-fold. "The US has definitely shot itself in the foot," an expert told Reuters.



Pu Xiaoxu. Pic - Getty Images

Chatbots enforce caste bias

OpenAI's products including ChatGPT are steeped in caste bias that affects Indian users, according to a new report. Caste-based discrimination is outlawed in India, but persists through stereotypes depicting some groups as unhygienic and poor, and others as scholarly and sophisticated.

An MIT Technology Review investigation found that ChatGPT, as well as OpenAI's video generator, gravitated toward stereotypes when assigning characteristics to different castes. It shows the ongoing challenges surrounding bias in AI, especially in India, which is OpenAI's second-largest market — but also reflects the paradoxical nature of such concerns.

AI models are trained on bodies of text from across the internet, so chatbots inevitably reflect real-world prejudices. "The experience [of AI] actually mirrored society," one Indian user said.

Europe's modern-day Machiavelli

A Swiss-Italian writer is playing the role of a modern-day Machiavelli for European leaders. Giuliano da Empoli accompanies French President Emmanuel Macron on state visits and is quoted in his speeches; the Danish prime minister consults him regularly. Da Empoli writes fiction — his bestseller 'The Wizard of the Kremlin' is a thinly veiled portrait of Russian President Vladimir Putin's inner circle — and also analysis, examining how strongman leaders such as Putin or Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman gain and keep power. His modus operandi is to understand, rather than condemn, the autocrats, Politico wrote. The comparison to the 16th-century diplomat Niccolò Machiavelli is irresistible, not least because da Empoli once worked in the office next door to Machiavelli's in Florence's Palazzo Vecchio.

Russia's 'hybrid war' in Europe

Russia's "hybrid war" against NATO is only just beginning, Denmark's prime minister warned. Speaking ahead of a meeting of European leaders where they're set to discuss regional security, Mette Frederiksen told the *Financial Times* that the military alliance must step up its response to Russian aggression after repeated cyberattacks and incursions into its airspace.

Latvia's defense minister gave similar warnings, saying Europe is "not formally at war, but we are not at peace, we are in hybrid warfare," including alleged Russian sabotage and signal jamming. Officials believe recent moves by Russia's ally Belarus to apparently encourage thousands of migrants to cross into EU countries is part of that hybrid warfare: An attempt to seed a humanitarian crisis in the bloc.



Russian hybrid warfare: Ukraine's success offers lessons for Europe. Pic- Atlantic Council

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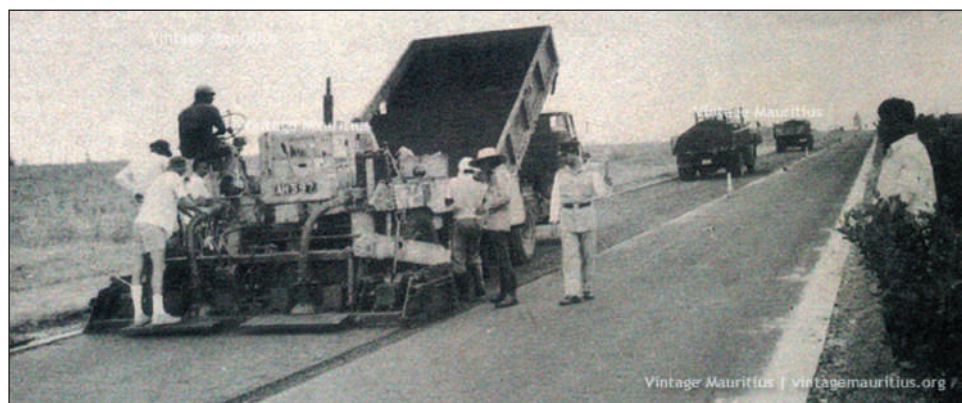
Within ten days, the Legislative Council will resume its activities. The hitherto drab political atmosphere will be greatly enlivened by the cut and thrust of the Council's debates. But not only by that. The coming session bids fair to become the most crucial stage of the present Government, which is regarded by both sides of the House as the precursor to a Cabinet system of government. During this session, it is expected that Government will unfold its reconstruction plan; discuss and adopt or reject the Titmuss and Meade Reports; consider the findings of Mr Ringadoo's delegation; and last but not least, discuss and adapt or reject the revised Five-Year Plan. It is precisely in connection with the Five-Year Plan that the Council's decision will prove most critical.

On previous occasions, we have drawn attention to what we consider the lack of a sense direction in the plan. We do not rule out the plan as worthless nor do we think like the Opposition, that the Plan should be thrown overboard. There is much good in it, but it is inadequate. Because for obvious reasons it cannot even contemplate controlling the rise in population, it becomes more of a palliative than anything else: by the time the plan is completed, no one will be able to tell us by how much the standard of living will have increased. Furthermore, the list of priorities has not been properly drawn — or to be precise, it has been wrongly drawn.

In an economy like ours, walled in by both natural as well as man-made difficulties, can we decently give priority to building of police stations, quarters for government officers and the sewerage scheme? Of necessity, all our eggs remain in one basket: the sugar industry. Since it is no news to our planners that Mauritius as a country is at the mercy of cyclones, don't they think that it is unrealistic to freeze millions of rupees in cement? Planning is a continuous process, which must be delicately sustained, and above everything, its continuity must be kept. Therefore, we must have a sense of

Sense of Direction

The time will soon come when our growing population asks if new police stations, posh offices, or civil servant housing can truly feed an empty stomach or ease a burdened mind



direction. We must know what we want, and our planning must be geared so as to enable us to satisfy our needs over a period of years. This is planning.

Mr Wilson before he left and Dr Ramgoolam after his return from London have both said that the Five-Year Plan, which is half way through, would be amended in light of the circumstances created by the cyclones. In what respect will the plan be modified? The only thing we know is that housing will be given a larger share. But what kind of housing? And what about the other items of the plan? Let us try to answer these two vital questions.

It is agreed that housing must be given pride of place in the Government's thinking if it is at all felt desirable to insure the population against future cyclones. But we fail to understand why at this critical juncture in our history we should spend hundreds of thousands of rupees on building quarters for government officers. General Notice No. 960 of 1960 published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday last says that "tenders will be received for the construction of fifteen houses together with garages, drainage, site

works, services, access roads and ancillary works at Moka (Houses for Government Officers)." What is all this nonsense? This is but one isolated illustration of misspending. Examples like this are legion. Rs 204,000 were spent to build a new sanitary office in Vacoas. And you must see the garage at that sanitary office — it is better, far better than the houses of thousands of people.

Next, the plan must be so revised that we can reduce our dependence upon imported goods. The plan is perfunctory about prospects of increasing our milk and fish production. The promotion of local foodstuffs seems to have been left out completely. This is just inconceivable especially when one considers that all the major countries where planning is well understood and where common sense and pragmatism reign supreme, production of foodstuffs is given top priority. Another pointer to our lack of effective planning is the fact that we have spent, during the last three years, about Rs 22,000,000 in compensation to planters of the North only who have suffered from droughts. With half that amount a reservoir could have been built to capture the waters now being wasted in the sea.

We therefore feel that as the plan is being revised the opportunity could be availed of to give a sense of purpose to our planning. Mr Boolell must claim the lion's share of the huge amounts voted for the plan for his ministry. Then and only then shall we be able to look into the future with hope and confidence. Otherwise, the time is not far away when our swelling population will wonder whether new police stations, posh sanitary offices or civil servants quarters can help to soothe an empty stomach and a burdened mind.

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Mauritius in the Global Economic Landscape

The New World Trade (Dis)Order: Implications and The Way Forward

The end of World War II in 1945 led world leaders to rethink the global political and economic architecture with the creation of multilateral institutions. Economic stability was considered as important as political alliances. The war itself had shown how protectionism, competitive devaluations, and trade rivalries in the 1930s fuelled resentment and conflict. To prevent history from repeating itself, nations came together to design a new global economic order — one that would bind economies together, reduce trade frictions, and ensure prosperity was shared more widely.

Out of this determination came the Bretton Woods institutions, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1947, and later the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1995. The philosophy was simple but profound: instead of a chaotic marketplace where power dictated outcomes, trade would be governed by rules. Transparency, non-discrimination, and reciprocity would ensure predictability. Disputes would be settled by arbitration, not retaliation.

For decades, this rules-based order worked remarkably well. Tariffs fell across successive negotiating rounds. Global trade expanded faster than global GDP. Supply chains linked continents in ways previously unimaginable. Above all, trade became a stabilizing force, helping integrate former adversaries like Germany and Japan into a cooperative world economy.

But today, the very foundations of that order are cracking. And one of the clearest triggers has been the return of tariffs as political weapons. The tariff war unleashed by President Trump, justified in the name of fairness and national security, have not only disrupted global trade flows but also undermined the very principle of multilateralism. It has led from a world characterized by trade order to trade disorder.

The Erosion of Multilateral Rules

What make these tariffs particularly destabilizing is not just their scale, but the fact that they have bypassed the WTO's rules. The organization, designed precisely to prevent tit-for-tat retaliation, has been sidelined. The formula used to calculate the reciprocal tariff has left economists and observers bewildered, which is obtained for each country by dividing the US trade deficit by total exports. Even if President Trump wanted to deliver on his promises to re-industrialize the US and bolster Domestic Manufacturing, one would have expected small exporters to be exempted from his reciprocal tariff. But surprise, they have been caught full swing in the disorder



caused by the tariff.

The WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism has become dysfunctional since the US has blocked the appointment of new judges to the WTO's Appellate Body, effectively paralyzing the whole system. Without a functioning court of appeal, the WTO's enforcement arm has been neutralized. It is a blow from which the institution has yet to recover.

The very foundation of the WTO system - the most-favoured nation (MFN) clause at the heart of multilateral trade has been eroded. This vital principle is meant to discard discrimination and to ensure that all WTO Members are treated equally in terms of trade. It does make provisions, though, for exceptions and waivers that allow countries to conclude preferential trade agreements, and for developed countries to grant unilateral preferential treatment to developing countries to enable them access their markets. One such initiative is the AGOA which operates under a WTO waiver.

Implications for Mauritius

The implications for Mauritius are likely to be dramatic.

First, because of the reciprocal tariff of 15% levied on Mauritian exports which exposes our products to competitive pressure on the US market. When compared to the tariffs of 19% applicable to our direct competitors like Bangladesh and Vietnam, we seem to be in a relatively better position. However, under the AGOA, Mauritian products were exempted from tariffs compared to Bangladesh and Vietnam which were taxed at the prevailing MFN rate of duty, for instance 16% for cotton garments and 30% for garments made from synthetic fibers which provided a high margin of preference for our products. For cotton garments, for e.g., the margin of preference stood at 100% $[(16/16) \times 100]$, but now with the reciprocal tariff, it has now dropped to 21% $[(19-15/19) \times 100]$

Second, if AGOA is not re-authorised by 30 Sept, the prevailing MFN tariff will add on to the reciprocal tariff, implying that cotton

garments made in Mauritius will be taxed at 31% (15 +16), and synthetic garments at 45% (15+30), compared to 19% for both Bangladesh and Vietnam, providing them an effective margin of preference of 30% for cotton garments and 45% for manmade fibres respectively. If measures are not taken to mitigate the tariff impact in Mauritius, we risk to lose the US market which absorbs 10% of our exports, with the ensuing consequences of firm closures and job losses.

Third, the Trump reciprocal tariff will automatically result in trade diversion strategies by many countries to neutralise the impact of the US tariff. There is a serious risk that Countries will compensate the loss of the US market by increasing exports to other markets, including by resorting to massive subsidization, dumping and other unfair trade practices. The result is a possible displacement of exports from Mauritius on the EU and UK and other important markets. In addition, there is now a sudden rush by many countries to open new export avenues by concluding Free Trade Agreements. The EU-MERCOSUR Agreement, India-UK FTA, India-EU FTA are cases in point. Not only will this create a new trade dynamic for the Parties to the FTAs, but it will add competitive pressure on small, high-cost producers like Mauritius with a real risk of trade displacement.

The India-UK deal makes 99% of Indian goods duty free into the UK market. India is a high volume, low-cost clothing exporter-so price sensitive buyers and fast fashion chains can source more cheaply from India, squeezing Mauritian exporters on price and volume. The India-EU deal will follow similar concessions for textiles and other products and the pressure will extend on that market too.

The Way Forward

A change in market conditions requires a re-think of strategies both at the Government and firm levels. The new world trade disorder is here to stay. There is no fixing it unless the international community

decides to revert course and put back on track the WTO and its rules at the heart of world trade. But the WTO system itself is in deep crisis. It has not reacted to the Trump tariff policy which clearly undermines the WTO system. With the multiplicity of trade negotiations under way between the US and some 90 Countries, as the US President has put it, but with no visibility on the details, it is most likely that they will create a web of conflicting trade deals that will further increase entropy or disorder.

We have no option than to adapt to this new world trade disorder.

I had recently argued in an article that Mauritius must work with the African Union to lobby for a short-term extension of AGOA, but with a clear roadmap for African Countries to negotiate a partnership Agreement with the US, either at the continental level or with regional or sub-regional groups, modelled on the EPA between the EU and ACP Countries. US Congressman may be more willing to legislate AGOA's extension in the short time left on this basis rather than to have a seamless extension for a long period of time as advocated by the AGOA beneficiaries. In addition, we should pursue our strategy of opening new markets such as EURASIA, EFTA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, MERCOSUR amongst others. We may consider joining the Comprehensive Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The world has come to realise how important market access is, and we should realise it too. We should continue creating the best market access conditions for our products and services.

The Government, through the EDB and the private sector, must henceforth be more proactive in harnessing the huge trade opportunities that our vast network of Free trade Agreements provides. Mauritius is one of the few developing countries in the world, and the only one in Africa to have concluded trade deals with all the major economies in the world: the EU second largest economy with a GDP of 20 trillion USD, China, third largest economy with GDP of 19 trillion USD, India, fourth largest economy with a GDP of 4 trillion USD, African continent, combined GDP 2.8 trillion USD, Turkey GDP 1.4 trillion, UAE 537 billion USD.

Government must undertake a complete diagnostic of the industrial sector, in collaboration with industry captains to assess the competitive strengths or weaknesses and implement measures to close competitive gaps. Mauritius can survive the competitiveness challenge if we build our production systems on a sound technological basis and produce high end products with high intellectual property content.

The sugar industry is a perfect example of how we can transform a sector by creating more value-added products, adapt to changing market conditions and use Intellectual Property to enhance quality. And so is the Rum subsector. The Mauritian speciality sugar and the Mauritian Rum are now labelled as Geographical Indications (GIs) which automatically increases the value in the eyes of consumers. This is the way ahead.

Cannabis use may quadruple diabetes risk

A major analysis of health records covering more than 4 million adults across the U.S. and Europe suggests that cannabis users face nearly four times the risk of developing type 2 diabetes compared to non-users. Presented at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes, the research followed participants for five years and found that 2.2% of cannabis users developed diabetes, compared with just 0.6% of controls.

The study notes that causation has not been proven, but links between cannabis, appetite regulation, and insulin sensitivity may help explain the results. As cannabis becomes more widely accessible worldwide, scientists are urging closer monitoring of its metabolic effects and calling for additional long-term studies to separate lifestyle factors from pharmacological impacts. Clinicians recommend that frequent users consider routine screening for blood sugar and adopt healthy diet and exercise habits.



Half of adults suffer from dry eyes, but most never get help

A large, multi-country survey presented at the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons' annual congress shows that more than half of adults in the U.S. and Europe experience symptoms of dry eye syndrome, yet most remain undiagnosed or untreated for years.

The NESTS study revealed that only about 20% of sufferers receive a formal diagnosis despite daily discomfort affecting reading, computer work, driving, and even outcomes of routine eye surgeries. Researchers warn that untreated dry eye can lead to persistent inflammation, blurred vision, corneal damage, and decreased quality of life.

Experts emphasize that timely management — ranging from lubricating drops and lifestyle changes to prescription



therapies — can dramatically improve comfort and eye health. Public health advocates are calling for greater awareness among both patients and primary care doctors to address what has become a silent, widespread problem.



Who invented the light bulb?

Thomas Edison is just part of the answer, and the light bulb is just part of what he achieved.

When people name the most important inventions in history, light bulbs are usually on the list. They were much safer than earlier light sources, and they made more activities, for both work and play, possible after the Sun went down.

More than a century after its invention, illustrators still use a lit bulb to symbolize a great idea. Credit typically goes to inventor and entrepreneur Thomas Edison, who created the first commercial light and power system in the United States.

But as a historian and author of a book about how electric lighting changed the U.S., I know that the actual story is more complicated and interesting. It shows that complex inventions are not created by a single genius, no matter how talented he or she may be, but by many creative minds and hands working on the same problem.

Making light – and delivering it

In the 1870s, Edison raced against other inventors to find a way of producing light from electric current. Americans were keen to give up their gas and kerosene lamps for something that promised to be cleaner and safer. Candles offered little light and posed a fire hazard. Some customers in cities had brighter gas lamps, but they were expensive, hard to operate and polluted the air.

When Edison began working on the challenge, he learned from many other inventors' ideas and failed experiments. They all were trying to figure out how to send a current through a thin carbon thread encased in glass, making it hot enough to glow without burning out.

In England, for example, chemist Joseph Swan patented an incandescent bulb and lit his own house in 1878. Then in 1881, at a great exhibition on electricity in Paris, Edison and several other inventors demonstrated their light bulbs.

Edison's version proved to be the brightest and longest-lasting. In 1882 he connected it to a full working system that lit up dozens of homes and offices in downtown Manhattan.

But Edison's bulb was just one piece of a much more



Eureka, what an idea! TU IS/Stock/Getty Images Plus

complicated system that included an efficient dynamo — the powerful machine that generated electricity — plus a network of underground wires and new types of lamps. Edison also created the meter, a device that measured how much electricity each household used, so that he could tell how much to charge his customers.

Edison's invention wasn't just a science experiment — it was a commercial product that many people proved eager to buy.

Inventing an invention factory

As I show in my book, Edison did not solve these many technical challenges on his own.

At his farmhouse laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, Edison hired a team of skilled technicians and trained scientists, and he filled his lab with every possible tool and material. He liked to boast that he had only a fourth grade education, but he knew enough to recruit

men who had the skills he lacked. Edison also convinced banker J.P. Morgan and other investors to provide financial backing to pay for his experiments and bring them to market.

Historians often say that Edison's greatest invention was this collaborative workshop, which he called an "invention factory." It was capable of launching amazing new machines on a regular basis. Edison set the agenda for its work — a role that earned him the nickname "the wizard of Menlo Park."

Here was the beginning of what we now call "research and development" — the network of universities and laboratories that produce technological breakthroughs today, ranging from lifesaving vaccines to the internet, as well as many improvements in the electric lights we use now.

Sparking an electric revolution

Many people found creative ways to use Edison's light bulb. Factory owners and office managers installed electric light to extend the workday past sunset. Others used it for fun purposes, such as movie marquees, amusement parks, store windows, Christmas trees and evening baseball games.

Theater directors and photographers adapted the light to their arts. Doctors used small bulbs to peer inside the body during surgery. Architects and city planners, sign-makers and deep-sea explorers adapted the new light for all kinds of specialized uses. Through their actions, humanity's relationship to day and night was reinvented — often in ways that Edison never could have anticipated.

Today people take for granted that they can have all the light they need at the flick of a switch. But that luxury requires a network of power stations, transmission lines and utility poles, managed by teams of trained engineers and electricians. To deliver it, electric power companies grew into an industry monitored by insurance companies and public utility regulators.

Edison's first fragile light bulbs were just one early step in the electric revolution that has helped create today's richly illuminated world.

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*Laughter is the
Best Medicine*

Lawyers' Lunch

Two lawyers went to a restaurant and ordered coffee. Then they removed sandwiches from their briefcases and were about to eat. The waiter approached and informed them that they could not eat their own food in the restaurant. The lawyers looked at each other, shrugged, and exchanged their sandwiches.

Bobby's Sex Education

One day, seven-year-old Bobby came home from school. At the supper table he told his parents that the following day they would be learning about sex education.

The following evening, his mother asked, "Well, Bobby, what did you learn about sex education today?"

Bobby replied, "I think the teacher said we should avoid intersections and use condominiums."

No more "taking advantage" of flexible hours? Sure, boss

About 13-15 years ago, I started a job at a government agency managing a large fleet of cars. My duties included taking vehicles to repair shops, doing minor fixes (like changing light bulbs), hand washing them inside and out, refilling washer fluid, and ensuring each car had all the required equipment.

Washing, checking, and restocking one car took 45-60 minutes. About a month in, my boss decided I was "taking advantage" of flexible hours and told me: "From now on, your day ends exactly at 4:00 PM."

Fine by me. If it was past 3:15, I wouldn't start a new car. Instead, I'd sweep floors, restock supplies, or do other small tasks. Within weeks, my boss noticed fewer cars were being completed and called me in to ask why.

I reminded him of his exact rule -- I couldn't start a car I wouldn't finish by 4:00. Before, I'd sometimes leave early if I finished a car quickly, and other times stay 5-20 minutes late to finish one. His new policy killed that efficiency.

After a moment of realization, he scrapped the rule, apologized, and admitted he'd been wrong. We went

back to the old way -- and worked together happily for the next two years.

When a New Boss Kills the Office Vibe

New boss just axed our unwritten rules, and now the office feels tense

Our team used to have an easy, unspoken rhythm. Nobody clock-watched, start times were flexible, and as long as deadlines were met, you could take a long lunch or wear jeans on a Friday without anyone batting an eye. People actually liked coming in. We'd chat in the hallway, grab coffee together -- it felt like a place where you could breathe.

Then last month, we got a new boss. Overnight, it became: "Be at your desk by 8:55 sharp," "Lunch break -- max 30 minutes," and "Business casual every day." No exceptions.

The first week, everyone laughed it off. But now? People barely talk. No more spontaneous hallway jokes, no mid-afternoon coffee runs. Everyone's tense, heads down, watching the clock. I didn't realize how much those little freedoms mattered until they disappeared.



I'm still doing my job fine, but I can feel myself slowly disconnecting. Work itself hasn't changed, but the environment feels heavier. It's not just the rules -- it's how they make you feel like a cog instead of a human.

I'm left wondering: do I adapt and ride it out? Try to speak up without putting a target on my back? Or is this a sign I should be looking for something else entirely? Has anyone navigated a culture shift like this without burning out or losing their mind?

Blagounette

Un très vieil homme pleure tout seul sur le trottoir.
Un agent de police passe et lui demande :

- Mais qu'y a-t-il, monsieur ?
- Voyez, j'ai 83 ans et je suis marié à une jeune fille de 20 ans.
- Mais c'est très bien, aucune raison de pleurer.
- Ma femme est superbe, belle, bien faite, avec des formes splendides et un visage d'ange...

Et il éclate en sanglots.

- Raison de plus, arrêtez de pleurer !
- Quand je rentre, elle me prépare des plats succulents. Elle cuisine à merveille.

Le policier s'agace :

- Nom d'un chien ! Arrêtez de pleurer !



- Et au lit, sanglote le vieil homme, elle me fait des choses incroyables...
- Ça suffit ! Vous n'avez vraiment aucune raison de vous plaindre !
- Mais... je ne sais plus où j'habite.

The Missing Sunday Edition

The irate customer phoned the newspaper office to complain why he had not received her Sunday edition.

"The Sunday edition will be available tomorrow; today is Saturday," replied the receptionist.

There was a long pause on the other end of the line, followed by a ray of recognition:

"Now I understand why there was no one in church today."

Snowplough Parking Dilemma

Mike and his wife lived in Anchorage, Alaska. One winter morning, they heard on the radio that there would be 8 to 10 inches of snow that day. It was advised to park cars on the even-numbered side of the street so that the snow plough could get through. Mike's wife went out and moved her car.

Two days later, while they were having breakfast, they heard the radio announcer say, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street so that the snow-plough can get through. Mike's wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week, while they were having breakfast once more, the radio announcer began, "You must park --" and then the electric power went out. Mike's wife got very upset.

Patiently and kindly Mike said, "Why don't you leave it in the garage this time?"

The Cement Bag Cure

A construction worker went to see a doctor complaining that he was constipated.

The doctor, learning that he was a construction worker, asked him to lean over the table. The worker leaned forward, and the doctor hit him hard on the bottom with a baseball bat. Then the doctor told him to go to the toilet.

The worker returned after a few minutes and said, "Doc, I feel great! What should I do if it happens again?"

To that the doctor replied, "Stop wiping with cement bags."



My World

Daughters are Angels

A pregnant woman asked her husband:

"Who are you hoping for, a boy or a girl?"

The husband replied:

"If it's a boy, I'll teach him math, we'll play sports together, I'll take him fishing, and much more."

The wife said:

"Ha... ha... And if it's a girl?"

He smiled:

"If we have a little girl... I won't have to teach her anything. She will be the one who teaches me: how to dress, how to eat, what to say and what to avoid. She will be my second mother and will always look at me as her hero. Even if I don't do anything special, she will understand why I sometimes refuse her something. She will always compare her husband to me... and no matter how many years pass, she will always want me to treat her like my doll. She will fight for me against the whole world, and if someone causes me pain, she will never forgive."

The wife asked:

"You mean that only your daughter will do



all this, not your son?"

He replied:

"No, not at all! Maybe your son will do it too, but he will learn it gradually. But daughters are born with all this in their hearts. Being the father of a girl is a source of pride for any man."

The wife said:

"But she won't stay with us forever."

"That's right... but we will stay with her, in her heart, forever. So, it doesn't matter where she goes."

Daughters are angels -- born with unconditional love and care. Forever.

That's Life

Einstein & Grossmann

When Albert Einstein was a young physics student in Zurich, he often skipped his advanced math classes, dismissing them as unnecessary theory.

But his friend Marcel Grossmann attended them all, taking meticulous notes. During exams, Einstein borrowed those notes and scraped through.

Years later, while working on the general theory of relativity, Einstein hit a wall. His physics was revolutionary, but the math was beyond him. Once again, he turned to Grossmann -- now a mathematics professor -- who introduced him to tensor calculus and Riemannian geometry, the very tools Einstein needed.



Together, they laid the foundations of one of the greatest scientific breakthroughs in history. Einstein later admitted skipping math had been a mistake, but thanks to Grossmann, he got a second chance.

Behind every genius, there is often someone.

Life's Lesson

One brave "no" can echo louder than centuries of silence: Franca Viola

In 1966, 17-year-old Franca Viola shook Italy by refusing to bow to one of its darkest traditions. Italian law then allowed rapists to erase their crimes by marrying their victims -- a "rehabilitating marriage" meant to restore her honour.

Kidnapped, assaulted, and pressured to wed her attacker, Franca said **NO**.

- * No to shame.
- * No to silence.
- * No to a law valuing "honour" over justice.

Her courage ignited outrage and hope.



Franca Viola

Despite threats, fires, and dishonour, she persisted. Her attacker was sentenced, the law challenged, and Franca became a symbol of courage, dignity, and resistance. Later, she married her childhood friend Giuseppe, who loved her without prejudice.

Her story reminds us: one brave "no" can echo louder than centuries of silence.

A Satirical Metaphor

The Dead Horse Theory: Facing Reality with Wisdom

The "Dead Horse Theory" is a satirical metaphor illustrating how people, institutions, and even nations deal with obvious problems as if they were unsolvable mysteries. Instead of confronting the truth, they create elaborate justifications, endless strategies, and costly distractions -- yet the core issue remains: the horse is dead.

The Simple Idea

If you realize you're riding a dead horse, the smartest decision is simple: get off immediately. Yet many refuse to accept the obvious and make bizarre, wasteful choices.

Strange Behaviours People Adopt

Instead of accepting reality, people often:

1. Buy a new saddle, hoping it will make the horse useful again.
2. Feed the horse as if it were alive, wasting resources.
3. Change the rider, pretending the problem is leadership.
4. Fire the caretaker, blaming the wrong person.
5. Hold endless meetings on how to increase the

speed of the dead horse.

6. Form committees and task forces to "analyze" the problem.
7. Spend months studying the horse, only to conclude what was already obvious: it's dead.
8. Compare their horse with other dead horses to justify failure.
9. Request training for the horse, as if skill could bring it back to life.
10. Allocate budgets for training -- wasting even more.

The Height of Denial

Denial reaches absurd levels. People redefine "dead" just to convince themselves the horse is alive. This blinds them from progress and traps them in cycles of illusion.

The Lesson for Life and Leadership

How many individuals, companies, and governments fall into this trap? Instead of facing the bitter truth, they live in comforting illusions. The result: time, money, and effort wasted on what cannot produce life.

True wisdom lies in recognizing when something no longer works -- whether a failing system, toxic relationship, broken method, or fruitless investment. Clinging to what is dead keeps you stuck.



The Principle of Acceptance

Admitting the problem is not weakness; it is the first step toward real solutions. Only when you accept reality can you redirect your energy toward fresh opportunities, new strategies, and living solutions. Refusing to let go guarantees stagnation, frustration, and wasted potential.

Final Word

The Dead Horse Theory is more than satire -- it's a mirror. Ask yourself: What dead horses are you still riding in life?

Is it a habit that no longer serves

you?

A career path with no future?

A strategy that produces no results?

A relationship that drains you?

Wisdom calls us to stop pouring life into what is gone. Courage calls us to dismount and move on. Only then can we channel our resources, strength, and vision toward what is truly alive and fruitful.

Remember: If the horse is dead, no amount of feeding, training, or committees will change that. Get off and choose life over illusion.

Golden Rules for Married Men to Guard Their Marriage

Marriage is built on sacred trust, yet many married men — often due to carelessness or poor boundaries — break their vows, leading to devastating consequences for their wives, families, and lives. Fidelity isn't just about avoiding a single act; it's a commitment to a lifestyle of deliberate boundary-keeping. The following golden rules serve as essential ethical and psychological guards, transforming your marriage not into a restriction, but a powerful sanctuary.

Emotional and Relational Boundaries (The Inner Circle)

The heart is the first line of defence. Emotional attachment is often the first step toward infidelity.

Never have a close relationship with any woman, single or married, outside of family. Never get emotionally attached to any woman other than your wife. Don't hide secrets from your wife; be totally open. Make your wife your best friend and flaunt her proudly. Put her picture as a screensaver on your devices. Always talk positively about your wife. Never share marital problems with other women; seek counseling instead.

Cut all contacts with ex-partners to avoid falling back. If a woman gets too close, report it to your wife with her details. Be kind to female colleagues or neighbours but stay strict and disciplined. Don't say "I love you" to any woman except your wife and daughter. Never hide your marital status; let everyone know you are married. Have an accountability partner to discuss temptations openly. Be careful around your wife's friends; don't get too familiar.

Physical and Situational Boundaries (The Safe Zone)

The environments you choose and the physical space you allow are critical in eliminating opportunity for compromise.



Never meet with women in lonely places, parked cars, or street corners. Avoid night parties; they encourage sexual immorality. Avoid alcohol; it lowers your self-control around women. Avoid nightclubs; they are not for men who want to honor their vows. Don't crack flirty jokes with any woman. Avoid hugging women carelessly; hug only your wife. Avoid touching women's shoulders; it is an intimate gesture.

Digital, Professional, and Financial Boundaries

In the modern age, the workplace, social media, and financial transactions are major vulnerability points that must be guarded.

Avoid celebrating any woman apart from your wife, mother, and daughter on social media. Never take advantage of a woman under your authority (colleague, subordinate). Be careful with female colleagues; they are no better than your wife. Never give financial assistance to any woman without your wife's consent. Don't keep women's phone numbers your wife doesn't know. Never

use phone codes to hide things from your wife. Don't counsel vulnerable women about their marriage; refer them to female professionals or trustworthy counsellors instead.

Marital Investment and Intimacy

Self-control is strengthened by consistently investing in and prioritizing intimacy with your spouse.

Never allow your heart to lust after any woman; your wife has all you need. Avoid pornography; it weakens self-control. If thinking sexually, think of your wife; avoid lust for other women. Enjoy hugging, holding hands, and playing with your wife. Increase SDA (Secret Display of Affection) with your wife (private, intimate gestures). Increase FDA (Family Display of Affection) with your wife in front of family and staff. Increase PDA (Public Display of Affection); don't be ashamed of your wife.

Date your wife regularly; create time to go out together. Build an unbreakable bond with your wife. Don't just be a husband; be a lover-boy. Celebrate your wife's birthday and wedding anniversary lavishly. If you want a better bedroom, work on it within your marriage.

The Reckoning: Counting the Cost

The final safeguard is the constant awareness of the immense cost of compromise versus the fleeting nature of temptation.

Remember: a woman who cheaply offers herself to you may offer herself to others tomorrow. Remember: 8 seconds of pleasure can have lifetime repercussions. Always remember your vows and be a promise keeper. Always count the cost of adultery: diseases, scandals, shame, broken trust, judgment of God. Never compromise your life for 8 seconds of illicit pleasure. Remember: your marriage, reputation, and faithfulness are worth far more than any fleeting temptation.

Health Tips

Reversing diabetes: A nutrient-rich diet can significantly improve long-term health

Diabetes, a chronic condition affecting millions of people across the world -- some either living with or at risk of developing this disease. The good news is that for many, particularly those with Type 2 diabetes, reversal is possible through lifestyle changes. By targeting the root causes -- insulin resistance and metabolic imbalance -- a nutrient-rich diet can restore normal glucose levels, reduce reliance on medication, and significantly improve long-term health.

4 Key Foods to Help Lower Blood Sugar

According to diabetes dietitians Diana Licalzi and Jose Tejero, certain foods are particularly effective at helping to lower blood sugar and can be easily incorporated into a daily diet.

- **Beans:** Varieties like black beans, kidney beans, and chickpeas are excellent sources of fiber, plant protein, and magnesium. These nutrients work together to slow down digestion, which prevents sharp spikes in blood sugar and improves the body's insulin response.
- **Broccoli:** This vegetable is a power-



house of sulforaphane and chromium, compounds that enhance insulin sensitivity and protect blood vessels from sugar-related damage. Its high fiber and low-carb content also make it an ideal food for managing glucose levels.

- **Edamame:** These green soybeans are rich in protein, fiber, and isoflavones, all of which contribute to better insulin

sensitivity. With a low glycemic index, edamame helps to keep blood sugar stable and can curb cravings for sugary snacks.

- **Berries:** Blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries are low in sugar and high in fiber, making them a great choice for a sweet treat. They are also packed with anthocyanins, a type of antioxidant that

supports glucose control and reduces inflammation.

The Path to Diabetes Reversal

While the four foods above are particularly beneficial, a holistic approach to diet is key. Other helpful foods include seafood like salmon and sardines for their healthy fats and protein, as well as pumpkin and pumpkin seeds. The core principle of diabetes management through diet is to prioritize whole foods, lean proteins, healthy fats, and fiber-rich carbohydrates, while reducing added sugars and refined grains.

Reversing Type 2 diabetes is not a magic cure but a commitment to sustainable, gradual change. Regular exercise, portion control, and stress reduction, combined with a mindful diet, can lead to significant and lasting improvements. As a powerful tool for wellness, food offers a path toward balance, healing, and a healthier life. However, it's always advisable to consult a healthcare professional before making major dietary or treatment changes.

BollyBytes

A Breath of Fresh Air: Romantic Films Resurge on Bollywood Celluloid

After a prolonged period dominated by "mass cinema" defined by violence, action, and larger-than-life spectacle, the second half of 2025 has marked a welcome return to classic romance on the big screen. It seems true love has finally broken the clutter of clichés and is captivating audiences once more. Here are the films and projects that are leading Bollywood's romantic resurgence, as reported by First Post:

Saiyaara: The Messy, Musical Romance

Director Mohit Suri, known for intense romantic dramas like *Aashiqui 2*, returns to form with *Saiyaara*. Starring newcomers Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda, the film leans into a familiar trope: a reckless male protagonist and a fragile, bruised heroine.

While the narrative may have its imperfections, the film is held afloat by the stunning performances of the new lead pair, who fully submit to Suri's vision. The movie has already drawn comparisons to past blockbusters like *Rockstar*, proving that messy, heartfelt love remains a powerful draw. The emotional depth is further anchored by its haunting title track.



Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan: A Welcome Break from Gore

Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan is proving to be a highly appreciated, albeit single-viewing, experience. The film is noteworthy for showcasing its lead, Vikrant Massey, in a completely new romantic avatar — a welcome change for fans accustomed to his more serious roles. In a cinematic landscape that has become "suffocated by gore," this romantic offering is being hailed as a much-needed break.

Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari: The Return of the Charm

Varun Dhawan, who recently took a detour with the action-heavy *Baby John*, is set to return to the zone where he excels with *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari*. This film is expected to hit the bullseye, bringing the actor back to the light-hearted romantic comedies that define his successful past roles.

Tere Ishk Mein: Fresh Chemistry and Legendary Music

The teaser for Bhushan Kumar and Aanand L Rai's much-anticipated romantic drama, *Tere Ishk Mein*, has already ignited excitement online. Audiences are praising the film's emotionally charged visuals and the heart-aching musical score provided by the legendary A.R. Rahman.

However, the major talking point is the intense and magnetic chemistry between the fresh and electric pairing of *Dhanush* and *Kriti Sanon*. Their palpable intensity and passion on screen are sparking excitement across the internet, making it one of the most refreshing pairings Bollywood has seen in recent times.

The success of these films signals a significant shift, suggesting that the industry and its audience are craving stories of true love, passion, and genuine human connection over the high-octane violence that has dominated recent years.

Vikas Oberoi's fortune dwarfs Bollywood's Elite in Hurun India Rich List



The recently released Hurun India Rich List 2025 has highlighted the astronomical wealth of India's top industrialists, but one name has caused a stir, demonstrating just how vast the divide is between the business world and Bollywood's biggest stars.

Vikas Oberoi, the construction tycoon and husband of former Bollywood actress Gayatri Joshi (*Swades*), has secured the 58th position on the list with a staggering net worth that surpasses the combined fortunes of Bollywood heavyweights including Shah Rukh Khan, Hrithik Roshan, and Amitabh Bachchan.

The list, which also features familiar names like Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, saw a surprising debut from Oberoi. His wealth, amassed through

Oberoi Realty, converts to a colossal MRU 21.93 billion (Mauritian Rupees).

Vikas Oberoi's total net worth of ₹42,960 Crores (MRU 21.93 Billion) through his real estate empire far outstrips the pooled wealth of the top Bollywood personalities who also made the list, including Shah Rukh Khan, Juhi Chawla & Family, Hrithik Roshan, Karan Johar, and Amitabh Bachchan & Family - with a combined Bollywood total of ₹25,950 Crores (MRU 13.23 Billion).

From Swades to a Billionaire Spouse

Vikas Oberoi's wife, Gayatri Joshi, is best known for her critically acclaimed and sole film role as Geeta alongside Shah Rukh Khan in the 2004 film *Swades*. She won the Femina Miss India International pageant in 2000 and retired from acting after marrying Oberoi in 2005.

Oberoi, currently the Chairman and Managing Director of Oberoi Realty, has established himself as a real estate pioneer. His company is responsible for ultra-luxury projects in Mumbai, including the sought-after 360 West apartments in Worli, where a single flat can reportedly cost as much as 400 Crores (MRU 204 Million). The company also owns marquee assets like The Westin Hotel, underscoring the scale of his success in the construction sector.

This Hurun Report is a powerful reminder that while celebrity status generates immense wealth, the fortunes driven by India's biggest industrialists and business tycoons continue to operate on an entirely different financial scale.

Alia Bhatt reveals playful 'trolling' dynamic is the bedrock of her "wonderful" marriage with Ranbir Kapoor



Bollywood star Alia Bhatt has offered a candid glimpse into her marriage with Ranbir Kapoor, revealing that their relationship is rooted in a natural friendship and a healthy dose of playful teasing.

Speaking on the latest episode of the chat show *Two Much With Kajol And Twinkle*, the actress affectionately described her bond with Ranbir, stating it was never a fairytale romance seen through "rose-tinted glasses."

Best Friends and Biggest Trolls

Alia emphasized that their dynamic is grounded in being "best friends." She openly confessed, "100% I love trolling him the most, and the one he loves trolling the most is me," reports NDTV. So that is a very natural dynamic between two people." She added that this natural equation, built on comfort and banter, is why she married the "wonderful person"

that Ranbir is.

When asked by Kajol if marriage had changed things, Alia confirmed that the arrival of their daughter, Raha, had fundamentally shifted their partnership. "Of course, now it has. It has changed after we had a daughter. We are a unit now — more of a unit than before," she shared.

The Real Reason for the Intimate Home Wedding

Alia also finally addressed the couple's decision to opt for an intimate wedding ceremony at their Mumbai home, Vastu, in April 2022, instead of a grand Bollywood spectacle.

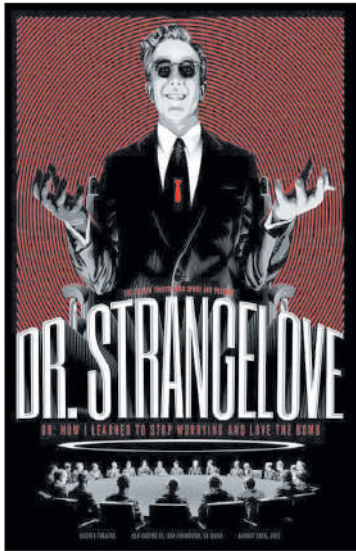
She explained that the choice was a reflection of their personalities: "We are homebodies, very socially awkward. We just wanted the closest people in our lives with us. I did not want to be attending to people at our wedding."

While they considered other exotic venues, they decided to reserve those places for holidays. "We said we'll go on vacation to those places instead. So, we chose to get married at home and keep it super chill," she concluded.

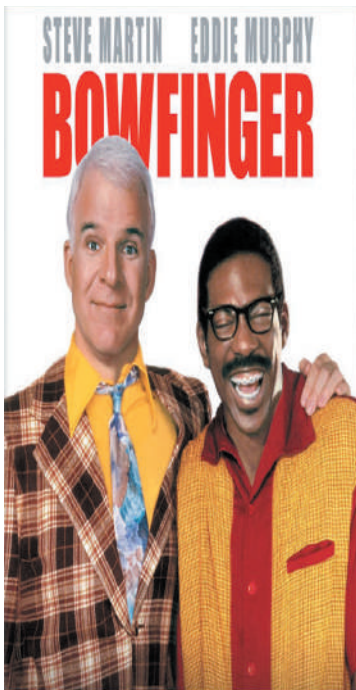
Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor, who welcomed their daughter Raha in November 2022, continue to be one of Bollywood's most talked-about couples, proving that their unconventional, friendship-first approach to marriage is one that resonates with modern audiences.



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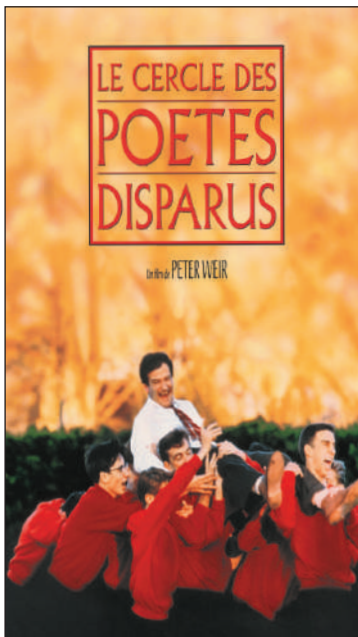
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17.25 Serial: Penny Sur M.A.R.S
18.00 Mag: REV
19.00 Student Support Prog...
19.31 Mag: Global Us
20.02 Tele: L'Heritiere
20.50 Tele: Wildflower
22.21 Mag: Initiative Africa
22.53 Mag: Euromaxx

Bollywood TV

14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
15.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
15.30 Film: De Dana Dan
Starring: Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif and Suniel Shetty
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.03 Udaariyaan
19.33 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua
20.00 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
20.30 Shrimad Ramayan
21.08 Anupama
21.30 Mere Sai
22.00 Dhruv Tara
22.29 Waggle Ki Duniya
22.55 Mahabharat
23.30 Film: De Dana Dan
Starring: Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif and Suniel Shetty

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04.34 Tele: Seref Meselesi
05.19 Tele: Passion And Power
08.18 Serial: L'Heritiere
08.41 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour
09.30 Film: Le Cercle Des Poetes...
11.33 Tele: Lying Heart
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
13.15 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent
13.39 Tele: La Desalmada
14.11 Serial: Wildflower
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Film: Florence Foster Jenkins
17.30 Tele: Lying Heart
18.00 Samachar
18.31 Serial: Radha Krishna
18.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.10 Serial: Chucky
21.50 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
22.37 Tele: Lying Heart

09.35 Local: Le Mag
10.30 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef
10.47 Local: Saver Lokal
11.02 Local: Profil
12.00 Local: Couleur Marine
12.26 Local: Itinerer Rodrig
13.05 La Journee Sous Le Regard
13.23 Local: Priorite Sante
15.46 Local: Saver Lokal
16.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard
17.01 Local: Music Tour 2025
18.01 Tele: La Desalmada
18.29 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.25 Rodrig Spor
20.32 Local: Toc Toc Doc
20.45 Local: Metie
21.11 Local: Agir Ensemble
21.30 Local: Les Klips
22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard
23.00 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion
23.20 Local: Clin D'Oeil

07.00 Mag: Arogya Yoga
08.00 MBC Prod
09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha
10.00 Dharam Patni
12.00 Film: Batwara
Cast: Dharmendra And Vinod Kumar
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.20 Sayings Radha Krishna
15.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
17.28 Shiv Shakti
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.36 Local: Yatra
18.59 Local: Kala
20.00 Local: Virasat
20.15 Local: Kaam Daam
21.00 Film: Charwaha Bahu
Cast: Virendra Kumar, Akansha Gilani, Arun Bakshi
23.21 Serial: Mere Sai
23.57 Serial: Waggle Ki Duniya
00.20 Local: Yatra

06.25 Mag: Shift
07.20 Mag: Global Us
09.25 Odyssey Of The Orphans
10.07 Doc: Butterfly Blue Prints
13.36 Mag: Initiative Africa
14.28 Doc: The Kanazawa Railway
15.00 D.Anime: Early Learning
15.05 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
15.28 Messy Goes To Okido
15.39 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
16.09 D.Anime: Stan Lee's Surper...
16.49 D.Anime: Kids Songs
18.00 Mag: Afrimaxx
19.00 Student Support Programme
19.30 Doc: Submerged Universe
20.00 Tele: L'Heritiere
20.30 Live: News
20.50 Serial: Wildflower
21.35 Film: Red
23.31 Mag: Close Up
23.57 Doc: Focus On Europe
00.23 Doc: Humans

14.25 Radha Mohan
14.58 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
15.27 Film: Money Hai Toh Honey Hai
Starring: Govinda, Aftab Shivdasani, Upen Patel
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.30 Dil To Tumse Pyaar Hua
20.00 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
20.30 Shrimad Ramayan
21.06 Anupama
21.36 Mere Sai
22.05 Dhruv Tara
22.27 Waggle Ki Duniya
23.00 Mahabharat
23.26 Film: Money Hai Toh Honey Hai
Starring: Govinda, Aftab Shivdasani, Upen Patel
02.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya

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04.46 Tele: La Desalmada
07.40 Serial: For Life
08.12 Mag: L'Heritiere
08.34 Serial: Séparé Par L'Amour
09.30 Film: 1917
11.33 Tele: Lying Heart
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
13.15 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent...
13.40 Tele: La Desalmada
14.10 Tele: Wildflower
15.00 Samachar
15.25 Film: Red
17.15 Tele: Lying Heart
17.59 Live: Samachar
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
18.55 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu
19.30 Le Journal
20.10 Film: Raja Hindustani
Starring: Aamir Khan, Karishma Kapoor

09.10 Local: Toc Toc Doc
09.22 Local: Fashion FX Lifestyle
10.14 Local: Saveurs Plus
10.39 Local: Les Klips
11.34 Local: Grand Titre
12.00 Local: Passerelles
13.05 Rodrig Spor
13.31 Local: Saver Kiltirel
14.00 Local: Toc Toc Doc
14.29 Local: Agir Ensemble
15.00 Local: Metie
15.30 Local: Saveurs Plus
17.00 Local: Le Mag
18.00 Tele: La Desalmada
18.30 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.20 Rodrig: Komanter
20.00 Les Grandes Lignes
20.30 Local: Konn Ou Drwa
21.04 Local: Ce Soir Avec Vince
21.32 Local: Le Mag

08.00 Mag: Yatra
08.27 Local: Kala
09.19 Aaj Ki Charcha
10.00 Serial: Radha Mohan
11.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti
12.00 Film: Yehi Hai Zindagi
Starring: Sanjeev Kumar, Utpal Dutt
1500 Samachar
15.30 Serial: Sajjanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar
16.30 Aaj Ki Charcha
17.31 Shiv Shakti
18.00 Samachar
18.30 Local: Amrit Vaani
20.00 Local: Hunarbaaz
20.37 Serial: Ramayan
21.00 Serial: Shiv Shakti
21.30 Serial: Yashomati Maiyya...
21.21 Mere Sai

06.56 Mag: Arts Unveiled
07.47 Doc: Close Up
10.27 Doc: Albania's Last Trains
11.52 Mag: Planet A
12.35 Doc: Submerged Universe
13.27 Mag: Focus On Europe
15.00 Doc: Early Learning
15.00 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
15.26 Messy Goes To Okido
15.37 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
16.03 D.Anime: Stan Lee's Super...
16.25 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
16.55 D.Anime: The Avengers
17.18 Serial: Penny Sur M.A.R.S.
18.00 Mag: Eco India
18.30 Doc: Let's Make It Tasty
18.45 Mag: Business Beyond
19.00 Student Support Programme
19.30 Mag: Tomorrow Today
20.00 Tele: L'Heritiere
20.49 Tele: Wildflower

14.25 Radha Mohan
15.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
15.30 Film: Rock On 2
Stars: Albert Mawrie, Arjun Rampal, Farhan Akhtar, Shradha Kapoor
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.30 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua
20.00 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
20.30 Shrimad Ramayan
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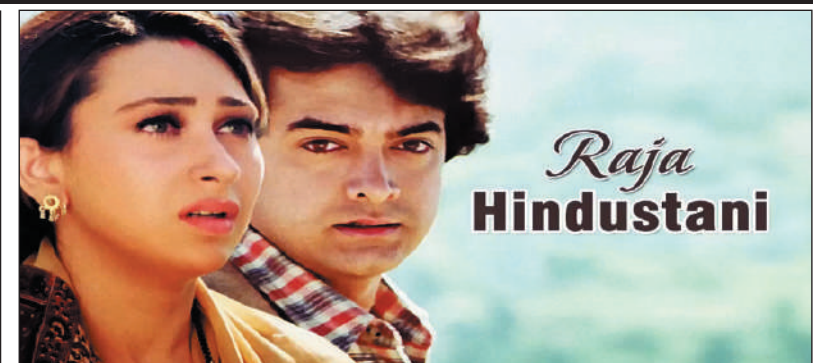
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Stars: Aamir Khan, Karishma Kapoor



The Historian's Pen: Celebrating the Legacy of Pahlad Ramsurrun

October 3rd, 2025, marks the 88th birth anniversary of Pahlad Ramsurrun, an academic, author, and cultural historian whose prolific output has enriched the intellectual landscape of Mauritius. Across a career spanning over half a century, P. Ramsurrun has wielded his trilingual pen — writing in English, Hindi, and French — to capture the folk wisdom, historical narratives, and complex socio-political threads that weave the fabric of the Mauritian nation.

Born into a society grappling with the legacy of indentured labour, P. Ramsurrun took it upon himself to formally document the cultural and historical struggles of the Indian community, thereby injecting long-overdue perspective into the island's historical narrative. His journey into authorship began, somewhat serendipitously, in 1969 when he won two essay competitions: one focusing on the Arya Samaj movement in Mauritius, and the other on Indo-Mauritian relations. This dual victory was a powerful catalyst, leading to his first book, *The Illustrated History of Arya Samaj in Mauritius* (1970), and providing the impetus for his higher education at the University of New Delhi.

P. Ramsurrun's subsequent studies in Hindi, English, History, and Political Science not only cemented his academic credentials but also exposed him to the intellectual rigour of seasoned Indian writers and journalists, transforming him from a budding writer into a committed one. Upon returning to Mauritius in 1973, he was appointed Education Officer at the Royal College, Curepipe, where he eventually became the Head of Oriental Languages. Yet, it was outside the classroom that his true lifework flourished.

Mauritian folk culture

Perhaps Pahlad Ramsurrun's most crucial contribution lies in his meticulous preservation of Mauritian folk culture. He understood that the collective memory of the indentured community resided not just



in official archives, but in the oral traditions passed down through generations. His *Mauritius ki Lok Kathayen* (Folk Tales of Mauritius), published in Hindi in 1974, upholds this commitment. The inspiration for the book came from the simple stories he had heard from his mother in his childhood. By transcribing and publishing these tales, Pahlad Ramsurrun ensured that a vital, authentic piece of Mauritian cultural heritage was formally documented and secured for posterity. The book's recognition, including a literary prize from the UP Government in 1975-76 and subsequent translations into German, Japanese, and Marathi, highlights the universal resonance of these local narratives.

Pahlad Ramsurrun's bibliography is impressive. With over 50 books to his name, his expansive range covers everything from philosophical treatises and political analysis to biographies and cultural studies. Key titles like *Mahatma Gandhi and His Impact on Mauritius*, *Swami Dayanand and His Impact on Hinduism*, and *Manilal Doctor Historic Court Cases in*

Mauritius provide invaluable insight into the forces and figures that shaped the modern Mauritian identity.

The 'Rainbow'

In addition to his personal authorship, Pahlad Ramsurrun has made a significant contribution as the chief editor of the trilingual literary quarterly, *Indradhanush* (Rainbow). Launched in 1988, the magazine transitioned to a trilingual format (Hindi, English, and French) in 2000, consciously embracing the complex, diverse linguistic reality of Mauritius. Under his guidance, *Indradhanush* has dedicated special issues to both Francophone and Indo-Mauritian literary giants — from Robert Edward Hart and Malcolm de Chazal to Manilal Doctor and Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. This editorial practice has fostered a truly integrated literary dialogue, bridging the island's cultural divides and promoting a holistic view of its intellectual heritage.

Crucially, Ramsurrun views his historical work through a lens of balance and truth. He has consistently championed the belief that Mauritian history must move beyond biased interpretations to become an "integrated history of the Mauritian People." In his view, this requires a deep, subjective, and objective study of all components of society, demanding extensive research and a conscious avoidance of "sensational analysis that may provoke the outrage of a component of society." By editing and publishing the works of earlier historians like Pandit Atmaram Vishwamath and William Bolton Draper, he provided essential foundational texts, urging a more nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the past.

On this anniversary, Pahlad Ramsurrun is rightly recognized not merely as an author, but as a tireless contributor and editor who has diligently preserved the vibrant cultural memory of a nation woven from diverse streams.

Tree of Knowledge



Breaking Family Ties That Bind

So often, we come into this world carrying the fear of our parents as it's passed down and lived through us.

When we really examine our fears about something, we sometimes notice that the fear we have is not based on our own experience. Often, if we trace our fear back to its source, we find that one of our parents may have handed it down to us. For example, your mother or father may have had an intense fear about the lack of money, stemming from their own life experiences.

If that fear was not resolved by the time you came into the picture, chances are you inherited it. Meanwhile, you may have no actual experience with this issue, so being fearful doesn't make sense. It may even block you from doing certain things you want to do.

Keeping in mind that your parents were only trying to protect you and that most of the errors in judgment they made were made with the best intentions, it might be time to release this fear symbolically. You cannot resolve someone else's fear for them, but you can decide to let go of it on your own behalf. Whether your parents are still alive or not, it is best to do this in a symbolic way, using visualization and, if you like, a ritual.

One simple visualization involves inviting your parent to sit across from you in your heart space and sharing your desire to move on from this fear. Let them know that you will not carry it anymore. You may be surprised at the response you get because it's possible they will be grateful and proud of you and your courage.

The more we do this deep inner work with our fears, the better we will be able to parent our own children without burdening them with fears that don't belong to them. Some of us will do much of this work before we become parents, while others will be working on this even as our children become adults. Either way, the effects will be felt. Once we break our ties to the fears of the past, our children's ties to those fears are greatly weakened. It's important to remember that it's never too late.

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