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Tomorrow’s *Assemblée des Délégués* is not just a meeting of party faithfuls; it is a high-stakes constitutional showdown that will determine whether the “Maison Mauve” remains a national institution or collapses into a historical footnote, much like the PMSD of the late Sir Gaëtan Duval.

The Anatomy of a Rebellion

The crisis that reached a boiling point this week did not happen in a vacuum. The seeds were sown on March 20, 2026, when Paul Bérenger took the unilateral and, in hindsight, catastrophic decision to resign as Deputy Prime Minister. He cited disagreements within the Alliance du Changement, but in doing so, he miscalculated the temperature of his own parliamentary troop.

Of the 18 MPs and ministers who once looked to Bérenger as the undisputed patriarch, a staggering 15 (some counts suggest 16 of the top 18 leadership figures) have effectively staged a palace coup. Led by veterans like Rajesh Bhagwan and younger intellectuals like Reza Uteem, this “rebellious majority” has made a cold, pragmatic choice: they have chosen the stability of the government and the Alliance du Changement over the increasingly erratic leadership of the party leader.

For these MPs, the math is simple. Power resides in the Cabinet and the Assembly, not in the increasingly isolated confines of the Stanley/Rose Hill branch — recently padlocked to bar their access. By siding with Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam, they have signalled that the MMM’s future is as a collaborative governing partner, not a vehicle for Bérenger’s personal grievances or strategic “volte-faces.”

The Battle for the Delegates

In the MMM’s hierarchy, the *Assemblée des Délégués* holds the “*pouvoir suprême*.” While Bérenger has already found himself in a humiliating minority within the *Comité Central*, he had always hoped the grassroots delegates would remain his Praetorian Guard.

However, the signs are ominous. Bérenger’s announcement that he will not attend tomorrow’s assembly — citing a “fraudulent delegates list” — is the ultimate admission of weakness. It is a classic defensive manoeuvre: if you cannot win the vote, you delegitimize the process. By alleging that the party machinery he built has been “doctored,” Bérenger is essentially conceding that he no longer controls the heart of the movement.



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If, as expected, the delegates side with the 15 MPs tomorrow, Bérenger’s status as “Leader” becomes purely symbolic. He will be a king without a kingdom. This Saturday will likely be remembered as the day the MMM brand was formally divorced from the Bérenger name.

The “New Party” and the Joanna Factor

At 81 years of age, Paul Bérenger is at a crossroads that would exhaust a man half his age. His plan to launch a “Nouveau MMM” or a “Vrai MMM” suggests he is aware that the legal and physical assets of the party (including the iconic La Poudrière headquarters) may soon be out of his reach.

But a fundamental question arises: Does he have the stamina to sustain a new movement? Launching a political party in Mauritius is a Herculean task requiring massive organisational infrastructure, funding, and a national network of “agents.” At 81, Bérenger’s “stamina” is no longer the infinite well it was in 1969 or 1982.

The prevailing theory in political circles is that this new party is not intended for the long haul under Paul Bérenger’s leadership, but rather as a curated inheritance for his daughter, Joanna Bérenger.

Joanna Bérenger remains the sole high-profile MP to stay by her father’s side. By breaking away to form a new, smaller, and intensely loyalist group, Paul Bérenger can purge the “rebels” and create a safe ideological space where his daughter can be anointed as the natural successor. It is a move toward dynastic preservation, ensuring that the Bérenger legacy continues, even if it is on a much smaller scale.

The PMSD Comparison: A Warning from History

The ghost of Sir Gaëtan Duval looms large over this crisis. There was a time when the PMSD was the only formidable force capable of challenging the Labour Party. However, after decades of splits, junior-partner status, and internal haemorrhaging, the PMSD was

reduced to a low-key player, often found fighting for its very survival at the electoral margins.

The MMM now faces the same “PMSD-ification.” If the party splits tomorrow, we are looking at two diminished entities:

1. The “Rebel” MMM: A group of 15 MPs who risk becoming a mere satellite in the government.
2. The Bérenger MMM: A loyalist rump that may find itself relegated to a few urban strongholds, losing its national “militant” appeal and becoming a family-run enterprise.

Either way, the MMM as a “third force” or a dominant national player is dead. The era where the MMM could single-handedly dictate the terms of a coalition is over.

A New Political Order

Tomorrow’s outcome will usher in a new political order in Mauritius. For fifty years, the island’s politics was a chess match played by three men: Ramgoolam, Jugnauth, and Bérenger. With the MMM in terminal decline and Bérenger isolated, the binary nature of Mauritian politics — Labour vs. MSM — is becoming more pronounced.

The “Militant” ideology, which once promised a class-based revolution and a “New Society,” has been replaced by the cold reality of parliamentary survival. If Paul Bérenger is indeed defeated at the *Assemblée des Délégués* tomorrow, he will have been undone not by his traditional enemies, but by the very “militants” he spent a lifetime training.

The Curtain Falls

Paul Bérenger remains a titan of our history. His contribution to the democratic fabric of Mauritius, his rigour as a Leader of the Opposition, and his role in the 1982 “60-0” victory are indelible. But politics is a cruel master that respects neither age nor past glory.

If he boycotts tomorrow’s meeting and proceeds with a new party, he is essentially choosing a dignified retreat into a loyalist bunker over a messy fight for a party that has already moved on.

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The resumption of parliamentary sessions has cast a spotlight on a truly “peculiar” political development within the *Alliance du Changement* government. The resignations of Paul Bérenger, Joanna Bérenger, and Chetan Baboolall from their executive and backbench roles — while the majority of their MMM colleagues remain firmly within the government — have triggered a debate over parliamentary protocol.

With the three MPs currently adopting a “provisional” status as government backbenchers, the House faces an unprecedented seating dilemma. While the Westminster tradition, as codified in *Erskine May*, relies more on convention and the Speaker’s discretion than on rigid Standing Orders, the move has already drawn fire from Adrien Duval of the Opposition.

As the MMM prepares for a high-stakes meeting of its *Assemblée des délégués* this Saturday, 11 April 2026, the question remains: Can a party leader maintain his authority while distancing himself from a government his own party continues to support? In this week’s Q&A, Lex dissects the complex issues arising from this peculiar situation.

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*** Under the Standing Orders of the National Assembly and the Constitution, is there a legal or procedural recognition of a “temporary” or “provisional” government backbencher?**

Based on standard parliamentary procedures, particularly within the Westminster system, there is no formal legal or procedural recognition of a “temporary” or “provisional” government backbencher. A Member of Parliament is either a member of the Executive (a frontbencher/minister) or a backbencher; there is no middle ground or ‘provisional’ status.

*** Is there a specific legal rule that defines when an MP becomes an “Opposition” or “Independent” member based on where they sit in the Assembly?**

There is no specific, rigid legal rule — such as a statutory clause — that automatically changes an MP’s legal status to “Opposition” or “Independent” solely based on where they sit in the assembly.

In Westminster systems like ours, status is defined by parliamentary procedure, party discipline (the whip), and the Speaker’s formal recognition. Seating is merely the physical manifestation of a political decision that has already been made.

*** Does moving from the front benches to the back benches — while expressing an intent to sit with the Opposition — constitute “crossing the floor” in a way that could trigger legal challenges regarding their seat?**

Moving from the front to the back benches while declaring an intent to join the Opposition is a clear political ‘crossing of the floor.’ However, in most Westminster systems, this act does not automatically trigger the loss of a seat. For a legal challenge to succeed and a seat to be vacated, the member must usually cross a specific threshold defined by stringent anti-defection laws.

*** While “anti-defection” laws typically target those who leave a party to join the government, does our Constitution provide any protection or penalty for the reverse — where a Leader leaves the government but the party stays?**



Under the Constitution of Mauritius, there is no specific penalty or automatic vacancy triggered when a party leader exits a coalition government while their party’s elected members choose to remain.

The Mauritian Constitution views the parliamentary mandate as an autonomous office rather than a subordinate extension of a political party. While anti-defection frameworks — such as those discussed in the 2018 Amendment Bill — focus on preventing members from ‘crossing the floor’

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or abandoning their party, they do not penalize a leader for a voluntary resignation from the Cabinet.

*** Does the Speaker have the absolute discretion to determine seating arrangements, or must they follow the expressed preference of an MP who has resigned from the Cabinet but remains within the governing party?**

In Westminster-style parliamentary systems, the Speaker holds significant discretion over seating arrangements. This authority is not entirely absolute; it must be exercised reasonably and remain grounded in established parliamentary practice. Crucially, the Speaker is not bound by the expressed preferences of an individual member.

When an MP resigns from the Cabinet but remains within the governing party, the following principles apply:

Party Discipline: The Speaker usually follows the advice of the Party Whip regarding seating for members of that party.

Executive vs. Legislative Space: The “Front Bench” is reserved for the Executive; once an MP resigns from the Cabinet, they lose their “right” to a front-bench seat and are moved to the back benches.

Physical Manifestation of Role: Seating must reflect the MP’s current status (Government, Opposition, or Independent) to maintain the orderly conduct of the House.

*** If Paul Bérenger, Joanna Bérenger, and Chetan Baboolall are neither fully in Government nor formally in Opposition, how should they be treated regarding Parliamentary Committees and the allocation of “Private Members’ Motion” time?**

A Member of Parliament who is neither fully in Government nor formally in Opposition — often described as an independent, non-aligned, or crossbench member — is generally treated as a distinct entity in Westminster-style parliaments.

Their participation in parliamentary committees and the scheduling of Private Members’ Motions is typically governed by Standing Orders, established conventions, and the overarching discretion of the Speaker.

*** If the ‘Assemblée des délégués’ (Assembly of Delegates) rejects Paul Bérenger’s decision to leave the government, what is the legal standing of the MPs who resigned? Are they technically in breach of party discipline?**

If the Assembly of Delegates — the supreme organ of the party — decides that the party shall remain within a government alliance, any member who acts contrary to that mandate is in breach of party discipline.

In this scenario, Paul Bérenger’s actions create a profound conflict if he exits the government while the party remains. If the Assembly subsequently supports Bérenger, the MPs who chose to stay in government are the ones in breach of discipline. Conversely, if the Assembly supports remaining in government, then those who resigned alongside Bérenger are the ones in breach of discipline.

*** If the MMM’s delegates formally votes to stay in government, does this create a legal obligation for Paul Bérenger, as Leader, to retract his resignation, or does his constitutional right to resign as a Minister override the internal “supreme” decision of his party?**

No, a vote by the MMM delegates to remain in government does not create a formal obligation for Paul Bérenger to retract his resignation as leader. Should the Assembly of Delegates decide to stay in government, it places Bérenger in a position where he is clearly out of step with his party’s rank and file.

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* Given that the majority of elected MMM MPs have chosen to stick with the government, does Bérenger's status as "Party Leader" legally allow him to speak for the party in the Assembly, or can the Speaker recognize a different "Parliamentary Leader" for the MMM who aligns with the majority of its MPs?

While Bérenger remains the party leader outside of Parliament, the legal and constitutional position regarding his speaking rights within the National Assembly is complex.

The Speaker cannot intervene in the internal workings of a political party; however, should Paul Bérenger attempt to speak on behalf of the MMM as its Leader, a member of the Assembly may raise a point of order. This would require the Speaker to make a formal ruling in consultation with the Chief Government Whip.

While the title of "Party Leader" carries authority in internal meetings of the MMM, it is the "Parliamentary Whip" who typically manages seating arrangements and the speaking order within the National Assembly.

* In the event of a formal split where the Leader leaves and the majority of the parliamentary wing stays, who legally "owns" the party name and symbol within the National Assembly?

In the event of a formal split where the party leader departs but the majority of the parliamentary wing remains, the right to use the party name and symbol within the National Assembly is generally governed by the party's constitution and the regulations of the Electoral Commission.

* Following her resignation in 1990, Margaret Thatcher moved to the backbenches as a private member while her party remained in power under John Major, establishing the right of a former frontbencher to sit as a backbencher without leaving the party. Is Bérenger's case fundamentally different because he remains the active party leader rather than a former one?

Yes, Paul Bérenger's situation is fundamentally distinct from Margaret Thatcher's 1990 transition. While Thatcher

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'Indian Ocean Conference: Un bouclier stratégique dans un monde en flammes

Par A. Bartleby

A lors que les eaux de l'océan Indien sont de plus en plus agitées par les soubresauts de la géopolitique mondiale, la 9^{ème} édition de la Conférence de l'océan Indien (IOC 2026) s'ouvre à Maurice ce 10 avril 2026. Co-organisée par la Fondation de l'Inde (*India Foundation*) et le gouvernement mauricien, cette rencontre est marquée par la présence de Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, ministre indien des Affaires étrangères, qui s'impose comme la figure centrale de ces assises.

Placée sous le thème de la «Gérance collective pour la gouvernance de l'océan Indien» (*Collective Stewardship for Indian Ocean Governance*), cette rencontre dépasse largement le cadre d'un simple forum diplomatique; elle se veut, sous l'impulsion du chef de la diplomatie indienne, le point d'ancrage d'une stabilité régionale devenue vitale.

Des objectifs tournés vers la «gérance»

L'objectif central de cette édition est de passer du dialogue à l'action concrète à travers le concept de «gérance» (*stewardship*). Il ne s'agit plus seulement de discuter de sécurité, mais d'assumer une responsabilité partagée sur plusieurs fronts.

- **La gouvernance maritime:** Établir des cadres de coopération pour garantir un espace océanique libre, ouvert et inclusif.
- **La résilience des chaînes d'approvisionnement:** Un enjeu crucial après les récentes perturbations du commerce maritime mondial.
- **L'économie bleue et le climat:** Promouvoir une exploitation durable des ressources marines et renforcer la résilience des petits États insulaires face au changement climatique.
- **La sécurité non-traditionnelle:** Lutter contre la pêche illégale, le trafic de drogue et les menaces «en zone grise».

L'Inde et la doctrine SAGAR: Maurice au centre du jeu

Pour New Delhi, Maurice n'est pas seulement un hôte, c'est le pivot de sa vision SAGAR (*Security and Growth for*

All in the Region). En tenant cette conférence à Port-Louis, l'Inde réaffirme son rôle de «premier garant de la sécurité» et de partenaire de développement privilégié pour les nations insulaires.

Les intérêts stratégiques de l'Inde sont clairs: consolider son leadership au sein du Sud Global et contrebalancer les influences extérieures. Cela s'est concrétisé, en marge de la conférence, par un accord historique de fourniture de pétrole et de gaz de gouvernement à gouvernement (G2G) entre l'Inde et Maurice, ainsi que par le renforcement de la coopération de défense.

Un timing opportun: L'ombre du conflit Iran-USA

La tenue de cette conférence ne pouvait être plus opportune. Elle intervient quelques jours seulement après le fragile cessez-le-feu du 8 avril entre l'Iran et les États-Unis. Le conflit au Moyen-Orient a rappelé la vulnérabilité extrême du détroit d'Ormuz et l'interconnexion des théâtres d'opérations.

L'océan Indien est devenu un théâtre secondaire de cette crise, notamment après des incidents maritimes au large du Sri Lanka en mars dernier. Dans ce contexte, l'IOC 2026 offre un terrain neutre et souverain aux pays riverains pour discuter des moyens d'éviter d'être entraînés dans les guerres des grandes puissances. La présence du ministre indien des Affaires étrangères, S. Jaishankar, souligne cette volonté de New Delhi d'agir comme un médiateur et un stabilisateur régional face à l'instabilité du Golfe.

Quels gains pour Maurice et les pays riverains?

Pour Maurice et les membres de l'IORA (*Indian Ocean Rim Association*), les bénéfices sont tangibles:

1. **Souveraineté énergétique et alimentaire:** Les accords bilatéraux avec l'Inde permettent aux petites nations de s'isoler des chocs de prix mondiaux et des pénuries énergétiques.
2. **Renforcement des capacités:** Des initiatives comme le portail *iGOTKarmayogi* pour les fonctionnaires mauriciens et le financement de projets d'énergie verte



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favorisent une croissance institutionnelle à long terme.

3. **Solidarité de sécurité:** Le modèle de gérance collective permet aux pays riverains de ne pas avoir à choisir un camp dans une rivalité sino-américaine ou irano-américaine, en se concentrant sur la sécurité maritime régionale (MSS).
4. **Dynamisme économique:** Le conclave économique associé à la conférence facilite des accords directs entre entreprises et gouvernements (B2G), visant une libéralisation du commerce régional.

En 2026, l'océan Indien n'est plus une simple route de transit; c'est le cœur battant de la géopolitique mondiale. Cette conférence est la preuve que Maurice, en partenariat étroit avec l'Inde, se dote des outils diplomatiques et économiques nécessaires pour naviguer dans des eaux tumultueuses. Entre les menaces de guerre et les crises énergétiques, la «gérance collective» n'est plus une option, c'est une nécessité de survie pour la prospérité de la région.

S. Jaishankar: L'Architecte de l'Inde affirmée sur l'échiquier mondial

Dans les annales de la diplomatie indienne, il y aura un «avant» et un «après» Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. Ancien diplomate de carrière devenu ministre des Affaires étrangères, il est aujourd'hui bien plus qu'un simple membre du cabinet de Narendra Modi. Il est le visage, la voix et l'intellect d'une Inde qui ne s'excuse plus d'exister et qui entend redéfinir les règles du jeu international.

À une époque où la géopolitique est secouée par des crises systémiques — du conflit en Iran aux tensions en mer de Chine — Jaishankar incarne cette «Nouvelle Inde»: articulée, percutante et

résolument pragmatique.

Le technocrate-homme d'État

Le portrait de Jaishankar est celui d'un homme qui possède une maîtrise granulaire de la «plomberie» des relations internationales. Contrairement aux politiciens traditionnels, il ne s'appuie pas sur la rhétorique émotionnelle, mais sur une logique implacable et un esprit rationnel. Il a transformé la diplomatie indienne, autrefois prudente et attachée au non-alignement passif, en une stratégie de «multi-alignement» actif.

Sa popularité dépasse les frontières de l'Union indienne. Pour la diaspora, il est



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le protecteur qui a rendu le ministère réactif lors des crises (Ukraine, Soudan); pour le Sud Global, il est le porte-parole qui ose défier l'hégémonie intellectuelle de l'Occident. On se souviendra longtemps de sa répartie cinglante rappelant à l'Europe

que «ses problèmes ne sont pas forcément ceux du monde entier», une phrase devenue virale qui a marqué la fin d'une ère de déférence diplomatique.

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L'opérationnalisation de la « Doctrine Modi »

L'ascension de Jaishankar est indissociable de la vision du Premier ministre Narendra Modi. Là où Modi apporte la vision politique et l'élan populaire, Jaishankar fournit le cadre intellectuel et l'exécution stratégique. Son action repose sur trois piliers fondamentaux qui servent les intérêts à long terme de l'Inde.

1. Le réalisme au-dessus de l'idéalisme. Sous son impulsion, l'Inde a délaissé la solidarité romantique du tiers-monde pour une poursuite rigoureuse de ses intérêts nationaux. Cela se traduit par une politique de «voisinage d'abord» musclée. Face à la Chine, Jaishankar est inflexible: il n'y aura pas de normalisation des relations tant que la paix aux frontières sera menacée. C'est une rupture nette avec les hésitations des décennies précédentes.

2. L'Inde comme «puissance de liaison». Jaishankar a réussi le tour de force de positionner l'Inde comme un pont entre le Nord et le Sud. Le succès du G20, marqué par l'inclusion de l'Union Africaine, a prouvé que New Delhi pouvait diriger un monde polarisé vers un consensus. En prônant le «de-risking» des chaînes d'approvisionnement mondiales, il aligne parfaitement la politique étrangère sur les objectifs économiques nationaux de l'initiative

Atmanirbhar Bharat (Inde autosuffisante).

3. Une autonomie stratégique sans équivoque. Le génie de Jaishankar réside dans sa capacité à naviguer dans un monde multipolaire sans choisir de camp permanent. Il renforce les liens au sein du QUAD (États-Unis, Japon, Australie) tout en siégeant activement aux BRICS et à l'Organisation de coopération de Shanghai. Il rejette la mentalité de la Guerre froide, affirmant que l'Inde est son propre pôle d'influence.

Le bouclier de la République

En 2026, alors que les tensions mondiales atteignent des sommets, Jaishankar agit comme le «Bouclier de la République». Son rôle s'inscrit dans la perspective de l'«Amrit Kaal» — la période de 25 ans menant au centenaire de l'indépendance de l'Inde en 2047. Son objectif est de garantir un environnement international stable pour permettre la croissance domestique fulgurante de l'Inde.

Il a réussi à transformer l'image de l'Inde: elle n'est plus un «partenaire junior» que l'on sollicite, mais une puissance incontournable que l'on respecte. Pour Jaishankar, la diplomatie n'est pas un exercice de séduction, mais une défense acharnée de la souveraineté.

Subrahmanyam Jaishankar est le praticien d'une Inde confiante. En combinant l'expertise technique d'un grand



Le ministre indien des Affaires étrangères, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, est arrivé à Maurice ce jeudi 9 avril pour une visite officielle de trois jours, visant à consolider et approfondir la coopération bilatérale avec l'Inde. P - Defi Media

commis de l'État à la stature d'un leader mondial, il a donné à l'Inde une voix qui porte. Dans le tumulte géopolitique actuel, il reste l'architecte d'un ordre mondial où l'Inde ne se contente plus de suivre les règles, mais participe activement à leur écriture.

Guerre Iran-USA: Une trêve fragile au bord du gouffre

L'annonce d'un cessez-le-feu de deux semaines entre les États-Unis et l'Iran, sous l'égide du Pakistan, a provoqué un immense soupir de soulagement au sein de la communauté internationale. Quelques heures plus tôt, le monde retenait son souffle face aux menaces du président Donald Trump de «raser» l'Iran et de détruire sa «civilisation». Pourtant, ce 10 avril 2026, la situation reste d'une fragilité extrême. Si l'accord a permis de suspendre temporairement les hostilités directes et de rouvrir partiellement le détroit d'Ormuz, le chemin vers une paix durable ressemble à un champ de mines diplomatique.

L'erreur de calcul de Washington

Le retour à la table des négociations découle d'un constat cinglant: la puissance militaire n'a pas suffi à briser la résilience iranienne. Après six semaines de conflit intense, la stratégie de Donald Trump, qui tablait sur un effondrement rapide du régime et une capitulation de Téhéran, a échoué. Contrairement aux attentes, le gouvernement iranien s'est montré stratégique et retranché, frappant les intérêts américains dans le Golfe et perturbant l'économie mondiale.

Cette guerre a coûté cher. Pour les États-Unis, la facture s'élève à au moins un milliard de dollars par jour, creusant une



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dette fédérale qui frôle les 40 000 milliards. Sur le plan diplomatique, Washington s'est retrouvé isolé. Ses alliés traditionnels, non consultés, ont refusé de soutenir une guerre jugée contraire au droit international. Parallèlement, la Russie et la Chine ont renforcé leur soutien à Téhéran, transformant le conflit en une crise systémique globale.

Une lassitude américaine et israélienne

Sur le terrain, la guerre des missiles a épuisé les stocks d'intercepteurs israéliens, tandis que Tshal fait face à une pénurie de

main-d'œuvre. Malgré les bombardements de milliers de cibles, le Corps des Gardiens de la Révolution Islamique (CGRI) a maintenu sa capacité de rétorsion, lançant quotidiennement des dizaines de drones et de missiles sophistiqués.

Surtout, la guerre est devenue impopulaire aux États-Unis. Face à l'explosion du coût de la vie et des prix à la pompe, 61 % des citoyens américains s'opposent désormais au conflit. Les sondages de Donald Trump ont chuté, l'obligeant à reconsidérer son «Operation Epic Fury». L'identité patriotique profonde de l'Iran et la ferveur

religieuse de sa population se sont avérées être des remparts infranchissables pour une agression extérieure.

Le défi d'Islamabad: Vers un nouvel ordre régional?

L'espoir réside aujourd'hui dans les dix points proposés par l'Iran, que Donald Trump a qualifiés de «base de travail». Ces points incluent:

- l'engagement formel des États-Unis à la non-agression;
- le contrôle maintenu par l'Iran sur le détroit d'Ormuz;
- la levée des sanctions primaires et secondaires;
- la reconnaissance du droit de l'Iran à enrichir de l'uranium à des fins civiles.

Selon Amin Saikal, Professeur émérite d'études moyen-orientales à l'Université nationale australienne, le défi immédiat pour le président Trump sera de discipliner Benjamin Netanyahu. Le Premier ministre israélien, sous le coup d'un acte d'accusation de la Cour pénale internationale pour crimes de guerre à Gaza, cherche depuis longtemps à réduire l'État iranien à néant.

Si toutes les parties parviennent à négocier de bonne foi à Islamabad, une opportunité historique se présente. Nous pourrions voir l'émergence d'un ordre régional basé sur une sécurité collective localisée plutôt que sur la suprématie d'un seul acteur. Mais pour que cette paix survive aux deux prochaines semaines, le bruit des bottes au Liban devra impérativement cesser. La route sera longue et cahoteuse, mais pour la première fois en 2026, une porte de sortie diplomatique semble s'entrouvrir.

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Artemis II and Armageddon: Adventures on the Dark Side

Artemis II, about a quarter million miles from its launch pad, disappeared from earthly view as it rounded to the dark side of the lunar sphere. Science fiction became reality. The astronauts, cut off from contact with earth, crossed over the Terminator — the line that separates lunar night from day — and slung around by gravity, emerged from the darkness, safe and sound. The laws of physics were not violated.

The crew took time to acknowledge and reinforce their humanity and the humanity of all on earth with an Easter message. Artemis II Pilot, Astronaut Victor Glover reflected: “In all of this emptiness — this is a whole bunch of nothing, this thing we call the universe — you have this oasis, this beautiful place that we get to exist together.”

In contrast to Artemis, the specter of Armageddon on earth rose as the President of the United States posted an Easter Sunday message of his own on his social media platform: “Tuesday will be Power Plant Day, and Bridge Day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran. There will be nothing like it!!! Open the Fuckin’ Strait, you crazy bastards, or you’ll be living in Hell. JUST WATCH! Praise be to Allah.”

On Saturday, the day before, he posted that Iran had just 48 hours before “all Hell will reign (sic) down on them.”

Here was a different Terminator — a line between darkness and more darkness. His was a different view of our shared humanity. As we know, he ratcheted up his warnings, threatening on two successive days that Iran could be sent “back to the stone ages (sic)” and that “a whole civilisation will die tonight, never to be brought back again” if Iran does not reopen the Strait of Hormuz by his 8 pm Tuesday, Eastern Time deadline.

The law of war was about to be violated. The law of crimes against humanity hung in the balance.

A trail of tears

Let us review for the record, this trail of tears. On March 21, he posted a demand on social media that Iran fully open the Strait of Hormuz within 48 hours. He warned that the United States “will obliterate their various power plants, starting with the biggest one first” if Iran does not comply. The following day he reiterated the 48-hour-deadline threatening again to obliterate Iranian power plants.

On March 23, claiming that “very good and productive conversations” were under way and that there had been “major points of agreement,” he extended his deadline by five days.

On April 6, he claimed that the US has “decimated” Iran militarily and economically

and that all hell would “reign” down in Iran.

On the same day, he said that the US could take out the entire country in one night and made his reversion to the “stone ages” remark. That led us to the April 7 post that threatening the death of a whole civilization.

Iran denied that it was negotiating with the US, but semantics may be at play here. Iran had previously denied that it was talking to the US when Egypt, Turkey and Pakistan were attempting to mediate. And we now know that various position papers were exchanged via Pakistan as an intermediary. So, Iran was literally not negotiating directly with the US.

There has been, of late, the TACO (Trump always Chickens Out) trade in financial markets, essentially a bet that Trump will not carry out his most dire threats. And the bet has been lucrative, perhaps as some speculate, especially for those given advance notice of Trump’s moves.

With his repeated threats, stock market futures plummeted; oil prices soared. The world seemed on an economic precipice.

It seemed that too many were taking Trump at his word, taking him altogether too seriously. But is it foolhardy to take seriously the threats of a man who has the means to deliver what he promises?

Pope Leo’s Denunciation

Even a week earlier, on Palm Sunday, Pope Leo issued a forceful denunciation of earlier attempts to invoke Divine sanction for the war. “Brothers and sisters, this is our God: Jesus, King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war,” Leo said. “He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war but rejects them.” The Pope referenced Christ’s rebuke of a follower who drew a sword: “He did not arm himself, or defend himself, or fight any war,” the Pope said, adding that God “always rejects violence.”

On Tuesday, the Pope, said that Trump’s “threat against the entire people of Iran ... is truly unacceptable.” He added: “There are certainly issues here of international law, but even more than that, it is a moral question for the good of the (world’s) people.” In an unusual, but not entirely unprecedented, appeal for a political uprising, Leo urged Americans and other people of goodwill to contact their political leaders and congressional representatives to demand they reject war and work for peace.



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Iran’s leaders, despite their dismissal of Trump’s threats and the declaration by Iranian President Pezeshkian that he was ready to die in defence of his country, also took Trump far too seriously. They urged Iran’s youth to form human chains around power plants. The oxymoronic nature of this appeal seemed to evade them. Presumably, they thought that a man promising to wipe Iran’s civilisation off the map, would hesitate at killing its youth. A clergy that kills its own people too easily, was willing to sacrifice the youth of the nation for the sake of power plants.

Then Trump, responding to an appeal by Pakistan’s Prime Minister, agreed to delay his strikes on Iran and to consider a two-week ceasefire if Iran immediately reopens the Strait of Hormuz.

The Terminator had terminated his march to Armageddon and seemed to be in search of armistice.

On Wednesday, April 8, stock markets around the world shot up. The US markets seemed to dance in euphoric overdrive. Oil futures tumbled.

An Illusory Agreement

So, what comes next? How will this all shake out?

The most obvious conclusion one can make is that the ceasefire will end after two weeks and we will be back to hostilities. There is an equally obvious conclusion that most ceasefire agreements do make it very difficult for the parties to go back to being

combatants. To be sure, there are situations in which one party will use negotiations as a delay tactic to rearm or gain some other advantage. Thankfully, ceasefire agreements have an uncanny way of encouraging combatants to believe they can reach accord by negotiating. Which of these is more likely? I would say the latter, but even in saying this, I am cognizant that we are dealing with irrational parties who decided to fight in the first place instead of starting with a ceasefire before the firing began. As the Artemis II astronauts might tell us, there are some things best left on the dark side of the moon.

The great difficulty with this ceasefire agreement is that, as between the principals Iran and the US, what we have is not much more than an agreement to agree. In legal parlance, that is a nullity because it has no mutually agreed terms that are enforceable. But this is different from what lawyers call an illusory agreement for here we have an agreement to cease firing at each other. Hence, a “ceasefire” agreement is operative.

We cannot tell if Israel was party to the original ceasefire agreement, that is, did Pakistan put together a tripartite agreement, or did Trump simply drag Bibi Netanyahu along? We got a clue earlier, on Wednesday, April 8, when Israel announced that its attacks on Hezbollah in Lebanon were not covered by the ceasefire agreement.



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Iran’s responded that it would close the strait, once again.

Iran seems to have understood that Hezbollah was protected by the ceasefire “agreement,” and accused the US of not upholding its end of the ceasefire, but Israel seemed to say that it understood that there was no such understanding. Iran, quite understandably, suggested that the US was continuing to wage war via Israel, while seeking a ceasefire with Iran, but that it could have both. The Iranians, for their part, continued to attack neighbouring Gulf countries. Certainly, the spirit of the ceasefire agreement is being violated by both Israel and Iran.

The Last Laugh

By the time this article is published, much may have changed. That is the nature of war.

We know little more than that Trump is sending Vice President Vance, and his negotiators Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner to engage with the Iranian representatives under the auspices of the Pakistani Prime Minister.

On the domestic front in the US, there are signs of disaffection with Trump among his staunchest MAGA supporters including Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly, and former acolyte Marjorie Taylor Greene. Some have called for his removal. Carlson went so far as to characterize Trump’s Easter message as “vile.” Will this act as a restraint on Trump and keep him from further escalation? An optimist would so hope. An optimist would also know that trying to predict Trump is fraught.

For some perspective, we must recognize that we know very little about Iran’s capabilities. A ceasefire will give Iran the opportunity to restock drones and missiles. Whether it can manufacture its own or import from China or perhaps even Russia is unknown.

In June 2025, a little less than a year ago, Iran fired more than 100 missiles toward Israel. Most were intercepted.

This time around, via AI, I have generated a table showing the number of missiles and drones fired by Iran at Israel and Gulf Countries.

Summary Table (Feb 28, 2026, → early April 2026)	
Target Country/ Region	Missiles & Drones Launched by Iran
GCC Total	4,391
Israel	930
UAE	2,156
Saudi Arabia	723
Kuwait	791
Bahrain	429
Qatar	270
Oman	22

These are staggering numbers. They tell us that Iran was building up for attacks on Israel and the region. It is not too much of a stretch to think that they are not foolish enough to have exhausted their supplies. On the other hand, we do not know how far their launcher capabilities have been degraded.

One cannot be too sanguine about the claim that Iran has been defeated militarily and economically. The only way to find out is if and when (most likely when) there is

another war.

Iran may have the last laugh here about the Strait of Hormuz which it can now monetize. There are reports of negotiations with Oman for joint control and revenue sharing from strait traffic. Charges of at least \$1 million per container ship and perhaps double that amount are mentioned with the caveat that payments are to be made in Yuan or cryptocurrency. Keeping the money out of the dollar ecosystem vitiates American sanctions.

My guess is that Iran will eventually give up the idea of treating the Strait of Hormuz as its proprietary tollgate. The world will not stand for it because there are too many chokepoints in the world and setting precedents for such monopolies will hinder worldwide commerce in unacceptable ways. Oman will come under intense pressure from its Arab neighbours and the US to abandon any such cooperation with Iran.

Iran has made enemies of the Gulf countries. That rupture is unlikely to be healed for decades. Perhaps never. Iran’s population of more than 90 million presents an ongoing threat to the Gulf nations. Expect those

countries to arm themselves and it is not out of the question that we may see nuclear proliferation in the Gulf.

Iran has suffered much damage to its manufacturing capacity. Sanctions over the years have brought hardship to its people. If a deal can be made to lift American sanctions permanently, Iran can reap a windfall from its oil exports. Even with payment for its oil in Yuan, Iran will have enough revenue to enter sizeable contracts with Chinese infrastructure builders and other contractors. China is a source of technology and even armaments for Iran.

The easy path for Iran to benefit from the current mess is to abjure violence against Israel and its Arab neighbours and reenter the world as the responsible and civilized nation it can be. Perhaps that cannot happen without true regime change.

Will Iran emerge from the darkness its theocrats have created, safe and sound as did Artemis?

I’d say it’s a moonshot.

Cheerz...
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07 April 2026



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Reckless Power and the Cost to Global Order

We are not yet in a global conflict of the kind history has known. But we are in a phase where the guardrails that once moderated behaviour are under strain

When unpredictability becomes a governing method at the apex of global power, instability ceases to be episodic. It becomes systemic — weakening institutions, unsettling alliances, and exposing smaller states to risks not of their making.

There are moments in international relations when events accumulate faster than reflection. This is one such moment. Yet, what is most striking today is not the multiplicity of crises, but the growing centrality of one factor — the erratic and unpredictable exercise of power at the highest level.

Unpredictability in statecraft is not new. It has, at times, been used deliberately as a tactical instrument. But when it becomes habitual — when it substitutes for strategy rather than complements it — it ceases to be an asset. It becomes a source of systemic risk.

Under the current US administration, this distinction appears increasingly blurred. Foreign policy is marked less by continuity than by oscillation and is conducted via social media. Positions shift abruptly. Allies are alternately reassured and rebuked. Adversaries are threatened, then unexpectedly engaged. Commitments appear provisional, whimsical, subject to recalibration in real time.

This is not strategic ambiguity. It is volatility elevated to method.

From volatility to erosion of order

The consequences extend beyond diplomatic discomfort. They affect the architecture of international relations itself. The United States has long been a central pillar of the post-War order — anchored in the United Nations system, reinforced through alliances such as NATO, and underpinned by a network of economic and security arrangements. That role required not perfection, but predictability and consistency.

Today, that foundation appears increasingly unsettled. Multilateral institutions are treated with scepticism, at times open disdain. Commitments to collective security are questioned in transactional terms. Alliances are measured against immediate returns rather than shared strategic purpose.

Language, too, has shifted. Public threats of overwhelming force, delivered in stark and sometimes theatrical and foul terms, sit uneasily with the discipline traditionally associated with statecraft. Statements suggesting the “obliteration” and “death of a civilisation”, even when followed by expressions of goodwill, introduce a dissonance that is difficult to reconcile with responsible leadership. Such rhetoric does not merely inflame; it erodes the normative boundaries that have, however imperfectly, restrained escalation.

The recent crisis involving Iran illustrates this dynamic. The announcement of a temporary ceasefire may provide a pause. But it does not obscure the manner in which escalation was framed or communicated. Nor does it diminish the broader concern: that the use of force, or the threat thereof, is increasingly articulated without the restraint and clarity that



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international stability demands. This is, in effect, a war whose consequences are imposed upon the wider international community — carrying economic and strategic costs far beyond its immediate theatre.

What may be presented as a demonstration of resolve, even as a form of success, warrants closer scrutiny. What is claimed as strength risks revealing something more consequential: escalation followed by improvised de-escalation, at significant cost to credibility. Allies are unsettled, institutions bypassed, norms diluted. In the process, what is presented as victory begins to resemble erosion — of standing, of trust and of the capacity to lead through legitimacy rather than pressure.

Institutions under strain, smaller states at risk

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Such discussions are not to be taken lightly. They reflect, not partisan impulse alone, but a deeper concern about whether established safeguards are adequate to the

moment. They underscore a broader point: that institutions matter most precisely when they are tested.

At the international level, a draft Security Council resolution was blocked through the exercise of the veto — an outcome that, while not unprecedented, is nonetheless revealing. It underscores the strain on multilateral processes. Equally telling was the abstention of Pakistan, even as it prepares to host negotiations in the coming weeks — an illustration of the delicate and at times paradoxical positioning of states navigating an increasingly fractured geopolitical landscape.

The implications for the wider world are significant. When the conduct of the leading power appears inconsistent, other states adjust accordingly. Markets factor in risk. Governments diversify exposure. Strategic partners hedge. The cumulative effect is fragmentation.

For smaller states, the consequences are more acute. Stability in the international system is not an abstraction; it is a prerequisite for economic planning, security and development. When predictability weakens, vulnerability increases.

The Indian Ocean region offers a clear illustration. It sits at the intersection of key maritime routes, energy flows and emerging strategic competition. Developments in the Gulf reverberate through shipping lanes. Instability in the Red Sea alters trade patterns. Increased military presence heightens the risk of miscalculation. In such a context, the margin for error narrows significantly.

Issues grounded in international law are not immune. The question of the Chagos Archipelago, for instance, has been authoritatively addressed through the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and subsequent endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly. Yet, its practical resolution continues to be shaped by political considerations that, at times, appear detached from established legal principles. This disjunction between law and practice is itself symptomatic of a broader drift.

The central issue, therefore, is not the personality of any one leader, but the effect of leadership style on systemic stability. A great power can absorb misjudgments. It cannot indefinitely sustain the erosion of credibility.

When credibility weakens, relationships become transactional. When relationships become transactional, coercion begins to displace consent. And when coercion becomes routine, escalation becomes more likely — not always by intent, but by accumulation.

We are not yet in a global conflict of the kind history has known. But we are in a phase where the guardrails that once moderated behaviour are under strain. In such circumstances, restraint is not weakness. It is the condition for stability.

If unpredictability continues to define the exercise of power at the highest level, the question will not be whether the system can adapt — but how much instability it will be forced to absorb before it begins to fracture.

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Nurses: The Invaluable Backbone of Mauritius' Healthcare System

According to the World Bank and the National Audit Office, the Government of Mauritius has invested heavily in ensuring all its citizens have access to basic public health services. Nevertheless, while coverage is broad, both institutions identified “some gaps in the quality of services delivered” and “serious challenges in ensuring quality and consistency of provision and efficiency of spending.”

Usually, local newspapers report isolated incidents where public hospital staff are often unfairly relegated as being “incompetent” and “heartless.” Every profession has its lame ducks worldwide. But do these occasional headlines offer a fair reflection of the healthcare realities? Or are they only symptoms of a collapsing system under the weight of staff depletion?

The Myth of Perfection. There is an unspoken rule in Mauritius that the hands holding our lives must never waver, making “discipline and perfection” the mandatory standard for our nurses and doctors. Yet, this sits in stark contrast to our broader national ethos, which often encourages rest and a slower pace. Why do we impose this double standard? By demanding flawlessness in hospitals while celebrating a relaxed culture elsewhere, we effectively strip our healthcare providers of their right to be human.

What does an outside observer truly see in our hospital staff? They might notice a doctor or nurse who rarely smiles and avoids small talk. While they listen to patients and anxious relatives, their responses are often clipped or devoid of guidance. Younger staff, marked by a hollow, weary gaze, tend to be blunt and uncompromising. To the untrained eye, this suggests a lack of empathy; however, it is often a symptom of a workforce operating on the edge of exhaustion.

But what if we viewed Mauritian public hospitals through a different lens? Perfection is an illusion, but **presence** is a reality that makes all the difference. Hospital staff are steadfastly there when patients and families need them most. While “niceness” is understandably absent when managing

“Research conducted in Mauritius has warned of the extreme resilience required of staff, even as they face a staggering 70% rate of burnout and emotional exhaustion. What some label as “heartless” behaviour is recognized by experts as “compassion fatigue,” a direct result of chronic overwork. Such is the sad plight of these unfaltering pillars of Mauritian society: they navigate compromised work-life balances and psychological cracks, yet continue to hold the system together despite their exhaustion...”



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a ward of 40 or more patients daily, “kindness” is omnipresent in their labour.

When a patient's condition becomes critical — perhaps their oxygen levels plummet in the dead of night — it is that same “blunt” or “cold” nurse who holds the patient's hand to offer comfort. It is they who summon the specialist, perform the life-saving interventions, and remain vigilant until dawn if necessary. They may lack the polish of “customer care,” but they never waver in their duty.

The Candos Hospital Cardiac Ward Magic. In the shadow of a national health crisis — where non-communicable diseases (NCDs) accounted for 81% of mortality in 2021 despite ongoing sensitisation regarding healthy living — the Outpatient Cardiac Ward at Candos serves as a sanctuary of improvised efficiency.

Every Friday, a “silent magic” unfolds within a small waiting room packed with an estimated 300 to 400 patients. All are scheduled to see generalists and specialists in a narrow window between 08:30 and 13:00.

The reception desk sits at the heart of the room, flanked by nurses' cabins on the left and those of doctors and specialists on the right. Benches and chairs for patients and their families occupy the remaining space at the front. By 10:00, the room is overflowing; seniors in wheelchairs often line the left side, nearly blocking the path. Yet, a steady stream of patients flows in a straight line from the main entrance to the desk before branching off as required.

Given that the building was never designed to cater to such a rapidly increasing volume of appointments, the staff must constantly improvise to maintain order. To an observer,

this is a “well-orchestrated and choreographed dance” where every staff member intuitively knows their role. Even regular patients participate in this rhythm, familiar with the various stages of the process and readily briefing newcomers on what to expect.

Each patient or family member drops their hospital card in a box at the reception desk upon arrival. A nurse regularly collects patients' cards from the reception desk box, rushes to the ICU building to retrieve patients' files. Then, patients are called on a first-come, first-served basis. Nurses gather medical information such as patients' blood pressure, temperature and weight.

Usually, one nurse stands out as a figure of quiet leadership in the waiting room. She manages the overcrowded space with an all-encompassing gaze, redistributing seats, coordinating wheelchairs, and gently directing family members to make space for incoming patients. When seats are scarce, solidarity and humanity take over; relatives move to the back or wait outside, taking turns to sit as chairs become available. With quiet empathy, the nurse reassures the crowd, efficiently dividing patients into two streams: those heading to the nurses' cabins on the left and those bound for the specialists on the right.

The healthcare system in Mauritius functions only because of staff like her. Nurses and doctors are acutely aware of the delays: often a one-hour wait between the reception desk and initial tests, followed by another thirty to sixty minutes to see a doctor. Amidst this, the staff is constantly in motion, working to reduce these wait times as much as humanly possible.

This is the stark reality behind the “bluntness” the public so often criticizes. When the ratio is a mere three nurses to forty patients, and specialists are consulting nearly 500 people on the heels of marathon surgeries — at times without a single weekend or holiday to recover — there is simply no room for panic. They move with a quiet, deliberate pace; not because they are slow, but because they must take the time to think, ensuring that exhaustion never results in a fatal mistake.

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Before criticizing a missing smile or a brief response, one must recognize the “magic” they perform daily. From the humility of cleaning a bedbound patient to the precision of administering life-saving injections, they attend to every task with unwavering responsibility. They are the thin, exhausted line standing between a national health crisis and our collective hope in humanity.

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Beyond the Red Ribbon Cutting: The Cost of Cosmetic Governance. On one hand, successive governments boast of massive investments in new buildings and costly "high-tech" centers — monuments that often serve as political lures before elections. On the other hand, the media paints a bleak picture of a system at its breaking point, crippled by staff shortages, equipment deficits, and medical errors. Far from the glamour of ceremonial inaugurations, Audit Reports tell a sobering story of systemic neglect:

- **Equipment Gap:** Chronic lack of planning results in insufficient or idle equipment. When specialized medicines are unavailable or neonatal ventilators are in short supply, doctors and nurses are forced to make life-or-death decisions based on subjective parameters. This is not merely a resource issue; it is a profound psychological burden on an already exhausted workforce.

- **Training and Mentality Gap:** Poor foresight has led to a dwindling pipeline of newly graduated doctors. Furthermore, many young professionals, possessing different expectations than the generation of the 1950s, quickly feel overwhelmed by the current environment. Consequently, they rapidly exit the public health system.

- **Maintenance Gap:** The 2026 Audit Reports reveal a state of unattended administrative chaos regarding the Government Asset Register. There has been a haemorrhage of public funds, with the reports flagging significant sums in unaccounted-for assets, excessive spending on the repair of new vehicles, and soaring overtime payments for 2024–2025.

Dignity Erosion in a Poor Work Environment.

The physical environment is a direct catalyst for motivation. While wards remain clean and sanitized through the sheer effort of the staff, the walls tell a different story — paint is peeling or fading into neglect. Only the Children's Ward appears to receive the regular maintenance required to be truly welcoming. Even more pitiful is the state of the staff's white coats; many have faded to a weary, worn-out yellow, with some on the verge of becoming tattered. These coats are a silent indictment, screaming that the workforce has been forgotten for years.

The elite may argue that a fresh coat of paint or a new uniform will not save lives. They are wrong; these are the foundations of restored dignity. Are these devoted professionals expected to indefinitely carry the burden of those who have left for greener pastures? Is it too much to ask for an environment that respects their humanity? What has been missing is not the "heart" or the "smile" of the staff, but concrete institutional actions to signal that their care is valued, even when the environment is far from pristine.

Improvisation as an Art of Survival. If the system remains afloat despite all odds, it is primarily the public hospital staff, practicing the "art of improvisation," who are holding it together. Working *avec les moyens du bord*, these professionals act with immense resourcefulness, finding workarounds where systems fail. Their salaries do not reflect the stress or the incredible value they provide to the nation — especially when compared to the high salaries of the many ministerial "advisors" whose contributions to the people remain a mystery.

Research conducted in Mauritius has warned of the extreme resilience required of staff, even as they face a staggering **70% rate of burnout** and emotional exhaustion.

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What some label as "heartless" behaviour is recognized by experts as "compassion fatigue," a direct result of chronic overwork. Such is the sad plight of these unfaltering pillars of Mauritian society: they navigate compromised work-life balances and psychological cracks, yet continue to hold the system together despite their exhaustion. Their true motivation is not the monthly salary provided by their employer; instead, they derive their energy from the "thank yous" and smiles of their patients. Nevertheless, how long can we honestly expect them to sustain a healthcare system when they are completely drained?

A Call to Action. Mauritius lacks the deep-pocketed medical infrastructure of referral hubs like South Africa and still has a long road ahead to achieve the highest standards of specialized, advanced clinical care. For this reason, Mauritian authorities continue to send patients abroad for complex treatments. Yet, Mauritius fares better than many developing nations where healthcare is prohibitively expensive, the shortage of doctors is severe (one doctor for every 10,000 people in Bangladesh), and pharmaceutical products remain unregulated.

Occupying this global "middle ground," Mauritius possesses at its "heart" a universal reach in healthcare access. This provides a vital safety net, ensuring the population does not face bankruptcy or homelessness just to access medical care. It is pure humanity that drives our public hospitals and their staff. Ironically, as a reward for their tireless dedication, they are simply given more work — a true *supplice de*

Tantale.

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longer can we rely on these "good hearts" and "patriots" to perform daily miracles in uniforms that have lost their lustre? This systemic neglect is inevitably wearing down the staff, even as they fight to maintain the mental and physical resolve to keep going.

A hospital is more than its statistics, its wait times, or its budget deficits; it is defined by the dignity of those within its walls. Why is the professional dignity of our healthcare workers so neglected when the entire country would inevitably collapse without them? The time has come for Mauritian society to reflect on the debt it owes these frontline workers. Their salaries are pale reflections of the stress they endure — especially when compared to the numerous ministerial advisors whose actual contributions to the nation remain a mystery.

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NOTICE FOR PERMISSION FOR LAND USE

Take notice that I, **Adhirsén Gobin**, intend to apply to the District Council of Rivière du Rempart for a Building and Land Use Permit for the proposed General Retailer – Foodstuff (excluding liquor) and Non-Foodstuff (foodstuff predominant) at Saint Michel Road, Grand Gaube.

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Across the Globe



Iran tightens its grip on Hormuz despite cease-fire. Pic - tovima.com

Iran maintains firm grip on Hormuz

Shipping through the Strait of Hormuz stalled further despite a ceasefire in the Iran war, underscoring an emboldened Tehran's growing control over the critical waterway. Iranian authorities paused traffic through the strait over Israeli strikes on Lebanon, demanding vessels coordinate with Iran's forces and pay a fee to traverse the route, through which a huge proportion of critical energy supplies and commodities are shipped.

Iran has, meanwhile, managed to sharply increase its own oil sales while restricting those of Arab Gulf states. "Tehran has learned that by closing the strait," Semafor's climate and energy editor wrote, "it can fairly easily exact massive pain on the US and the global economy in a way that actually benefits its own coffers."

EU faces 'stagflation' shocks

The EU will be hit by a "stagflationary shock" despite the US and Iran agreeing to a two-week ceasefire, the bloc's economy commissioner warned. The Middle East conflict has exposed Europe's vulnerability: the continent imports most of its energy, while commercial shipments

have also been upended by disruptions to global transit routes.

Though some countries have moved to buffer against the war's worst impacts — several are considering restarting nuclear reactors for the first time in years — the consequences are likely to be long lasting even if the ceasefire holds, experts warned. "European economies are only at the beginning of their struggle," an HSBC economist said in a note to clients.

World Bank cuts Africa forecast

The World Bank cut its 2026 growth forecast for sub-Saharan Africa, citing the war in the Middle East, with the conflict's fallout risking a surge of inflation on the continent. African nations have been battered by a spike in fuel prices prompted by the war, hitting commerce and transport. Inflation has already ticked up, eroding gains many economies made after pandemic-era price jumps.

In response, some of the continent's biggest economies have paused previously forecast rate cuts, further kneecapping growth, while high debt loads and costly interest payments remain a constraint.

Panama pushes back in China canal row

Panama's foreign minister asked China to "respect" his country's sovereignty, accusing Beijing of detaining Panamanian ships in retaliation for legal action against a Hong Kong-listed firm. The countries have been at odds since Panama — under pressure from the Trump administration — cancelled CK Hutchison's contract to operate two ports along the Panama Canal; Washington had earlier argued the ports gave Beijing control over a passageway that's vital to the US economy.

Since the start of his second term, US President Donald Trump has pushed Latin American nations to limit ties with

Beijing. China has in recent years become the biggest trading partner for several countries in the region, meaning any pivot could have huge economic impacts.



Greece to Ban Social Media for Under 15s. Pic - Instagram

Greece plans to ban social media for kids

Greece on Wednesday became the latest country to seek a ban on kids using social media. The prime minister cited rising anxiety and sleep problems as reasons for the under-15 ban. Australia became the first to restrict children and most teens from using social media; France, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Spain have since pursued similar measures. The new rules come amid wider scrutiny over social media's impact on young people. A verdict in a recent US case found Instagram and YouTube were deliberately built to be addictive, and the EU is probing the impacts of social media on mental health.

Trump sets ultimatum for Europe, seeks military commitments from allies in Strait of Hormuz

US President Donald Trump has stepped up pressure on his European allies to commit military forces in the Strait of Hormuz, ahead of talks with Iran on Friday.

According to two diplomats cited by news agency, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has informed European leaders that the US President is expecting concrete commitments for Hormuz regarding the deployment of warships or other military capabilities from Europe in the next few days, reports Hindustan Times.

This was followed by Trump's post on Truth Social, wherein he stated: "None of these people, including our own, very disappointing, NATO, understood anything unless they have pressure placed upon them!!!" Trump said on Truth Social.

Trump considering pulling out troops from NATO countries opposing war

This comes even as the White House is considering the withdrawal of US troops out of NATO member countries who were allegedly unhelpful to the US during Iran



Trump sets ultimatum for Europe, seeks military commitments from allies in Strait of Hormuz. Pic - Dynamite News

war.

These troops would then be sent to countries who were more supporting as a form of punitive measure for some members of the alliance.

However, this is an improvement from Trump's earlier threat of withdrawing US from the NATO alliance entirely. The new plan has been circulated and has gained support from senior members of the

Trump administration in recent weeks.

'No payment whatsoever': EU slams Hormuz toll idea

Meanwhile, the European Union said Thursday that freedom of navigation must be ensured in the Strait of Hormuz with "no payment or toll whatsoever", AFP reported.

"International law provides for the freedom of navigation, which means... basically no payment or toll whatsoever," European Commission spokesman Anouar El Anouni told a press conference in Brussels. Anouni said that the freedom of navigation is a "public good."

This comes even as Iran has agreed to reopen the waterway during the two-week truce with US and Israel, but has also proposed the idea of a toll system, allowing it to fund its reconstruction. Trump had earlier suggested that the US and Iran could run the system as a "joint venture". However, the White House recently asked for the strait to be reopened without any such restrictions.

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France's Macron to meet Pope Leo for first time at Vatican

French President Emmanuel Macron will meet Pope Leo XIV for the first time Friday during a visit to the Vatican, against a background of the Iran war that both have condemned.

The French president was due to arrive in Rome on Thursday for a visit focused purely on the meeting with the pontiff, with no plans to see with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, the far-right leader with whom Macron has sometimes clashed.

On Friday morning, Macron will meet the French-speaking Chicago-born pope at the Vatican's Apostolic Palace for what the Elysee Palace called a "republican and secular visit".

The leaders will address a wide range of topics, from international affairs and the regulation of artificial intelligence a subject close to the pope's heart to climate change and humanitarian issues, it said.

It will be the fourth papal audience for the centre-right leader of France,



Pope Francis and French President Macron hit it off in first meeting. Pic - America Magazine

following three with Leo's predecessor, Francis, in 2018, 2021 and 2022.

Macron and Leo spoke by phone last May, shortly after the former Robert Francis Prevost was elected head of the

world's 1.4 billion Catholics.

Then, Macron told the new pontiff he shared "the ambition to reconcile the fight against poverty and the protection of the planet".

The upcoming meeting with the discreet and measured Leo may call for a change in style for the seasoned French leader, who enjoyed a close and direct relationship with the Argentine Francis, whom he even addressed informally.

'Intellectual exchange'

Vatican expert Marco Politi said the encounter would be more than just a diplomatic meeting, but instead a "personal, intellectual exchange".

In recent weeks, Leo has been more outspoken in opposing the foreign policy of US President Donald Trump, calling his threat ahead of this week's ceasefire agreement to wipe out Iran's civilisation "unacceptable".

Macron, meanwhile, has expressed irritation over Trump, most recently after the Republican's mocking comments about the French leader's marriage.

According to news reports, Macron may also use Friday's meeting to call for the release of French journalist Christophe Gleizes, who has been imprisoned since June in Algeria, where Leo is due to fly on Monday in a papal first.

Across the Globe



Cuba introduces new banknotes honoring women to ease inflation as crises persist. Pic - AP News

Cubans get new banknotes

Cuba introduced two new banknotes in a bid to simplify transactions amid runaway inflation. Cubans have long been accustomed to shopping with large amounts of cash after repeated bouts of soaring inflation. But a tightened US embargo — including restrictions on oil imports, which generate the vast majority of Cuba's electricity — has pushed inflation even higher, the Associated Press reported. Havana hopes the two new banknotes, including one which is five times more valuable than the previous highest, will make transactions easier. Meanwhile, the island's population, almost all of which lives below the poverty line according to some estimates, continues to face essential scarcities, raising fears of a humanitarian crisis.

Rise in ADHD diagnoses in UK

Children are incentivized to seek autism and ADHD diagnoses to unlock more support at school, a UK government inquiry found. ADHD diagnoses in the UK have doubled since 2021, and autism rates have risen similarly, with girls seeing a sevenfold increase between 2010 and 2022. The review by a clinical psychologist

said there was evidence of a real increase in mental health conditions, but he wrote in *The Times* of London that tying support to diagnostic labels inevitably meant "demand for diagnosis will rise." Local governments are required to fund special educational support, and the growth in diagnoses has left them in billions of pounds of debt, the BBC reported: eight out of 10 have warned that they face potential bankruptcy as a result.

Airlines cut flights, raise costs

More airlines are cutting flights and raising costs as jet fuel prices surge because of the Iran war. Air India and Air New Zealand announced reduced schedules, while Delta on Tuesday became the latest US carrier to hike fees for checked bags. Some Asian airlines, which have been worst hit, have been able to pass on higher costs to customers without demand tanking, "but carriers have cautioned that this resilience is unsustainable" if jet fuel remains costly, a J.P. Morgan analyst wrote. The disruptions come at a particularly challenging time for the aviation industry in several large markets. The US is facing an air traffic controller shortage, and the CEOs of Air Canada and Air India recently resigned.

Reconciling religion with modern medicine

Jehovah's Witnesses are now allowed to receive blood transfusions — but only with their own blood that has been previously removed. Witnesses interpret Bible verses telling converts to "abstain from blood" as banning intravenous use, but this understanding has changed over time: organ transplants, prohibited until 1980, are now permitted if the blood is first drained. Reconciling ancient religious injunctions with modern medicine is legally complicated. Scholars argue that pig-heart transplants are legal under Jewish law because the imperative to save lives outweighs that against con-

suming pork; Sharia law says similarly. By contrast, Christian Scientists reject almost all medicine and rely on prayer. Such positions can clash with secular laws, especially in decisions to deny or grant children potentially life-saving procedures.

US hospitals consider AI radiologists

The biggest US public hospital system could soon replace some radiologists with AI. Radiology is ground zero for arguments over AI's employment impacts: the "Godfather of AI" Geoffrey Hinton said in 2016 that radiologists would soon be replaced. In fact, the number of radiologists in the US grew, as AI-human collaboration made them more effective and thus in demand.



AI is permeating American culture. Pic - Fox News

But perhaps, as with chess, the sweet spot where human input improves rather than hinders AI output is brief. The CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals recently told a conference: "We could replace a great deal of radiologists with AI" if the regulatory environment permitted it, with major cost savings. AI is now "better than human beings" at spotting breast cancers, he said.

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Breaking Chains: Dookhee Gungah's Legacy Inspires Mauritius' First AI Masterclass

Mauritius has officially entered a new era of creative courage. In a fusion of 19th-century philanthropy and 21st-century technology, Aestetika Studio — funded by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC) and partnered with the Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC) — has launched a dual initiative that is redefining the island's cultural landscape.

The launch of the country's first-ever Free Generative AI Masterclass for the Creative Industry coincides with the premiere of *The Forgotten Story of Dookhee Gungah*. This groundbreaking, AI-powered documentary resurrects the legacy of one of Mauritius' most remarkable yet unsung heroes. Together, these projects represent a powerful act of technological leadership, leveraging the values of the past to address the digital challenges of tomorrow.

From Indentured Labour to Immortal Legacy

Born in 1867 into a world defined by indentured labour and colonial suppression, Dookhee Gungah rose with extraordinary humility to become the island's first Indo-Mauritian philanthropist. In a time when education was a luxury for the elite, Dookhee Gungah built schools where none existed and opened doors for women when society kept them shut.

"This is more than a documentary; it's a sacred inheritance," says Ingrid Bell, Managing Director of Aestetika Studio. "Gungah's legacy is a call to action: to open the playbook he left behind and gather the courage we need to break the chains of the digital divide."

The revival of Dookhee Gungah's story was catalyzed by the publication of the biography *The Altruist* by Swetam Gungah, a descendant who sought to bring the patriarch's deeds back into the light. "His legacy is a garden where the happiness of others can bloom," Swetam notes, quoting Roger de Bussy-Rabutin.

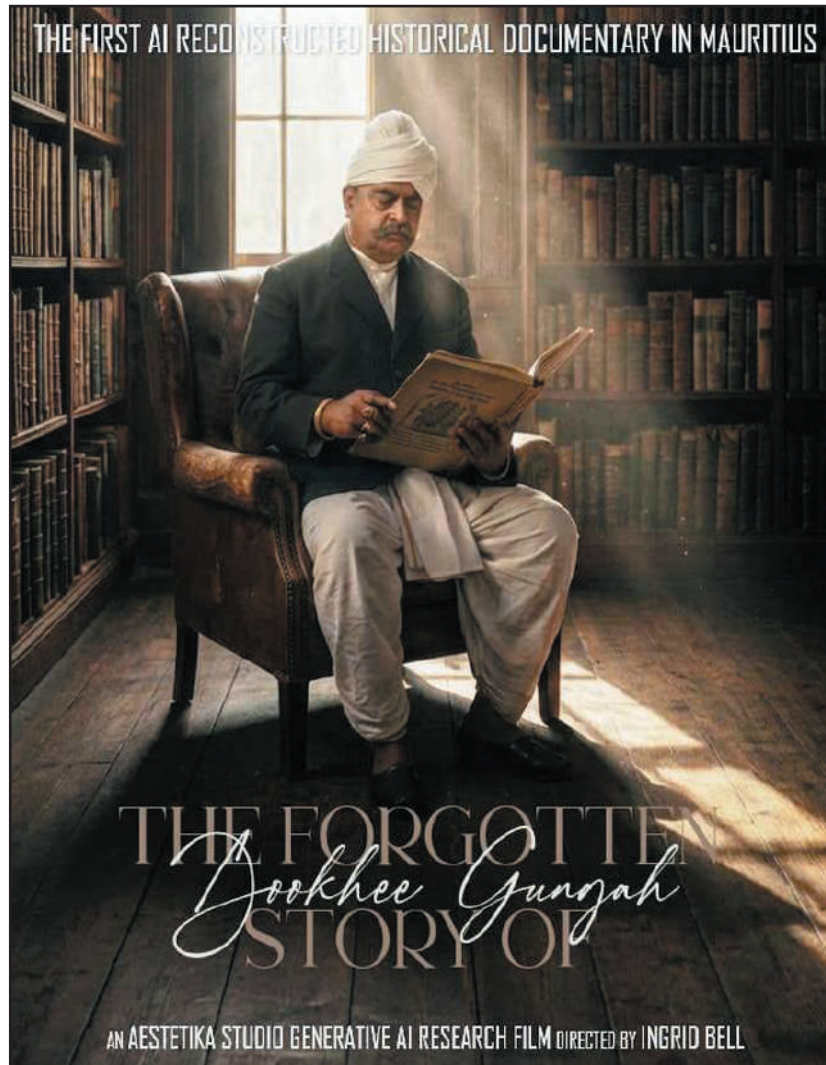
The Historical Context: A Community in Flux

To understand Dookhee Gungah's impact, one must look back a century to 1921. At that time, the Indo-Mauritian community, though a majority, was far from cohesive. Fragmented by religious philosophies — orthodox versus liberal — and economic status, the community lacked a unifying force.

The primary barrier was language. While the soul of the community resided in Hindi, almost all historical and administrative literature was published in English or French. This linguistic gap left the community without a catalyst to explore their own heritage. It was against this backdrop that two pivotal figures emerged: Manilal Doctor, an Indian barrister sent by Mahatma Gandhi in 1907, and his successor, Pandit Atmaram Vishwanath.

Pandit Vishwanath, an Indian journalist, arrived in 1912 to edit *The Hindustani*, a bilingual paper that served as a rare voice for the Hindu community. After the paper ceased publication, Pandit Vishwanath stayed in Mauritius, dedicating seven years to a colossal research project: the first Hindi book ever written on the island, *Mauritius Ka Itihas* (History of Mauritius).

"History of Mauritius": A Book Like No Other
Completed in 1921 and published in 1923, Pandit



Vishwanath's book examined everything from the indentured servitude system to the democratic frameworks of the island. However, the author faced a wall of silence from certain sectors of the elite. When the book was released in July 1923, it caused a stir in Port Louis.

Pandit Vishwanath was accused of misrepresenting the community and faced insults and threats of deportation. The controversy reached a fever pitch on 7 August 1923, an event documented by the newspaper *Le Cernéen* under the title "*Une Verte Correction*." The source of the anger was twofold: the content of the book and its dedication to Dookhee Gungah.

Critics were incensed that Dookhee Gungah, an entrepreneur of humble origins, should receive such high praise. Yet Pandit Vishwanath stood firm. He released a second edition in 1924, insisting on keeping the acknowledgment. He knew a truth the critics ignored: without Dookhee Gungah's financial and moral support, the history of the island would never have been written in the language of its people.

The Epitome of Benevolence

Who was this man who inspired such loyalty in a scholar and such vitriol in the elite? Dookhee Gungah was the son of labourers who arrived from Bihar in the 1850s. Born in 1867 amidst malaria outbreaks and abject poverty, his name — "Dookhee" (meaning *Unfortunate*) — was a reflection of his parents' destitute state.

Yet, Dookhee Gungah transformed his misfortune into a fountain of social reform. From the 1880s to

the 1930s, he became a pioneer of free education, personally financing over a dozen schools. He paid teachers' salaries and provided thousands of free textbooks, devised alongside Pandit Vishwanath. His influence was so great that his Hindi textbooks were exported to South Africa as early as 1925, helping the diaspora there maintain their cultural roots.

The Digital Renaissance: AI as a Tool for Restoration

Fast forward to 2026. The digital divide Gungah once fought with ink and paper now manifests as the "AI divide." By naming the first Free Generative AI Masterclass after Gungah's spirit, Aestetika Studio is ensuring that the most advanced tools of the future are not reserved for a new "elite," but are accessible to all Mauritian creators.

The documentary itself utilizes Generative AI to "resurrect" Dookhee Gungah, recreating archival-style footage and narratives that would otherwise be impossible to produce given the scarcity of 19th-century visual records. It is a poetic full circle: the man who financed the first history book is now the subject of the first AI-powered historical documentary.

Brahman's Benediction: The Original Acknowledgment

To truly grasp the bond between the scholar and the philanthropist, one must read Pandit Vishwanath's 1923 acknowledgment, which he titled *Brahman's Benediction*:

"I do not wish to count how much he has in his bank account... I admire his charity and liberal heart. He is always happy to help unreservedly anyone — strangers, beggars, orphans, or pilgrims. The Narmadeshwar Shivala of Rose-Belle is a concrete example of his generosity.

"What other act of piety is higher or nobler than the dissemination of knowledge? He did not have the opportunity for formal education, but his civility, humility, and peaceful character are more significant than those of any educated person. I am indebted to Dookhee Gungah for this holy and invaluable work. I spend day and night wondering how to redeem this debt."

A Living Legacy

The grand premiere of the documentary at the Mauritius Telecom Campus in Ebène is not just a film screening; it is a reconciliation with history. As Mauritius deals with the complexities of 2026 — where information is instant but truth is often "caviardé" — the story of Dookhee Gungah and Pandit Vishwanath serves as a reminder that the "highest authority" is the Truth.

By providing free AI training to the next generation, Aestetika Studio and the MRIC are honouring Dookhee Gungah's belief that knowledge should be free. In 1923, the book *History of Mauritius* became a reference for an emerging nation. In 2026, the Dookhee Gungah initiatives ensure that as we build our digital futures, we do not forget the chains we have already broken.

Mauritius is no longer a "peuple-enfant" to be shielded from its past; it is a mature society using the most sophisticated tools of the future to celebrate the giants upon whose shoulders it stands.

Donald Trump au pied du mur: La riposte constitutionnelle s'organise

Le 7 avril 2026 a marqué un tournant dans la présidence de Donald Trump. Après ses menaces explicites de détruire «une civilisation entière» si l'Iran refusait de rouvrir le détroit d'Ormuz, les appels à sa destitution ont pris une ampleur transpartisane inédite. De l'aile gauche représentée par Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez à des figures de la droite radicale comme Alex Jones ou l'ancienne représentante Marjorie Taylor Greene, un consensus improbable semble émerger: le président a franchi une ligne rouge et son comportement erratique menace la sécurité mondiale.

Alors que les négociations avec Téhéran sont au point mort et que le discours présidentiel suggère une escalade vers la destruction des infrastructures civiles iraniennes, la question de son aptitude à exercer ses fonctions est au cœur du débat juridique. Si le Congrès décidait d'agir, selon Kirsten Matoy Carlson, professeure de droit et de science politique à la Wayne State University, deux voies constitutionnelles s'offrent à lui: le 25e amendement et la procédure «d'impeachment».

Le 25e amendement: L'urgence et l'incapacité

Ratifié en 1967 après l'assassinat de John F. Kennedy, le 25e amendement a été conçu pour pallier les vacances de pouvoir ou les cas d'incapacité physique ou mentale. Si cet outil a souvent été utilisé pour des transferts temporaires (lors d'interventions chirurgicales sous anesthésie, par exemple), sa section 4 permet d'écarter un président contre son gré.

La procédure est précise: le vice-président, soutenu par

une majorité des membres du Cabinet, doit envoyer une déclaration écrite aux dirigeants du Congrès affirmant que le président est «incapable de s'acquitter des pouvoirs et fonctions de son bureau». Le transfert de pouvoir est alors immédiat.

Cependant, le président peut contester cette décision par écrit. Dans ce cas, un bras de fer s'engage. Le vice-président et le Cabinet disposent de quatre jours pour réitérer leur désaccord. S'ils le font, le Congrès doit trancher dans les 21 jours. Durant cette période, le vice-président conserve la présidence par intérim. Pour que la destitution soit définitive, une majorité des deux tiers est requise dans les deux chambres du Congrès. Si ce vote échoue, le président reprend ses fonctions immédiatement.

«L'Impeachment»: Sanctionner les abus de pouvoir

L'autre levier, plus politique, est inscrit dans l'Article II de la Constitution. Le Congrès peut destituer un président pour «trahison, corruption, ou autres crimes et délits majeurs». Contrairement au 25e amendement, «l'impeachment» vise à punir une faute ou un abus de pouvoir manifeste.

La procédure débute à la Chambre des représentants par le dépôt d'une résolution. Après examen par la commission judiciaire, des «articles d'impeachment» sont rédigés et soumis au vote de l'ensemble de la Chambre. Si la majorité simple est atteinte, le dossier passe au Sénat.

Le Sénat fait alors office de tribunal. Si la Constitution lui impose de juger l'affaire, il reste maître de ses procédures

TRUMP TO BE IMPEACHED? US SENATE EXPLODES



De l'aile gauche à des figures de la droite radicale, un consensus improbable semble émerger: le président Trump a franchi une ligne rouge. P - Hindustan Times

et peut écourter le procès s'il le souhaite. La condamnation et la destitution effective exigent une majorité qualifiée de 67 sénateurs (deux tiers). À ce jour, aucun président américain n'a été révoqué par le Sénat, bien qu'Andrew Johnson y ait échappé d'une seule voix en 1868.

L'inéligibilité future: Un enjeu crucial

Un aspect souvent méconnu de la procédure «d'impeachment» est la possibilité pour le Sénat de disqualifier définitivement un élu de toute fonction fédérale future. Si un président est reconnu coupable et démis de ses fonctions, les sénateurs peuvent organiser un second vote. Contrairement à la destitution, une simple majorité suffit pour interdire à l'individu de se représenter. Plusieurs membres du Congrès ont déjà promis d'inclure cette clause dans toute procédure visant Donald Trump, afin de sceller définitivement son avenir politique.

Le scandale Silver Bank: Chronique d'une «mafia financière»

L'hémorragie financière est vertigineuse: 7,9 milliards de roupies siphonnées, des actifs toxiques à hauteur de 97 % et des milliards de fonds publics jetés en pâture à une gestion occulte. Les révélations du Premier ministre, Navin Ramgoolam, à l'Assemblée nationale ce 7 avril 2026, dépeignent Silver Bank non pas comme une institution bancaire, mais comme un instrument de détournement massif, orchestré sous ce qu'il qualifie d'«axis of evil» (axe du mal).

Un système conçu pour la fraude?

Au centre de ce séisme se trouve l'homme d'affaires Prateek Gupta et son épouse, Ginni Gupta. Déjà impliqué dans le scandale international Trafigura, le couple a réussi l'impensable en 2021: obtenir l'autorisation de détenir 75 % des parts d'une banque mauricienne (Banyan Tree, devenue Silver Bank), alors que la loi limite normalement cette participation à 10 %.

Navin Ramgoolam a fustigé la complicité passée du conseil d'administration de la Banque de Maurice (BoM), dénonçant une dérogation «scandaleuse» en faveur de propriétaires sans expérience bancaire. L'absence de bilans audités pour 2022 et 2023 n'était que le symptôme visible d'un mal plus profond: aucun cabinet d'audit n'acceptait de lier son nom à la réputation sulfureuse des Gupta.

L'argent public en otage

Le volet le plus alarmant pour le contribuable mauricien concerne l'implication des corps parapublics. Près de Rs 3,55 milliards d'argent public ont été injectés dans les coffres de Silver Bank.

Selon le chef du gouvernement, ces dépôts n'avaient aucune logique économique saine. Ils auraient été dictés par les «plus hautes autorités» du régime précédent pour masquer artificiellement l'insolvabilité de la banque, au mépris des directives de 2019 qui imposaient des placements sécurisés dans des bons du Trésor.



L'heure est à l'action concrète et à la salubrité publique, au-delà des simples discours politiques. P - News Moris

Une enquête criminelle d'envergure

Depuis le changement de gouvernement, l'état se resserre. La *Financial Crimes Commission* (FCC) a pris le relais après une déclaration du conservateur en janvier 2025. Les chiffres issus de l'enquête forensique donnent le tournis:

- 1. Détournements:** Rs 7,9 milliards transférées vers des entités liées à Gupta dans de multiples juridictions.
- 2. Prêts fictifs:** Un audit interne a révélé Rs 7,7 milliards de prêts accordés à des sociétés affiliées au bénéficiaire ultime.
- 3. Toxicité:** Sur un portefeuille de prêts de Rs 8,3 milliards, Rs 8,1 milliards sont jugées irrécupérables («non-performing»).

À ce jour, deux suspects ont été arrêtés pour complot de blanchiment d'argent, et une notice rouge d'Interpol a été demandée contre Prateek Gupta. L'entraide judiciaire internationale a été sollicitée auprès de huit pays, dont le Royaume-Uni, les États-Unis et les Émirats arabes unis.

Le Gouvernement fait-il son devoir?

Face à l'ampleur du désastre, la question de la responsabilité de l'État est centrale. On attend désormais à ce que le gouvernement prenne le taureau par les cornes afin

de ne pas se contenter de simples dénonciations politiques, mais d'engager une véritable opération de salubrité publique.

Cela implique trois impératifs majeurs pour répondre aux prescriptions de la loi et aux attentes de la population:

- **Une reddition de comptes sans exception:** L'enquête ne doit pas s'arrêter aux seuls bénéficiaires étrangers. La loi sur la *Financial Crimes Commission* doit être appliquée avec toute sa rigueur contre ceux qui, au sein de l'appareil d'État, de la Banque de Maurice ou du ministère des Finances, ont failli à leur devoir de surveillance ou ont activement facilité ces dérogations «scandaleuses». La crédibilité du pays dépend de sa capacité à sanctionner ses propres hauts fonctionnaires et décideurs.

- **Le recouvrement agressif des avoirs:** Puisque Rs 3,55 milliards de l'argent des contribuables sont en jeu, l'entraide judiciaire internationale doit être activée avec une célérité sans précédent. Il ne suffit pas de tracer les fonds; il faut obtenir le gel et le rapatriement des actifs siphonnés vers les juridictions étrangères avant qu'ils ne soient définitivement dilués dans des paradis fiscaux.

- **La protection des mécanismes d'alerte:** Le cas de l'auditeur interne suspendu après avoir fait son devoir est un signal désastreux pour la bonne gouvernance. Le gouvernement est attendu sur le terrain de la protection des «whistleblowers» (lanceurs d'alerte), afin que l'intégrité ne soit plus jamais synonyme de risque professionnel à Maurice.

En somme, si l'exposé des faits par le Premier ministre est une première étape nécessaire vers la transparence, seule une conclusion judiciaire exemplaire permettra de restaurer la confiance dans notre juridiction financière et de prouver que l'État mauricien a enfin cessé de fermer les yeux sur les pratiques de style mafieux.

A. Bartleby

From Our Archives -- A Glimpse into 1961

7th Year No 332

MAURITIUS TIMES

Friday 13 January, 1961

• Society is a masked ball, where everyone hides his real character, and reveals it by hiding. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Editorial

Has Mauritianisation Been Murdered?

It is widely believed that since the Government has openly declared that steps will be taken to Mauritianise the Public Service, a greater number of British officials are pouring into the country, each being assigned to a key post. This statement is not wholly true, because it is impossible to deny that we need the advice of experts and technicians whom we have been unable, so far, to produce. So far, so good; in this article, we are concerned with the part of that statement which we consider to be absolutely true.

The experts who come to us cost a great deal. We pay them high salaries; we pay for their passage and that of their families to and from Mauritius; we provide them with furnished quarters (including refrigerators and carpets), and we show ourselves hospitable in many other ways. All this is done because we feel their services are so indispensable that they must be kept in the best of humours. In spite of this, we sometimes find that Mauritius is a dumping ground for “congenital duds” who ignore why they were sent here and, consequently, cannot understand what they have to do. The irony is that, more often than not, these duds remain while intelligent, selfless, and hardworking Britishers leave. Nevertheless, we at the *Mauritius Times* still think the game is worth the candle; in fact, we have no choice, as for some years to come we shall remain in need of experts. However, certain things currently taking place are simply revolting. They are dangerous to the welfare of the Mauritius Public Service and will jeopardize the position and prestige of the Labour Party.

Before we examine the cases we have in mind, we would like to warn the Labour Ministers who sit on the Executive Council. If they are unable to resist the tendency of foisting Britishers upon us; if they do not have the guts to stop the regular flow of “experts” who are no experts at all, it is in their interest and that of the party to start considering an elegant walk-out. Let us now examine some cases.

We are informed that two Mauritians currently acting as Principal Assistant Secretaries are to be reverted and replaced by Britishers. It is also said that a Britisher, presently a Civil Commissioner, is shortly to be seconded to the Central Administration as acting PAS. Are there no Mauritians qualified to act in these roles? If one Mauritian is found incompetent, does it follow that he should be replaced by a foreigner? Why not select another Mauritian? Are there not enough English people at the Secretariat?

They say that in London, foreigners outnumber the actual Londoners, but at the Secretariat of Mauritius — which is supposed to be preparing for Independence! — you are sure to run across an Englishman every minute you spend there.

Next is the question of filling the recently created Senior Education Officer posts. When these were discussed in Council, Mr. Robert Newton, the then Colonial Secretary, gave the assurance that the posts were not being created for British officers. Mr. Newton even besought the Members of the Legislative Council to accept his assurances as he was sincere and that he meant what he said. But what do we hear now? One of these posts will be given to a British officer, and the other will possibly — even this is not certain — go to a Mauritian. Where are the assurances of Mr. Newton and where is the faith of the Government? Honourable Ministers, if you do not stop such scandals, you are playing directly into the hands of the *Parti Mauricien*! If you are not determined to obliterate the originators of such nonsense, it is preferable to pack up.

Now consider this “shining jewel” in the crown of Mauritianisation placed upon our heads: last year, Mauritius was asked to send someone to Washington for training at the International Monetary Fund — incidentally, where our late Financial Secretary, Mr W. G. Wilson, was trained. The Government selected a Mauritian, and today, Mr R. Allier, Principal Assistant Secretary, is under training. We have now been offered another similar scholarship, and we hear a British gentleman has already been selected.

The gentleman concerned is one of the Deputy Financial Secretaries brought here to advise us, and today we are sending him abroad for training. This is our situation: we brought an expert, and now we want to make him a greater expert, only for him to leave us in a few years!

We say we do not want that gentleman to leave on that scholarship. We want a Mauritian to go; why should a Britisher be given a scholarship offered to Mauritius for Mauritians? It is said in knowledgeable circles, “Well, we should not discriminate against British officers; they must have the same opportunities.” This is nonsense. Discrimination cannot arise because British officers are employed on completely different conditions. If any discrimination is to be abolished, it is that Mauritian officers should be treated like British officers. If there has been discrimination, it is that this scho-



larship was offered to a British gentleman on a silver platter: no one in the Public Service was consulted and there was not even a Selection Board.

We cannot understand how we can accept such a preposterous proposal. We are on the threshold of independence and short of trained officers — so much so that we spend millions on experts’ salaries and mansions — yet when we have an opportunity to train our own, we squander it? It is the policy of colonial peoples to prepare

for independence by training their own to take over, but here we apparently want to stand on our heads. The time has come to show our strength.

Let no one assume we are anti-British or pleading for a friend. We are thankful to the British for all we owe them — and we owe a lot. We can never afford to forget that. But we cannot afford to see Mauritianisation murdered before our eyes. We want a Mauritian to go to Washington this year on the scholarship offered to Mauritius.

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AI might not be so bad for education

The rise of AI has changed education, but according to at least one academic's experience, it has done so for the better. English literature professor Carlo Rotella wrote in The New York Times that making small changes -- emphasizing pen-and-paper testing, the face-to-face aspect of the classroom, and teaching the process of writing rather than examining outcomes -- has created "AI-resistant" courses that students find more engaging.


Students genuinely want to learn, he said, and recognize that the point is not to produce papers but to improve abilities, just as the point of lifting weights in the gym is not moving the weights themselves. His experience "runs counter to the doomy picture of helplessness" often painted.

Elevators in demand as world ages

The world's aging population is good news for elevator manufacturers. A

German manufacturer told the Financial Times that demand for elevators is already visible in Japan, and Europe and China are not far behind. The demographic shift is having broad economic impacts: A Japanese diaper maker pivoted from babies to the elderly, a growth market in the world's oldest country, while an Irish baby formula factory shut in 2023 as Chinese demand collapsed alongside its birth rate.

Health care is also becoming central economically. In the US, per-person health care spending is projected to rise from \$15,610 in 2023 to \$24,200 by 2033, propping up the labour market.



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YOUR STARS

- Sagittarius (Nov 22–Dec 21):** Energy shifts toward growth and expansion. A new idea or plan excites you, but discipline is required to follow through. Travel or movement is possible. Relationships improve when you stay consistent, not just enthusiastic.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 15, 22, 28, 34
- Capricorn (Dec 22–Jan 19):** Steady progress continues. You may not see instant results, but your efforts are building something solid. Financially, a cautious move proves beneficial. Don't ignore personal life — someone expects more attention from you.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 16, 21, 27, 36
- Aquarius (Jan 20–Feb 18):** Fresh ideas bring excitement, but execution matters. Collaborations could open unexpected paths. Avoid being too detached in conversations—clarity is needed. A small change in routine improves productivity.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 12, 18, 23, 30, 37
- Pisces (Feb 19–Mar 20):** A quieter, reflective week. Trust your intuition in financial and personal decisions. Avoid distractions and focus on what truly matters. Rest and mental clarity will help you move forward stronger.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 11, 17, 24, 29, 40
- Aries (Mar 21–Apr 19):** Momentum builds, but timing is everything. Early week may feel slow, yet by midweek doors begin to open. Stay alert for a subtle opportunity rather than a dramatic one. Financially, avoid lending. In relationships, patience will prevent unnecessary friction.
Lucky Numbers: 6, 11, 18, 24, 32, 39
- Taurus (Apr 20–May 20):** You're in a practical mood, making this ideal for sorting finances and clearing pending tasks. Someone may rely on your advice—offer it, but don't carry their burden. A pleasant surprise toward the weekend lifts your spirits.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 15, 22, 28, 34
- Gemini (May 21–Jun 20):** Your curiosity leads you toward something new—possibly a skill, contact, or idea worth exploring. Communication brings gains, but avoid gossip. A decision you postponed now requires action. Trust logic over mixed emotions.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 7, 14, 20, 27, 36
- Cancer (Jun 21–Jul 22):** Emotional balance improves this week. You'll feel more in control of situations that previously drained you. Family matters take priority. Financially, keep reserves intact. A calm approach brings better results than reacting quickly.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 10, 16, 21, 29, 37
- Leo (Jul 23–Aug 22):** Attention comes your way, but not all of it is useful. Choose where to invest your energy. A leadership role or responsibility may arise—handle it wisely. Socially, reconnecting with an old contact proves beneficial.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 17, 23, 30, 38
- Virgo (Aug 23–Sep 22):** A productive week where organization pays off. You may finally resolve something that's been pending. Avoid overthinking minor issues. Health improves with routine. Someone close may seek your support—listen more than advise.
Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 13, 19, 26, 35
- Libra (Sep 23–Oct 22):** Balance returns, but only if you make firm choices. Avoid delaying decisions out of fear of conflict. Professionally, teamwork works in your favor. A creative idea could turn into something practical if acted upon quickly.
Lucky Numbers: 6, 11, 18, 24, 31, 40
- Scorpio (Oct 23–Nov 21):** Your focus sharpens. This is a week to act strategically rather than emotionally. Financial prospects improve slightly, but caution is still needed. Let go of control in personal matters — it will ease tension.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 14, 20, 25, 33, 39

The Global Rhythm: How El Niño and La Niña synchronize earth's water crises

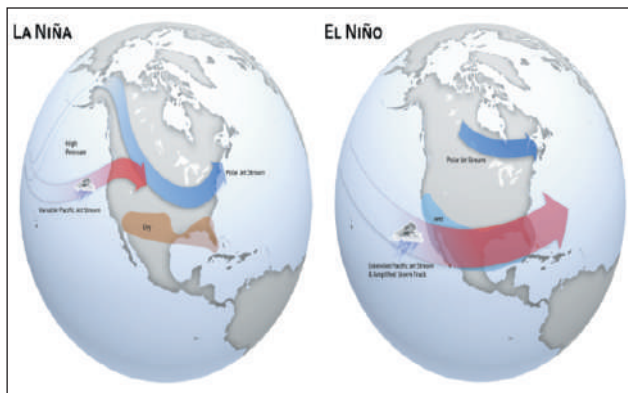
In a world where floods and droughts often feel like isolated local tragedies, new research reveals they are actually part of a massive, synchronized global "pulse." Scientists at The University of Texas at Austin have discovered that the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) acts as a master conductor, linking extreme weather events across distant continents simultaneously.

The study, published in *AGU Advances*, uses two decades of satellite data to show that when the Pacific Ocean warms or cools, the ripple effects don't just hit the coast — they trigger a chain reaction that can leave the Amazon bone-dry while flooding Australia at the exact same moment.

Weighing water from space

To track these patterns, researchers utilized NASA's GRACE and GRACE-FO satellites. These aren't your typical cameras; they measure changes in Earth's gravity to calculate "total water storage." This includes everything from visible lakes and rivers to hidden groundwater and soil moisture.

By analyzing these measurements, lead author Ashraf Rateb was able to see how water mass shifts across the planet like a see-saw. The team found that



during intense ENSO cycles:

- **El Niño** events have historically triggered simultaneous droughts in South Africa and the Amazon.
- **La Niña** events have synchronized record-breaking wet periods in Brazil, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

The study also identified a significant "tipping point" in the Earth's water cycle. Around 2011–2012, the planet underwent a fundamental shift. Before this period, extreme wet events were more frequent worldwide. Since 2012, however, dry extremes have become the dominant

pattern, a change researchers attribute to a long-term climate shift in the Pacific.

"Oftentimes we hear the mantra that we're running out of water, but really it's managing extremes," says co-author Bridget Scanlon. "And that's quite a different message."

Why "synchronization" matters

When floods or droughts happen in isolation, global markets can usually compensate. However, when multiple "breadbasket" regions experience water crises at the same time, it creates a "synchronized" shock to:

1. **Food Production:** Simultaneous crop failures in different hemispheres.
2. **Global Trade:** Strained supply chains as multiple regions face infrastructure damage.
3. **Humanitarian Aid:** Greater demand for resources across several continents at once.

The researchers argue that we must stop viewing water management as a struggle against scarcity and start viewing it as a struggle against volatility. As these cycles intensify, the ability to predict which regions will "swing" together will be the key to protecting global food and water security.



What was the very first plant in the world?

Plants changed the atmosphere, built soil and created ecosystems that allowed animals like us to thrive. But first they had to make their way from the water to the land.

Long before dinosaurs roamed the land, Earth looked very different from the planet we know today. Around 500 million years ago, most of Earth's surface was bare rock and dry soil. There were no trees, no grass and no flowers. Life existed almost entirely in the oceans.

Then something amazing happened: Plants began to grow on land.

This moment was one of the most important events in Earth's history because it changed the planet forever. As a geoscientist, I am interested in changes in the diversity of flora and fauna — that's plants and animals — over time.

Predecessors of plants lived in water

The story of plants begins in the water. The earliest plantlike organisms were simple, tiny green life-forms such as algae. You can still see algae today as seaweed along beaches or as green slime on rocks in ponds.

Algae have lived in Earth's oceans and lakes for over 1 billion years. They can make their own food, using sunlight, water and carbon dioxide to create sugars. This process is called photosynthesis; it releases oxygen — the gas we need to breathe — as a byproduct.

At first, Earth's atmosphere had very little oxygen. Over millions of years, photosynthesizing organisms like algae and some bacteria slowly released oxygen into the air. This change, sometimes called the Great Oxygenation Event, made it possible for larger and more complex life to evolve. Without oxygen-producing organisms, animals, including humans, could never have existed.

Scientists believe the first true plants evolved from green algae around 470 million years ago. These early plants lived in shallow water near shorelines, where conditions changed often. Sometimes they were underwater, and sometimes they were exposed to air. This habitat helped them slowly adapt to life on land.

Getting a foothold on dry land

Moving onto land was not easy. Water plants are supported by water and can absorb nutrients easily, but land plants faced new challenges. How would they avoid



Once plants really got a foothold, they transformed our planet. Albert Fertl/Moment via Getty Images

drying out? How could they stand upright without floating? How would they get water and nutrients from dry ground?

To survive, early plants evolved important new features. One key adaptation was a waxy coating, called a cuticle, which helped keep water inside the plant. Plants also developed stronger cell walls that allowed them to stand upright against gravity. Simple rootlike structures, called rhizoids, helped anchor plants to the ground and absorb water and minerals from the soil.

The earliest land plants were very small and simple. They looked similar to modern mosses, liverworts and hornworts, which still grow today in damp places like forest floors and stream edges. These plants did not have true roots or stems, and they stayed close to the ground. Fossils of early land plants, such as *Cooksonia*, date back to about 430 million years ago and show small branching stems only an inch or two tall.

Even though these plants were tiny, they had a huge impact on Earth. As plants spread across land, their roots helped break down rocks into soil, a process called weathering. This created richer soil that could support more life.

Plants also released more oxygen into the atmosphere, improving air quality and helping animals breathe. Plants created new habitats and food sources, allowing

insects and other animals to move from water onto land.

Increasing complexity across millions of years

Once plants became established on land, evolution continued. Around 420 million years ago, plants evolved vascular tissue: tiny tubes that transport water and nutrients throughout the plant. This adaptation allowed plants to grow taller and stronger because water could be moved upward from the roots to the leaves. These vascular plants included early relatives of ferns and club mosses.

With vascular tissue, plant life really started to flourish. By about 360 million years ago, vast forests covered much of Earth. Giant ferns and treelike plants, some over 100 feet (30 meters) tall, dominated the landscape. Over time, dead plant material from these forests was buried and compressed, eventually forming coal, which people still use as an energy source today.

Another major step in plant evolution was the development of seeds, around 380 million years ago, found in seed ferns. Other seed plants, such as early conifers — a group that includes modern pine trees — could reproduce without needing water for fertilization. Seeds protected plant embryos and allowed plants to survive harsh conditions like drought or cold.

The most recent major plant evolution happened around 140 million years ago, when flowering plants, what scientists call angiosperms, appeared. Flowers helped plants attract animals like insects and birds, which spread pollen and seeds. Fruits developed to protect seeds and help them travel. Today, flowering plants make up most of the plants we see, including trees, grasses, fruits and vegetables.

The first plants didn't just survive; they transformed Earth. They changed the atmosphere, built soil, and created ecosystems that allowed animals to thrive on land. Thanks to plant evolution, Earth became a green, living planet full of diverse life.

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Laughter is the
Best Medicine



The Simple Explanation

The mother-in-law comes home to find her son-in-law furious and packing his suitcase.

"What happened?" she asks.

"What happened? I'll tell you what happened! I sent an email to my wife saying that I was coming home from my trip today. I got home, and guess what I found? My wife -- yes, my Rachel -- in our marital bed with another man! This is the end of our marriage!"

"Wait," says the mother-in-law. "There is something very odd about this story. Rachel would never do such a thing. Just wait a minute while I go and check what really happened."

Moments later, the mother-in-law returns with a big smile. "You see? I told you there must be a simple explanation... Rachel never received your email!"



Love is caring for each other
even when you're angry.

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Official Government Notice: The EVIL Restructuring Plan

Due to the current financial situation caused by the fuel crisis and the economic slowdown, the Government has decided to implement a new scheme. This program targets workers aged 50 and above for early, mandatory retirement to create jobs and reduce unemployment.

1. The RAPE Scheme

This initiative shall be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early).

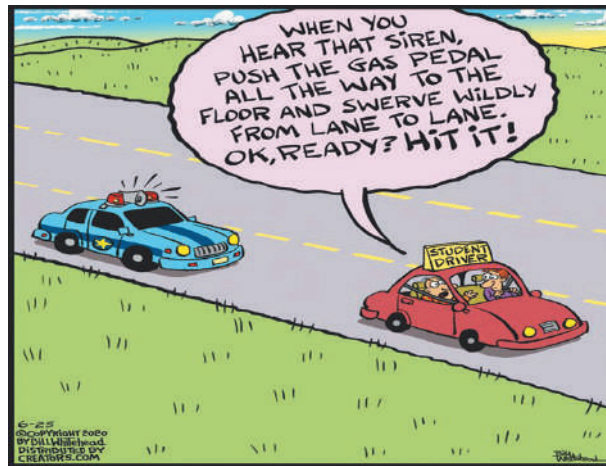
2. Post-Termination Support

Persons selected to be RAPED may apply to the Government for the SHAFT program (Special Help After Forced Termination). Those who have been RAPED and SHAFTEd will then be reviewed under the SCREW program (System Covering Retired-Early Workers).

Please note: A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTEd twice, and SCREWED as many times as the Government deems appropriate.

3. Benefits and Severance

Persons who have been RAPED may qualify for AIDS (Additional Income for Dependents & Spouse) or HERPES (Half Earnings for Retired Personnel Early Severance). Obviously, those who have AIDS or HERPES will not be SHAFTEd or SCREWED any further by the Government.



4. Training for Remaining Staff

Persons who are not RAPED and remain in their positions will receive as much SHIT (Special High Intensity Training) as possible. The Government has always prided itself on the amount of SHIT it gives its citizens.

Should you feel you are not receiving enough SHIT, please bring this to the attention of your MP, who has been specially trained to give you all the SHIT you can handle.

Sincerely,

The Committee for Economic Value of Individual Lives (EVIL)

PS — Due to the virus, recent budget cuts, and the rising cost of electricity, gas, and oil, the Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off.

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The Encyclopedia of Ant-omology

Warning: These puns may cause extreme exh-ant-ation.

Tenants: 5 ants + 5 ants.

Important: An ant brought in from another country.

Brilliant: An ant that goes to school.

Applicant: An ant looking for a job.

Informant: A spy ant.

Infant: A very tiny ant.

Militant: An ant that uses a gun.

Consultant: An ant that is a specialist.

Arrogant: A very proud ant.

Tyrant: A cruel and oppressive ant.

Coolant: A friendly and lovely ant.

Repentant: An ant that turned from evil to good deeds.

Abundant: An ant that accumulated plenty of food for winter.

Reluctant: An ant that isn't willing.

Accountant: An ant that keeps financial records.

Occupant: An ant that lives in a flat.

Giant: A huge ant.

Significant: An ant that is very important.

Elephant: An ant with very big legs.

Mordant: A sarcastic ant.

Instant: An extremely fast ant.

Rant: A very noisy ant.

Constant: An ant that never stops moving.

Pollutant: A dirty ant.

Irritant: An ant that annoys everyone.

Ignorant: An ant that lacks knowledge.

Tolerant: An ant that takes anything without complaining.

Extravagant: An ant that wastes resources.

Vigilant: A very careful and watchful ant.

Deodorant: An ant that maintains a good odor.

Adamant: An ant that finds it hard to move its position.

Redundant: An ant that refuses to move or is no longer needed.

Merchant: An ant that is into business.

Aspirant: A political ant.

Complainant: An ant that sues someone in court.

Jubilant: A very happy ant.

Expectant: An ant waiting for a baby.

Recalcitrant: An ant that refuses to cooperate.

Pliant: An ant that agrees easily.

Truant: An ant that runs away from school without reason.

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Away From Home

A Mexican woodpecker and a Canadian woodpecker argue over which country has tougher trees.

The Mexican woodpecker insists that trees in Mexico are impossible to peck. The Canadian woodpecker flies to Mexico -- and easily pecks the tree.

Not to be outdone, the Canadian challenges the Mexican woodpecker to peck an "un-peckable" tree in Canada. The Mexican flies north and succeeds without any trouble.

Both are baffled that they could peck the other country's trees but not their own.

Finally, they agree:

Your pecker is always harder when you're away from home.

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Hospital Waiting Room

Four men are sitting in a hospital waiting room while their wives are giving birth.

A nurse approaches the first man and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's strange," the man replies. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

The nurse then says to the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets."

"That's odd," he says. "I work for the 3M Company!"

Next, the nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets."

"That's unbelievable," he says. "I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!"

Suddenly, the fourth man starts groaning and banging his head against the wall.

"What's wrong?" the others ask.

He replies,

"I work for 7 Up!"

How fights start:



and then the fight started ...



The Best Part of Life was School Days...

We've all heard these classic lines from our teachers that instantly transport us back to the classroom:

"If you are not interested, then you may leave the class."

"This class is worse than a fish market!"

"Are you here to waste your parents' money?"

"Tell me when you have all finished talking."

"Why are you laughing? Come up here and tell us so we can all laugh."

"Do you think teachers are fools to teach you?"

"Don't try to act over-smart with me."

"Why do you come to school when you don't want to study?"

"The previous batch was 100 times better than yours!"

"If you want to talk, then you may get out of the class."

And the absolute best one:

"You... yes, you! I am talking to you only, don't look back!"

The Final Bell

Those were our school days -- the best part was the innocent face we'd put on the moment we got caught.



Philosophy and Ethics The Architecture of Forgiveness

By Heidi Priebe

Forgiveness means giving up hope for a different past. It means knowing that the past is over, the dust has settled and the destruction left in its wake can never be reconstructed to resemble what it was. It's accepting that there's no magic solution to the damage that's been caused.

It's the realization that as unfair as the hurricane was, you still have to live in its city of ruins. And no amount of anger is going to reconstruct that city. You have to do it yourself.

Life's Stories

The Cost of the Heart: The Timeless Tragedy of Anna Karenina

Not all stories are about heroes; some explore the quiet tragedies of the human heart. Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, first published in 1877, is widely considered one of the greatest novels ever written. Its brilliance lies not in grand battles, but in its examination of the fragile, complex emotions that shape our lives.

At the centre is Anna, a woman of high status in imperial Russia. To the outside world, her life is perfect -- wealthy, respected, and stable. Yet, she suffers from a deep emotional emptiness. When she meets Count Vronsky, an immediate and intense connection sparks a love that challenges every rule of her world. However, Tolstoy reveals that this is not a simple romance; it is an exploration of the cost of love in a society ruled by rigid judgment.

In 19th-century Russia, reputation was everything. Society often turned a blind eye to the indiscretions of



men while ruthlessly punishing women who stepped outside social boundaries. As Anna follows her heart, she is slowly isolated from the world that once celebrated her. Tolstoy portrays this descent with remarkable psychological depth,

showing that humans are rarely purely "right" or "wrong," but are instead vulnerable and complex.

The novel remains hauntingly relevant because it captures the eternal tension between personal happiness and social approval. It reminds us that behind every carefully constructed image, there are often hidden struggles. Through Anna's isolation, Tolstoy invites us to confront a timeless question: How much of our lives are truly our own, and how much are dictated by the expectations of others?

When the final page closes, the echo of Tolstoy's central dilemma remains: Is it better to live safely within the constraints of society, or to risk everything for the chance to follow one's heart? Ultimately, the story is a profound reflection on the delicate, often tragic balance between love, freedom, and the quiet desires that define our existence.

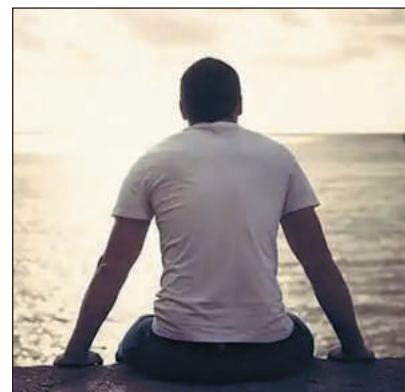
Philosophy and Ethics

The Power of Historical Perspective

By Howard Zinn

To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives.

If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places — and there are so many



— where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.

Stray Thoughts

Being With a Man Who Works All the Time

Being with a man who works all the time isn't for everyone. It's not always cute. It's not always romantic. It's early mornings, long days, and coming home worn out more often than not.

There will be times when he's quiet. Times he doesn't have the energy for long talks or late nights. Sometimes all he can give is a quick kiss, a tired smile, and his back hitting the pillow before the sun rises again.

But don't mistake that for lack of love. He's not distant -- he's determined. Every long shift, sore muscle, and callused hand is proof he's building something solid. He's not working to escape you; he's working for you. For the future. For stability. For life he promised to create.

Loving a hardworking man means understanding that



his love shows up in effort, in sacrifice, in responsibility. It's not always loud, but it's steady.

So don't take him for granted. A man who comes home tired from chasing a better life... is a man who would move mountains for the woman he loves.

Cody Bret

Stroke Symptoms: What to Do the Moment They Appear

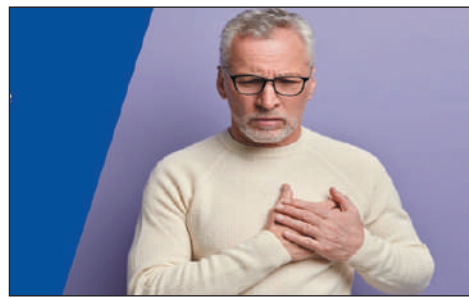
The brain is an incredibly time-sensitive organ. During a stroke, every second that blood flow is restricted translates to the loss of millions of neurons. Understanding the mechanics of a stroke and how to react can quite literally be the difference between full recovery and permanent disability. Based on medical insights reviewed by Dr Zilpah Sheikh, here is the essential guide to stroke awareness.

The Emergency Protocol: Think FAST

A stroke is a medical emergency that occurs when a blood vessel in the brain either bursts or is blocked. Because brain cells begin to die within minutes without oxygen, you must act immediately if you notice these signs:

F – Face Drooping: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face sag?

A – Arm Weakness: Ask them to raise both arms. Does one arm drift down-



ward?

S – Speech Difficulty: Ask them to repeat a simple sentence. Is their speech slurred or strange?

T – Time to call emergency services: If any of these signs are present, do not wait. Call 911 (or your local emergency number) immediately.

The Two Faces of Stroke

While the symptoms may look the same, strokes generally fall into two categories:

Ischemic Stroke (The Blockage): Representing nearly 90% of cases, this happens when a clot blocks blood flow. Clogged arteries (atherosclerosis) are a primary cause.

Hemorrhagic Stroke (The Burst): This occurs when a weakened blood vessel ruptures, causing bleeding inside the brain. High blood pressure is the most common culprit here.

The "Mini-Stroke" (TIA)

A Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) is a temporary blockage. Symptoms may vanish quickly, but it is a "warning stroke." You cannot distinguish a TIA from a full stroke while it is happening, so it must be treated with the same urgency.

Treatment and Recovery

Time = Brain. Clot-busting drugs (like tPA) are highly effective for ischemic strokes but usually must be administered within a 3-hour window of the first symp-

toms.

Once at the hospital, doctors use CT scans, MRIs, and EKGs to determine the type of stroke and the best course of action. For hemorrhagic strokes, the focus shifts to controlling blood pressure and brain swelling.

Reducing Your Risk

While age and family history play a role, many risk factors are within your control:

Monitor Your Vitals: Manage high blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes through medication and lifestyle.

Refine Your Diet: Limit salt (to lower blood pressure) and saturated fats (to prevent plaque buildup). Prioritize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fish.

Active Habits: Smoking, heavy drinking, and a sedentary lifestyle significantly spike your risk. It is never too late to adopt a more active routine.

Productivity Killers

Surprising Reasons You Can't Concentrate

Concentration killers can quietly take up more of your time than you realize. Here's what to watch for

According to insights medically reviewed by Dr Mahammad Juber, the path to a focused mind involves identifying these culprits and implementing strategic "fixes" before they derail your day.

Digital and Social Distractions

The most modern threats to our focus are the constant pings of connectivity. Social media and email overload create a "stop-start" cycle that zaps your train of thought. Every time you check a notification, you are forced to backtrack to regain your momentum.

• **The Fix:** Treat your digital life like a scheduled appointment. Set specific blocks of time to check messages and, for the rest of the day, shut down your email program and silence your cell phone. Using caller ID to screen non-urgent calls can save you from losing your flow on intense projects.

The Myth of Multitasking

Many pride themselves on doing three things at once, but research suggests this actually makes tasks take longer. Whenever you shift attention, you lose time.

• **The Fix:** Practice "monotasking" for high-priority items. Save your multitasking for low-stakes chores, like tidying a desk while on a conference call.

Internal Saboteurs: Stress, Boredom, and Hunger

Sometimes the distraction comes from within. Nagging thoughts about errands or past conversations can buzz around the brain, while stress manifests physically as headaches or a racing heart, further chip-



Concentration killers. Pic - Medium

ping away at concentration.

The Fixes: Externalize Thoughts: Write your to-do list or frustrations on paper to "let them go" temporarily.

Fuel the Brain: Never skip breakfast. Opt for high-protein snacks and complex carbs (whole grains) to provide a steady stream of energy, avoiding the "crash" associated with simple sugars.

Strategic Breaks: If a task is boring, make a deal with yourself: work for a set period, then "earn" a 10-minute walk or coffee.

Biological Barriers

If focus remains elusive despite environmental changes, the issue may be physiological. Fatigue from getting less than 7–9 hours of sleep or underlying conditions like depression and ADHD are significant factors. Depression often presents not just as sadness, but as an inability to concentrate. Furthermore, certain medications can cloud your mental clarity. In these cases, consulting a healthcare professional to adjust treatment or dosage is the most effective "lead-up" to regaining your mental edge.

Men's Health

A Natural Guide to Boosting Testosterone

Maintaining healthy testosterone levels is about more than just muscle mass; it is a fundamental pillar of energy, mood, and long-term vitality. While many turn to supplements, the most sustainable way to optimize your hormones is through targeted dietary and lifestyle shifts. Based on insights from Paige Fowler and medical review by Dr Zilpah Sheikh, here is how you can naturally elevate your "T" levels.

The Testosterone Kitchen: Fuelling Your Hormones

What you put on your plate dictates the chemical messages your body sends.

Pungent Power: Onions and garlic are more than just flavor enhancers. They contain flavonoids that trigger the body to produce more testosterone and protect sperm from damage.

The Protein Pivot: Lean beef, poultry, fish, and plant-based proteins like tofu are essential. A lack of protein causes the body to produce substances that bind to testosterone, making it unusable. Aim for 5 to 6 ounces daily.

Mineral Support: * Magnesium: Found in spinach, almonds, and cashews, this mineral prevents proteins from "clogging up" your testosterone.

Zinc: Oysters contain five times the daily dose of zinc, a critical mineral for testosterone synthesis and immune health.

Liquid Gold: Swap your morning orange juice for pomegranate juice. It lowers cortisol (the stress hormone that kills testosterone) and may help improve your mood and blood pressure.

Lifestyle Mechanics: Strength and Recovery

How you move and rest is just as vital

as how you eat.

Prioritize Resistance: While cardio has heart benefits, strength training is the king of hormonal health. Focus on lifting weights or using resistance machines to stimulate muscle growth and hormone release. Just be careful not to overtrain, which can actually cause levels to dip.

The Deep Sleep Peak: Your body reaches peak testosterone production while you dream. Getting only five hours of sleep can slash your daytime levels by 15%. Aim for a consistent 7 to 8 hours of high-quality rest.

The Weight-Insulin Connection: Adopting a Mediterranean-style diet (rich in olive oil, avocados, and veggies) helps avoid insulin resistance. This is crucial because low testosterone often leads to increased fat, which in turn further suppresses your hormones.

Environmental and Habitual Guardrails

Sometimes, what you don't do is the most important part of the equation.

Audit Your Containers: Bisphenol-A (BPA) found in plastics and cans can actively sabotage your hormone-making process. Whenever possible, store food in glass rather than plastic.

Limit Alcohol: It takes only five days of regular drinking for testosterone to begin plummeting. For heavy drinkers, the effects can be severe, leading to increased estrogen and physical changes like thinning beard hair.

By focusing on nutrient-dense foods, consistent strength training, and prioritizing recovery, you can break the cycle of low energy and build a stronger, more resilient hormonal foundation.

BollyBytes



Anupam Kher recalls not giving in to hair transplant

Anupam Kher was not the "ideal looking" hero when he entered the film industry; he was bald. In a recent conversation with *Pinkvilla*, the actor opened up about how numerous hair weaving companies and doctors approached him to undergo a hair transplant, even offering him money to do so.

What's happening

"I am every hair-weaving company's or doctor's dream. And many people are ready to pay me to get a hair transplant done just once with them. But I never gave them that opportunity," Kher shared.

He emphasized his commitment to his natural appearance, stating, "No matter how much money I might need, I won't take it because I feel I wouldn't remain the same person."

The actor also recalled an anecdote from when his son, Sikandar, was very young. Kher was reading a newspaper and had not realized there was a hair oil advertisement on the page. "Sikandar thought I was looking at that ad, and he said, 'Dad, don't even think about it.' I am blessed to have a family that has a great sense of humour, that really helps," he added.

Kher further revealed his rapport with younger generations, noting that he prefers they call him either "AK" or "Anupam ji." He expressed his love for discussing a wide range of topics with youngsters, from AI to health and science.

Upcoming projects

Anupam Kher will next be seen in *Khosla Ka Ghosla 2*, directed by Prashant Bhagia. The film is a sequel to the 2006 hit *Khosla Ka Ghosla!* and features a returning cast including Ranvir Shorey, Parvin Dabas, Kiran Juneja, and Boman Irani. It is scheduled to release in theatres on August 28, 2026.

Social Media Spotlight: Deepika & Soha

- **Deepika Padukone** clapped back at critics questioning her silence on husband Ranveer Singh's latest film, noting she watched *Dhurandhar 2* "way before anyone else."
- **Soha Ali Khan** shared a glimpse of a "no-alarm, no-schedule" getaway with her daughter Inaaya and their dog Oreo, highlighting the importance of unplugging from the busy Mumbai life.

Varun Dhawan recalls his Bollywood debut journey

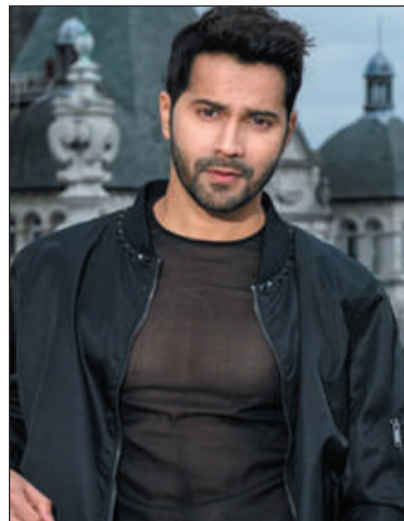
From assisting Karan Johar to starring in 'Student of the Year'

Varun Dhawan recently revisited the early phase of his career, sharing insights into his journey from working behind the scenes to making a successful debut in Bollywood. Speaking during an appearance on *The Great Indian Kapil Show*, the actor opened up about how his stint as an Assistant Director on *My Name Is Khan* became a stepping stone toward his acting career, reports Bollywood Hungama.

From behind the camera to the spotlight

Before stepping into the spotlight, Varun was keen on understanding the nuances of filmmaking. This led him to assist filmmaker Karan Johar on *My Name Is Khan*. Recalling that phase, Varun said, "I told my mother that I wanted to assist Karan Johar. I went and met him and eventually began assisting him." The experience gave him valuable exposure to both the creative and technical aspects of cinema, shaping his understanding of the craft.

Veteran filmmaker David Dhawan shed light on his son's dedication during those formative years. "He assisted Karan Johar on *My Name Is*



Khan. Whatever work he was given, he did it sincerely. I was very busy at that time," David Dhawan emphasized, noting that Varun approached his responsibilities with a willingness to learn rather than taking shortcuts.

The turning point

The turning point came when Karan Johar decided to introduce fresh faces to Bollywood. According to David Dhawan, the filmmaker had already envisioned launching a new generation of actors and later presented the idea with a photoshoot

featuring Varun, Sidharth Malhotra, and Alia Bhatt. Recalling that moment, David shared, "One day Karan said that next time he would come with photographs. He did a photoshoot with Siddharth and Varun, and Alia was also there. He showed the photos and said, 'This is the pair. I am going to produce and direct the film.'"

That vision translated into *Student of the Year* in 2012, marking Varun Dhawan's grand entry into Bollywood. The coming-of-age film quickly connected with younger audiences and established the trio as promising newcomers in the industry.

Current success and legacy

Over the years, Varun has carved a strong space for himself with a diverse filmography. Most recently, he was seen in *Border 2*, which received positive reviews from both audiences and critics and went on to perform well at the box office.

Looking back, Varun Dhawan's journey from an eager assistant director to a leading Bollywood star stands as a testament to persistence and the importance of understanding cinema both on and off screen.

Mira Rajput Kapoor is very happy to be in the audience in the back

In a film industry where the transition from "star wife" to "leading lady" is often seen as a natural progression, Mira Rajput Kapoor has firmly drawn her own line. Speaking at the Times Now Summit 2026 in Delhi on March 26, the entrepreneur and influencer addressed the recurring question of whether she would ever join her husband, Shahid Kapoor, on the silver screen.

Her response was a masterclass in professional humility and self-awareness, offering a refreshing perspective on the "craft" of acting versus the "celebrity" of the film world.

"A Disservice to the Art"

Mira, who married into one of Bollywood's most respected acting lineages, was candid about why she has never considered a film career. "I am part of a very talented family. I think I admire them and their drive so much," she shared.

However, she noted that witnessing the grit required at close quarters — the "relentlessness" and "skill" — made her realize that acting is not a hobby to be taken lightly. "To take it very lightly would be a disservice to the art form itself," she explained, adding that she is "very happy to be in the audience in the back."

Identity Beyond the "Star Wife" Label

Since moving from Delhi to Mumbai, Mira has been vocal about maintaining an individual identity. Rather than seeing her roles as a wife or mother as limitations, she described them at the Summit as "feathers in her cap."

"Identity is a very strong part of who I am," she stated, emphasizing that women should take pride in their



multifaceted roles while still "daring to dream beyond limits." This philosophy has clearly fueled her own professional trajectory outside of cinema.

The Entrepreneurial Path

While she may reject the greasepaint of a film set, Mira has built a formidable business empire in the wellness and beauty sectors. She currently balances two major ventures:

- **Akind:** Her co-founded skincare brand.
- **Dhun:** A wellness platform focused on holistic living.

A Contrast in the "Dhurandhar" Era

Mira's comments come at a time when the Indian film industry is seeing unprecedented global reach, with titles like *Dhurandhar* shattering Netflix records this month. Her decision to remain a spectator and entrepreneur, despite the massive platform available to her, highlights a growing trend among Bollywood's elite: the pursuit of influence through enterprise rather than just entertainment.

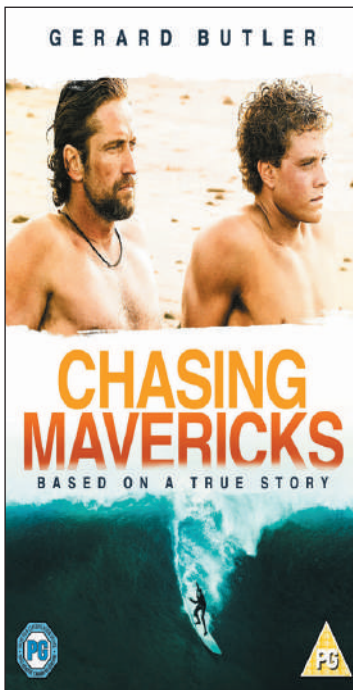
Mira's stance serves as a poignant reminder that success in the modern age isn't about fitting a mold — it's about defining your own craft, whether that's on a movie set or in the boardroom.



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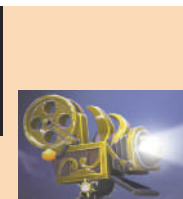
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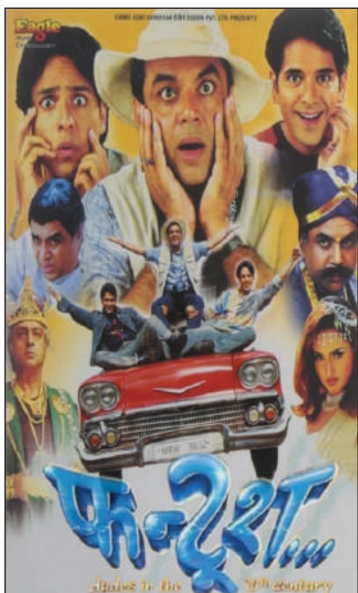
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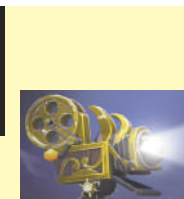
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Stars: Amitabh Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt, Ajay Devgan, Aishwariya Rai, Asad Aleem

MBC 1 Jeudi 16 Avril - 20.29

Stars: Anupam Kher, Piyush Mishra, A. Kapoor, Akshay Kumar





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Parole confisquée

Le public des pays où les institutions modernes permettent une pléthore de plateformes — où la culture du débat est épaulée par des personnalités faisant preuve d'une réflexion approfondie — ne peut qu'atteindre une certaine maturité dans sa manière d'aborder les discours dominants. Cet espace de débat a le mérite d'exister nonobstant le contexte actuel de polarisation extrême et de tensions accrues dans bien des pays, où les idéologies antagonistes sont toujours prêtes à la riposte pour défendre ou minimiser les dérapages de leur camp. Tantôt le débat est constructif, tantôt c'est un spectacle lamentable qui s'offre au regard du public.

Si, d'aventure, les autorités se laissent tenter par la désinformation ou le désir de diluer des vérités dérangeantes, des voix s'élèvent pour rétablir les faits sans parti pris. De même, si les médias s'alignent sur la "politique de l'autruche" des autorités aux manettes, d'autres n'hésitent pas à prendre le contre-pied pour révéler ce qui est dissimulé. C'est le public qui sort gagnant d'une expression libre, assumée par des figures faisant autorité dans certains domaines et par d'autres qui se font un devoir de servir la plus haute autorité : la Vérité.

À l'inverse, les institutions modernes d'autres pays peuvent laisser croire qu'un espace de parole existe bel et bien, et qu'il incombe aux personnes désireuses de l'occuper de se manifester. En réalité, c'est un trompe-l'œil qui prétend donner un micro au public — comme à Hyde Park à Londres, où il n'est nul besoin d'autorisation pour s'adresser aux passants — mais qui s'empresse de couper le son dans le dos de l'orateur. De ce fait, sa parole devient inaudible et reste confinée dans un monologue qui tourne en rond, comme un prisonnier dans l'espace étroit de sa cellule.

Lorsque la loi interdit aux universitaires dignes de ce nom de s'engager en politique (avec la possibilité de retrouver leur poste au moment opportun), c'est l'éventail des cerveaux au service de la gouvernance du pays qui se referme. Leur prise de parole dans l'espace médiatique est sous surveillance, passée au crible quand les circonstances les obligent à sortir de leur réserve. Le fonctionnariat devient, alors, une profession où la parole libre est sacrifiée. L'anonymat d'une intervention écrite sur les médias en ligne reste une issue possible pour ceux qui refusent d'être réduits au silence. Le couperet des reprécisions, prêt à s'abattre sur les plus zélés, ne tarde pas à pointer le bout de son nez dès que la critique franchit une ligne qui incommode les autorités. Les personnalités de la société civile engagées dans le secteur privé, elles, se gardent bien de tout propos virulent, affichant une réserve prudente pour ne pas susciter l'ire des dirigeants.

Ce rôle de « juge et arbitre » n'est pas le monopole de la classe politique dirigeante. L'élite économique et les principaux acteurs médiatiques savent user de leur pouvoir de sanction et de censure contre quiconque se permet une critique malvenue à leur rencontre ou, dans le second cas, leur fait ombrage. La susceptibilité à fleur de peau et les egos surdimensionnés ont une propension à réagir au quart de tour.

Laisser à une clique le privilège de tenir des discours à toute une population crée un climat malsain où le même son de cloche résonne à répétition. Une télévision d'État accaparée par quelques membres de la classe dirigeante se permet des écarts de langage, une critique gratuite des opposants réservée ad nauseam et, comble de tout, une lecture tordue des événements qui secouent la scène internationale. Rémunérée par les deniers publics, cette instance est instrumentalisée sans vergogne sans qu'aucune contradiction ne soit possible. Ainsi, le public est contraint d'écouter, impuissant, les inepties débitées par les uns et les autres. Ce n'est pas sérieux! Cette mainmise sur l'opinion



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prend une tournure plus complexe encore dans un contexte particulier où certains médias se comportent comme des activistes politiques et servent de "cinquième colonne" à une alliance cherchant à conquérir le pouvoir. Ces derniers se retrouvent, une fois la liesse de la victoire passée, dans une position délicate pour arrondir les angles et assurer la pérennité des nouveaux élus. Il est temps de comprendre que les perdants d'une élection et leurs sympathisants ne deviennent pas les parias de la société du jour au lendemain. Il est immature et puéril de leur accorder si peu de considération. Les traiter systématiquement de "chatwas" relève de la mauvaise foi. Du jour au lendemain, un journaliste débutant se voit octroyer le titre de "grand journaliste" par ses fans; il lui a suffi de crier sur les "princes déchus" et, sous le couvert de l'anonymat des réseaux sociaux, d'enjoindre ses contradicteurs de ne pas "lever la tête". Ce genre d'injonction est mon-

naie courante dans les vraies dictatures.

En l'absence d'une plateforme médiatique structurée qui pourrait faire entendre des paroles sensées, le public se contente de quelques voix disparates sur TikTok. Un internaute y fit figure de penseur d'un jour en tenant des propos machistes conseillant de "ne pas écouter la parole des femmes" en novembre 2024. Une autre "tiktokeuse", désenchantée par la suppression d'aides sociales, traite les gouvernants de tous les noms d'oiseaux... La parole publique traitant de sujets sérieux n'est pas destinée à amuser la galerie! Quelques voix s'imposent néanmoins en présentant un discours structuré et cohérent.

Pourtant, même au sein des médias traditionnels, télévision et presse naviguent entre silence et discrétion dans le traitement des événements majeurs sur la scène internationale. Tout est fait pour ne pas heurter les sensibilités de ce "peuple-enfant". C'est grotesque. Comment le public doit-il percevoir cette autocensure de ceux qui ont pour mission d'informer? Cette volonté de "protéger" l'audimat se traduit souvent par une réécriture de l'histoire: le thème de l'esclavage, ces jours-ci, offre une vision partielle de la traite négrière, dont l'origine et le commerce fructueux se trouvaient également hors de l'Europe. Les textes caviardés dans la presse ne font pas avancer le discours intellectuel.

Mais la vérité et les faits ne peuvent être étouffés indéfiniment par les décideurs, car ils appartiennent au peuple. C'est ainsi que lorsque la censure devient insupportable, un écrivain émerge et fait revivre l'histoire occultée. Quitte à attirer la foudre des dirigeants et à partir en exil. C'est ce que fit l'écrivain Kamel Daoud dans son livre *Houris*, qui remporta le prix Goncourt en 2024 — un récit intense de barbarie et de souffrance.

Pourquoi certains systèmes politiques traitent-ils les citoyens comme des enfants attardés à qui il vaudrait mieux cacher la vérité? On gagnerait à y réfléchir sérieusement.



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 - CLERK/WORD PROCESSING OPERATOR
- Details of the job description and candidates' profile for each post and the application forms are available at the seat of the Fund, 2nd Floor, MCIA (ex-FSC Building), St Pierre and on its website <http://sfwf.govmu.org>.
- Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications on the prescribed forms, together with photocopies of National Identity Card, Birth & Educational Certificates to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, 2nd Floor, MCIA (ex-FSC Building), St Pierre by Friday 01 May 2026 at 15 00 hours at latest.**
- Late and incomplete applications, as well as, those not made on the prescribed forms will not be considered.
- Only the best qualified candidates will be called for interview.
- The Small Farmers Welfare Fund reserves the right not to fill the vacancies as a result of this advertisement.

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