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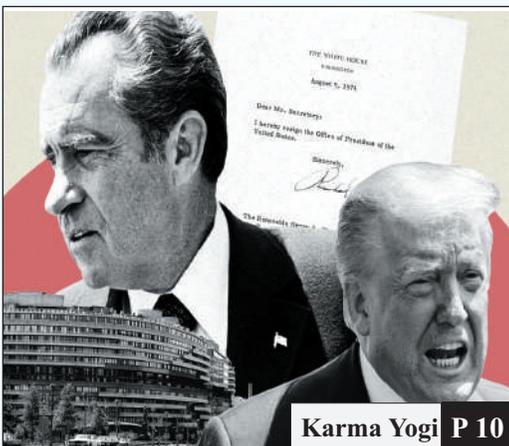
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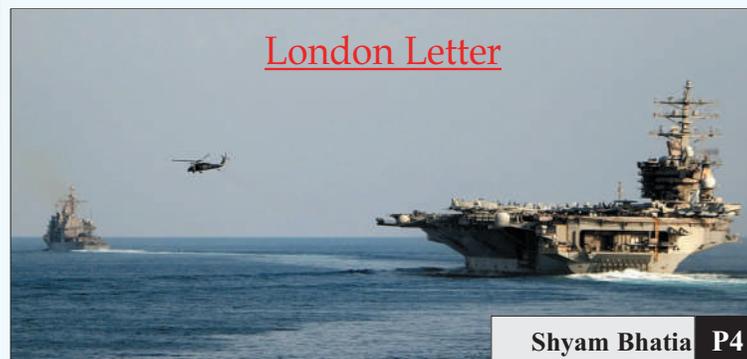
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Electoral Reform: Holy Grail or Poisoned Chalice?

As the sun sets on Friday, January 30, 2026, a significant chapter in Mauritian political history quietly draws to a close. Today marks the final deadline for citizens, civil society organisations, and the diaspora to submit proposals on electoral reform to the Prime Minister's Office. For the Alliance du Changement government, this is more than a formal deadline. It is the moment when it begins to grasp what many have long described as the *Holy Grail* of Mauritian politics — a prize so coveted, and so perilous, that every previous attempt to seize it has ended in failure.

Since its sweeping mandate in late 2024, the government has been walking a tightrope. On one side lies the promise of a "New Mauritius": a republic shorn of communal classifications, modernised democratic practices, and structural injustices inherited from the colonial era. On the other lies the entrenched compromises and mutual vetoes that have paralysed constitutional evolution for more than two decades. As the process now shifts from consultation to legislative drafting, one question looms large: will electoral reform become the defining achievement of this government's legacy, or the fault line that fractures its coalition?

The Allure of Modernisation

Designed in the run-up to independence, Mauritius's current electoral system prioritised stability and communal reassurance over proportional representation. Once again, the 2024 election exposed the shortcomings of the system. With roughly 62% of the popular vote, the Alliance du Changement secured 60 of the 62 directly elected seats. This near-total dominance — echoing the "60-0" outcomes of 1982 and 1995 — left close to 40% of voters effectively unrepresented and reduced parliamentary opposition to a token presence.

Such outcomes may deliver governability, but a National Assembly without a credible opposition is a weak check on executive power, no matter how well intentioned the government of the day may be.

The government's proposed reform roadmap seeks to address this imbalance. A "dose of proportionality," combined with an Anti-Defection Law and a long-overdue Political Financing Act, is presented as a package to modernise Mauritian democracy. The proposal to require that at least one-third of candidates be women, alongside the removal of the obligation for candidates to declare their ethnicity, reinforces the Alliance's narrative: this is about merit, equality, and national unity rather than communal arithmetic.

In principle, these goals are difficult to oppose. In practice, however, they collide with deeply rooted political realities.

The Reality of Realpolitik

The path to electoral reform in Mauritius is littered with the wreckage of failed attempts. The principal obstacle has always been the Best Loser System (BLS). Introduced in 1968 as a constitutional safeguard, the BLS was designed to reassure minority communities that independence would not translate into permanent exclusion from power. It remains, to this day, one of the most sensitive pillars of the constitutional order.

Critics point out that the BLS relies on 1972 census data and forces candidates to classify themselves along communal lines. Yet for many within minority communities, particu-



larly among the General Population and Muslim communities, the BLS is less an embarrassment than an insurance policy. It is the guarantee that electoral landslides will not erase them from the legislature altogether.

Abolishing the BLS without a replacement that is not only fair but also *perceived* as safer would be politically reckless. In matters of identity and representation, perception matters as much as mathematical logic. Any proportional representation (PR) mechanism must therefore inspire greater confidence than the safety net it seeks to dismantle.

Complicating matters further is the internal dynamic of the Alliance du Changement itself. It is, by design, a broad tent. The MMM, under Paul Bérenger, has championed proportional representation for years — not merely as a democratic ideal, but as a strategy for long-term relevance in a political system that has often marginalised it electorally. The Labour Party (PTr), by contrast, has historically been more cautious, having benefited repeatedly from the majoritarian system.

Here, the devil lies in the detail. A high PR threshold — say 10% — would favour established parties and likely exclude smaller ones such as Rezistans ek Alternativ. A lower threshold, however, could fragment Parliament, produce hung legislatures, and reintroduce the instability that the current system was designed to avoid.

It is within this grey zone that much of the reported unease within the MMM likely resides. Is the Prime Minister truly prepared to trade a dominant parliamentary majority for a reformed system that might dilute executive control? Conversely, PR could allow the MMM to contest elections independently rather than as a junior partner, positioning itself as a post-election "kingmaker" able to negotiate alliances on its own terms. Such a scenario would guarantee the continued relevance of the MMM — but it would also fundamentally alter Mauritius's political equilibrium.

A Call for Caution and Consensus

Opposition to electoral reform for its own sake would be both short-sighted. Reform is necessary. But if it is to happen, it must be done properly. A reform perceived as being "thrust down the throat" of the population, without deep and genuine national consensus, would be a poisoned chalice rather than a Holy Grail.

The Mauritian Constitution, for all its imperfections, has delivered decades of political stability and social harmony in a plural society. It should not be altered to suit the narrow, short-term calculations of parties anxious about future electoral tides. A "dose

of proportionality" must not become a mechanism through which party leaders appoint loyalists via closed lists, weakening the bond between elected representatives and voters.

Democratic reform that centralises power within party hierarchies is not reform at all; it is regression disguised as progress.

The Way Forward

As the Constitutional Review Commission begins its work following today's deadline, the government faces a decisive test of leadership. Transparency and inclusion must be non-negotiable. The population should not be treated as passive spectators in a process that will reshape the very foundations of their democracy.

Three priorities stand out:

Broaden the Circle: Consultation must go beyond written submissions. Town-hall meetings, youth forums, and engagement with local authorities are essential if reform is to reflect lived realities rather than elite consensus.

Transparency First: Any draft legislation should be made public well in advance of parliamentary debate. Trust cannot be built behind closed doors.

Address the Core Issues: Electoral reform cannot be reduced to PR alone. It must include internal party democratisation, the rationalisation of constituency sizes to ensure that each vote carries comparable weight, and firm action against "money politics" through an effective Political Financing Act.

Electoral reform is a high-stakes gamble. Done wisely, it could renew Mauritian democracy for a generation and stand as the defining legacy of the Alliance du Changement. Done hastily or cynically, it risks creating more problems than it solves — undermining trust, destabilising coalitions, and reopening communal anxieties long thought to be fading.

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Law and Order in Mauritius: Perception, Reality and the Rule of Law

'There is a cultural shift toward asserting rights while neglecting civic responsibilities, and restoring the situation will require the police to proactively rebuild public trust'

Although Mauritius continues to rank among the safest and most stable nations in Africa, public confidence in law and order appears increasingly fragile. Rising social pressures, economic hardship, viral social media narratives, and strained relations between the public and the police have combined to fuel a perception that public order is under threat. In this Q&A, *Lex* examines whether that perception reflects a genuine deterioration in public safety or, instead, a crisis of trust and communication. From systemic delays in the criminal justice system to allegations of police misconduct, growing aggression toward law enforcement officers, and the challenge of balancing public order with constitutional rights, *Lex* explores the legal, institutional, and societal dimensions of the current debate.

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* The law and order situation in Mauritius as of January 2026 is currently a subject of intense national debate. While Mauritius remains one of the safest and most stable countries in Africa, the perception of security is currently under pressure. From a legal standpoint, how can we tell whether law and order is actually deteriorating or whether it is mainly a matter of public perception?

It is both. While the law is clear and many offences remain punishable, public opinion increasingly blames the judiciary, the police, and the government for the rise in crime. This is often a skewed perception. Legally, the state provides the framework, but you cannot have a police officer on every street corner to "babysit" potential offenders.

* The authorities must provide accurate crime facts, yet social media often spreads instantaneous and sensationalized versions of incidents that could be causing unnecessary alarm. This creates a difficult challenge: how can we correct misinformation and keep the peace without silencing free speech?

The media generally follows two strands: raw reporting without comment, and reporting supplemented by public commentary. Often, these comments cause more harm than good. I doubt that the mere publication of government statistics will be enough to counter the pull of sensationalism; the emotional weight of a viral video often outweighs a spreadsheet.

* On the other hand, to what extent do delays in investigation and trial contribute to the perception of lawlessness, and does the law provide adequate remedies for systemic delays?

Delays in investigation and trial are endemic to the Mauritian criminal justice system. Remedying this is complex. Some argue the police are ill-equipped; others believe the judiciary is simply overburdened. Ultimately, the root issue is a chronic lack of resources across the entire legal chain.

* The growing aggression toward the Mauritian police appears to be a complex trend reflecting deep



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social tensions and a breakdown in trust, rather than simply a case of criminals getting bolder. What are your thoughts on this?

There is no denying that, by and large, the public has lost trust in the police. Much of this stems from the aggressive conduct of certain units, such as the Special Striking Team under the previous regime. Furthermore, there is a cultural shift where individuals are quick to assert their rights while completely abandoning their civic obligations. For the situation to improve, the police must proactively work to regain public confidence.

* High cost of living has left many people frustrated and on edge. In “hotspot” areas, the police are often treated as the visible face of “uncaring” governments, making them targets for general social anger. To what extent is the rise in aggression a police issue versus a broader failure of social and economic policy?

Economic disparities undoubtedly influence behaviour. Those who feel left behind by the “privileged” members of society often project their frustration onto the police, whom they perceive as the protectors of that elite. In this sense, the police become a proxy target for broader socio-economic anger.

* Incidents that might have stayed local now go viral instantly. The “filming culture” of bystanders during police interventions often escalates tensions, as officers feel pressured and bystanders feel empowered to intervene or verbally abuse the police. Should there be clearer legal guidelines on the right to film police to prevent bystanders from obstructing active operations?

Technology knows no bounds, and filming incidents for social media has become a reflexive human reaction. When these videos go viral, they tend to generate

aggressive, anti-police sentiment. This raises a difficult question: should social media be better monitored so that inflammatory images can be flagged or blocked before they incite further violence?

* Police officers may become reluctant to intervene in challenging situations for fear of being assaulted or unfairly vilified on social media. Alternatively, they may respond to aggression with heavier-handed tactics, which in turn fuels further public resentment — a classic vicious cycle. What are your thoughts on this issue?

I believe that when the police must intervene to quell a serious disturbance, they should be accompanied by the Special Mobile Force (SMF). The presence of disciplined, armed soldiers often serves as a necessary deterrent to potential trouble-makers.

* Are existing oversight bodies and complaint mechanisms sufficient to hold law enforcement accountable, and how effective are they in practice?

On paper, yes. Numerous laws prohibit the use of excessive force, and the Police Complaints Commission exists specifically to investigate such grievances. The framework is there; its effectiveness depends on its application.

* From a legal perspective, should Mauritius

focus more on preventive and restorative justice measures rather than punitive ones, and are current laws flexible enough to support such approaches?

In principle, yes. But the practical “how” is the challenge. Do we have the resources? Currently, our system is built almost entirely on the cycle of investigation, trial, and punishment. We need specialists to enter schools and community centres to educate both the youth and the police on a different approach to justice.

* In responding to public pressure for stronger law-and-order measures, how can the State ensure that constitutional rights — such as personal liberty, due process, and freedom from abuse — are not compromised?

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Balancing individual rights with the duty to maintain order is always a delicate task. In the heat of action, collateral damage can occur. Often, an individual who has assaulted an officer will immediately contact a lawyer to invoke his human rights. What some forget is that by assaulting an officer, they have already violated the human rights of society at large. To recognize only one's own rights while ignoring the safety of others is unacceptable.



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Gulf Manoeuvres Spark Trepidation

Is the Gulf entering a cycle of permanent, managed instability where force is routine?

From the shores of the Indian Ocean — from Port Louis to Mumbai — the movement of warships in the Persian Gulf is never just a distant headline. For countries bound to West Asia by energy flows, trade routes and migrant labour, naval manoeuvres in the Gulf have a habit of producing immediate and very local consequences.

India is therefore watching the movement of a US aircraft carrier strike group towards the Persian Gulf with quiet unease. Not because New Delhi expects an imminent war between Washington and Tehran, but because even a calibrated show of force in these waters reverberates far beyond the Gulf itself. For Indian Ocean states, the Gulf is not a remote arena of great-power theatre; it is an extension of their economic and human geography.

Any disruption — real or perceived — in the narrow maritime corridor around Iran ripples quickly through global energy markets and shipping lanes, reaching economies that depend heavily on imported fuel and uninterrupted sea traffic. India feels this exposure most acutely because of scale, but it is a vulnerability shared, in different measure, by smaller island economies such as Mauritius.

India imports more than four-fifths of its crude oil, much of it routed through the Strait of Hormuz. Even without open hostilities, the movement of US carrier groups towards Iran raises risk premiums, insurance costs and speculative pressures on oil markets. History shows that prices can rise sharply on perception alone. Wars do not need to be fought for economic pain to be felt; naval deployments and diplomatic brinkmanship are often sufficient.

For Mauritius, the exposure is indirect but no less real. As an island economy reliant on imported fuel and maritime commerce, spikes in global energy prices feed rapidly into transport costs, inflation and the balance of payments. Mauritius may not source oil directly through Hormuz, but it pays the price when instability injects uncertainty into global supply chains.

Higher energy costs translate swiftly into domestic pressures, whether in large continental economies or small island states. At a time when governments across the Indian Ocean are grappling with post-pandemic recovery and global economic volatility, energy shocks triggered by distant confrontations are unwelcome and destabilising.

Trade routes compound the risk. A significant share of commerce linking Asia, Africa and Europe transits the Arabian Sea and adjoining Gulf waters before spreading across the wider Indian Ocean. Even limited Iranian signalling — harassment of shipping, drone activity or proxy actions — can disrupt maritime traffic and raise costs for shipping and insurance firms. For Mauritius, whose economic lifelines depend on predictable sea lanes, freedom of navigation is not a strategic abstraction but a daily necessity.

There is also a human dimension that resonates deeply across the Indian Ocean world. Nearly nine million Indians live and work in the Gulf, making any escalation a trigger for evacuation planning, consular mobilisation and sustained diplomatic engagement. Mauritius, with its own history of labour migration and enduring family and commercial ties across the region, understands how overseas communities turn distant crises into domestic concerns almost overnight.

Only after these regional realities are acknowledged does the US deployment itself come into focus. Washington has described the move as deterrence, a signal intended to dissuade Iran from further escalation amid already



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heightened tensions. President Donald Trump, confirming the deployment, sought to project caution wrapped in muscle-flexing, signalling both a desire to avoid conflict and a readiness to respond if provoked.

Tehran, for its part, has framed the build-up as provocation, warning that it would respond forcefully to any perceived threat. Iranian officials have made clear how little room they believe exists for miscalculation, a reminder of how easily signalling at sea can slide into unintended escalation.

For Indian Ocean states, the distinction between deterrence and provocation offers limited reassurance. Major powers can afford signalling; smaller economies absorb consequences. A miscalculation involving naval forces, a clash through regional proxies, or a sudden tightening of sanctions regimes would impose costs well beyond the immediate protagonists.

This is where the diplomatic tightrope facing the Indian Ocean region becomes most evident. India sits at the centre of this balancing act, with a strategic partnership with the United States, expanding ties with Gulf monarchies, deepening engagement with Israel, and long-standing civilisational and economic links with Iran. A US-Iran standoff compresses India's strategic space, testing its commitment to strategic autonomy.

Yet the dilemma is not India's alone. Smaller states such as Mauritius also operate in a world where security architecture is shaped by great powers, while economic survival depends on stability rather than alignment. For them, neutrality is not indifference but prudence.

India's instinct in such moments has been consistent: public restraint, quiet diplomacy and an avoidance of overt

alignment. This is not fence-sitting so much as hard-earned regional realism. Experience has taught that West Asian crises rarely end cleanly and often linger long after the headlines fade.

A broader question now looms over the Indian Ocean: is the Gulf entering an era of permanent, managed instability, where periodic shows of force become routine rather than exceptional? And if so, how long can regional states continue to shield themselves from great-power brinkmanship in their extended neighbourhood?

Strategic autonomy is easiest to uphold in peacetime. It is tested in moments like this, when choices are constrained not by ideology but by geography and dependence. India cannot wish away its reliance on Gulf energy, just as Mauritius cannot insulate itself from global price shocks transmitted through maritime trade. At the same time, neither has an interest in seeing Iran pushed into a corner where escalation becomes more likely.

For now, the best option for Indian Ocean states remains familiar: engage all sides, avoid megaphone diplomacy, and focus relentlessly on de-escalation. That approach may lack drama, but it reflects a clear understanding that stability in West Asia is not an abstract aspiration. It is an economic necessity and a social imperative.

As US warships move and rhetoric sharpens, capitals across the Indian Ocean — from New Delhi to Port Louis — will continue to watch carefully. Not from the sidelines, but from the vantage point of societies whose prosperity is bound to waters where others choose to signal power. In the end, the region's stake in the Gulf is not about projecting force, but about ensuring that force is never used.

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L'accord UE-Inde: "La Mère de tous les Traités"

('Mother of All Deals') redessine le commerce mondial

Par A. Bartleby

Après deux décennies de négociations infructueuses, la présidente de la Commission européenne, Ursula von der Leyen, a annoncé mardi dernier la conclusion d'un accord de libre-échange historique entre l'Union européenne (UE) et l'Inde. Qualifié de «conte mettant en scène deux géants», ce pacte concerne 2 milliards de personnes et des économies pesant pour un quart du PIB mondial.

L'aspect le plus frappant de cet accord réside dans la réduction massive des barrières tarifaires :

Exportations européennes: Les droits de douane seront éliminés ou réduits sur 96,6 % des produits de l'UE vers l'Inde. Le

secteur automobile est le grand gagnant: les taxes sur les voitures européennes, actuellement à un taux punitif de 110 %, chuteront progressivement jusqu'à atteindre 10 %. Les machines, la chimie et les produits pharmaceutiques verront également leurs tarifs s'effondrer.

Vins et spiritueux: Les amateurs indiens de produits de luxe bénéficieront de baisses drastiques, les taxes sur le vin passant de 150 % à une fourchette de 20-30 %.

Contreparties indiennes: L'UE ouvrira son marché à 99,5 % des produits indiens. Les secteurs à forte intensité de main-d'œuvre, tels que le textile, la maroquinerie, les produits de la mer et la joaillerie, bénéficieront d'un accès sans précédent au marché européen, offrant une bouffée d'oxygène aux exportateurs indiens.

Pourquoi maintenant? L'ombre de Washington

Trois facteurs majeurs ont précipité la signature de cet accord. Tout d'abord, le «facteur Trump» joue un rôle déterminant: face aux menaces protectionnistes américaines, marquées par des tarifs de 50 % sur les produits indiens et de 15 % sur les produits européens, l'UE et l'Inde cherchent activement des alternatives pour sécuriser leurs débouchés commerciaux.

Parallèlement, cette alliance vise à contrer le phénomène de détournement de commerce, les deux blocs souhaitant éviter de devenir des «dépotoirs» pour les produits chinois qui, ne pouvant plus entrer sur le marché américain, cherchent de nouvelles destinations.

Enfin, l'accord répond à un impératif de diversification, car dans un climat d'incertitude économique mondiale, la nécessité de multiplier les partenaires stratégiques est devenue une priorité absolue pour la stabilité des deux géants.

Toutefois, malgré l'ambition affichée, l'accord n'est pas total. Il exclut une harmonisation profonde sur les droits du travail et les normes environnementales strictes, des sujets chers à l'UE. De plus, l'Europe conserve des protections tarifaires sur ses secteurs agricoles sensibles (bœuf, riz, sucre), protégeant ses agriculteurs d'une concurrence frontale.

Géopolitique et pragmatisme

Cet accord est bien plus qu'une simple liste de réductions douanières; c'est un acte de géopolitique pure.

Un signal envoyé aux États-Unis: La précipitation de l'annonce, alors que cer-

tains détails techniques restent à finaliser, montre qu'il s'agit d'un message envoyé à la Maison Blanche. L'UE et l'Inde affirment haut et fort qu'elles ne resteront pas les bras croisés face à la coercition économique américaine. C'est la naissance d'un «axe de résistance» au protectionnisme US.

Le pragmatisme l'emporte sur l'idéologie: Habituellement, l'UE est très rigide sur les clauses environnementales et sociales (le «Green Deal» européen). En acceptant un accord qui survole ces questions, Bruxelles montre qu'elle est prête à mettre de l'eau dans son vin (qu'elle vendra désormais moins cher en Inde!) pour garantir sa sécurité économique.

L'Inde, nouvelle puissance incontournable: Ce traité confirme le statut de l'Inde comme alternative crédible à la Chine. En négociant simultanément avec l'UE, le Royaume-Uni et d'autres blocs, New Delhi joue magistralement sur plusieurs tableaux pour devenir le nouveau moteur de la croissance mondiale.

Cependant, selon des chercheurs de l'Université d'Adélaïde — Peter Draper, Mandar Oak et Nathan Howard Gray — il convient de rester prudent face aux potentiels obstacles juridiques. Comme le démontre le cas du Mercosur, actuellement soumis à l'examen de la Cour de justice de l'UE, la ratification d'un tel traité n'est jamais un long fleuve tranquille. Le Parlement européen pourrait, en effet, soulever de nouvelles objections concernant l'absence de garanties climatiques et environnementales strictes dans le texte actuel.



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Rogers Capital Credit et sécurité des données

La cybersécurité n'est plus un coût technique, c'est un impératif de survie

Le 20 janvier 2026, l'institution financière Rogers Capital Credit a publié un communiqué officiel confirmant un incident majeur de confidentialité des données (*data privacy incident*). Cette annonce fait suite à la publication frauduleuse de données clients sur un blog du *Dark Web* (partie obscure du web non indexée) par un tiers malveillant le 19 janvier 2026.

L'origine de cette faille remonterait à décembre 2025, lors d'une intrusion illégale dans les systèmes d'un fournisseur de services technologiques tiers de l'entreprise. Bien que Rogers Capital suive ici le protocole standard de communication de crise (*standard playbook*), la nature des informations compromises soulève des inquiétudes profondes quant à la sécurité financière des personnes concernées.

L'anatomie de la fuite: Des données critiques exposées

Ce qui distingue cet incident d'une simple fuite

d'e-mails, c'est la profondeur des données compromises. Les informations publiées constituent ce que les experts appellent le «Saint Graal» pour les usurpateurs d'identité.

L'évaluation actuelle indique que les dossiers, remon-



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tant jusqu'à décembre 2022, incluent:

- Des documents de connaissance client (*KYC - Know Your Customer*): Passeports, cartes d'identité nationale (*NIC - National Identity Card*).
- Des preuves d'adresse et de revenus (*Proof of address and income*).
- Pour certains, des informations bancaires, des détails sur le crédit et l'état civil.

Bien que les données s'arrêtent à fin 2022, il est crucial de rappeler que des numéros d'identité ou des dates de naissance n'expirent jamais. Leur valeur sur le marché noir reste donc maximale.

La vulnérabilité de la «chaîne d'approvisionnement»

L'incident met en lumière une réalité brutale de la cybersécurité moderne: le risque lié à la chaîne d'approvisionnement (*Supply Chain link*).

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Rogers Capital Credit et sécurité des données

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Rogers Capital précise que l'intrusion a eu lieu via son prestataire technologique.

Cela démontre que même si les remparts internes d'une entreprise sont solides, ses partenaires peuvent constituer le maillon faible. C'est une tendance lourde en 2025-2026, où les pirates ciblent les fournisseurs de services pour atteindre plusieurs cibles prestigieuses simultanément par un effet de ricochet.

L'entreprise a adopté une stratégie de communication en deux temps. D'une part, elle fait preuve d'une certaine transparence en listant précisément les types de données volées, ce qui est préférable aux déclarations vagues. D'autre part, elle tente de contextualiser l'incident en soulignant la hausse mondiale des cyberattaques pour atténuer l'impact sur son image de marque, une technique classique de communication de crise.

Un point de friction demeure cependant: le délai de réaction (*lag time*). Entre l'intrusion initiale en décembre 2025 et l'annonce publique le 20 janvier 2026, un mois s'est écoulé. Ce délai est souvent utilisé par les attaquants pour tenter d'extorquer une rançon (*ransomware*) avant de publier les données. Il est à espérer que les autorités de régulation et les clients les plus exposés aient été informés bien avant cette notification publique.

Les risques réels pour les clients

Les clients de Rogers Capital Credit font face à trois menaces majeures:

- **L'usurpation d'identité:** Avec les documents KYC complets, un criminel peut tenter d'ouvrir des comptes bancaires ou de souscrire des prêts au



La réglementation sur la protection des données personnelles, ou Règlement général sur la protection des données (RGPD), est l'un des textes législatifs les plus vastes adoptés par l'Union européenne. - Pic - financialcrimeacademy.org

- nom de la victime.
- **Le hameçonnage ciblé (*targeted phishing*):** Muni de détails précis (anciens revenus, adresse), un escroc peut se faire passer pour un conseiller de l'entreprise concernée afin de soutirer des mots de passe ou des codes de sécurité.
- **La fraude financière:** Si des coordonnées bancaires spécifiques ont été divulguées, des tentatives d'accès direct aux fonds sont à craindre.

Soyez proactifs

Au-delà d'une simple vigilance, les experts en cybersécurité préconisent l'adoption d'une posture proactive. Afin de protéger efficacement ses informations personnelles, un

client se retrouvant dans une telle situation devrait mettre en œuvre les mesures concrètes suivantes :

- **Surveillez vos rapports de solvabilité (*Credit Reports*):** Vérifiez toute demande d'ouverture de compte suspecte à votre nom.
- **Activez l'authentification multi-facteurs (*MFA - Multi-Factor Authentication*):** C'est votre meilleure barrière contre un accès non autorisé à vos comptes bancaires et e-mails.
- **Changez vos mots de passe:** Même s'ils n'ont pas été explicitement cités dans la fuite, la rotation des identifiants sur vos comptes sensibles est une mesure d'hygiène numérique indispensable.
- **Adoptez un scepticisme radical:** Si vous recevez un appel de «votre banque» demandant un code PIN ou un mot de passe à usage unique (*OTP - One-Time Password*), raccrochez immédiatement. Rappelez toujours l'institution via un numéro vérifié sur leur site officiel.

Cet incident rappelle que dans le secteur des services financiers, la confiance est un actif aussi précieux que le capital. La révélation que des données aussi sensibles ont passé près d'un mois sur le *Dark Web* avant une communication publique souligne la nécessité pour les institutions d'investir non seulement dans leur propre sécurité, mais aussi dans un audit rigoureux de leurs prestataires tiers. La cybersécurité n'est plus un coût technique, c'est un impératif de survie.

Initialement lancée sous le nom provocateur «*Are You Dead?*», l'application chinoise désormais connue sous le nom de Demumu est devenue virale, capturant l'air du temps d'une société en pleine mutation. Avec un coût de développement initial dérisoire (environ 200 \$), elle est aujourd'hui valorisée à près de 14 millions de dollars et s'exporte dans plus de 40 pays.

Le principe est d'une simplicité désarmante: l'utilisateur doit cliquer sur un bouton quotidiennement (ou à une fréquence choisie) pour confirmer qu'il est en vie. En cas d'absence de signe de vie, le système alerte automatiquement deux contacts d'urgence.

Ce service répond à une angoisse croissante: celle de mourir seul et de ne pas être découvert avant plusieurs jours, un phénomène tragique de plus en plus documenté dans les grandes métropoles.

Les racines du succès: une mutation démographique profonde

Le succès de Demumu n'est pas qu'une question de technologie, selon Pan Wang, professeur associé en études chinoises et asiatiques à l'Université de Nouvelle-Galles du Sud, c'est le miroir de changements sociaux majeurs en Chine.

L'explosion des foyers d'une personne: On compte plus de 125 millions de

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L'application Demumu: une réponse au "mal du siècle" des sociétés post-industrielles en mutation



«Are You Dead?» :une application chinoise destinée aux personnes vivant seules devient virale. P - Canadian Affairs

personnes vivant seules en Chine (un foyer sur quatre), un chiffre qui pourrait atteindre 200 millions d'ici 2030.

Le déclin de la famille traditionnelle:

Entre le vieillissement de la population, l'héritage de la politique de l'enfant unique

et l'augmentation des divorces, le réseau de soutien familial s'effrite.

La pression économique: Le coût exorbitant de l'immobilier et des «dots» rend le mariage inaccessible à beaucoup d'hommes, tandis que de nombreuses

femmes urbaines et éduquées choisissent délibérément le célibat pour préserver leur autonomie.

La «Singles Economy»: Un marché en pleine effervescence

Demumu n'est que la face émergée de l'iceberg. L'économie des célibataires transforme en profondeur les paysages urbains, notamment à travers une consommation de plus en plus individualisée — hot-pots pour une personne, cabines de karaoké en solo, mini-électroménager — et par l'essor d'une compagnie artificielle et marchande: du boom des animaux de compagnie aux chatbots dopés à l'IA, en passant par le «date-renting» (location de partenaire), l'intimité devient progressivement une marchandise.

C'est un sujet qui illustre parfaitement comment la technologie vient combler un vide laissé par l'effondrement des structures sociales traditionnelles.

Le passage de la solidarité organique à la sécurité algorithmique est révélateur: autrefois, c'était le voisin ou la famille qui s'inquiétait d'un volet resté fermé; aujourd'hui, on confie cette charge émotionnelle à une application à 200 dollars. C'est à la fois une solution ingénieuse et un constat de solitude assez poignant.

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Lindsay Rivière, Journaliste

“Bérenger joue un jeu très dangereux pour lui-même et pour sa succession dans le parti”



A lors que l'Alliance du Changement entame sa deuxième année au pouvoir dans un climat politique marqué par les tensions, les ultimatums et une impatience sociale grandissante, les interrogations sur la solidité de la coalition et sa capacité à gouverner sereinement se multiplient. Entre divergences stratégiques au sommet de l'État, frictions récurrentes entre partenaires et résultats économiques jugés insuffisants par une large partie de l'opinion, le pays semble à la croisée des chemins. Dans cet entretien sans détour, Lindsay Rivière livre une analyse incisive de la cohabitation PTr-MMM, du rôle central — et controversé — de Paul Bérenger, des marges de manœuvre du Premier ministre Navin Ramgoolam, ainsi que des défis politiques, économiques et sociaux majeurs auxquels Maurice est confrontée en ce début d'année 2026.

“l'impossibilité de travailler avec Bérenger”.

Malgré des défections, Paul Bérenger et ceux qui le suivraient passeraient alors dans l'opposition, en gardant le sigle MMM, en maudissant ceux qui resteraient avec Ramgoolam et on reviendrait alors à un régime entièrement dominé par le PTr avec (comme entre 1997 et

puissent être réglés d'ici fin mars, date du dernier ultimatum déguisé de Paul Bérenger.

Sans doute, dans certains cas, la situation semble s'améliorer quelque peu, notamment les saisies record de drogue (Rs 8 milliards en 13 mois) mais, dans plusieurs autres secteurs, la situation ne change guère par rapport au règne MSM ou elle empire carrément. Bérenger rajoute désormais à ses demandes la mise sous bol du “Gang des 5” à la liste de ses demandes.

Par ailleurs, à Air Mauritius, le PTr a noyauté la prési-

Mauritius Times: S'il est indéniable que le climat politique et social a évolué depuis l'accession au pouvoir de l'Alliance du Changement, estimez-vous toutefois que la coalition actuelle pourra assurer une gouvernance stable malgré les turbulences de sa première année, tout en répondant aux attentes profondes de la population?

Lindsay Rivière: Depuis la crise à répétition des derniers mois, les rancœurs et frustrations publiquement exprimées, les ultimatums posés et avec ce que cette crise révèle comme divergences fondamentales et petits calculs mesquins, je suis de plus en plus convaincu que l'Alliance du Changement est aujourd'hui littéralement à l'agonie. Reste à savoir quand on signera formellement son acte de décès. Fin mars?

Soit Bérenger ferait alors un coup d'éclat et partirait en invoquant (comme il y a 30 ans, en 1997) “l'inefficacité et la lenteur” du gouvernement et du Premier ministre ; soit Navin Ramgoolam excédé par l'attitude permanente de défiance et les menaces successives de son partenaire le révoquerait carrément, en plaidant (comme en 1997) une “inacceptable absence de solidarité ministérielle” et

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2000), une majorité de 37 parlementaires rouges et, pour soutien, de petits alliés: Nouveaux Démocrates, Rezistans ek Alternativ, députés rodriguais et ex-MMM qui auraient abandonné Bérenger. Soit avec plus de deux tiers du Parlement ! Je pense que les deux leaders s'y préparent.

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Il faut cesser de nier l'évidence: l'instabilité internationale avec Trump a pu, un temps, détourner les esprits des enjeux locaux mais nous revenons peu à peu à la situation de 1997, quand à l'occasion d'un premier 60-0 PTr-MMM, la manière de gouverner et la différence de style entre les deux leaders a brisé brutalement l'espoir de tout un peuple. Nous pourrions rapidement revivre ce traumatisme.

* «L'apaisement» actuel ne serait donc que de façade?

Largement! Le feu couvre sous les cendres. Il serait d'ailleurs assez étonnant qu'en 7 ou 8 semaines, des dossiers de grande discorde (gouvernance, lenteur des institutions, police, drogue, Air Mauritius, EDB, coup de rein décisif pour relancer l'économie, retour d'influences occultes)

dence de toutes les 17 filiales du Groupe. A la police, l'image de la force régulière continue de se dégrader, avec des arrestations de policiers liés à des activités douteuses ou des incidents et autres ‘rébellions’ alors que les autorités ne cessent de promettre qu'elles seront “désormais sans pitié”.

Enfin, autre source de tensions, l'économie ne redécoule toujours pas aussi vigoureusement qu'il le faudrait pour faire une différence. Les investissements locaux mais surtout étrangers (inchangés en 2025, à Rs 39 milliards), nécessaires à la relance, sont inadéquats. La croissance est estimée en 2026 à seulement 3,4 % contre 3,2 % pour la dernière année MSM, alors qu'il en faudrait plus de 5 % pour préparer l'avenir. La productivité continue de stagner. Le tourisme ne progresse que très marginalement (3 % de croissance en 2025, soit au niveau pré-Covid, de 1,4 million de visiteurs) alors que les Maldives attirent aujourd'hui 2,000,000 de touristes.

Le déficit commercial reste abyssal (Rs 200 milliards). La monnaie continue à piquer du nez: Livre Sterling à Rs 63 ; Euro à Rs 55. Les prix explosent toujours, malgré les interventions publiques, et la colère sociale ne baisse pas. La dette publique (Rs 675 milliards en 2025) continue d'augmenter et approche les Rs 700 milliards. Le problème de manque de main-d'œuvre reste en suspens. Il n'y a, dans tous ces bilans, rien d'impressionnant!

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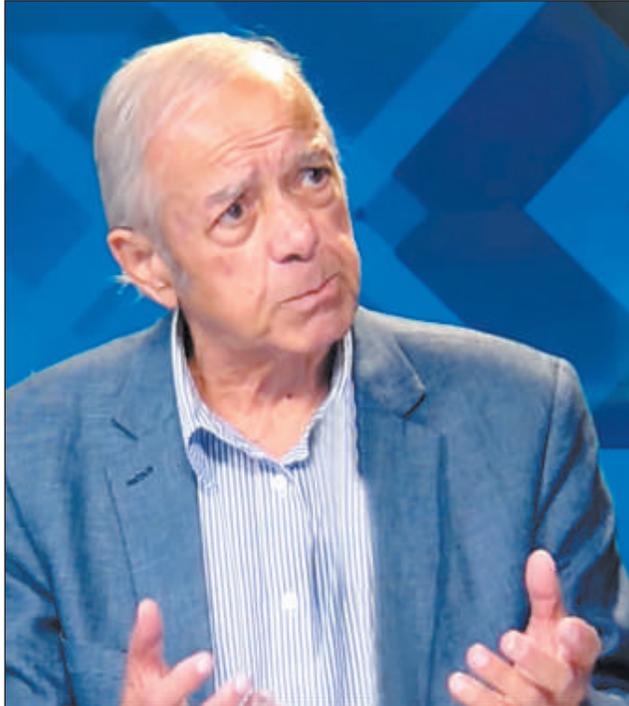
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*** Compte tenu de son tempérament, pensez-vous que Paul Bérenger acceptera encore longtemps de rester associé à un gouvernement dont il ne peut influencer ni la performance ni les méthodes de gouvernance?**

Il faut s'interroger sur l'état d'esprit du leader MMM. Paul Bérenger se satisfera-t-il de ces maigres résultats, lui qui aime l'action, les résultats rapides et qui déteste l'impopularité? Impatient et obsédé par l'efficacité, acceptera-t-il longtemps encore d'être associé à un gouvernement dont il ne peut infléchir ni la performance, ni la méthode de gouverner?

*** On ignore si l'Alliance était véritablement au bord de la rupture à la fin de novembre dernier — ou si le MMM risquait une nouvelle implosion interne — mais Paul Bérenger a manifestement anticipé le danger. Cela l'a conduit à annoncer que le parti resterait au gouvernement...**

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*** À la lumière de vos explications, il apparaît que Paul Bérenger se retrouve isolé au sein de ses propres instances. Cela expliquerait sa démarche, telle que révélée dans la presse (notamment par Le Défi Media), selon laquelle il envisagerait de coopter de nouveaux membres au Comité Central du MMM. Cette manœuvre, faisant suite aux tensions de novembre 2025 où le leader a été mis en minorité par sa propre base, viserait ainsi à consolider ses soutiens...**

Et le Bureau Politique et le Comité Central ne suivent pas Bérenger dans sa stratégie de rupture, même s'ils continuent à l'admirer et à reconnaître son leadership. Le leader MMM a donc besoin de temps pour convaincre ses partisans.

Il lui reste une carte à jouer: Si vous entendez dire qu'il a convoqué une Assemblée de Délégués MMM, cela voudrait dire qu'il entend contourner la majorité du BP et du CC.

Mais je ne crois pas une minute qu'il coopterait plusieurs nouveaux membres au CC pour seulement inverser la tendance. Ce serait trop grossier et une preuve de plus que son analyse de la situation ne passe pas.

*** L'évaluation du degré de contestation au sein du MMM en ce début d'année 2026 montre une situation complexe: si le parti n'est pas en état de rébellion ouverte, il traverse un malaise structurel profond. Quelle est votre analyse des raisons de cette contestation, tant au niveau des instances que de la base?**

Il y a plusieurs raisons à cette attitude de la base MMM. D'abord, il y a eu un changement de générations au MMM. Toutes ses grandes personnalités d'hier ont, aujourd'hui, 80 ans ou plus. Les nouveaux n'ont pas connu le 'Grand MMM' des années 70-80 et sont moins portés par l'idéologie. On fait de la politique pour le Pouvoir, pour faire passer ses idées et non pour être éternellement dans l'Opposition stérile. Le MMM n'a été au pouvoir que 11 ans en 56 ans de militantisme. Le 'peuple MMM' est fatigué. Ses jeunes veulent gouverner.

Cela dit, il faut se rappeler que le MMM a aujourd'hui 55 ans. Les temps ont changé et le parti ne peut plus fonction-

ner comme auparavant. S'il n'y prend pas garde, il finira par devenir un simple "Fan Club" de son leader, à l'instar de ce que fut le PMSD avec Gaëtan Duval.

Il est fondamental que le MMM cesse de se considérer uniquement comme un parti d'opposition pour se convertir en véritable parti de gouvernement, porté par une direction plus collégiale et une mise à jour profonde de son idéologie et de son programme. Sans cette mutation, nous assisterons au crépuscule d'un grand parti qui a marqué de manière indélébile la vie du pays depuis l'Indépendance.

Le MMM n'a jamais été qu'un simple parti; il a été une grande idée. Il vaut bien plus que l'image qu'il projette aujourd'hui: celle d'un parti usé et déconnecté des réalités de 2026.

*** Paul Bérenger ne peut ignorer qu'un Premier ministre est rarement disposé à transiger sur ses prérogatives ou ses positions de principe — même si les critiques du leader du MMM sont, dans certains cas, fondées, notamment sur la nécessité de réformer certaines institutions. En est-il pleinement conscient?**

Très certainement! Il veut voir jusqu'où il peut tirer sur l'élastique. Ou peut-être souhaite-t-il lui-même que

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Voyons les faits: le MMM n'est plus, en 2026, que la pâle image du grand parti qu'il fut en 1995 lors de la première coalition PTr-MMM. Il représente électoralement, au mieux, 15 à 20 % de l'électorat. S'il repasse dans l'opposition en 2029, le MMM, dans une lutte à trois, sera laminé.

Le MMM n'a plus que 17 députés, contre 25 sous le premier gouvernement Ramgoolam de 1995. Il était alors le seul allié du PTr, donc absolument indispensable. Le PTr a aujourd'hui 37 députés, plus le soutien des 3 Nouveaux Démocrates, des 3 ReA et des 4 députés rodriguais. De plus, si le MMM implose, Ramgoolam récupérera encore plusieurs parlementaires du MMM et pourra donc largement gouverner sans Bérenger et le MMM.

Par ailleurs, dans les années 90, quand il a imposé, le MMM a perdu ses principaux dirigeants, partis avec Jugnauth (Prem Nababsing, Jean-Claude de l'Estrac, Swaley Kasenally, Amédée Darga, Osman Gendoo, Bashir Khodabux, etc.) mais la base MMM est restée fidèle à Bérenger. Cette fois, autant les dirigeants du Bureau Politique et du Comité Central que la base MMM ne veulent pas de cassure, et Bérenger risque d'être minoritaire dans son propre parti. Enfin, l'opinion publique est largement contre tout retrait du MMM du gouvernement.

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Ramgoolam le révoque, afin que ce dernier assume la responsabilité de la rupture devant le pays et le monde. Allez savoir!

Au-delà de l'impatience et de l'irritation de Bérenger, un autre problème crucial pèse sur le règlement de cette crise: la conception que chacun se fait du poste de Vice-Premier ministre (DPM). SSR, Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Pravind Jugnauth et Navin Ramgoolam ont toujours perçu leurs adjoints comme de fidèles collaborateurs sachant s'effacer au moment opportun, et non comme des personnalités rivales susceptibles de leur faire de l'ombre...

On l'a vu, depuis cinquante ans, avec les adjoints Ringadoo, Dulloo, Beebeejaun, Purryag, Collendavelloo, Duval ou Obeegadoo, qui savaient rester à leur place. Avec Sir Gaëtan Duval, adjoint de SSR, puis de SAJ au sein de grandes coalitions, nous avons un géant occupant la lumière, mais qui se satisfaisait — comme il me l'a confié un jour — du prix du «Meilleur second rôle» (*Best Supporting Actor*) plutôt que celui du «Meilleur acteur», tout en tirant du système ce qu'il pouvait pour ses partisans.

*** Avec Bérenger, c'est une tout autre affaire?**

Tout à fait. L'orgueil de Bérenger est immense; l'idée qu'il se fait de lui-même et de son rôle dans l'Histoire est monumentale. Il est un guerrier qui ne s'aplatit devant personne, et non un simple gestionnaire.

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Dans toute alliance, Bérenger ne supporte pas que l'on ignore ses vues. Il veut réellement partager le pouvoir et refuse de travailler en silence — comme le dit Nando Bodha — «à la gloire du Premier ministre».



la charge comme un vote de blâme et un manque de respect personnel.

Pour moi, à la prochaine incartade majeure du leader du MMM, il le révoquera. Et beaucoup de gens applaudiront, tant au PTr qu'au MSM.

*** Par ailleurs, au-delà de la contestation interne au MMM, une vive impatience gagne la population. Elle attend des décisions fortes et des initiatives urgentes sur deux fronts: la lutte contre le trafic de drogue — notamment la prolifération des drogues de synthèse dans chaque recoin du pays — et la cherté de la vie. Estimez-vous que ces préoccupations majeures soient traitées à la mesure de l'urgence?**

La situation sociale s'alourdit. La population courbe de plus en plus sous le poids du coût de la vie. Avec la flambée des prix mondiaux et les tensions géopolitiques actuelles, les choses risquent d'empirer. Il est urgent de relancer l'économie nationale pour atténuer l'impact de l'inflation en redonnant du pouvoir d'achat aux Mauriciens. Le quotidien des citoyens doit désormais primer sur toute autre considération.

Il faut être extrêmement vigilant: le peuple semble ne plus croire en rien, ni aux grands discours, ni aux actions de ses élites, et encore moins en sa classe politique.

*** Un autre dossier risque d'embarrasser les calculs budgétaires du gouvernement: l'affaire Chagos. Ce dossier est passé du statut de "victoire diplomatique" à celui de "défi de trésorerie". Dans les prochaines semaines, chaque déclaration venant de Londres ou de Washington sera scrutée pour savoir si l'argent coulera à flots dans les caisses mauriciennes, ou si le gouvernement devra s'endetter davantage pour tenir ses promesses. Quelle analyse en faites-vous?**

Je ne pense pas au problème des Chagos prioritairement en termes financiers, mais surtout en termes de souveraineté.

Après tout, comme je l'ai toujours dit, les Rs 5 milliards annuels du "deal", supposés aider à réduire la dette publique, ne représentent que le quart des profits annuels de la

Mauritius Commercial Bank (Rs 20 milliards) et ne constituent pas une contribution si significative face aux enjeux actuels.

Il faut cesser de se focaliser sur cette compensation financière et se concentrer sur la relance plus générale de l'économie afin de créer de la richesse et de la croissance.

*** Faudra-t-il donc s'attendre à tout, tant que Donald Trump sera à la Maison-Blanche et que le "trumpisme" demeurera l'idéologie dominante aux États-Unis?**

Je crois que le président Trump est si changeant que tout peut arriver d'ici la fin de sa présidence. Préparons-nous à tout, même à ce qu'il revendique demain les Chagos. Il faut donc attendre encore trois ans et ne pas trop espérer. Toutefois, le départ de Trump ne signifierait pas un changement de politique drastique envers les Chagos.

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Je pense que Navin Ramgoolam, au fond, ne comprend pas ou n'intériorise pas cela, d'où les nombreuses querelles.

*** Selon vous, que peut — et que va — faire le Premier ministre face aux remous provoqués par Paul Bérenger, au bout du compte?**

Navin Ramgoolam a été jusqu'ici assez patient envers Paul Bérenger, davantage même qu'en 1995. C'est un peu par amitié, mais aussi par intérêt, car il ne souhaite pas véritablement une rupture qui ébranlerait la confiance, ici comme à l'étranger, et projetterait une image d'instabilité.

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Il possède aussi des principes parlementaires hérités du système de Westminster et de son père, SSR: il tient à la «responsabilité collective» et à la solidarité gouvernementale en toutes circonstances. Il doit penser, comme Jean-Pierre Chevènement en France, qu'«un ministre, ça ferme sa gueule ou ça démissionne».

Dans ces circonstances, il doit considérer les récriminations de Bérenger contre les départements du PMO dont il a



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Si son adjoint, le vice-président Vance, lui succède, la situation pourrait devenir encore plus compliquée; car si Trump est un homme de spectacle, le vice-président Vance est, lui, un idéologue d'extrême-droite qui théorise tout et qui possède des convictions conservatrices encore plus fortes.

Cela risque donc d'être "more of the same, if not worse".



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When Lying Becomes a Method

Trump, Nixon, and the Institutional Rupture of Truth

The question is no longer whether democracies can survive occasional lies, but how long institutions will tolerate contradiction, improvisation and contempt for facts

Karma Yogi

Comparisons between Richard Nixon and Donald Trump have become commonplace. They are meaningful, however, only if one looks beyond the gravity of scandals and focuses instead on the nature of the relationship to truth, and above all on its institutional consequences.

In Nixon's case, lying was targeted and concealed. It aimed to cover specific illegal acts — the Watergate break-in and the obstruction of justice — in the hope that the system would not trace responsibility back to the White House. Nixon knew he was crossing red lines. Even as he sought to deceive institutions, he implicitly recognised their authority. Once it became clear that Congress and his own party would no longer shield him, he stepped aside. The system had been shaken, but it held.

Redefining Reality

With Trump, the relationship to truth is of a different order. It is public, repetitive, and unapologetic. The objective is no longer to conceal an illegal act but to redefine reality through assertion. From the outset of his presidency, he claimed that his inauguration drew "the largest crowd in history," in blatant contradiction with indisputable visual evidence. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he insisted the virus would "disappear on its own," even as federal agencies warned of its severity.

The challenge to the 2020 presidential election marked a far deeper rupture. By asserting — without evidence — that a certified election upheld by the courts had been "stolen," Trump crossed a line Nixon never approached: the explicit questioning of electoral legitimacy itself.

The Chagos Case

To these outright falsehoods must be added a pattern of half-truths and abrupt reversals, often destabilising internationally. The Chagos case is particularly telling. Only a year earlier, Trump had wel-



“In the wake of the UK’s position on Greenland, he went on to describe the return of the Chagos to Mauritius as “an act of great stupidity.” This sudden reversal — unsupported by legal argument or strategic coherence — reflects not a considered reassessment but a circumstantial reaction. It raises a simple question: can leadership be taken seriously when positions on matters of international sovereignty fluctuate with mood and alignment?” Pic - ABC News

comed the agreement reached between the United Kingdom and Mauritius, implicitly acknowledging that a settlement consistent with international law and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice was both legitimate and stabilising.

As underlined by Professor Marc Weller of Chatham House in an expert comment on 26 January, 2026, Trump's Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, in an official communication purporting to "US Support for UK and Mauritius Agreement on Chagos Archipelago" just before the Agreement was signed in May 2025, effusively welcomed and endorsed the said Agreement — a binding statement, in terms of international law and diplomatic practice, when made by a sitting Foreign Minister.

Yet, in the wake of the UK's position on

tions on matters of international sovereignty fluctuate with mood and alignment?

This inconsistency recalls another revealing episode: after minimising, one day, the contribution of British troops in Afghanistan, he reversed course the next, in the face of outrage and unbridled condemnation unleashed and upon being reminded that more than four hundred UK soldiers had lost their lives there — another volte-face which, through repetition, steadily erodes the credibility of presidential speech on the international stage.

Here lies the essential difference with Nixon. Nixon lied to avoid sanction; Trump lies, or rambles in simplicity, in order to weaken the constraint of reality itself, a pattern so entrenched that a cursory search today yields an extensive compendium of documented lies, distortions, and half-truths catalogued by independent fact-checking institutions. Checks and balances are no longer merely bypassed; they are openly delegitimised when such institutions as courts, the press, independent institutions and even the electoral process are disparaged.

For the international community, and particularly for small states committed to multilateralism, this evolution is deeply troubling. In 1974, allies doubted a man, not the American system. Today, many distinguish between institutions still seen as solid, and an executive perceived as unpredictable, inconsistent, and dismissive of the consequences of its words.

The question, therefore, is no longer whether democracies can survive occasional lies — history suggests they can — but how long institutions will tolerate contradiction, improvisation and contempt for facts becoming entrenched at the summit of power without a decisive systemic response? Add to that the rapid slide of the country down the reputational scale on the international stage.

So, who will bell the cat or is it rather when?

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'Abys of unpredictability': China warns against 'military adventurism' in Middle East

China on Wednesday cautioned against "military adventurism" in the Middle East, while warning that it would push the region into "unpredictability."

"The use of force cannot solve problems. Any military adventurism will only push the region into an abyss of unpredictability," Chinese ambassador to the United Nations, Fu Cong, told the UN Security Council, reports HT.

This comes even as uncertainty builds up over United States' move on Iran, even as US President Donald Trump threatened the Middle East country, but signalled willingness to dialogue over a nuclear deal.

The deal that the Trump administration wants would prohibit Iran from developing nuclear weapons in return for a lifting of economic sanctions, according to AP.

"Hopefully Iran will quickly 'Come to the Table' and negotiate a fair and equitable deal - NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS - one that is good for all parties," Trump said, while adding that time was "running out."

"The next attack will be far worse!" Trump warned, in reference to the US strikes on Iran amid the latter's 12-day war with Israel.

Following this, Iran's mission to the United Nations replied, saying the country was "ready for dialogue based on mutual respect and interests." However, it warned



Abys of unpredictability': China warns against 'military adventurism' in Middle East. Pic - HT

that "if pushed", Iran would "defend itself and respond like never before."

US Secretary of State says military presence near Middle East 'wise and prudent'

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said it was "wise and prudent" to have a military presence in the Middle East to if necessary "prevent the attack against thousands of American servicemen and other facilities in the region and our allies."

Regarding the prospect of a regime change in Iran, Rubio said it would be "far more complex" than Venezuela. "You're talking about a regime that's been in place for a very long time...So that's going to require a lot of careful thinking, if that eventuality ever presents itself," AP cited Rubio as saying in response to a question.

submitted by the interim government, led by Acting President Delcy Rodriguez.

- **Greenland & NATO:** Rubio sought to de-escalate tensions over President Trump's demands to take over Greenland. He stated that "uproar is calming" and that the administration is negotiating with NATO allies to counter Russian and Chinese influence in the Arctic, while reiterating that NATO must be "reimagined."

- **China & Iran:** Rubio dismissed fears that the Venezuela operation would embolden China to move on Taiwan, calling Taiwan a "legacy project" for Xi Jinping that exists independent of global events. Regarding Iran, he clarified there is "no current plan to attack," despite a surge in U.S. naval presence in the Middle East.

- **Domestic Friction:** Senate Democrats expressed deep skepticism, with Senator Jeanne Shaheen questioning the cost of the operation and accusing the administration of "trading one dictator for another" while ignoring domestic economic concerns.

Current Status: The State Department is preparing to reopen the U.S. Embassy in Caracas for the first time since 2019, as the interim Venezuelan government appears to be acquiescing to Trump's demands, including opening the energy sector to U.S. companies and ending oil subsidies to Cuba.



Marco Rubio is leading Trump's pressure campaign against Venezuela. Pic - WSJ

Rubio defends Trump's foreign policy amid global tensions

In his first public hearing since the January 3 raid that deposed Nicolás Maduro, Secretary of State Marco Rubio defended the military operation as a vital strike against a national security threat. Rubio asserted that the U.S. is "better off" following the capture of Maduro, though he acknowledged that stabilizing Venezuela will be a long-term process.

Key points from the testimony:

- **Venezuela & Oil:** Rubio outlined a "monitored budget" system where Venezuelan oil revenues will be held in U.S. Treasury-controlled accounts. Funds will only be released for basic services after the U.S. approves monthly budgets

Across The World

EU, India sign major trade deal

The EU and India signed a landmark trade agreement as both seek to bolster commercial alliances amid threats from Washington. The EU expects to double exports to India by 2032 as part of the deal, negotiated over two decades, while Delhi — subject to 50% tariffs from Washington — anticipates EU-bound exports to soar. "We have concluded the mother of all deals," the European Commission president said. US President Donald Trump's threats have instilled urgency in the EU, accelerating talks with several trading partners. Washington, meanwhile, continues to use its economic weight to extract concessions: on Monday, Trump announced 25% duties on South Korea for "not living up" to an agreement.



EU, India to sign major trade deal. Pic - France24

US warns Canada on trade talks

The US Treasury secretary warned Canada's leader against "virtue signalling" ahead of the impending review of a key continental trade pact. Scott Bessent's remarks came after Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney denounced Washington's "rupture" of the global order and agreed to lower tariffs with China, sparking a threat of 100% duties from US President Donald Trump.

Carney said this week he stood by his comments. Despite recently making moves to diversify its trade, however, Ottawa remains heavily reliant on the US for the majority of its exports and a large share of its imports. Meanwhile, the US trade representative said negotiations had started with Mexico, the third signatory of the trade agreement.

Hopes for China luxury rebound



Is China's Luxury Market Ready to Rebound. Pic - BoF

China's luxury market is expected to rebound in 2026, a reprieve for European fashion houses heavily reliant on the giant market. Premium spending in China — which consultancy Bain said has become the "cornerstone of luxury market growth" — plummeted last year, dragging down firms' share prices. LVMH's has fallen by almost a quarter in the last 12 months,

wiping more than \$100 billion off its valuation. China's slowdown and a slumping real estate market have led millions to cut spending, while local labels are competing with foreign luxury players. "Some brands are very special, like Louis Vuitton and Chanel," one Beijing shopper told the Financial Times. But Chinese ones were, she added, now "very good," too.

Ghana's economic crisis eases

Ghana slashed its main interest rate by 2.5 percentage points, a sign that the country's worst economic crisis in a generation may be easing. Consumer inflation has fallen by almost 90% since 2023 in the West African nation, which for years faced soaring prices and cooling growth. Accra's remarkable turnaround — even Ghana's president has said he has been surprised at the pace of change — has lifted many out of poverty, with the share of the nation's population living on less than \$1 a day dropping by around 10% in 2025. But challenges persist: West African economic growth is expected to cool this year, the UN predicted.

India visit ahead, Canada's Carney on Trump tariffs and trade: 'Nothing normal in US'

Amid a rift in ties between Canada and the United States, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has vowed to explore other options and diversify trade routes. With a visit to India on the cards by March, the Labour leader recently told his country's parliament that "nothing is normal" in the US these days, especially when it comes to dealing with Donald Trump's administration.

"The world has changed. Washington has changed. There's almost nothing normal in the United States now. That's the truth," the prime minister said in French, reports Hindustan Times.

Carney's speech in the House of Commons comes after his explosive address at the Davos Summit, where he stated that the rules-based international order led by the US was now enduring a "rupture".

"Let me be direct. We are in the midst of a rupture, not a transition," Carney said at Davos. "The old order is not coming back," he further said at the World Economic Forum in the Swiss town.

Carney's speech saw support from other Western allies, leaving the US rattled.

In a phone call with Donald Trump on Monday, the Canadian PM said he told Trump that he stands by every word he said in Davos, and will not retreat, essentially junking the White House's claim that Carney was "aggressively walking back" on his remarks.

"To be absolutely clear, and I said this to the (US)



Canada Prime Minister Mark Carney rises during Question Period on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Pic - CNN

President: I meant what I said in Davos," Carney told reporters in Ottawa, adding that they were the first country to understand the change in US trade policy that he initiated, "and we're responding to that".

India visit amid reset in ties

Mark Carney is expected to visit India in March, a move aimed at expanding bilateral trade after over two years of strained relations with New Delhi. As per reports, the Canadian PM is expected to be in New Delhi in the

threats due to its ties with Russia and its purchase of oil from Moscow.

In its first reaction to the India-EU FTA, US trade representative Jamieson Greer said that deal has allowed India to "come out on top."

"I've looked at some of the details of the deal so far. I think India comes out on top on this, frankly. They get more market access into Europe," he said.

first week of March, barely a month India tables its budget for the 2026-27.

Since assuming office, Carney has worked towards repairing ties with India, which saw a diplomatic pause under former prime minister Justin Trudeau.

Canada's pivot towards India also comes as New Delhi locked in the "mother of all deals" with the European Union.

Impacted by the 50% US tariffs, India has also rapidly moved to diversify its trade, relying less and less on Washington for support.

Despite "friendly relations" between PM Narendra Modi and Trump, India continues to face repeated tariff hike

Across the Globe



Nipah virus: India's Kerala rushes to contain a deadly

Nipah virus outbreak in India

A cluster of Nipah virus cases in India prompted nearby countries to step up screening measures, though New Delhi said the outbreak is under control. Nipah, first detected in 1999, is typically found in bats and pigs but can spread to humans.

There is no vaccine, and the virus can cause fever, brain swelling, and respiratory illness. While less contagious than airborne diseases, it is extremely deadly, with fatality rates of up to 75%. Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Thailand introduced temperature checks for incoming passengers.

Europe ramps up weapon production

Europe is expanding weapons and ammunition production at its fastest pace in decades as it seeks greater defense independence from the US.

German defense firm Rheinmetall has been building new factories since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine and will soon produce more 155mm artillery shells than the entire US defense industry. Italy's Leonardo has increased its workforce by nearly half. Europe spent \$560 billion on defense last year, double its spending a decade ago.

Ukraine leads in battle bots

Ukraine has become the world leader in unmanned ground vehicles. Like their aerial counterparts, UGVs "do not become tired, cold, [or] scared," and already provide critical frontline logistics and medevac support, The Jamestown Foundation noted. While fully mechanized assault brigades remain theoretical, UGVs are increasingly used in combat. This week, Ukraine captured the first footage of Russian troops surrendering to a UGV. Kyiv approved 330 unique models in 2024, a 350% increase year-on-year, almost all produced by Ukrainian defense firms.

China shifts its Africa strategy

African nations now send more money to China in loan repayments than they receive in new borrowing from the world's second-largest economy, signalling a stark shift in Beijing's strategy on the continent. China began accelerating lending to African nations two

decades ago, with annual loans peaking at almost \$30 billion in 2016. However, underperforming projects and economic mismanagement led several countries to default on their loans, prompting China to pull financing. Yet Beijing remains keen to expand its footprint in Africa as competition with the US for access to critical resources heats up: Chinese foreign direct investment in the region has boomed, growing almost tenfold in the two decades to 2024.



Spain approves plan to grant legal status to thousands of migrants lacking right to stay. Pic - Euronews

Spain to give migrants legal status

Spain plans to grant 500,000 undocumented migrants legal status, bucking a trend among many Western nations cracking down on immigration. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has for years sought to increase immigration to Spain: the country ranks as the seventh oldest in the world by median age and spends around 12% of GDP on pensions.

Despite fears of an impact on domestic workers, Sánchez said the unemployment rate has fallen by 40% even as Spain added two million foreign workers. Though facing similar demographic challenges, much of the West has turned against migration, while East Asian governments have maintained a historic aversion to it, with economists warning the decision could cripple their economies.

Europe's economies faring well

Europe's economy is showing signs of recovery despite widespread pessimism about its prospects. Surveys suggest Europeans are pessimistic about the continent's future, but International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva told Politico that this was misplaced: seven of the world's top 10 performing economies are European. ING analysts said Germany's economy, stagnant for years, is expected to accelerate this year after stimulus.

The continent still faces economic challenges. Georgieva echoed former European Central Bank head Mario Draghi in calling for deregulation and economic integration, while consulting firm BCG said in a report published today that both problems could be alleviated by changing the financial architecture of European state pension funds, freeing capital to invest in businesses.

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• Popular opinion is the greatest lie in the world. — Thomas Carlyle



Peter Ibbotson

Wanted — An Agricultural Revolution

One of the great drawbacks to increased agricultural production in Mauritius is the excessive fragmentation of the land which has occurred. This has given rise to an inordinate number of small — indeed, very small; one might truth-fully go further and say “too small” — land-

holdings. These very small holdings are not at all economical; they are largely devoted to sugar growing and their yields are well below the yields of the larger plantations.

There are nearly 18,000 sugar plantations whose area is less than five arpents; this is 85 per cent of all small plantations. Their yield has been slowly but steadily falling over the past few years; in 1958 their average yield was only 18.3 tons per arpent compared with 19.7 tons per arpent in 1957. But in 1958 the estates averaged nearly 29.5 tons per arpent; and this was not entirely due to the fact that the estates' land is better than the planters' land. It was partly due to the benefits accruing from large-scale production; for sugar is best produced on units of production over 100 arpents. Smaller plantations of 30 arpents or over are not uneconomic propositions; but under 30 arpents means that the most economic use is not being made of the land in question.

In the past in these columns, and in a memorandum to the Meade Commission, I have argued that sugar production will go on increasing — because of the adoption of improved agricultural techniques — year after year, and (unless it is limited in some way) will inevitably outstrip the capacity of the market to absorb the total production. If the future total sugar production be maximised at 650,000 tons per year, this total tonnage could well be produced by the estates, leaving the planters and metayers with land surplus to the colony's sugar-growing requirements. Alternatively, the planters and metayers could grow sugar, leaving the estates with surplus land.

This land surplus to the acreage needed to produce the 650,000 tons of sugar could well be utilised for vegetable and other food crops. The estates are already cultivated on a large scale, so that large scale food crop production would be merely a case of applying the same techniques of production to a different crop. But the planters and metayers, if it were their land that were diverted from sugar-growing to food crop production, would still — in present circumstances — be farming their small plots on a small scale; and on an uneconomic scale, with maximum utilisation still denied to the land.

If my argument of a maximum sugar production be accepted, therefore, it becomes clear that the small planters and metayers will — whether they grow sugar or food crops — still be under-cultivating their land if they stick to their small scale agricultural techniques. The economy of Mauritius will still not be maximized, will still not be making the best use of its limited area of cultivable land. It is inevitable, therefore, that in order that the land may be utilised to its fullest extent and that the fullest possible return be derived from it, there will have to be some radical change in agricultural technique.

No-one wishes to deny the value, as much psychological as anything else, of the independence which a pea-

sant feels when he owns and tills his own plot be it only an arpent (or even less). No one wishes to rob anyone of his personal plot of land, and to rob him of the feeling of independence which such ownership confers. What is wanted is to ensure that the independent peasant gets the maximum return from his plot; and this, in present conditions in Mauritius, he just does not do.

A new approach is obviously needed. One suggestion which I venture to put forward as a method of increasing agricultural production is this. Where possible, small planters' individual plots should be cultivated as a whole. In a given area, the small planters combine to form a Planters' Co-operative. Each member of the co-operative retains ownership of his individual land; but the Planters' Co-operative controls the annual agricultural operations — ploughing, planting, reaping, manuring, selling. The Department of Agriculture is ultimately responsible for the establishment and oversight of the various Planters' Co-operatives; the agricultural machinery necessary for the large-scale cultivation of the Co-operative's land is either the property of the Co-operative or is hired when necessary, from the Department of Agriculture. The Agricultural Advisory Service of the Department should be available free of charge to the Co-operative, or at a nominal charge only providing that the members of the Co-operative carry out the stipulations of the Department as regards fertilizers, etc.

This type of Planters' Co-operative resembles the type of cultivation practised in parts of the Commonwealth — c.p. the Fiji sugar industry, where the land belongs to the sugar barons but is leased to small growers whose responsibility begins only after the annual ploughing which is done under the sugar barons' control. (In Fiji therefore there is none of the huge disparity between estates and small planters). Schemes such as this have been successful elsewhere in the Commonwealth; says Professor W. A. Lewis, “They combine the advantages of large-scale mechanisation, science and supervision, with the initiative and quasi-independence of the small man, and show superior yield per acre and per man.” Not all Planters' Co-operatives would be exactly alike; the localised conditions of the soil and physical features would

clearly demand flexibility in the exact constitutions of the cooperatives and the division of powers between the planters and the Department of Agriculture.

If the Department of Agriculture were to abandon almost all of its concern with sugar to the Sugar Industry Research Institute and the Chamber of Agriculture generally, and devote the major part of its activities to improving peasant agriculture in Mauritius (and I have briefly sketched out one of the ways in which this latter could be done), there is little doubt but that better use could be made of the limited area of cultivable land available in Mauritius. But as I have said, there will have to be a radical change in land use; and the many small planters who wring a hard living out of tilling their handful of perches of sugar would do well to reflect on the benefits which would accrue from a larger scale of cultivation, call it communal, co-operative, collective, or what you will. Only an agricultural revolution will solve the agricultural problems now facing Mauritius; and I hazard a forecast that the Meade Report will say so.

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'Are You Dead?'

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L'image de marque (*rebranding*) est tout aussi parlante: le passage du nom «Are You Dead?» à «Demumu» pour l'expansion mondiale est révélateur, le premier étant brut, presque cynique (typique d'une certaine franchise numérique chinoise), tandis que le second cherche à normaliser le service pour un public international plus sensible au marketing de la «bienveillance».

S'y ajoute le paradoxe de la connectivité:

nous n'avons jamais été aussi connectés, et pourtant, le besoin de prouver numériquement que l'on est encore en vie souligne une déconnexion humaine profonde. Demumu ne guérit pas la solitude, elle en gère les risques logistiques.

Enfin, ce phénomène n'est pas uniquement chinois: le succès de l'application aux États-Unis, au Royaume-Uni et au Canada montre que l'isolement social est le «mal du siècle» des sociétés post-industrielles.



«Are You Dead?» répond à une angoisse profonde: celle de mourir seul, sans que personne ne s'en rende compte. - P news.fr



Avec un Iran affaibli, l'objectif final de Trump pourrait désormais être un changement de régime. Un pari extrêmement risqué. P - YouTube

USA-Iran: Vers une guerre totale ou un ultime compromis?

Le spectre d'une confrontation majeure entre Washington et Téhéran plane à nouveau sur le Moyen-Orient. La République islamique n'a jamais été aussi assiégée, tant par une contestation interne réprimée dans le sang que par la pression militaire extérieure exercée par Donald Trump et son allié israélien.

Depuis 47 ans, le régime théocratique a perfectionné l'art de la longévité en mêlant répression et pragmatisme tactique. S'appuyant sur une idéologie qui fusionne le martyre chiite et un nationalisme farouche, Téhéran dispose des Gardiens de la Révolution et les Basidj prêtes à se battre jusqu'au bout. Le régime sait que sa chute signifierait l'élimination physique de ses dirigeants.

Le pari risqué du «changement de régime»

Si Donald Trump semble désormais envisager un changement de régime, Amin Saikal, professeur émérite et spécialiste de la région, avertit que l'exercice s'avère extrêmement périlleux. Une intervention uniquement aérienne et navale ne suffirait pas à renverser les mollahs, tandis qu'une invasion terrestre est exclue après les échecs cuisants rencontrés en Irak et en Afghanistan.

De plus, l'Iran dispose de moyens de rétorsion massifs, notamment la capacité de bloquer le détroit d'Ormuz, par lequel transitent 20 % du pétrole mondial. Enfin, le soutien stratégique de puissances telles que la Russie, la Chine et la Corée du Nord pourrait rapidement transformer un conflit local en une guerre régionale, voire mondiale.

Le spectre du chaos

Même en cas de chute du régime, l'avenir reste sombre. L'Iran est une mosaïque ethnique complexe: si les Perses représentent environ 61 % de la population, le pays compte d'importantes minorités comme les Azéris (16 %), les Kurdes (10 %), les Lours (6 %), les Arabes (2 %) et les Baloutches (2

%). Un vide du pouvoir risquerait d'entraîner une désintégration du pays.

Quant à Reza Pahlavi, fils du dernier Shah, son soutien populaire reste incertain après des décennies d'exil.

Cette situation représente un véritable nœud gordien, tant pour la Maison Blanche que pour les autorités iraniennes.

Le dilemme de la «pression maximale» illustre parfaitement cette complexité: si la stratégie de Donald Trump repose sur l'idée que le régime finira par rompre sous le poids des sanctions, l'histoire démontre que la menace extérieure renforce souvent la cohésion des régimes autoritaires autour du sentiment nationaliste, tout en offrant un prétexte pour écraser l'opposition interne.

Par ailleurs, l'instabilité ethnique constitue une véritable bombe à retardement. Dans un pays où 30 à 40 % de la population vit sous le seuil de pauvreté, l'effondrement du pouvoir central à Téhéran pourrait réveiller des mouvements sécessionnistes, notamment chez les Kurdes ou les Baloutches, créant une zone d'instabilité bien plus vaste que celles observées en Syrie ou en Libye.

Face à ce risque, le facteur nucléaire demeure l'ultime monnaie d'échange et la seule véritable «porte de sortie» pour Téhéran, pour lequel ce programme fait office d'assurance-vie diplomatique plutôt que de simple arme. Enfin, on ne peut ignorer l'ombre des puissances rivales; l'Iran étant devenu un partenaire stratégique clé pour Moscou et Pékin, une attaque américaine directe obligerait ces puissances à réagir pour protéger leurs propres intérêts économiques et militaires.

La voie diplomatique, bien que fragile, reste la seule option évitant un embrasement global. La question est de savoir si l'ego des dirigeants et la méfiance mutuelle permettront de ressusciter l'accord de 2015 avant qu'une étincelle ne mette le feu aux poudres.

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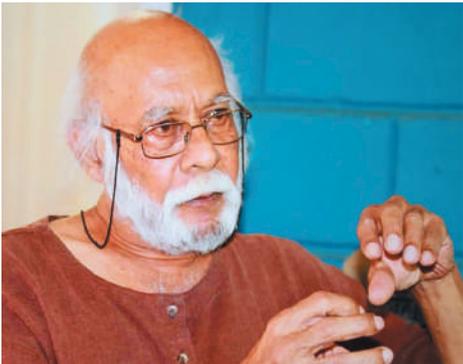
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Mauritius Times

Dr Ram Seegobin**The Village Doctor and the Intellectual
Conscience of the Mauritian Left**

With the passing of Dr Ram Seegobin on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, Mauritius has lost a pioneer of grassroots healthcare, and perhaps one of the most consistent intellectual voices of the Mauritian Left. Over a career spanning five decades, Dr Seegobin remained a rare breed in the local landscape: a man who viewed politics not as a ladder for personal ambition, but as a vehicle for systemic justice and one whose journey was defined by a refusal to compromise on the radical ideals of his youth.

**The Bambous Health Project:
Medicine as Activism**

While many remember him as a political thinker, those in the village of Bambous remember him as “the people’s doctor.” In 1974, after returning from London with his wife, the South African-born writer Lindsey

Collen, Ram Seegobin did something revolutionary. Rather than seeking a lucrative private practice or a high-ranking post in the civil service, he embedded himself in the working-class community of Bambous.

In February 1975, he co-founded the Bambous Health Project. This was a health cooperative in the truest sense: funded and managed by the villagers themselves. For the next 25 years, Ram Seegobin served as the village doctor, often conducting health education sessions in the shade of mango trees and consulting in modest, rented rooms. He believed that healthcare was a fundamental right and that medicine could not be separated from the socio-economic conditions of the patient. This period remained the foundation of his lifelong commitment to the “base” of Mauritian society.

**The Birth of Lalit and
the 1982 Schism**

Dr Seegobin’s political legacy is inextricably linked to the founding of Lalit. Initially a member of the Mouvement Militant Mauricien (MMM) during its most firebrand years, he was part of the pivotal group that grew disillusioned as the party began its transition toward more conventional, mainstream power structures.

Following the historic 60-0 sweep in 1982, Ram Seegobin and his comrades felt the party was drifting away from its roots. He

broke away to establish Lalit (Lalit de Klas), a party that refused to indulge in the “politics of the crown.” Under his guidance, Lalit became more than a political party; it became a think-tank for the working class, a relentless advocate for the decolonisation of Chagos, and a watchdog against the excesses of neoliberalism.

For those of us who have interviewed him in these columns in the past, Dr Seegobin was a formidable interlocutor. He possessed a surgical intellect, capable of deconstructing local politics and issues affecting our society or global economic trends.

His analyses were deep, often challenging the status quo of both the government and the mainstream opposition. Whether he was writing for the *Lalit* website or commenting in the press, he forced Mauritius to look at the “fine print” of its social contract. He was particularly concerned with the “expiry date” of the Mauritian economic model, frequently warning of the dangers of extreme wealth inequality and the erosion of democratic institutions.

Convictions and Integrity

With the death of Dr Seegobin, the Mauritian Left loses one of its most lucid theoreticians. In a world where politics in 2026 is increasingly defined by “image,” “spectacle,” and “opportunism”, he stood as a reminder of an era where convictions were meant to be lived, not just spoken.

Ram Seegobin leaves behind his wife Lindsey and his sister Vidula Nababsing, as well as many supporters and even critics who acknowledged the integrity he brought to public debate.

Dhoorpathee (Santa)
Brizmohun**A Life of Discipline
and Quiet Strength**

The passing of Dhoorpathee Brizmohun, affectionately known as Santa, on Saturday, January 24, 2026, marks the departure of a woman who, though she avoided the glare of the public eye, remained a pillar of strength for one of Mauritius’ most prominent families. At 87 years old, following a long illness, she passed away surrounded by the unwavering presence of her loved ones.

As the mother of Veena Ramgoolam and the mother-in-law of Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam, Santa Brizmohun occupied a unique position in Mauritian society. Despite the high political profile of her family, she chose a life of profound discretion.

Born into the Thacoor family, she spent a significant portion of her life in England before returning to Mauritius. Those who knew her personally, including her niece Priya Thacoor, describe her as an “extraordinary lady” whose hallmark was a meticulous sense of discipline. She was a woman for whom time seemed to have stood still; even in her late eighties, she retained an elegance and physical vitality that many attributed to her healthy lifestyle and rigorous daily routine.

Santa Brizmohun leaves behind a legacy defined by “droiture” — a sense of righteousness and integrity. In a world of constant noise, she represented the power of silence and the dignity of a life well-lived. She is survived by her daughter, Veena, her son-in-law, Navin, and a large circle of relatives and friends who will remember her not just as a relative of the Prime Minister, but as a disciplined, elegant, and extraordinary woman in her own right.

Sathiamoorthy Sunassee**A Life of Service to the Labour Party
and the Community**

The passing of Sathiamoorthy Sunassee on January 22, 2026, at the age of 82, marks the end of a life defined by two unwavering pillars: a shrewd business acumen and an absolute loyalty to the Mauritius Labour Party (PTr). Known affectionately to many as Moorthy, he represented a generation of political figures for whom party affiliation was not a matter of convenience, but a sacred family heritage.

A Heritage of Service

For Moorthy Sunassee, the red banner of the Labour Party was a legacy. Following in the footsteps of his father, who was himself a dedicated member of the PTr, Moorthy grew up in an environment where the ideals of social justice and the struggles for independence were dinner-table conversations. This deep-rooted family history ensured that even when the political tides turned, he remained loyal to his party.

**The 1995 Landslide and
Ministerial Career**

Moorthy Sunassee’s political journey reached its zenith during the historic general elections of 1995. Running in Constituency

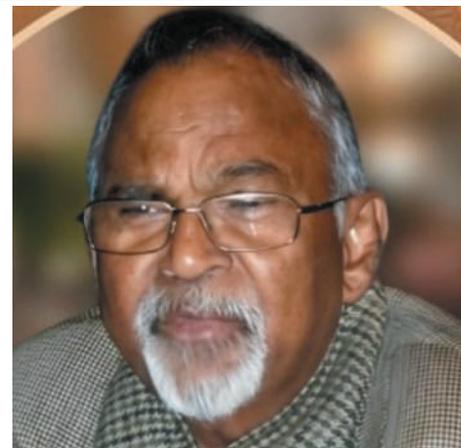
No. 13 (Rivière-des-Anguilles–Souillac) as part of the PTr-MMM alliance, he secured a commanding second-place finish alongside his running mates, Kishore Deerpalsing and Raouf Bundhun.

The alliance’s 60-0 sweep propelled him into the Cabinet, where he was entrusted with the crucial portfolio of Ministry of Industry and Commerce. As a businessman by training and temperament, he brought a practical, results-oriented approach to the ministry, navigating the complexities of trade and industrial growth during a transformative era for the Mauritian economy.

Moorthy Sunassee’s relationship with the *Mauritius Times* went far beyond that of a reader. He was a “great supporter” of the publication. He valued the paper’s role in fostering deep political analysis and maintaining the historical memory of the Labour Party’s founding principles.

“Loyalty Through Every Trial”

Perhaps the most striking tribute to Moorthy Sunassee comes from his peers, who describe his “fidélité à toute épreuve” — a loyalty tested and proven. In an era



where political floor-crossing and shifting alliances often dominate the headlines, Moorthy Sunassee stood by the Labour Party during its triumphs in the mid-90s and remained a steadfast supporter during its periods in the political wilderness.

As noted by current government members and party colleagues alike, he remained a “loyalist to the core,” never wavering in his support for the Labour Party.

Sathiamoorthy Sunassee leaves behind a legacy of stability and conviction. He served as a bridge between the founding generation of the Labour Party and the modern era, demonstrating that one could be a successful businessman while remaining deeply committed to the foundational ideals of the party.

China cracks down on pessimism



Beijing appears to fear that such pessimism will discourage Chinese citizens from being productive members of society, but also, more importantly, that it will turn into criticism of the ruling Communist Party. Pic - .bgnes.com

Chinese censors are ramping up their crackdown on online dissent as internet users become increasingly vocal over the country's economic slowdown. Authorities

have punished numerous bloggers, including one who observed that China still lags far behind the West in terms of quality of life. The campaign looks to silence "excessively pessimistic sentiment," according to a government agency. Young people in China face tough prospects: Youth unemployment reached 19% in August, with more than 12 million new college graduates every year competing for too-few jobs. Meanwhile, thousands have complained of a recent decision by Beijing to attract high-end foreign talent. "We've got plenty of talent here already, so I don't really get it," one social media user wrote.

From good to bad: The internet lifecycle

Online platforms go through a predictable lifecycle, from being useful to being useless, a veteran tech writer argued. In 2022, Cory Doctorow coined the term "enshittification" to describe this cycle: Platforms start out being good to users, but eventually start taking advantage of them, and eventually become a "pile of shit" in the process, he wrote in *The Guardian*.

Amazon, for example, went from providing an excellent shopping service in its early years, he said, to being flooded with low-quality, high-priced junk; Facebook users, meanwhile, must "scroll past 10 screens of engagement-bait, AI slop and surveillance ads" to read their friends' posts. Doctorow's neologism went viral, and now captures the vibe of our era, *The New Yorker* wrote.

Americans' trust in media crashes

Fewer Americans have confidence in newspapers, television, and other forms of mass media than ever before. Twenty-eight percent of US adults report having a "great deal" or "fair amount" of trust that mass media will report the news fully, accurately, and fairly, according to new Gallup polling, the first time that figure has fallen below 30%.

There's a clear partisan divide, with far fewer Republicans expressing confidence in mass media (8%) than Democrats (51%) and independents (27%), though the latter two groups still express historically low trust. The latest data continues a trend we explored at our Trust in Media summit last year and quantifies the increasing media fragmentation we've all been grappling with.

YOUR STARS

Sagittarius (22 Nov – 21 Dec)

Expansion returns—but with discipline. Education, legal issues, publishing, or travel plans advance steadily. Optimism is justified, yet excess confidence could weaken credibility. Focused ambition replaces scattered effort, restoring direction.

Lucky numbers: 3, 8, 16, 24, 31, 39

Capricorn (22 Dec – 19 Jan)

Shared finances, responsibilities, or emotional commitments demand transparency. Clear agreements prevent misunderstandings. You gain insight into a lingering issue by releasing the need for control. Strategic trust becomes a strength.

Lucky numbers: 4, 12, 17, 26, 34, 38

Aquarius (20 Jan – 18 Feb)

Partnerships shape outcomes. Collaboration accelerates progress, provided independence does not turn into detachment. Flexibility strengthens influence. Unexpected support validates a recent decision.

Lucky numbers: 6, 10, 19, 22, 29, 36

Pisces (19 Feb – 20 Mar)

Structure brings relief. Daily routines, health habits, and work systems improve efficiency. Discipline transforms uncertainty into confidence. Small, consistent actions deliver visible results by week's end.

Lucky numbers: 2, 11, 15, 27, 33, 40

Aries (21 Mar – 19 Apr)

This week tests how well you balance driving with judgment. Opportunities push you forward, especially in work or leadership roles, but impulsive action could create unnecessary resistance.

Midweek offers a decisive opening — use it strategically. Financial matters require caution; avoid emotional spending. Relationships improve when you lead with clarity rather than control.

Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 12, 18, 26, 34

Taurus (20 Apr – 20 May)

Pressure builds around stability, yet this is not a crisis—only a recalibration. You are asked to adapt without abandoning core values. Creative or financial decisions made this week have long-term consequences. Health and energy improve when routines are respected. Patience proves more powerful than insistence.

Lucky numbers: 2, 6, 14, 21, 29, 40

Gemini (21 May – 20 Jun)

Communication defines success. Conversations, interviews, negotiations, or written exchanges shape outcomes. Precision matters — vague promises backfire. News arrives that shifts perspective, possibly involving travel or learning.

Financial planning benefits from intellectual discipline rather than optimism alone.

Lucky numbers: 5, 9, 16, 22, 31, 38

Cancer (21 Jun – 22 Jul)

This is a grounding week. Emotional and material security demand reassessment. You may need to reinforce boundaries with family or close associates. Withdrawal is tempting but engagement brings resolution. Quiet reflection leads to a subtle but important breakthrough.

Lucky numbers: 1, 8, 15, 20, 27, 36

Leo (23 Jul – 22 Aug)

Visibility increases and so does responsibility. Your influence grows, but authority must be exercised with restraint. Ego conflicts are possible if pride overrides cooperation. Creative work and public roles are favoured when authenticity replaces performance.

Lucky numbers: 4, 10, 17, 24, 33, 39

Virgo (23 Aug – 22 Sep)

This is a strategic pause rather than inactivity. You close cycles, refine plans, and prepare for an imminent shift. Intuition complements logic — rust both.

Overwork undermines clarity; rest is not indulgence but necessity.

Lucky numbers: 6, 11, 19, 25, 30, 37

Libra (23 Sep – 22 Oct)

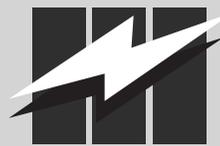
Networks matter more than solo efforts. Allies, friends, or collective spaces bring opportunity and insight. Balance ideals with realism, especially in group decisions. Romance and cooperation thrive through shared vision rather than compromise alone.

Lucky numbers: 7, 13, 18, 23, 32, 40

Scorpio (23 Oct – 21 Nov)

Professional matters intensify. You are observed, evaluated, or tested. Discipline and composure protect your position. Silence can be more effective than confrontation. Long-term goals sharpen, revealing what must be released to progress.

Lucky numbers: 5, 9, 14, 21, 28, 35



Central Electricity Board (CEB)

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LAUNCH OF THE CARBON NEUTRAL COMMERCIAL SECTOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME (TIME-OF-USE TARIFF)

The Central Electricity Board (CEB) is pleased to announce the launch of the CEB Carbon Neutral Commercial Sector (CNCS) Renewable Energy (RE) Scheme.

Under this phase of the Scheme, the CEB will consider applications from **Commercial Customers registered under the Electricity Tariff Codes 225 and 225A**.

Eligible Customers may opt for either the Net-Metering or Gross-Metering modality. The Net-Metering (energy offsetting) option will be offered along with an unbundled Time-of-Use Tariff structure, which shall be subject to the approval of the Utility Regulatory Authority (URA).

For the initial phase of the Scheme, the CEB intends to accommodate up to 70 MW of solar photovoltaic projects integrated with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in Mauritius. The BESS shall be designed to meet at least the customer's energy demand during peak hours. The on-site or off-site hybrid solar PV system shall be designed and sized to meet up to 150% of the customer's annual energy requirement, subject to a maximum capacity of 4 MW per site.

Eligible project developers interested in participating in the Scheme are strongly encouraged to carefully read and take full cognisance of all relevant details, which are available on the CEB website at <https://ceb.mu>

Applicants are required to download and duly complete the prescribed Application Form. All applications, together with the required supporting documents and information, should be submitted at any CEB Customer Service Centre as from **23 February 2026**.

For further information, please contact the CEB Corporate Planning & Research Department on **404 2000**.

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29 January 2026

What you eat could decide the Planet's future

What we put on our plates may have a greater impact on the climate than many people realize. A new study from the University of British Columbia (UBC) warns that global eating habits are pushing the planet beyond a safe climate threshold -- and that meaningful change will require action from everyday consumers, especially in wealthier countries.

The research finds that about 44 percent of the global population is exceeding a "food emissions budget" needed to keep global warming below 2°C. In high-income countries, the picture is even more alarming. At least 90 percent of Canadians, across all income levels, are eating in ways that surpass this limit. Looking ahead to 2050, the researchers estimate that 90 percent of the world's population will need to change their diets to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Led by Dr. Juan Diego Martinez during his doctoral work at UBC's Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, the study analyzed food-related greenhouse gas emissions from 112 countries, representing 99



percent of global food emissions. The team examined emissions from food production, supply chains, and consumption, then compared them with what the planet can sustainably afford.

Food systems now account for more than one-third of all human-caused greenhouse gas emissions. While the wealthiest 15 percent of people are responsible for 30 percent of global food emissions -- equal to the contribu-

tion of the entire bottom half of the world's population -- the problem is not limited to the ultra-rich. Because everyone eats, dietary change is one of the few climate solutions that applies to nearly everyone.

One major driver is beef consumption. In Canada, beef alone accounts for roughly 43 percent of food-related emissions. Reducing or eliminating beef from diets could have an outsized impact on lowering emissions. Cutting food waste is another powerful lever. Eating only what is needed and repurposing leftovers reduces emissions from production, transportation, and cooking.

The study emphasizes that dietary change is not a substitute for other climate actions such as flying less or driving electric, but a necessary complement. For many people, especially in high-emitting countries, it is not an either-or choice.

"Vote with your fork," Martinez urges. Small, consistent choices -- smaller portions, less waste, fewer steaks -- can add up to significant climate benefits. As individuals change their habits and talk openly about why they matter, pressure grows for political leaders to support policies that transform food systems. In the fight against climate change, what we eat may help decide the planet's future.



What is below Earth, since space is present in every direction?

Which way is 'down' has a different answer depending on where you are on Earth, in the solar system, in our galaxy and beyond.

If you've seen illustrations or models of the solar system, maybe you noticed that all the planets orbit the Sun in more or less the same plane, traveling in the same direction.

But what is above and below that plane? And why are the planets' orbits aligned like this, in a flat pancake, rather than each one traveling in a completely different plane?

I'm a planetary scientist who works with robotic spacecraft, such as rovers and orbiters. When my colleagues and I send them out to explore our solar system, it's important for us to understand the 3D map of our space neighborhood.

Which way is 'down'?

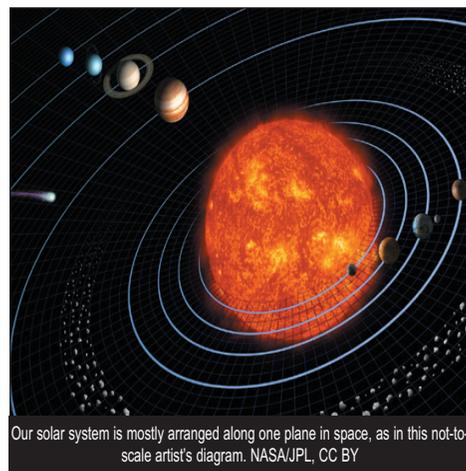
Earth's gravity has a lot to do with what people think is up and what is down. Things fall down toward the ground, but that direction depends on where you are.

Imagine you're standing somewhere in North America and point downward. If you extend a line from your fingertip all the way through the Earth, that line would point in the direction of "up" to someone on a boat in the southern Indian Ocean.

In the bigger picture, "down" could be defined as being below the plane of the solar system, which is known as the ecliptic. By convention, we say that above the plane is where the planets are seen to orbit counterclockwise around the Sun, and from below they are seen to orbit clockwise.

Even more flavors of 'down'

Is there anything special about the direction of down relative to the ecliptic? To answer that, we need to zoom out even farther. Our solar system is centered on the Sun, which is just one of about 100 bil-



lion stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way.

Each of these stars, and their associated planets, are all orbiting around the center of the Milky Way, just like the planets orbit their stars, but on a much longer time scale. And just as the planets in our solar system are not in random orbits, stars in the Milky Way orbit the center of the galaxy close to a plane, which is called the galactic plane.

This plane is not oriented the same way as our solar system's ecliptic. In fact, the angle between the two planes is about 60 degrees.

Going another step back, the Milky Way is part of a cluster of galaxies known as the Local Group, and -- you can see where this is going -- these galaxies mostly fall within another plane, called the supergalactic plane. The supergalactic plane is almost perpendicular to the galactic plane, with an angle between the two planes of about 84.5 degrees.

How these bodies end up traveling paths that are close to the same plane has to do with how they formed in the first

place.

Collapse of the solar nebula

The material that would ultimately compose the Sun and the planets of the solar system started out as a diffuse and very extensive cloud of gas and dust called the solar nebula. Every particle within the solar nebula had a tiny amount of mass. Because any mass exerts gravitational force, these particles were attracted to each other, though only very weakly.

The particles in the solar nebula started out moving very slowly. But over a long time, the mutual attraction these particles felt thanks to gravity caused the cloud to start to draw inward on itself, shrinking.

There would have also been some very slight overall rotation to the solar nebula, maybe thanks to the gravitational tug of a passing star. As the cloud collapsed, this rotation would have increased in speed, just like a spinning figure skater spins faster and faster as they draw their arms in toward their body.

As the cloud continued shrinking, the individual particles grew closer to each other and had more and more interactions affecting their motion, both because of gravity and collisions between them. These interactions caused individual particles in orbits that were tilted far from the direction of the overall rotation of the cloud to reorient their orbits.

For example, if a particle coming down through the orbital plane slammed into a particle coming up through that plane, the interaction would tend to cancel out that vertical motion and reorient their orbits into the plane.

Eventually, what was once an amorphous cloud of particles collapsed into a

disc shape. Then particles in similar orbits started clumping together, eventually forming the Sun and all the planets that orbit it today.

On much bigger scales, similar sorts of interactions are probably what ended up confining most of the stars that make up the Milky Way into the galactic plane, and most of the galaxies that make up the Local Group into the supergalactic plane.

The orientations of the ecliptic, galactic and supergalactic planes all go back to the initial random rotation direction of the clouds they formed from.

So what's below the Earth?

So there's not really anything special about the direction we define as "down" relative to the Earth, other than the fact that there's not much orbiting the Sun in that direction.

If you go far enough in that direction, you'll eventually find other stars with their own planetary systems orbiting in completely different orientations. And if you go even farther, you might encounter other galaxies with their own planes of rotation.

This question highlights one of my favorite aspects of astronomy: It puts everything in perspective. If you asked a hundred people on your street, "Which way is down?" every one of them would point in the same direction. But imagine you asked that question of people all over the Earth, or of intelligent life forms in other planetary systems or even other galaxies. They'd all point in different directions.

Jeff Moersch

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A cop pulls over a blonde driving 35 on a 75 MPH highway

The cop asks the blonde why she is driving so slowly.

She replies, "The sign back there says 35!"

The cop says, "Ma'am, that is the interstate sign, this is I-35, the speed limit is not 35."

He then notices someone in the passenger seat who is profusely sweating and trembling.

He asks the man what is wrong.

He replies, "We just got off of State Road 250."

The Blonde and the Lawyer

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY.

The lawyer, looking for some entertainment, asks, "Would you like to play a fun game?"

The blonde, exhausted and wanting only to nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.

Undeterred, the lawyer insists. "It's easy and a lot of fun. Here's how it works: I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00. If I don't know the answer, I pay you \$5.00."

The blonde yawns and tries to ignore him, but he ups the stakes. "Fine. How about this: if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00. If I don't know the answer, I'll pay you \$500.00."

Now intrigued, the blonde agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks first: "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?"

Without hesitation, the blonde reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5 bill, and hands it to him.

"Okay," the lawyer says, "your turn."

She asks, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?"

The lawyer is stumped. He digs out his laptop, scours every reference, taps into the internet, and even contacts the Library of Congress -- still no answer. He



emails all his friends and colleagues, growing increasingly frustrated.

After an hour, defeated, he wakes the blonde and hands her \$500. "Thank you," she says, and turns back to sleep.

Exasperated, the lawyer asks, "Well, what's the answer?"

Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands him \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Divine Long-Term Planning

A woman has an affair and cheats on her husband after years of a happy marriage.

Realizing her mistake, she begins to pray:

"Lord, I know what I did was wrong... but my marriage is the one thing that gives my life purpose and joy. Please don't let my husband find out."

Suddenly, a voice from above replies, "Alright, my child. I will spare your marriage -- but on one condition: years from now, you will die by drowning."

She hesitates, then says, "Alright, Lord. If it means he'll never know, so be it."

Life goes on. Her business flourishes, her marriage remains strong, and she enjoys years of comfort -- all while forgetting her promise... and continuing to cheat many times over.

One day, she booked a vacation on a cruise ship. A few days into the trip, a loud BOOM shakes the vessel, and it begins to sink.

Panicked, she suddenly remembers her deal with God and cries out, "Lord! You're not going to drown an entire cruise ship full of people because of me... right?"

She hears the familiar voice again:

"Are you kidding me? I've been gathering all your cheaters on this one boat for years!"

Short, Funny Ones

It is important to make breaks between individual exercises. I personally stick to breaks of about 3-4 years.

Promises are like babies... They're fun to make but hard to deliver.

Are you unhappy? Are you alone? Fear not, the light is always on for you in the fridge.

It's amazing how nice people are to you when they know you're going away.

It is generally believed that talking with your mouth full is rude.

Personally, I find talking with your head empty much worse.

Stop smoking for good.
Smoke for evil!

"Women really know how to hold a grudge.
My wife asked me to pass her a lip balm. And by mistake, I gave her a tube of Super Glue.
It's been a month now and she's still not speaking to me!"

My friend talked me into lending her money for plastic surgery. I've been trying to get it back for months. Unfortunately, I have no idea what she looks like these days.

Funny, those road signs: "Caution - Watch for children!" I mean, how dangerous can a child be?

A man at a party: Hi, do you want to dance?
Woman: Yeah, sure!

Man: Great, go and dance, I want to talk to your pretty friend!

What do you get when you crossbreed a shark and a cow?

I have no idea but I wouldn't try milking it.

A man asks a farmer near a field, "Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I have to catch the 4:23 train."



The farmer says, "Sure, go right ahead. And if my bull sees you, you'll even catch the 4:11 one."

"I wasn't that drunk yesterday." "Oh boy you took the shower head in your arms and told it to stop crying."

A man is looking at himself in the mirror and he likes what he sees, "Half an inch more and I'd be king."

The mirror coughs discreetly, "Half an inch less and you're a queen."

Today, my son came to me and gave me a hug -- out of the blue. I was very pleasantly surprised -- that is, until I heard him tell his father, "You're right. She did gain weight."

Astronaut's last words: OMG guys, who farted? I have to open the window.



Life's Stories

The Boy with Grey Hair: A Love Story of Mark Twain

Mark Twain did not fall in love once. He fell in love twice.

First — with a face he had never met.

Then — with the woman who became the quiet centre of his life: Olivia Langdon.

When Twain finally married at thirty-two, he joked to a friend:

"If I'd known marriage was this delightful, I'd have rushed into it decades earlier — long before I had the good sense to grow a beard."

From Restless Youth to Purpose

Twain's early life was anything but literary. He set type in print shops, steered boats along the Mississippi, chased silver in the West — and failed often. He wandered until words finally claimed him.

Just as recognition began to find him, destiny intervened.

A friend showed him a small portrait of a young woman — Olivia. Twain was captivated before he ever heard her voice.

Not long after, he was introduced to her in person.

Within two weeks, he proposed.

A Courtship of Persistence

Olivia was thoughtful, cultured, deeply religious. She admired him — but hesitated. He was older, unpolished, financially uncertain, and from a world far removed from hers.

She declined.

He asked again. She refused again — this time citing faith.

Twain laughed and said, "Then I suppose I'll become respectable enough for heaven."

Unbeknownst to him, she already loved him.

Heartbroken, he left town.

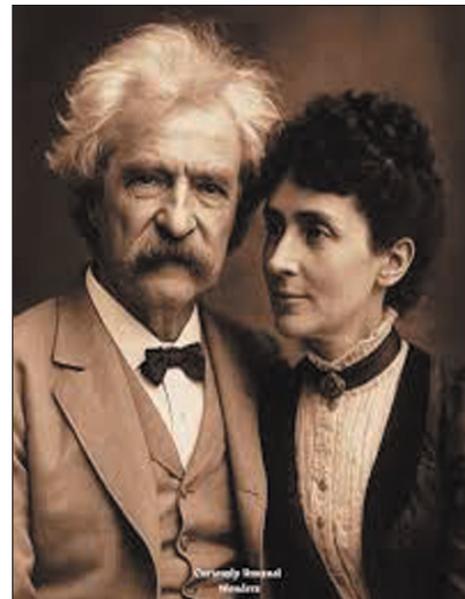
Soon after, fate turned strange: his carriage overturned, leaving him injured. He was carried back to Olivia's family home, where she nursed him patiently.

When he recovered, he asked once more.

This time, she said yes.

A Marriage Built on Devotion

From then on, Twain shaped his life around Olivia. He read scripture aloud to her each evening, prayed before meals,



and quietly destroyed thousands of pages he felt were too sharp, too irreverent for her sensibilities.

She became his first editor — and his most honest one.

It was Olivia who persuaded him to remove coarse language from *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Their daughter Susy once summed them up perfectly:

"Mother loves virtue. Father loves

cats."

Twain worshipped his wife.

"If she decided socks were sinful," he joked, "I'd go barefoot without argument."

She called him "My boy with grey hair."

He said she kept his spirit young.

One evening she heard him laughing alone.

"What's so funny?" she asked.

"My own writing," he replied.

Love That Endured Everything

Their life was not spared grief. They buried children. They lost fortunes. They faced public failure and private sorrow.

Yet they never turned on each other. Never doubted. Never walked away.

When Twain began a world lecture tour in his sixties, Olivia travelled with him — because she knew solitude weakened him, and love steadied him.

A Quiet, Enduring Love

Their story was not theatrical. It was deeper than romance and stronger than hardship.

A partnership of humour, faith, patience, and unwavering respect.

Because when two souls truly choose one another — time, loss, and fate itself lose their power.

That's Life

Celebrating Life's Turning Points

In the southern part of India, there is a tradition of celebrating the ages of 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100. Are these numbers spiritual, or are they just cultural traditions? The answer lies in a powerful story from the Mahabharata -- the story of King Yayati. These ages mark five inner turning points of the soul.

60 (Shashti): The Shift in Priority

The focus moves from accumulation to introspection. The question "How much more can I get?" evolves into "What truly matters?" It is the moment maturity finally catches up with ambition.

70 (Bheemaratha Shanthi): The Power of Peace

At 70, the urge to prove a point fades. Preserving relationships becomes more vital than winning arguments. One disco-

vers that being peaceful is far more valuable than being right.

80 (Sathabhishekam): Presence as Healing

At 80, words become secondary. Your presence alone offers reassurance to others that life, with all its complexities, is manageable. You become a living blessing, signalling that "everything will be okay."

90 (Navathi): The Retirement of Ego

The ego quietly withdraws. You no longer feel the need to correct others or cling to opinions. This isn't weakness, but a "gentle stillness" born from having seen it all. Spirituality replaces sensitivity.

100 (Shatamanam): Completion

At a century, the individual story dissolves into the larger picture. One realizes that most worries were unnecessary and only love was essential. The person becomes less of an individual and more of a pure, graceful presence.

The Essence: These celebrations do not honour the deterioration of the body, but the filtration of the spirit. Age is the process through which the noise of life falls away, leaving only wisdom, gentleness, and grace.

Growing older means life is becoming purer, wiser, and gentler.

Stray Thoughts Why Education Matters

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

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

tions by the students.

Patients die at the hands of such doctors.

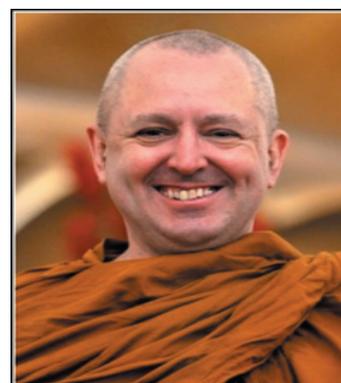
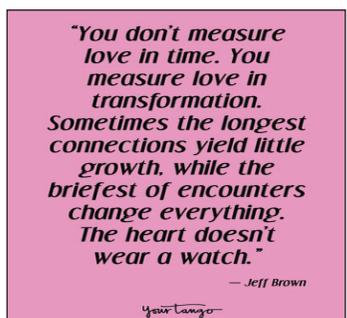
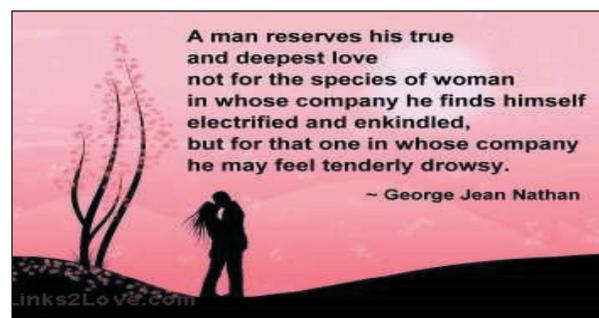
Buildings collapse at the hands of such engineers.

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

Humanity dies at the hands of such religious scholars.

Justice is lost at the hands of such judges.

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



Understand the place of love in a spiritual life. A powerful and blissful type of love has no conditions, no ownership and no people involved. Be free from fear. Be who you are. That is love.

— Ajahn Brahm —

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Let's Talk Success

The Blueprint of Accomplishment: 5 Daily Habits of Highly Successful People

Success is rarely the result of a single, monumental stroke of luck. Instead, it is the byproduct of small, repeated actions that compound over time. As Kimanzi Constable highlights, habits are the invisible architecture of our lives; while bad habits can cause us to drift, good habits create a lifestyle of action and accomplishment.

If you look closely at the leaders and innovators you respect, you will find they aren't perfect — they are simply disciplined. Here are five foundational habits of highly successful people that you can implement to bridge the gap between where you are and where you want to be.

1. The Strategy of the Night Before

A productive day starts the evening before. Without a roadmap, it is easy to wake up and fall into a reactive state, letting the demands of others dictate your schedule. Successful people take a few moments at night to define their primary goals for the next day. This allows them to hit the ground running the moment they wake up, maintaining momentum even when unexpected challenges arise.

2. Lifelong Learning Through Reading

Knowledge is the ultimate currency of success.



Successful people are often voracious readers — Elon Musk, for instance, reportedly spent four hours a day reading during his formative years. Whether it is fifteen minutes or four hours, a daily reading habit expands your perspective, sparks inspiration, and provides you with the mental tools needed to navigate your unique journey.

3. Health as a Competitive Advantage

Success requires energy, and energy is a result of physical health. High achievers view exercise and nutrition not as chores, but as essential business investments. Exercise often serves as a mental "reset" to plan and process ideas, while smart food choices provide the sustained fuel necessary to tackle a demanding to-do list.

4. Avoiding the Comparison Trap

In an age of social media, it is easy to get distracted by the highlights of someone else's life. Successful people understand that while others can be a source of inspiration, they are never a yardstick for personal progress. By staying focused on their own "why" and acknowledging that every journey is unique, they avoid the jealousy and stress that come from the comparison trap.

5. The Power of Presence

While planning for the future is vital, living in it is a mistake. High achievers strive to be fully present, treating each day as if it were their last. This sense of urgency and gratitude ensures that they make the most of every moment, balancing long-term ambition with the immediate joy of being alive.

Self-Improvement Concentration Killers Are Everywhere

Discover the biggest distractions — and learn how to regain your focus.

In an age of instant notifications and "always-on" expectations, maintaining focus can feel like an uphill battle. Whether you are managing ADHD or simply trying to navigate a busy Tuesday, your concentration is constantly being hijacked.

The good news? Once you identify the culprits, you can reclaim your mental space. Based on insights from psychologist Lucy Jo Palladino, PhD, and medical reviews by Dr. Muhammad Juber, here are 12 things killing your concentration and the practical fixes to get back on track.

The Social Media Rabbit Hole: Every "like" and status update is a micro-distraction that zaps your train of thought. Every time you check a feed, you force your brain to backtrack once you return to work.

• **The Fix:** Treat social media as a reward, not a background activity. Log out during work hours and only check in during scheduled breaks.

Email Overload: The itch to answer an email the second it hits your inbox creates a fragmented workday. Even if the email is work-related, it is still a distraction from your current priority.

• **The Fix:** Stop checking email continuously. Close the program and carve out specific "email blocks" three or four times a day.

Your Smartphone: The smartphone is



perhaps the ultimate focus killer. The sound of a ringtone or a buzzing text disrupts momentum instantly.

• **The Fix:** Use caller ID to screen non-urgent calls and let them go to voicemail. For intense projects, put your phone on "Do Not Disturb" and place it out of sight.

The Multitasking Myth: While we feel more productive doing three things at once, research suggests we actually lose time whenever we shift attention. Multitasking usually takes longer than doing tasks sequentially.

• **The Fix:** Practice "monotasking." Devote your full attention to one high-priority project. Save multitasking for low-stakes chores, like tidying your desk while on a hands-free call.

Boredom: Boring tasks burn through our attention span rapidly, making us vulnerable to any distraction — even dusting the office starts to look appealing.

• **The Fix:** Use the "deal" method. Promise yourself a 10-minute reward (like a walk or coffee) for every 30-60 minutes of focused work.

Nagging Thoughts: Worrying about errands, housework, or a conversation you had yesterday can act like mental static.

• **The Fix:** Externalize your thoughts. Write a "to-do" list for errands or journal about

your frustrations. Once they are on paper, your brain feels "permitted" to let them go for a while.

Stress: Stress isn't just mental; it's physical. Racing hearts and headaches make it nearly impossible to settle into deep work.

• **The Fix:** Meditation is a proven focus-builder. Studies show that even an eight-week course can

significantly improve your ability to rein in stressful thoughts.

Fatigue: Sleep deprivation saps your short-term memory and narrows your attention span. Burning the midnight oil usually results in diminishing returns the next day.

• **The Fix:** Prioritize 7–9 hours of sleep. Identify your most alert "peak hours" during the day and schedule your hardest tasks for those windows.

Hunger: Your brain cannot function without fuel. Skipping breakfast is a top concentration killer that leaves you sluggish and unfocused.

• **The Fix:** Maintain steady energy by eating breakfast and choosing high-protein snacks (nuts, cheese) and complex carbs (whole grains) over simple sugars.

Depression: While often associated with sadness, depression frequently manifests as an inability to concentrate or a feeling of mental "emptiness."

• **The Fix:** If you feel hopeless or indifferent alongside a lack of focus, speak with a doctor. Depression is highly treatable through therapy and medication.

Medication Side Effects: Ironically, some medications used to treat mood or physical ailments can cause "brain fog" or interfere with concentration.

• **The Fix:** Never stop a medication abruptly, but do talk to your pharmacist or doctor. They may be able to adjust your dosage or switch you to a different class of medicine.

ADHD: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder isn't just for kids. Many adults live with a short attention span and trouble focusing without realizing it's a manageable medical condition.

• **The Fix:** If you have a lifelong history of focus issues, seek a professional evaluation. Behavioral therapy and specific medications can provide life-changing clarity.

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Members of the Sodnac Islamic Society are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 8th February 2026 at 9.00 am at the seat of the Bait-UI-Mukarram Masjid, Sodnac, Quatre Bornes

AGENDA: 1. Reading and approval of minutes of the last AGM

2. Matters Arising
 3. President's report
 4. Treasurer's report
 5. Approval of final accounts for year ended 31 December, 2025.
 6. Approval of estimates of Income/Expenditure for year ending 31st December 2026.
 7. Motions, if any
 8. AOB
- * Motions, if any, should reach the Secretary by Monday 2 February 2026 at the latest.
- * In case there is no quorum, the meeting will be re-scheduled for Sunday 15 February 2026 at the same place, same time and with the same agenda.

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BollyBytes



The End of an Era: Arijit Singh bids farewell to Bollywood playback

The "voice of a generation" has decided to fall silent -- at least where the silver screen is concerned. At just 38 years old and at the absolute zenith of his career, Arijit Singh has stunned the Indian music industry by announcing his retirement from Bollywood playback singing.

Taking to Instagram on Tuesday, the singer posted a characteristically brief message: "I am calling it off. It was a wonderful journey." The news sent shockwaves across India, where Singh's "bruised and buttery" vocals have narrated the country's collective heartbreaks and celebrations for over a decade.

From Small Town to Global Icon

Born in Jiaganj, West Bengal, Singh's rise was far from instant. After failing to win the reality show *Fame Gurukul* in 2005, he spent years behind the scenes as a music programmer. His meteoric rise finally arrived in 2013 with the soulful "Tum Hi Ho" from *Aashiqui 2*. The track didn't just top charts; it redefined the emotional landscape of Indian cinema, trading grand spectacle for raw, intimate vulnerability.

Despite sell-out crowds at Wembley Arena and collaborations with icons like Ed Sheeran, Singh remained famously ambivalent about his fame. Often seen in his hometown riding a scooter to buy groceries or hiding his face in a hoodie, he once admitted to *Forbes India*, "I hate being a celebrity." This discomfort with the commercial "conveyor belt" of music likely fuelled his exit. He previously noted that hearing his own voice everywhere made him "uncomfortable," fearing audience exhaustion.

What Lies Ahead?

While he is stepping away from the film industry's rigid assignments, Singh isn't abandoning music entirely. Reports suggest he will fulfil existing commitments before pivoting toward independent projects and creative exploration.

For millions of fans, the announcement marks the end of a defining chapter. While his voice will no longer lead the latest Bollywood blockbuster, the "soundtrack of India" leaves behind a legacy of songs that have become inseparable from the fabric of daily life.

Ameesha Patel marks 26 years since 'Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai' debut

It has been 26 years since Ameesha Patel and Hrithik Roshan became overnight sensations with *Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai*. On January 14, Ameesha celebrated this milestone with a special shout-out from her business partner and rumoured beau, Kunal Goomer.

Goomer praised Ameesha for her resilience, noting that she carved out a massive career as a "girl in this industry with no surname attached to it." Ameesha reshared the sentiment, thanking him for being "rock solid" by her side.

As she looks back on a journey that began with one of



Bollywood's biggest blockbusters, the actress teased that there is more to come, captioned with the classic line: "Abhi tho picture baaki hai."

"Women have an expiry date": Mona Singh

While Sunny Deol's *Border 2* continues to shatter box office records, his on-screen wife, Mona Singh, is sparking a different kind of conversation. In a candid reflection on her career, the 44-year-old actress recently called out the industry's double standards regarding age.

Despite her success in major hits like *3 Idiots*, *Laal Singh Chaddha*, and now *Border 2*, Singh notes a recurring question from the public: "Why are you playing such old characters?"

The Double Standard: 60-Year-Old Leads vs. Aging Women

Singh's critique centers on the longevity of male actors compared to their female counterparts. Her observations highlight a stark reality in Indian cinema:

- The Male Longevity: "Men in their 60s can still play the romantic



leads," Singh told PTI.

- The "Expiry Date": She lamented that Bollywood remains an industry where women are often perceived to have a shelf life, frequently moved into maternal or "older" roles while their male peers remain leading men.

Despite the industry's limitations, Singh remains unfazed. Known for

her versatility -- from her breakout role in *Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin* to playing a don in the recently released *Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos* -- she insists that the character matters more than the age on the script.

"I haven't cared about my on-screen age because I am very confident and know who I am," she stated, emphasizing that she chooses roles that excite her rather than those that fit a specific age bracket.

What's next for Mona Singh?

Fans won't have to wait long to see her back in action. Following her turn in the massive hit *Border 2*, she is set to trade the war-front for the police precinct in *Kohrra 2* (Web Series), playing the role of a competent police officer together with Barun Sobti.

Release Date: February 11, 2026, on Netflix.

Border 2 Conquest: Sunny Deol starrer blasts past milestones in 5 days

The Sunny Deol-led sequel, *Border 2*, is proving to be a juggernaut at the global box office. In just five days since its release on January 23, 2026, the film has nearly touched the elite 300 crore mark, comfortably outpacing several Bollywood blockbusters.

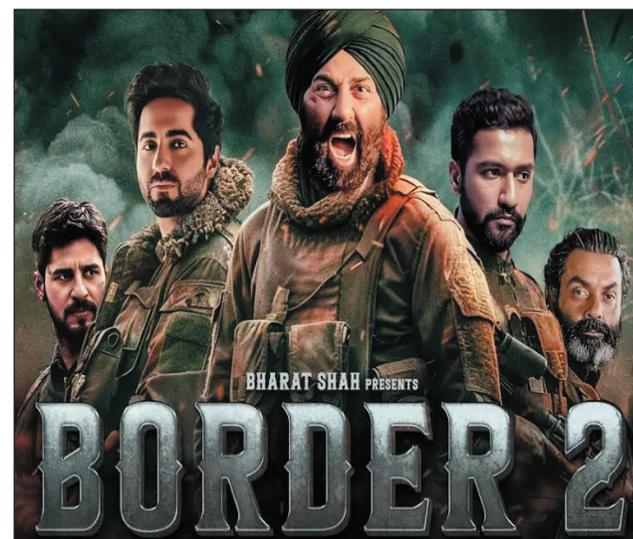
Following a massive opening weekend and a surge on Republic Day, the film maintained incredible momentum through Tuesday (Day 5). With a total worldwide gross of ₹293.06 crore, it is expected to become the first Indian film of 2026 to hit the "triple century" milestone by Day 6.

The Financial Breakdown (In Mauritian Rupees)

To put these staggering numbers into perspective for the Mauritian audience, here is how the film has performed using the current exchange rate (approx. 1 INR = 0.49 MUR):

Shattering Records

With a worldwide gross of approximately Rs 1.44 Billion MUR, *Border 2* has already surpassed the lifetime

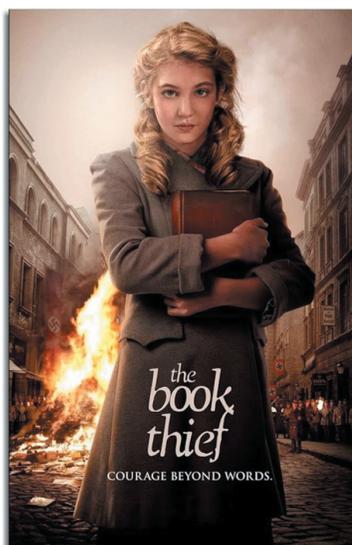


earnings of major hits like *Sooryavanshi*, *Housefull 4*, and *Raees*. It is now on track to overtake *The Kerala Story* and *Hindi Medium* within the next 24 hours.

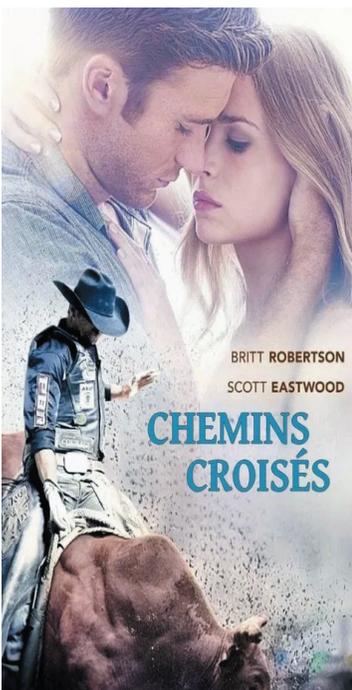
Directed by Anurag Singh and featuring an ensemble cast including Varun Dhawan and Diljit Dosanjh, the film is not just a commercial success but a personal triumph for Sunny Deol, marking his second film to cross the 300-crore threshold after the record-breaking *Gadar 2*.



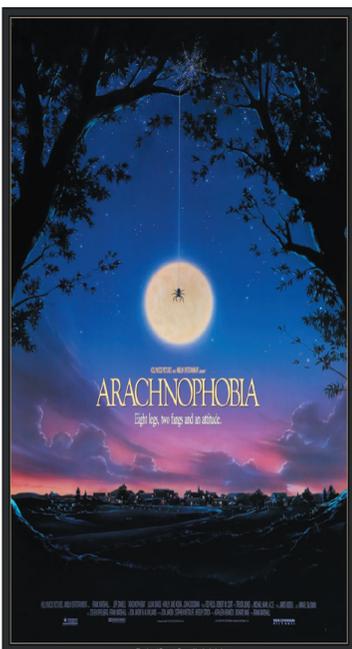
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MBC 1

- 05.15 Serial: Living To Love
- 08.36 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour
- 09.00 Tele: All The Flowers
- 09.30 Film: La Planete Des Singes
- 11.30 Tele: Happily Ever After
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.35 Tele: Mademoiselle
- 13.20 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune
- 14.10 Tele: Asintado
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.25 Film: Christina Noble
- 17.30 Tele: Happily Ever After
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 19.00 Serial: 19 Minutes
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.10 Film: The Book Thief
- 22.15 Tele: Mademoiselle
- 23.05 Tele: Happily Ever After
- 23.30 Le Journal

MBC 2

- 09.42 Local: Le Mag
- 10.34 Local: Saveurs Plus
- 11.00 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 11.30 Local: Couleur Marine
- 12.00 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion
- 13.05 La Journee Sous Le Regard
- 13.29 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
- 15.00 Emotion En Avant Plan
- 15.51 Local: Sineas Moris
- 16.50 Local: Metie
- 17.13 Local: La Sosiete
- 18.05 Tele: L'Amour Invincible
- 19.00 Zournal Kreol
- 19.25 Local: Sur Prise
- 20.00 Local: Mémoire Et Liberté
- 21.10 Local: La Sosiete
- 22.54 La Journee Sous Le Regard
- 23.00 Zournal Kreol
- 23.20 Local: En Forme
- 23.33 Mon Jardin Ma Maison
- 00.00 Excerpts From Amgasop...

MBC 3

- 05.00 Mag: Aastha TV
- 08.00 Local: Amrit Vani
- 10.00 Local: Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
- 11.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 12.00 Film: Radha Tara Naino Na Vaghya Teer
- Starring: Vikram Thakor, Mamta Soni
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.20 Sayings Radha Krishna
- 15.51 Serial: Mithai
- 17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.32 Local: Mati Ke Mol
- 19.54 Local: Khel Khiladi
- 20.30 Serial: Tenali Rama
- 20.52 Serial: Porus
- 21.34 Serial: Crime Patrol
- 22.19 Serial: Mere Sai
- 23.08 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya

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- 06.25 Mag: Let's Make It Tasty
- 07.21 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 09.59 Bitcoin In Latin America
- 11.37 Mag: Eco India
- 12.16 Mag: Asia 2050
- 12.33 Doc: Forging Into The Future
- 12.59 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 13.25 Doc: A Heart On Demand
- 15.00 Serial: The Wonder Gang
- 15.11 D.Anime: Grands Mots...
- 15.29 D.Anime: Edmond Et Lucy
- 15.43 D.Anime: Dino Ranch
- 16.05 D.Anime: Berry And Dolly
- 16.25 D.Anime: Zig's Space Ranger
- 16.40 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
- 17.02 Serial: The Avatars
- 17.23 Doc: Pasteca
- 17.30 Mag: Eco India
- 18.26 Doc: Legacy Of Ancestors
- 19.00 Other: Student Support...
- 19.28 Mag: Euromaxx

Bollywood TV

- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 14.55 Serial: Tenali Rama
- 15.30 Film: Rangeela
- Cast: Amir Khan, Urmila Matondkar, Jackie Shroff
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.31 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.01 Udaariyaan
- 19.32 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua
- 20.01 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
- 20.25 Shrimad Ramayan
- 20.55 Anupamaa
- 21.25 Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya
- 21.57 Serial: Dhruv Tara
- 22.30 Wagle Ki Duniya
- 23.00 Serial: Mahabharat
- 23.30 Film: Rangeela
- Cast: Amir Khan, Urmila Matondkar, Jackie Shroff

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- 03.37 Serial: Heartland
- 04.23 Serial: Belgravia
- 05.05 Tele: Living To Love
- 06.30 Serial: Under Pressure
- 07.10 Serial: Nautilus
- 08.05 Serial: Blue Lights
- 09.10 Serial: Heartland
- 09.55 Serial: Belgravia
- 10.41 Your Love Is My Fortune
- 11.32 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.30 Tele: All The Flowers
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Film: The Book Thief
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.31 Serial: Dance Deewane
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.15 Film: Chemins Croises
- 22.11 Serial: Nautilus
- 23.02 Tele: Terra Nostra
- 23.30 Le Journal

- 06.00 Local: Mon Jardin Ma Maison
- 06.25 Local: Tous Egaux
- 06.45 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
- 08.21 Local: Retrovizor
- 09.37 Local: La Sosiete
- 10.30 Local: J'ai Faim
- 11.00 Local: Esclavage
- 12.00 Local: ES Science
- 13.39 Local: Sur Prise
- 15.05 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
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- 18.05 Tele: Wildflower
- 19.00 Zournal Kreol
- 19.36 Rodrig: Kot Nou
- 20.00 Local: Les Petits Genies
- 22.00 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 22.55 La Journee Sous Le Regard
- 23.03 Zournal Kreol
- 23.23 Local: Tous Egaux
- 23.38 Local: Saver Kiltirel
- 23.58 Local: Palette
- 00.26 Local: Metie

- 05.00 Mag: Aastha TV
- 08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness
- 08.34 Local: Abhyas Yog
- 09.00 Live: Aaj Ki Charcha
- 10.30 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 12.00 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo
- 12.22 Local: Mati Ke Mol
- 14.38 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
- 15.00 Samachar
- 15.30 Film: Dil Ka Doctor
- Cast: Anupam Kher, Mahmud Babai, Nimai Bali
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.31 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 21.00 Film: Naina
- Cast: Urmila Matongkar, Anuj Sawney
- 23.02 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 23.28 Local: Duniya Mein Iss Saptah
- 23.37 Local: Hunarbaaz
- 00.59 Film: Naina

- 06.00 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go!
- 06.45 D.Anime: Akili And Me
- 07.09 Film: C.I.Ape
- 08.27 Film: Les Trolls
- 09.18 D.Anime: Ubongo Kids
- 09.46 D.Anime: Will, La Série
- 09.50 Serial: Penny Sur M.A.R.S.
- 11.18 Film: Les Our Boonie...
- 13.30 Film: Georges, Le Petit Curieux
- 14.56 Film: Aliens Ate My Homework
- 16.26 D.Anime: Piper's Pony Tales
- 16.52 Serial: The Avatars
- 18.00 Doc: In Good Shape
- 18.30 Doc: Legacy Of Ancestors
- 18.56 Mag: Business Africa
- 20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage
- 20.53 Doc: Natural Wonders
- 21.45 Film: The Grey
- 23.40 Film: Trial By Fire

- 08.00 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua
- 10.02 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
- 12.08 Udaariyaan
- 14.02 Anupamaa
- 16.00 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 17.30 Vidrohi
- 18.30 Film: Rajaji
- With: Govinda, Raveena Tandon, Shakti Kapoor



- 21.00 Keh Doon Tumhein
- 21.30 Crime Patrol

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- 02.09 Film: Trial By Fire
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- 05.04 Tele: Living To Love
- 06.15 Film: Chemins Croises
- 08.17 Serial: Belgravia
- 09.06 Film: Happy Death Day
- 10.40 Your Love Is My Fortune
- 11.30 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage
- 12.34 Film: Joe Kidd
- 14.03 Mag: Video Killed The Radio
- 14.30 Doc: Top Dive Sites
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- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.10 Film: Arachnophobia
- 21.55 Serial: S.W.A.T.
- 22.37 Tele: Terra Nostra
- 23.30 Le Journal

- 09.08 Local: Les Petits Genies
- 10.19 Local: Retrovizor
- 11.00 Local: Nu Rasinn
- 12.00 Local: Proze Dime
- 12.32 190 Ans Liberte Emission...
- 14.00 Lir - Ekrir Kreol Morisien
- 14.35 Local: Le Morne
- 15.30 Local: Au Nom De La Liberte Emission Speciale
- 17.25 Live From Le Morne - Wreath Laying Ceremony And Cultural
- 20.00 Info En Langue Des Signes
- 20.15 Local: Broken Chains
- Abolisyen Lesclavaz Dan Moris
- 21.15 Local: Les Klips
- 22.10 Local Production
- 23.00 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion
- 23.24 Local: Coin Jardin
- 23.35 Local: Generations J

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- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Humni Ke Sitare
- 20.31 Serial: Porus
- 21.00 Keh Doon Tumhein
- 21.22 Serial: Crime Patrol
- 22.06 Sajanwa Bairi Ho Gaile...
- 23.27 MBC Prod
- 00.48 Film: Raja
- Cast: Aamir Khan, Karishma Kapoor

- 06.00 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go!
- 08.34 Film: Gnomeo Et Juliet
- 09.55 Serial: Penny Sur M.A.R.S.
- 11.22 Film: Pororo, L'île Aux Tresors
- 12.45 Doc: Country Dreams
- 13.30 Film: Ice Age
- 14.00 Film: Over The Edge
- 16.20 D.Anime: Zig's Space Ranger
- 16.31 D.Anime: Piper's Pony Tales
- 16.34 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
- 15.56 Serial: The Avatars
- 18.00 Doc: Let's Make It Tasty
- 18.30 Doc: Brilliant Corners
- 19.30 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 20.00 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage
- 21.45 Film: Jackie Brown
- Cast: Pam Grier, Samuel L. Jackson
- 00.19 Doc: Smart Insects
- 01.01 Doc: My Family Lies
- 01.42 Doc: Wake Up On Mars

- 00.29 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
- 02.19 Udaariyaan
- 04.34 Anupamaa
- 06.49 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 08.00 Serial: Dhruv Tara
- 10.05 Kundali Bhagya
- 12.10 Dance Deewane
- 14.00 Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya
- 16.00 Wagle Ki Duniya
- 18.30 Film: Mujhse Shaadi Karogi
- Cast: Salman Khan, Akshay Kumar, Priyanka Chopra
- 21.03 Mahabharat
- 21.44 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa L'il Champs
- 22.45 Dhruv Tara



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- 04.23 Tele: L'Amour Invincible
- 04.47 Tele: Living To Love
- 05.29 Tele: Le Roman De La Vie
- 06.58 L'Homme Qui Valait Trois...
- 07.46 Tele: All The Flowers
- 08.08 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage
- 08.33 Tele: Séparé Par L'Amour
- 09.27 Film: The Hired Hand
- 11.33 Tele: Happily Ever After
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.25 Tele: Mademoiselle
- 13.15 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune
- 13.45 Tele: L'Amour Invincible
- 15.00 Samachar
- 15.30 Serial: Columbo
- 17.29 Tele: Happily Ever After
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 19.07 Live: Grand Titre
- 20.15 Serial: Quantico
- 21.00 Serial: Berlin Station
- 21.55 Tele: Mademoiselle

- 09.09 Local: Nu Rasinn
- 10.06 Local: Clin D'Oeil
- 10.45 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef
- 11.00 Local: Les Klips
- 12.00 Local: Nu Rasinn
- 13.05 La Journee Sous Le Regard
- 15.00 Local: Fam Model
- 15.25 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef
- 15.43 Local: Les Klips
- 17.00 Local: Morisien Konn Ou La Sante
- 18.05 Tele: L'Amour Invincible
- 18.30 Tele: Séparé par L'Amour
- 19.00 Zournal Kreol
- 20.30 Local: Tous Egaux
- 20.55 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante
- 21.44 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
- 22.45 Emotion En Avant Plan
- 23.00 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion
- 23.23 Local: Metie
- 23.36 Rodrig: Kot Nou

- 05.00 Mag: Aastha TV
- 08.00 Local: Humni Ke Sitare
- 09.00 Live: Aaj Ki Charcha
- 10.00 Local: Sajanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar
- 12.00 Film: Dahleez
- Cast: Jackie Shroff, Raj Babbar, Meenakshi Sheshadri
- 15.00 Samachar
- 15.51 Kundali Bhagya
- 17.30 Shiv Shakti
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.31 Local: Ved Ki Shikshahein
- 18.57 Local: Ayush
- 20.00 Local: Charcha
- 20.30 Dharm Yoddha Garud
- 21.00 Film: Chori Chori
- Cast: Raj Kapoor, Nargis
- 23.14 Mere Sai
- 00.02 Wagle Ki Duniya

- 06.25 Doc: Brilliant Corners
- 07.18 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 08.37 Doc: Smart Insects
- 09.20 Doc: My Family Lies
- 10.06 Doc: Wake Up On Mars
- 11.37 Doc: Let's Make It Tasty
- 12.06 Doc: Brilliant Corners
- 12.58 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 15.00 Serial: The Wonder Gang
- 15.15 D.Anime: Grands Mots...
- 15.33 D.Anime: Edmond Et Lucy
- 15.44 D.Anime: Dino Ranch
- 15.56 D.Anime: Yetilii
- 16.02 D.Anime: Berry And Dolly
- 16.12 D.Anime: Sam Le Pompier
- 17.28 Doc: Pasteca
- 18.00 Mag: Eye On SADC
- 18.31 Mag: Choices
- 19.30 Mag: In Good Shape
- 20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage
- 20.30 Live: News
- 21.40 Film: The Night House

- 14.25 Radha Mohan
- 14.58 Dharm Yoddha Garud
- 15.26 Film: Deewana Mujh Sa Nahin
- Starring: Amir Khan And Madhuri Dixit



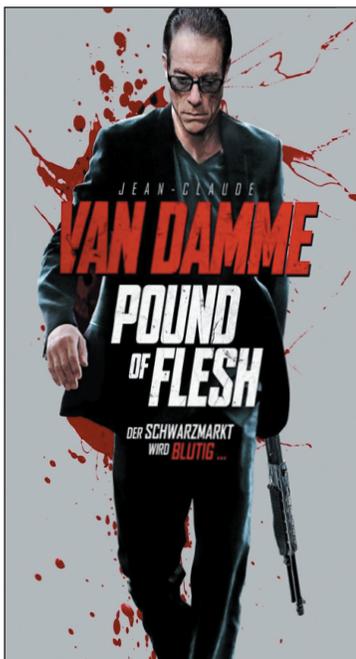
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- 19.30 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua
- 20.05 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho
- 20.30 Shrimad Ramayan



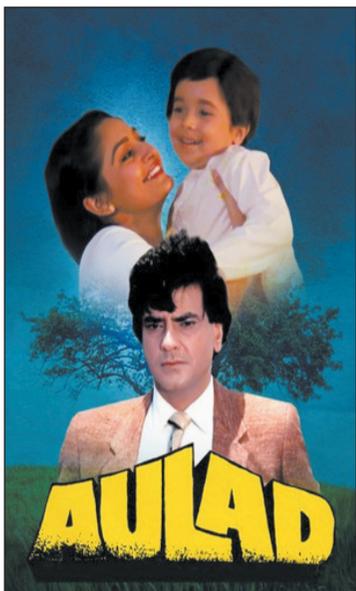
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Mercredi 4 Février - 15.00



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Jeudi 5 Février - 15.30

Stars: Madhuri Dixit, Sanjay Kapoor, Paresh Rawal



Jeudi 5 Février - 20.10

Stars: Dulquer Salmaan, Mrunal Thakur, Rashmika Mandanna



The Bar

Antoine Domingue, Senior Counsel (SC), has been elected President of the Mauritius Bar Association (MBA) for an unprecedented third term. Following elections held on Thursday, he succeeds Me Anwar Moollan, SC, at the helm of the Bar Council.

The Bar Council will also comprise Yatin Varma, Bisham Ramdenee, Natasha Behary-Panray, Priscilla Balgobin-Bhojru, Zaki Ramtoolah, and Hisham Oozeer.

Antoine Domingue is regarded as a respected and experienced legal practitioner in the country. As a Senior



Antoine Domingue, SC, Returns to Lead the Mauritius Bar Association

Counsel, his career has been defined by a strong commitment to the rule of law and judicial independence.

His previous tenures as President were marked by high-stakes advocacy. Most notably, in 2015, he resigned in protest over government legislation he deemed a threat to the profession's independence, only to be re-elected shortly thereafter — a testament to the trust his peers place in his leadership.

Leadership for a Complex Era

Antoine Domingue's return to the presidency comes at a pivotal time for the Mauritian justice system. He has recently been a vocal critic of what he describes as "institutional instability" and was a key legal commentator during the "Missié Moustass" wiretapping scandal in late 2024, warning

of serious implications for national security and privacy rights.

Beyond his courtroom work, Me Domingue is a proponent of constitutional integrity, frequently commenting on the separation of powers and fundamental rights. He also advocates social responsibility within the profession, encouraging successful barristers to engage in pro bono work to serve the wider community. His expertise in regulatory oversight and administrative law is further reflected in his 2025 appointment as Chairman of the Utility Regulatory Board (URB).

With this veteran leadership at the forefront, the Mauritius Bar Association signals a continued focus on safeguarding the integrity of the legal profession amid evolving political and legal challenges.



VACANCY NOTICE

The State Trading Corporation (STC) wishes to recruit experienced and dynamic candidates willing to take an active role in the following positions, **on contractual basis**:

1. Commercial Manager (Retail)
2. Supplies and Sales Manager (Merchandising)
3. Communication Officer

For the three (3) posts, salary may be negotiable and appointment will be on a one-year contractual basis, renewable, subject to satisfactory performance.

Relevant information on mode of application and other details regarding the vacancies are available on STC's website at <https://www.stcmu.com> or from STC's Reception Desk, 55 Business Zone, Ebene Cybercity 72201, Ebene.

Envelope clearly marked "NAME OF POST APPLIED FOR" on top left-hand corner and addressed to the General Manager should reach the STC through registered post or deposited at the STC's Reception Desk at latest **11 February 2026 by 15:00 hrs.**

Candidates applying for more than one post should ensure that they forward separate applications for each post applied, i.e. to be submitted in separate envelopes, or otherwise will not be considered.

Late applications and applications not made on the Prescribed Form (STC Form 2) will not be considered. Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the Application Form may cause the applicant's elimination from consideration.

Candidates should submit along with their applications, copies of relevant educational qualifications, testimonials of any experience claimed and equivalence of qualification (if any). The onus for the submission of the equivalence of qualification (if applicable) from the relevant authorities (Higher Education Commission or Mauritius Qualifications Authority) rests on the applicants.

STC reserves the right:

- (i) to call only the best qualified candidates for an interview; and
- (ii) not to make any appointment following this advertisement nor to assign any reason whatsoever for accepting or rejecting any candidates.

Date: 28 January 2026

Tree of Knowledge

Lifelong Fitness



Every step we take affirms our commitment to honour our physical selves, fostering a glow that is visible both inside and out

Embracing lifelong fitness is more about nurturing and cherishing the body you inhabit than the pursuit of perfection. When we choose to be active consistently, regardless of our stage in life, we empower ourselves. Each movement, from a walk to yoga to a bike ride, fosters resilience and aligns our minds with positive energy. This consistent practice builds a foundation of strength and vitality, illuminating our path with confidence. Every step we take affirms our commitment to honour our physical selves, cultivating a glow that is visible both inside and out.

As we age, the fruits of our fitness journey manifest as mental clarity and emotional stability, grounded in the knowledge that we are our strongest allies. Fitness isn't merely about preserving youthfulness; it's about flourishing with grace and assurance at every age. When we invest in this lifelong practice, our self-esteem blossoms, painting life with vibrancy and intention.



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If you're looking to kick-start or uplevel your own fitness journey, ask yourself what kind of movement you would like to do. Maybe you choose what you already know and love. Maybe you're looking for something new. Then, think about the experience you want and set an intention. For example, "I want to exercise to improve my health, feel stronger, and enhance my body confidence." Or maybe, "I want to have fun moving and giving my body permission to express itself." Your intention can be a wonderful way to support you in achieving more specific fitness goals. Acknowledge yourself along the way, pausing to celebrate the sense of accomplishment that comes with showing up and taking care of your health.

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