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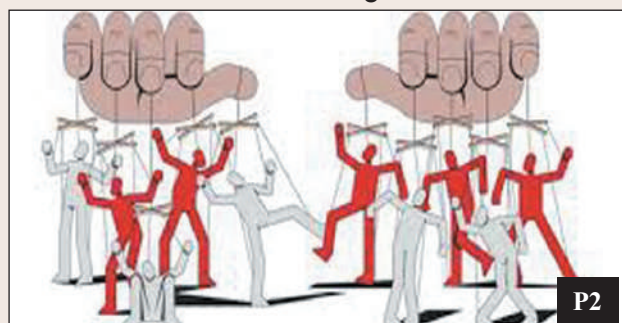
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# The Invisible Puppet Master

## Why Political Financing is the Missing Link in the Hostage Debate

The recent ideological debate within the Mauritian Cabinet — pitting the anti-capitalist rhetoric of Social Security Minister Ashok Subron against the pragmatic defence of Labour Minister Reza Uteem — is not a mere clash of personalities. It is a public airing of a fundamental tension in Mauritian democracy: Who truly dictates government policies and the pace and direction of government actions?

While Subron decries the “historical hold of large capital” and Uteem maintains that the state is “no one’s hostage,” both ministers are dancing around the elephant in the room. The debate over the 40-hour week, climate leave, and worker exploitation is a surface-level symptom. The root cause, which remains buried under layers of legislative inertia, is the opaque and unregulated system of **political and electoral financing**.

If the proverb “he who pays the piper calls the tune” holds true, then the Mauritian public is currently witnessing a performance shaped by a limited group of financiers. Without a radical overhaul of how parties are funded and registered, the dream of a truly independent executive remains a populist fiction.

### The Mirage of Sovereignty

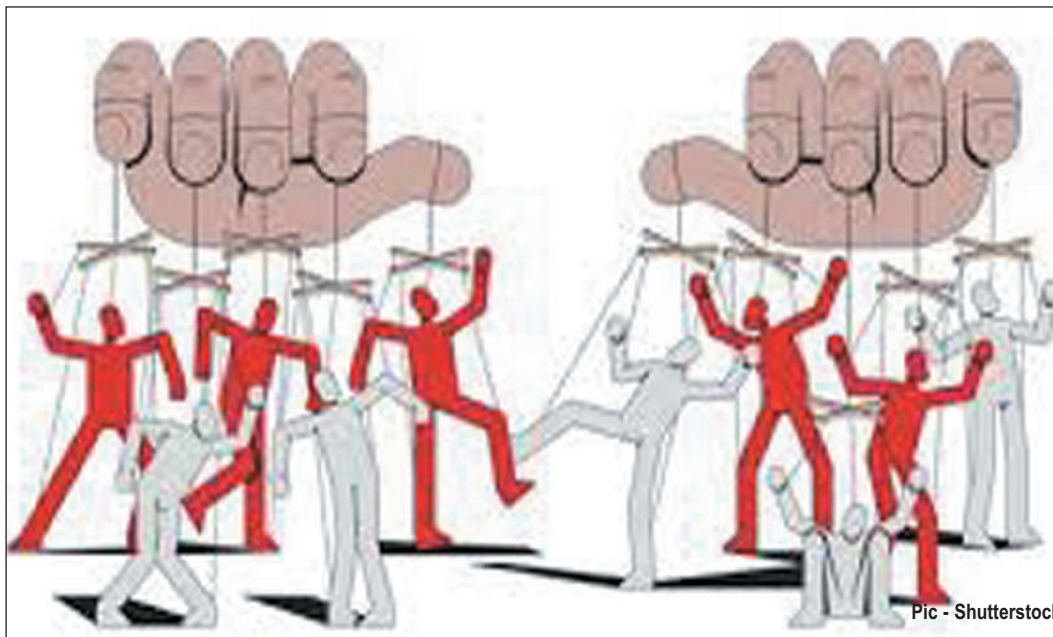
Subron’s accusation — that the government is “listening to the orders of the masters” — is a direct hit to the heart of the state’s perceived sovereignty. Conversely, Uteem’s reliance on “tripartite dialogue” in the 40-hour week debate suggests a balanced table where labour, capital, and the state meet as equals.

However, this table is tilted. When a political party relies on private donations from large conglomerates to fund expensive, multi-coloured electoral campaigns, the “dialogue” that happens after the election is rarely neutral. The “capitalist hold” Subron refers to isn’t just a matter of lobbying; it is a matter of indebtedness.

The status quo benefits a broad spectrum of the political class. As long as political parties are not required to be formally registered as legal entities with audited accounts, they remain “black boxes.” This lack of transparency allows for a symbiotic relationship between high-net-worth donors and policy-makers, where the price of an election win is often a “go-slow” on radical labour reforms or favourable tax structures.

### The Global Blueprint: How Progressive Nations Broke the Hold

Mauritius is not the first nation to grapple with the “piper” problem. Several progressive democracies have recognized that if you want a government to serve the people, the people — via the state — must fund the political process.



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**Germany: The Gold Standard of Transparency** - Germany’s *Parteiengesetz* (Party Law) is a model of constitutional rigor. Political parties are recognized as essential democratic organs, but with that status comes intense scrutiny. The state provides funds based on a party’s success in elections (votes received) and the amount of private donations it collects (matching funds). Any donation exceeding **€10,000** must be publicly disclosed in the party’s annual report. Donations over **€50,000** must be reported immediately to the President of the Bundestag and published as a matter of public record.

By providing a baseline of public funding, the state reduces the desperate need for “dark money” from corporate giants.

**The Scandinavian Model: Levelling the Playing Field** - Countries like Sweden and Norway prioritize the “equitable distribution of voice”. They utilize a system where the majority of party funding comes from the public purse, distributed according to parliamentary seats. Parties must be registered and provide audited financial statements.

**Banning Corporate Donations** - Several jurisdictions have moved toward banning or strictly limiting corporate and trade union donations altogether, ensuring that only individual citizens can contribute small, capped amounts. This shifts the focus from “buying influence” to “building a base.”

**Canada: Capping the Influence** - Canada has implemented some of the world’s strictest limits on political contributions. Since 2004, corporations and trade unions have been banned from making any contributions to federal political parties. Individuals are limited to a modest annual contribution (roughly \$1,700 CAD). This forces parties to rely on small-dollar donations from thousands of citizens rather than large-dollar checks from a dozen CEOs. It effectively democratizes the “piper” by ensuring the tune is played for the many, not the few.

### A Roadmap for Mauritius: Beyond the Rhetoric

If the Mauritian government truly wishes to prove it is not “held hostage,” it must move beyond verbal denials and into legislative action. A three-pronged approach is required:

**I. Mandatory Registration and Auditing** - Political parties must cease to exist as informal clubs. They should be required by law to register with the **Electoral Commission** or the **Registrar of Associations**. Their annual financial statements — including a full list of donors — must be audited by an independent body and made available for public consultation. Transparency is the only disinfectant for corruption.

### II. State Funding of Elections

To break the reliance on the “clique of capitalists,” the state must introduce a system of public financing. This is not an “expense”; it is an investment in democratic integrity. By providing funds proportional to electoral performance, the state empowers parties to enact the mandates they were elected for, rather than the mandates they were “funded” for.

**III. Strict Contribution Ceilings** - A cap must be placed on how much any single entity — be it a person or a corporation — can donate. Furthermore, Mauritius should consider the “Canadian path” of banning corporate donations entirely in favour of individual, capped contributions.

Reza Uteem is correct that “social dialogue” is essential for stability. But dialogue can only be “social” if all voices at the table carry equal weight. Currently, it would seem the weight of the private sector is bolstered by a secret ledger of campaign contributions that the public never sees.

Until we fix the way we pay for our democracy, we will continue to see our ministers argue over the symptoms while the disease — the monetisation of political influence — continues to rot the foundation. It is time to stop arguing about who the hostage-taker is and finally cut the ropes of opaque political finance. Only then will the Mauritian government be truly free to lead.

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**W**hile Commissions of Inquiry are designed to peel back the layers of matters of grave public concern, a series of high-profile legal defeats suggests that the pursuit of truth may be overstepping the bounds of the law.

From the landmark rulings involving lawyer Rampoortab and Mrs Roubina Jadoo-Jaunbocus to the definitive stances taken by the Privy Council, the 2018 Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking has become a case study in the perils of procedural overreach. The courts have been clear: findings that bypass the rules of natural justice — denying individuals a formal right of reply — cannot stand, regardless of the Commission's intent. In this week's Q&A, Lex explores whether the current Commissions of Inquiry Act is fit for purpose, the lasting "stigma" of derogatory report labels, and whether a judicial review can ever truly restore a reputation once the court of public opinion has already delivered its verdict.

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**\* Commissions of inquiry can play an important role in investigating matters of public concern. But they can also seriously damage a person's reputation — and even end a politician's career — can't they?**

Yes, that is a well-recognized and often-debated consequence of public inquiries. While commissions of inquiry are indispensable for transparency and the restoration of public confidence, they can function as potent, non-judicial mechanisms capable of inflicting profound damage on personal, professional, and commercial reputations.

**\* The recent judgment in favour of lawyer Rampoortab forms part of a broader pattern in which several high-profile figures have successfully challenged findings of the 2018 Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking, chaired by former Justice Paul Lam Shang Leen. While the Commission was praised for the depth of its work, both the Supreme Court and the Privy Council have ruled that parts of its report exceeded legal limits and infringed upon individual rights. Does this point to the need for stronger procedural safeguards in commissions of inquiry?**

The judgment in favour of lawyer Vikash Rampoortab, delivered by the Supreme Court of Mauritius on April 30, 2026, ordered the removal of six specific points from the 2018 Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking report, chaired by former Justice Paul Lam Shang Leen. The Court found that these elements did not respect the principles of natural justice, as the lawyer was not given the opportunity to respond to certain claims before they were published. This ruling fits into a broader, ongoing trend where legal figures challenged by the 2018 report have successfully applied to the Supreme Court to have findings against them removed.

The need for stronger procedural safeguards in Commissions of Inquiry (COI) in Mauritius is a critical issue, primarily driven by the potential for these bodies to cause significant damage to the reputation of individuals before they have been formally charged or tried in a court of law. While commissions are essential for investigating matters of public importance, they have historically lacked the robust procedural protections necessary to protect witnesses and implicated persons.

**\* There was also the earlier ruling by Chief Justice A. Caunhye and Judge N. Devat in the judicial review brought by Mrs Roubina Jadoo Jaunbocus. The**

# The Price of Truth: When Commissions Ignore Natural Justice

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Court found that the Lam Shang Leen Commission "failed to act in conformity with the rules of natural justice and the requirements of fairness" in dealing with her in its report and ordered that the relevant paragraph be disregarded. What is your assessment of that judgment?

Natural justice in a Commission of Inquiry ensures procedural fairness during investigations, requiring that proceedings are impartial, transparent, and that implicated individuals have a proper opportunity to respond to evidence. These principles are essential for ensuring that reports are both accurate and legally sound.

Roubina Jadoo, who was accused by the commission (led by Paul Lam Shang Leen) of conducting "unsolicited visits" to prisoners, acting as an intermediary for drug trafficker Kamasho, and interacting with kingpin Veeren Peroomal, successfully challenged the findings of the 2018 Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking in the Supreme Court. She filed for judicial review, alleging breaches of natural justice and the Commissions of Inquiry Act, arguing that she was not allowed to cross-examine witnesses or confront the documents used against her.

**\* Doesn't the law require that if a Commission intends to make a damaging finding against someone, that person must first be confronted with the specific allegations and the evidence supporting them?**

The principles of natural justice and procedural fairness require that if a Commission of Inquiry intends to make a damaging finding or report a "Finding of Misconduct" against an individual, that person must be afforded a fair opportunity to respond to the allegations and the evidence against them. This requirement ensures that the individual can address any relevant, credible, and significant evidence that could influence the Commission's final report.

Commissions are bound by the common law duty to act fairly, which includes the "hearing rule," granting a person the chance to answer the case against them. Specifically, an individual must receive reasonable notice that an adverse finding might be made and be fully informed of the specific issues at hand. To ensure a robust defence, the person must also have the opportunity to give evidence, produce relevant documents, and — where appropriate — cross-examine witnesses to rebut the allegations.

**\* It appears that a recurring defence by such Commissions has been that they were merely making "comments" or "recommendations for further inquiry," which are generally not open to judicial review. But what happens when those "comments" are serious enough to damage a person's reputation or career?**

When Commissions of Inquiry leverage their status to issue "comments" or "recommendations" that inflict serious reputational damage or derail a career, the defence that they are immune to judicial review is increasingly challenged in court. While such bodies possess broad investigative powers, they are not above the law and must strictly comply with the principles of natural justice



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Even when a report is technically non-binding, courts can — and do — review them if they breach procedural fairness or exceed their specific mandate. If a commission reaches adverse conclusions without providing the implicated party a fair opportunity to respond, courts may rule those findings unlawful.

Furthermore, when an inquiry's "comments" evolve into a de facto "public finding of guilt," they transcend mere reporting and create a "stigmatizing effect." It is precisely this potential for lasting personal and professional harm that triggers the necessity for judicial oversight.

**\* Given that the Supreme Court has repeatedly struck down findings of the 2018 Drug Commission — not necessarily because of the evidence itself, but because of breaches of natural justice — does this suggest that the Commission may have prioritised public exposure over the strict legal safeguards required to sustain such findings?**

The repeated striking down of findings from the 2018 Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking by the Supreme Court of Mauritius indicates that the Commission's procedures failed to meet the rigorous standards of natural justice.

While these reversals do not necessarily undermine the raw evidence gathered, they strongly suggest that, in its pursuit of tackling drug trafficking, the Commission prioritised expeditious findings and public exposure over the strict procedural safeguards mandated by law.

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**\* In light of the Privy Council's ruling in Pyaneandee and the recent Rampoortab judgment, is there now a case for reforming the Commissions of Inquiry Act so that Commissioners — even former judges — are legally required to give individuals a formal right of reply before publishing a final report, in order to avoid unfairly damaging reputations and triggering repeated and costly judicial reviews?**



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A compelling case for reform has emerged following the Privy Council's ruling in Pyaneandee and the Rampoortab judgment. Both decisions underscore that findings impacting an individual's reputation demand strict adherence to the principles of natural justice. Crucially, this includes a formal right of reply prior to the publication of a report — a requirement that remains absolute regardless of the Commissioner's prior judicial background.

**\* When a court orders that derogatory labels such as “Black Sheep” be disregarded years after a report has already been made public, can the legal system truly restore the damaged professional reputation of a barrister or attorney? Or does the public nature of such reports create a lasting prejudice that no later judgment can fully erase?**

While a court order to strike out derogatory labels — such as “Black Sheep” — provides a vital legal remedy, it can rarely fully restore a barrister's damaged professional reputation. The harm inflicted by a public, often sensationalized, report is frequently permanent and difficult to erase.

Even when a court mandates the removal of a statement, the information has typically already permeated the public consciousness, making it nearly impossible to fully expunge the stigma from public opinion.

**\* While judicial review proceedings may clear an applicant's name in relation to a Commission's report, can other authorities — such as the FIU or the Bar Council — still carry out their own independent investigations if they believe there are sufficient grounds to do so?**

While judicial review proceedings may clear an applicant's name in relation to a Commission's report, other authorities — such as the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) or the Bar Council — retain the power to

carry out their own independent investigations if they believe sufficient grounds exist.

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These institutions possess the autonomy to pursue their own disciplinary or investigative processes, provided they adhere to their own governing statutes and procedural requirements.

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## DIRECTOR - FINANCIAL SERVICES

### THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (EDB)

The Economic Development Board (EDB) is the Government of Mauritius' apex institution responsible for:

- Investment promotion, export promotion, and business facilitation;
- Positioning Mauritius as an international financial centre and business hub;
- Supporting structural reforms that improve the business environment.

### POSITION OVERVIEW

The Director - Financial Services is responsible for leading and developing Mauritius' financial services investment ecosystem, with a strong focus on attracting, facilitating, and retaining investment in the sector. The role supports EDB's mandate to position Mauritius as a competitive international financial centre.

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- Master's degree in related field & at least 12 years' experience including 8 years at management level.
- Experience and senior-level exposure in financial services sector, investment promotion, regulatory bodies, or international business will be an advantage.

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Interested candidates are invited:

- ☞ To view the requirements and responsibilities for the above-mentioned positions by accessing the following link: <https://www.edbmauritius.org/vacancy>
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# Trump in Beijing: Power Theatre and the Shifting Centre of Gravity

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**D**onald Trump returns to Beijing at a moment of profound geopolitical uncertainty. Nearly half a century after Richard Nixon's historic opening to China, the world's two largest powers meet again amid tariff wars, tensions over Taiwan, instability in the Middle East and the continued erosion of multilateralism. Yet this time, Trump encounters a China far stronger, more confident and more assertive than the one he first visited in 2017.

Donald Trump arrived in Beijing this week for his second visit to China, following his earlier state visit in November 2017. Unlike that earlier encounter, he now confronts a China that is economically stronger, geopolitically more assertive and increasingly confident of its place in a changing international order.

The visit itself carries considerable historical significance.

The first sitting American President to visit China was Richard Nixon in 1972, in what became one of the defining geopolitical turning points of the Cold War era. That opening eventually paved the way for the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1979 under President Jimmy Carter.

Central to that normalisation process was the recognition of the "One China" policy as reflected in the Second Joint Communiqué signed in January 1979 — a framework later reaffirmed under President George H.W. Bush despite recurring tensions over Taiwan and broader strategic competition.

Nearly five decades later, the importance of maintaining stable relations extends far beyond the interests of the two powers themselves. In an increasingly fragile global environment marked by war, economic uncertainty and strategic fragmentation, stability between the US and China has become a matter of global concern.

Interestingly, this visit is not expected to be an isolated encounter between the two leaders. Current indications suggest that Donald Trump and Xi Jinping may meet three more times over the course of the year — a summit linked to Xi's expected visit to the United States ahead of the G20 meeting to be hosted there, and



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later again in China during the APEC summit.

This succession of high-level contacts is itself revealing. For all the tensions, tariff disputes, strategic mistrust and rhetorical exchanges that now characterise Sino-American relations, both powers appear acutely aware that a complete breakdown in communication between them would carry profound risks equally for the wider international system.

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achieved an important political objective. It did not bend!

For months, Washington intensified pressure on Beijing through tariffs, restrictions on advanced technologies, increasingly confrontational rhetoric, and repeated warnings over Taiwan. Yet China neither capitulated nor allowed itself to be drawn into the kind of rhetorical escalation favoured by Trump.

Indeed, one of the more striking features of this confrontation has been the contrast in political style between the two leaderships. Trump has continued to rely on public pressure, improvisational declarations and provocative remarks — not only toward China but toward allies and adversaries alike. His recent comment suggesting that Venezuela could become the "51st state" of the United States only reinforced perceptions abroad of an increasingly erratic and transactional American foreign policy.

Beijing, by contrast, has remained remarkably restrained.

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and the United States. China's responses have generally come through institutional channels, calibrated diplomatic statements, economic countermeasures and strategic positioning rather than emotional public exchanges.

**T**his difference is not insignificant. In much of Asia, restraint is often associated with confidence and strength. Public humiliation of an interlocutor is generally avoided, particularly at the highest levels of statecraft. Trump has therefore been received with all the honours due to the President of a superpower. China understands the importance of symbolism, protocol and political theatre.

But beneath the pageantry, Beijing is also quietly projecting the message that China cannot be intimidated into submission.

The timing of the visit itself is revealing. Initially projected for March or early April, the trip was postponed amid mounting regional instability and the widening crisis surrounding Iran. In the intervening period, the geopolitical environment evolved in ways that arguably strengthened Beijing's diplomatic position.

**T**he ceasefire linked to the Iran conflict remains fragile. Washington continues to grapple with multiple crises simultaneously. American rhetoric has often appeared contradictory and volatile. Meanwhile, China has carefully preserved its strategic links with Tehran while simultaneously diversifying its energy options and positioning itself as a voice favouring de-escalation.

Equally significant has been Beijing's continued alignment with broader Global South concerns regarding unilateralism, sanctions and the erosion of multilateral norms. China's use of its veto at the United Nations Security Council, its refusal to isolate Iran completely, and its cautious diplomatic engagement with regional actors all reinforce its image as a power unwilling simply to follow Washington's lead.

Interestingly, both leaders appeared publicly eager to lower the temperature, at least rhetorically.

Xi Jinping stated in unequivocal terms that the United States and China "should be partners and not rivals", while Trump remarked that it was "an honour" to be Xi's friend and that together they can have a "fantastic future". Such carefully calibrated language is not insignificant in the present international climate.

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Taiwan and trade will surely dominate the discussions. The tariff confrontation between Washington and Beijing has had repercussions extending far beyond the two economies themselves, affecting global supply chains, inflationary pressures, commodity markets and investment flows across both developed and developing economies.

Both sides, therefore, have strong incentives to prevent economic rivalry from spiralling into wider destabilisation. Already, both have agreed that the Strait of Hormuz must remain open.

## The Double Standards of Geopolitics

Yet, beyond the official statements and diplomatic choreography, the visit also exposes a deeper contradiction in contemporary international discourse.

When major powers engage Beijing openly, extensively and at the highest political levels, such engagement is treated as normal statecraft, a pragmatic necessity dictated by geopolitical and economic realities. The US President can travel to Beijing, praise his relationship with Xi Jinping, nego-

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tiate trade arrangements and reaffirm the importance of stable Sino-American ties, and this is largely presented as responsible diplomacy.

But when smaller and more vulnerable states maintain constructive and meaningful relations with China, the narrative often changes dramatically. They are swiftly portrayed in some quarters as having fallen within Beijing’s orbit, becoming “subservient”, strategically compromised or incapable of conducting independent foreign relations.

Small states do not have the luxury of ideological diplomacy. They survive through balance, diversification, pragmatism and engagement with all major actors. For countries such as Mauritius, maintaining cordial and mutually beneficial relations with China, India, the United States, Europe, Africa and the wider Global South is not an act of alignment or submission. It is an act of strategic necessity.

It is therefore difficult not to notice the irony.

At a time when Trump himself openly emphasises the importance of his relationship with Xi Jinping and seeks stable engagement with Beijing, one may legitimately ask where precisely are the voices that repeatedly sought to portray Mauritius as somehow having fallen into China’s fold merely because it pursued normal diplomatic and economic relations with Beijing.

Where now are the alarmist narratives so often amplified by figures such as Priti Patel, Kemi Badenoch and Nigel Farage, who persistently insinuated that Mauritius’ relations with China somehow invalidated its legitimate position on Chagos or rendered it strategically suspect?

The old adage comes irresistibly to mind: “Do what I say, not what I do.”

In reality, the present moment merely underscores a larger truth of contemporary geopolitics, that is, engagement with China

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is no longer optional for most of the world — including the very powers that most frequently caution others against proximity to Beijing.

Therein lies perhaps one of the defining paradoxes of our emerging international order.

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Airports of Mauritius Co Ltd, is looking for dynamic candidates for the following positions:

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Applicants opting for hand delivery should drop in their application in the Application Box found at the Reception, AML Corporate Office before the above deadline, on weekdays between 08h30 to 15h00.

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# L'immobilier sous tension: le paradoxe de l'investissement étranger à Maurice

Par A. Bartleby

**D**epuis deux décennies, Maurice s'est positionnée comme une terre d'accueil privilégiée par les investisseurs internationaux. Portée par des cadres législatifs attractifs tels que l'IRS (*Integrated Resort Scheme*) ou le PDS (*Property Development Scheme*), l'île a vu affluer des milliards de roupies en investissements directs étrangers (IDE). Cependant, cette manne financière, majoritairement captée par le secteur immobilier, soulève aujourd'hui des questions cruciales sur la viabilité de ce modèle économique et son impact social.

**Une dépendance structurelle inquiétante.** En 2026, les statistiques confirment une tendance lourde: l'immobilier demeure le principal moteur des IDE, captant souvent plus de la moitié des flux entrants. Si ces capitaux soutiennent le secteur de la construction et génèrent des recettes fiscales immédiates, ils créent une vulnérabilité systémique. Contrairement aux investissements dans les secteurs productifs comme l'économie bleue ou les technologies de pointe, l'investissement immobilier est souvent qualifié de "stérile" à long terme. Une fois la villa construite et vendue, la valeur ajoutée pour l'économie réelle s'estompe, laissant derrière elle une économie dépendante de la spéculation foncière plutôt que de l'innovation.

**L'éviction des Mauriciens: un défi social.** Le corollaire de cette attractivité internationale est l'explosion des prix du foncier. L'alignement des tarifs sur le pouvoir d'achat des investisseurs européens ou



Sans une intervention stratégique, l'île risque de devenir un paradis résidentiel pour étrangers, où les locaux ne seraient plus que des spectateurs du développement de leur propre territoire. P - propertycloud.mu

sud-africains crée un effet d'éviction (*crowding out*) pour la population locale. Le Mauricien moyen, dont les revenus ne progressent pas au même rythme que l'inflation immobilière, se retrouve marginalisé. L'accession à la propriété, jadis socle de la stabilité sociale, se transforme en un luxe hors de portée pour de nombreux Mauriciens.

**Vers un rééquilibrage nécessaire.** Il est impératif que Maurice diversifie ses sources d'IDE vers des secteurs à plus forte intensité technologique et humaine. La pérennité de notre modèle social dépend de notre capacité à réguler le marché foncier pour garantir que le développement national ne se fasse pas au détriment de ses propres citoyens. Sans une intervention stratégique, l'île risque de devenir un paradis résidentiel pour étrangers, où les locaux ne seraient plus que des spectateurs du développement de leur propre territoire.

## Les risques de la dépendance excessive sur le secteur immobilier

L'analyse de la situation actuelle, enrichie par les débats parlementaires de mai 2026 et l'introduction du nouveau Golden Visa de 1 million USD, révèle des tensions structurelles majeures :

- **Le mythe du Capital Productif vs Capital Stérile:** L'investissement dans l'immobilier de luxe est un "fusil à un coup". Il génère des liquidités immédiates, mais ne favorise pas le transfert de compétences ou la croissance de la productivité. En revanche, le nouveau Golden Visa tente, sur papier, de corriger cela en exigeant un investissement de 1 million USD dans des secteurs comme la FinTech, l'IA ou les énergies renouvelables. Le risque est que ce capital ne finisse par revenir, par des chemins détournés, dans l'immobilier si les

garde-fous ne sont pas strictement appliqués.

- **Inflation des Actifs et "Apartheid Géographique":** L'effet de richesse des acheteurs étrangers contamine l'ensemble du marché. Même les terrains non destinés aux étrangers voient leurs prix s'aligner sur des attentes spéculatives. Cela crée un fossé social dangereux: les zones côtières et les "Smart Cities" deviennent des enclaves inaccessibles, tandis que les Mauriciens sont repoussés vers des terres moins valorisées. La promesse que le Golden Visa ne touchera pas à l'abordabilité du logement (car les titulaires louent initialement) est fragile; toute pression sur la demande, même locative, finit par faire monter les prix globaux.

- **Le risque de la "Maladie Hollandaise" (Dutch Disease):** Une dépendance excessive à l'immobilier détourne les ressources (main-d'œuvre, capital et attention politique) des secteurs d'exportation. Pourquoi innover dans l'industrie ou la technologie quand la vente de terres offre un rendement plus rapide et moins risqué? Cette "addiction" affaiblit la résilience à long terme de la roupie mauricienne.

- **La fragilité du modèle économique:** Compter sur l'immobilier pour équilibrer la balance des paiements est risqué. Ce secteur est extrêmement sensible à l'instabilité mondiale et/ou aux changements de traités fiscaux. Si le flux d'investisseurs se tarit, l'économie mauricienne pourrait se retrouver face à une crise de liquidités sans base industrielle solide pour compenser ce dernier.

**L**e lancement du Golden Visa en 2026 est présenté comme une solution de "brain gain" et de diversification. Cependant, l'efficacité de cette mesure dépendra de la capacité réelle du Gouvernement à diriger ces fonds vers l'économie réelle plutôt que de renforcer davantage la bulle immobilière qui étouffe déjà le citoyen mauricien moyen.

**L**a visite officielle du président Donald Trump à Pékin, ces 14 et 15 mai 2026, ne doit pas être interprétée comme un simple exercice de protocole. Elle intervient dans un climat de tension mondiale extrême, marqué par des conflits au Moyen-Orient et une fragilité économique qui ne laisse aucune place à l'idéologie pure. Pour l'observateur averti, ce sommet n'est pas une quête d'amitié, mais une manœuvre de stabilisation tactique où chaque camp cherche avant tout à assurer sa survie domestique.

## La perspective américaine: Le pragmatisme avant tout

Pour l'administration Trump, ce voyage en Chine est motivé par une nécessité impérieuse: la protection des intérêts nationaux à l'approche des élections de mi-mandat de novembre 2026. Le président américain, fidèle à sa vision transactionnelle de la diplomatie, ne cherche pas un "redémarrage" des relations, mais des résultats concrets pour son électorat.

Le premier enjeu est celui de la sécurité énergétique. Le conflit actuel au Moyen-Orient a propulsé l'inflation américaine à son plus haut niveau en trois ans. Washington espère que Pékin utilisera son influence sur Téhéran pour

# Pékin 2026: Entre pragmatisme et "impasse gérée"



Plus qu'un simple «théâtre politique», le sommet Trump-Xi Jinping — à l'instar de ceux entre Nixon et Mao ou Reagan et Gorbatchev — s'avère être une soupape de sécurité historique essentielle. P - Reuters

faire pression en faveur de la réouverture du détroit d'Ormuz. Pour Trump, faire baisser le prix du baril est une condition *sine qua non* pour stabiliser l'économie américaine et calmer le mécontentement des électeurs.

**P**arallèlement, Washington propose l'institutionnalisation d'un "Conseil du Commerce" (*Board of Trade*). L'objectif est limpide: obtenir des engagements d'achat massifs de la part de la Chine pour les produits américains — soja, avions Boeing, gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL).

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En sécurisant ces débouchés, Trump cherche à satisfaire sa base agricole et industrielle, tout en exigeant le maintien de la "trêve de Busan" sur les minéraux critiques et les terres rares, essentiels aux secteurs de la défense et des véhicules électriques.

## La perspective chinoise: Stature et respiration stratégique

Du côté de Pékin, la réception du président américain est vécue comme une validation de la résilience chinoise. En accueillant la première visite présidentielle américaine depuis neuf ans, Xi Jinping projette l'image d'une Chine devenue une superpuissance égale, capable de résister aux pressions de la guerre commerciale sans capituler.

Le gouvernement chinois cherche avant tout la prévisibilité. Après des années de hausses tarifaires imprévisibles, Pékin souhaite établir un environnement commercial stable. En privilégiant un rapport direct de leader à leader, Xi Jinping espère contourner les "faucons" de Washington pour obtenir des garanties sur les tarifs douaniers.

Enfin, la question de Taïwan reste la "ligne rouge" absolue. Pékin voit dans cette visite une opportunité d'extraire des concessions, ou du moins une forme de retenue,

concernant les récents contrats d'armement de 11 milliards de dollars approuvés par les États-Unis. Pour Xi, convaincre Trump de privilégier les accords commerciaux au détriment du soutien militaire à Taipei constituerait une victoire stratégique majeure.

## Le poids de l'histoire: Les sommets comme soupapes de sécurité

Certains critiques qualifient ces rencontres de simple "théâtre politique". Pourtant, l'histoire démontre que ces sommets agissent comme des soupapes de sécurité essentielles.

La visite de Richard Nixon en Chine en 1972 n'a pas instauré une amitié immédiate, mais elle a modifié l'équilibre de la guerre froide, forçant l'URSS à la compétition diplomatique et menant à la Détente. De même, les sommets entre Reagan et Gorbatchev ont prouvé que le rapport personnel entre dirigeants peut éviter une guerre "accidentelle", même lorsque les rivalités structurelles persistent.

En 2026, ce sommet remplit deux fonctions vitales :

**1. Prévenir le chaos du "découplage":** Il signale aux marchés mondiaux que les deux plus grandes économies se parlent encore, évitant ainsi une panique financière totale.

**2. Réduire les risques de mau-**



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**vais calcul:** Dans un contexte de tensions militaires au Moyen-Orient et dans le détroit de Taïwan, la communication directe réduit le risque qu'une étincelle régionale ne dégénère en conflit mondial.

## Une impasse gérée

Finalement, le sommet de Pékin 2026 ne débouchera probablement pas sur un "Grand Accord" (*Grand Bargain*). Nous assistons plutôt à une "impasse gérée" (*Managed Stalemate*). Les deux dirigeants

reconnaissent que leur survie politique respective dépend de leur capacité à éviter une rupture totale.

Enfin, la diplomatie de 2026 n'est plus une affaire de valeurs partagées, mais de gestion de crise mutuelle. Dans ce jeu d'échecs planétaire, la stabilité mondiale ne repose pas sur la paix, mais sur l'équilibre précaire de deux géants trop interdépendants pour s'effondrer, mais trop rivaux pour s'entendre.

## L'affaire Saint-Louis au DPP: Un test de crédibilité pour les institutions de contrôle

L'actualité parlementaire du 28 avril 2026 a remis sous les projecteurs l'un des scandales les plus tenaces de l'histoire récente de Maurice: l'affaire Saint-Louis. En réponse à la question du député Beehook, le Premier ministre a confirmé que l'enquête de la *Financial Crimes Commission* (FCC) — ayant succédé à l'ICAC — a enfin été bouclée et transmise au Bureau du Directeur des Poursuites Publiques (DPP) le 29 janvier 2026.

Ce développement, bien qu'attendu, soulève des interrogations profondes sur la célérité de notre justice et l'intégrité de nos institutions de contrôle.

### Chronologie d'un scandale à 4,3 milliards de roupies

Pour comprendre l'ampleur du dossier, il faut remonter à mars 2016, lors de l'octroi d'un contrat de 4,2 milliards de roupies à la firme danoise *Burneister & Wain Contractor A/S* (BWSC) pour le redéveloppement de la centrale thermique de Saint-Louis. Ce n'est qu'en juin 2020 que le pot-aux-roses est découvert, suite à une dénonciation de la Banque Africaine de Développement (BAD) faisant état de pra-



L'affaire Saint-Louis n'est pas qu'un simple cas de malversation financière ; c'est un symptôme d'un mal plus profond qui ronge la gouvernance mauricienne. P - CEB

tiques de corruption et de pots-de-vin.

L'enquête a révélé que BWSC avait versé environ 4,5 millions de roupies de commissions occultes à des intermédiaires — "*Mauritian officials*" — pour obtenir des informations confidentielles, faussant ainsi le processus

d'appel d'offres. Si la firme danoise a déjà été condamnée par un tribunal de Hillerod à une amende de 10 millions de couronnes danoises (environ 1,3 million d'euros) après avoir coopéré avec les autorités de son pays, le volet mauricien du dossier semble, paradoxalement, avoir avancé à un rythme de tortue.

### L'opacité persistante

Malgré la clôture de l'enquête, le voile reste baissé sur l'identité des protagonistes locaux. Le Premier ministre a refusé de divulguer les noms des personnes arrêtées ou interrogées sous caution, invoquant la transmission du dossier au DPP. Cette discrétion, bien que légalement justifiable pour préserver l'équité d'un éventuel procès, alimente le scepticisme d'une population lasse des "affaires" sans coupables.

Rappelons que ce scandale a déjà coûté son poste à un ancien ministre de haut rang.

Pourtant, six ans après les premières révélations internationales, Maurice attend toujours que des comptes soient rendus devant ses propres tribunaux.

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# The Road to the New India

*The old categories through which outsiders once understood India — poor or rich, modern or backward, socialist or capitalist — no longer seem sufficient*

**T**he road to Dehradun offers a glimpse into the new India more revealing than many official speeches or investment conferences.

Somewhere between the toll plazas, the giant cricket billboards and the endless streams of motorcycles weaving through newly expanded expressways, one begins to understand what the world is now chasing in India.

Not merely cheap labour.

Not simply a strategic ally against China.

But scale itself.

The old India was once associated with shortages, bureaucracy, potholed roads and fading socialist rhetoric. The new India increasingly announces itself through asphalt, smartphones, QR codes and giant cricket broadcasts watched simultaneously by audiences running into hundreds of millions.

Driving recently along the Delhi–Dehradun corridor, what struck me was not merely the infrastructure itself, impressive though parts of it are, but the sense of commercial momentum. Newly built service areas, fuel stations and food outlets lined sections of the route. Young families stopped for coffee and snacks. Giant billboards advertised smartphones, apartments, financial apps and the Indian Premier League (IPL).

The IPL is not merely sport. It has become a window into the psychology of the new India: spectacle, aspiration, celebrity culture, digital capitalism and mass consumption fused together into a single national performance.

Last year, the chairman of the IPL, Arun Singh Dhumal, described the tournament as “one of the biggest sporting leagues in the world.” Broadcast and digital audience figures vary according to methodology, but cumulative viewership is estimated in the hundreds of millions.

For global corporations, the attraction is obvious.

Western Europe may be wealthier, but India increasingly offers something perhaps even more seductive to international investors: hundreds of millions of young consumers entering the market at the same time.

This is why everyone wants access.

Technology companies. Streaming platforms. Luxury brands. Gulf investors. Manufacturers. Film studios. Financial giants.

India increasingly resembles a pre-assembled consumer continent waiting to be fully unlocked.

And yet the contradictions remain immense.

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lion Indians still receive free or subsidised food grain through one of the largest welfare programmes on earth. Speaking at the Munich Security Conference earlier this year, India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar pushed back against Western criticism by arguing that “democracy does put food on your table”, adding that India today provides “nutrition support, and food to 800 million people.”

That paradox may be the real story of modern India.

A farmer in sandals scans a QR code beside a buffalo cart while an IPL match blares from a roadside television. Migrant workers collect subsidised grain through biometric systems hundreds of miles from home. Nearby, young professionals discuss stock markets and cryptocurrency over roadside coffees.

Even roadside tea stalls now display QR codes linked to India’s UPI — Unified Payments Interface — a smartphone-based instant payment system that allows money to move directly between bank accounts within seconds.

What began as a technological experiment has rapidly become one of the largest digital payment networks in the world, transforming everyday commerce from luxury hotels to roadside fruit sellers.

**F**or decades India leaked money through fake ration cards, ghost beneficiaries, middlemen and an enormous informal cash economy. Indian officials argue that digitisation — through Aadhaar identity systems, GST taxation, direct benefit transfers and UPI payment platforms — has sharply reduced corruption, duplication and leakage while bringing millions into the formal economy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly described digital payments as transformative. “UPI has become a preferred mode of payment,” he said recently while highlighting the explosive growth of digital transactions across India.

According to the Reserve Bank of India, UPI transactions now total billions every month, making India one of the world’s largest digital payment markets.

Whether one accepts every government claim or not, the transformation on the ground is difficult to miss.

At roadside tea stalls along the Dehradun highway, truck drivers now routinely pay digitally. Tiny traders who once existed entirely in cash increasingly operate within traceable financial systems. The state, imperfectly but unmistakably, has become more visible in everyday commercial life.

None of this means India’s problems have disappeared. Far from it.

The inequalities remain staggering. Poverty coexists with conspicuous wealth. Pollution still hangs over many cities. Rural distress persists. The infrastructure can swing abruptly from world-class expressways to chaotic congestion within a few kilometres.

But the old categories through which outsiders once understood India — poor or rich, modern or backward, socialist or capitalist — no longer seem sufficient.

The highway to Dehradun reveals something larger underway: a country simultaneously functioning as welfare state, digital marketplace, entertainment super-



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power and emerging consumer civilisation.

**T**he old India often survived despite the state. The new India increasingly runs through the state’s digital nervous system — sprawling, intrusive, uneven, but undeniably transformative.

And somewhere along that highway, amid the trucks, toll plazas, giant cricket advertisements and glowing phone screens, one senses that India is no longer merely trying to catch up with the world.

It is beginning to reshape the global conversation itself.

Beyond the Ethnic Ballot

# Why True Meritocracy Requires Economic Redress, Not Just Constitutional Reform

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The contemporary debate in Mauritius over the removal of ethnic identity from constitutional and legislative frameworks is often presented as a progressive movement toward modern citizenship. Its defenders invoke ideals of equality, meritocracy, civic nationalism, and universal citizenship. The citizen, they argue, should no longer appear before the state as Hindu, Muslim, Creole, Sino-Mauritian, Franco-Mauritian, or Tamil, but simply as Mauritian.

At first sight, this appears enlightened and morally compelling. Ethnic categories can indeed freeze identities, perpetuate communal thinking, and prevent the emergence of a unified national consciousness. In a globalized world increasingly shaped by mobility, hybridity, and cosmopolitan aspirations, the desire to transcend inherited communal divisions appears both understandable and desirable.

Yet beneath this universalist discourse lies a far more complex sociological reality. The assumption that society can simply move beyond ethnicity often rests on a hidden illusion: the belief that some identities are already neutral while others remain “ethnic.” It is precisely this illusion that thinkers such as Richard Dyer sought to expose.

Richard Dyer’s central insight in *White* is that **whiteness does not disappear because it lacks ethnicity or culture. Rather, whiteness becomes powerful precisely because it succeeds in presenting itself as cultureless universality.**

It ceases to appear as one historical identity among others and instead becomes synonymous with the “normal,” the “rational,” the “modern,” and the “human” itself.

This mechanism has profound implications for postcolonial societies. In everyday discourse, non-European cultures are constantly marked and named: Indian culture, Creole culture, Chinese traditions, or Muslim identity. In contrast, elite European-derived norms often appear **unmarked**: professional behaviour, corporate culture, “international standards,” or refined aesthetics, official language prestige, assumptions about competence.

These norms are rarely recognized as ethnic, appearing instead as “universal” despite being products of specific European historical trajectories. Thus, the supposedly neutral centre is not actually neutral; it is merely an identity that has acquired sufficient historical dominance to become **invisible**.

This invisibility becomes especially important in Mauritius because economic power remains historically unevenly distributed. Colonial plantation structures did not

disappear with independence. Wealth accumulation, land ownership, access to capital, educational networks, and international commercial relationships were historically concentrated among specific elite groups, particularly the Franco-Mauritian oligarchy which emerged from the plantation economy.

Even where political power democratized after independence, economic power remained comparatively concentrated. This produced one of the defining paradoxes of our society: a postcolonial democratic state coexisting with enduring colonial-era economic structures. The consequence is that neutrality itself becomes socially asymmetrical. If one group already occupies disproportionate positions within finance, large-scale property ownership, private capital, elite schooling networks, cultural prestige systems, then the removal of explicit communal safeguards may not produce genuine neutrality. Instead, it may universalize the norms and interests already embedded within dominant institutions.

This is precisely the concern raised by postcolonial thinkers such as Frantz Fanon, Aimé Césaire, Edward Said, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o. Colonialism did not merely impose political domination. It also imposed epistemological domination - the power to define what counts as civilization, rationality, beauty, professionalism, legitimacy, and universality.

The danger in many postcolonial societies is therefore not crude overt racism alone, but something subtler: the transformation of historically European bourgeois norms into invisible global standards.

This is why the language of “meritocracy” can become contentious in unequal societies. Merit never operates in a vacuum. Educational opportunity, linguistic confidence, inherited social capital, elite networks, and cultural familiarity all shape what societies recognize as “merit.” A child entering an English-speaking elite institution from generations of privilege does not compete from the same symbolic position as someone from a historically marginalized background.

Pierre Bourdieu described this as the reproduction of cultural capital. Institutions often reward not pure talent, but familiarity with the dominant codes of behavior, speech, taste, and legitimacy.

In this sense, supposedly universal institutions may silently reproduce historical privilege while appearing neutral.

The current debate over constitutional



“Postcolonial critique asks a difficult question: Can universalism genuinely become universal if material inequalities inherited from colonial history remain unresolved? This is why some societies institutionalize communal recognition rather than abolish it. The logic is not necessarily communalist fanaticism, but fear that formal neutrality may conceal substantive imbalance. The Mauritian “Best Loser System,” for instance, emerged not from irrational attachment to ethnicity but from deep anxieties about representation in a fragile plural society. It reflected the belief that democracy in a deeply diverse society cannot rely solely on abstract arithmetic...”

ethnicity must therefore be situated within a broader global contradiction of modernity. Liberal universalism aspires to transcend tribal identity and create equal citizenship. But in practice, universalism frequently emerges from specific European historical experiences: the Enlightenment, secular republicanism, bourgeois individualism, capitalist modernization, and colonial administrative rationality.

These ideals possess undeniable emancipatory potential. Constitutional equality, democratic representation, scientific reasoning, and human rights have transformed human history positively in countless ways.

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Critics of ethnic constitutionalism argue, however, that institutionalizing communal categories freezes the population permanently into inherited blocs and prevents the emergence of authentic Mauritian nationhood. There is truth in this concern as well. Excessive communalization can produce

political paralysis, perpetual suspicion, and the reduction of citizens to demographic units.

As it is, today we confront an extraordinarily delicate dilemma: if ethnicity is ignored prematurely, invisible inequalities may consolidate themselves under the language of neutrality, but on the other hand if ethnicity is institutionalized indefinitely, society risks remaining trapped within communal consciousness.

No society has fully resolved the contradiction between **universal citizenship** and **historical identity**. Ultimately, the question may not be whether ethnicity should disappear, but under what conditions it can genuinely become less politically central.

True transcendence of ethnicity cannot simply be declared rhetorically while economic asymmetry, cultural hierarchy, and symbolic domination persist beneath the surface. Otherwise, neutrality risks becoming what Dyer exposed so clearly: the invisibility of historically dominant identity masquerading as universality itself.

A genuinely post-ethnic society would likely require far more than constitutional reform alone. It would require: wider economic redistribution, equal educational opportunity, democratization of cultural prestige, linguistic confidence across communities, dismantling inherited oligarchic concentrations of power and the creation of a shared national imagination in which no group’s culture silently defines the norm.

Only then can neutrality cease being the privilege of the historically dominant and become a genuinely shared civic condition.



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## 'Super' El Niño to hit Earth in coming months; world braces for intense weather conditions

The world could face one of its worst climate conditions, leading to forest fires, droughts, floods, record-breaking temperatures, and sea ice in coming months due to an intense El-Niño condition developing in the Pacific Ocean.

According to the World Meteorological Organisation, forecasts predict a "global dominance of above-normal land surface temperatures" in the upcoming three-month period, and regional variations in rainfall patterns, reports HT.

Some weather agencies are also saying that the coming event will be even stronger – possibly rivalling a "super" El Niño three decades ago.

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Seasonal models have predicted that an El Niño pattern could develop between May and July this year and may become one of the strongest on record.

### 'Super El Niño'

The *Washington Post* reported that rising temperatures in the Pacific Ocean could lead to a 'super' El Niño this year.



Forecasted El Niño could cost \$3-trillion in losses globally. Pic - Hakai Magazine

The latest outlook from the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) shows water temperatures in a key region of the central equatorial Pacific Ocean potentially reaching 3 degrees Celsius (5.4 degrees Fahrenheit) above average late in the year, which could surpass the record of 1877 and 2015 and exceed the threshold for a super El Niño.

The intensity of this phenomenon was amplified by a rare trio of cyclones in the Pacific last month. These storms generated a record-breaking surge of winds that pushed a massive stream of warm water

beneath the ocean surface, raising temperatures to 7 degrees Celsius (12.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above normal. Such a dramatic ocean temperature anomaly is unusual because oceans generally warm and cool very slowly.

**What is El Niño?** The El Niño or ENSO involves fluctuations in ocean water temperature in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, coupled with atmospheric changes. Meaning "boy child" in Spanish, this naturally occurring phenomenon has a huge impact on climate conditions around the world.

**Impact of El Niño** - The impact of El

Niño is already being seen by a surge of forest fires. A total area exceeding 163 million hectares has been engulfed in fire between January and the first week of May, AFP reported, citing data from the Global Wildfire Information System (GWIS).

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Several countries in West Africa witnessed record breaking fires. The United States and Australia have also seen unseasonably large areas burnt this year, Keeping said.

In India, El Niño is usually associated with harsher summers and weaker monsoons.

Large parts of the North Indian Ocean, including the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal, have started recording warmer-than-average temperatures, according to Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) data. It also showed that surface temperatures over Central Asia and Southeast Asia are extremely high once again.

## Across the Globe



Passengers are sprayed with disinfectant by Spanish government officials before boarding a plane after disembarking from the hantavirus-stricken cruise ship MV Hondius at Tenerife airport in the Canary Islands, Spain, on Sunday. (Arturo Rodriguez / Associated Press)

### Hantavirus response under fire

Authorities are tracing more than 90 passengers exposed to hantavirus who disembarked from the cruise ship hit by a deadly outbreak, two of whom have already tested positive. The World Health Organization recommends a 42-day quarantine after exposure to the virus, which usually spreads via rodent feces but sometimes human-to-human, because symptoms can be slow to appear. But dozens of passengers left the ship without being tested. A widespread outbreak is unlikely, but the official response has been "incompetent," science writer Kelsey Piper argued. Even if there is only a one-in-100 chance that this leads to a pandemic, one-in-100 events happen, and if this is the response, then we are "doomed to, eventually, get an unlucky roll."

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### Record tsunami goes unnoticed

The second-highest tsunami ever recorded struck Alaska in August last year, but almost no one noticed. A landslide from a glacier dropped more than a hundred million tons of rock into Tracy Arm fjord, pushing a 1,580-foot wave up the narrow waterway. It is a tourist hotspot, but the 5 a.m. strike time meant no cruise ships were nearby. Traditional tsunami warnings would be use-

less, since the wave followed the landslide by seconds rather than hours, but scientists said better monitoring of glaciers could detect high-risk areas before collapse. Similar events have killed people in Norway and Greenland, and as climate change melts glaciers, Arctic countries face growing risks of landslide tsunamis causing disasters.

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### Fossil fuel demand may not rebound

EV sales are surging worldwide amid soaring gasoline prices, with some analysts forecasting that global fossil fuel demand could remain permanently lower after the Iran war. EV sales in Europe jumped by 27% year-on-year in April; sales in Italy nearly doubled thanks to government incentives.

Purchases worldwide have also been boosted by a surge in Chinese exports, and the country's EV shipments surpassed those of fossil fuel-powered cars for the first time ever last month. Though EV sales have fallen in the US, where gasoline prices are at their highest level in years, the Iran war could nonetheless lead to a considerable reduction in global oil demand, both OPEC and the IEA said.

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### Africa eyes domestic energy boost

Countries across Africa accelerated plans to boost their energy independence as the Iran war galvanized efforts across the continent to reduce reliance on imported fuels. Senegal is seeking \$7.5 billion in investment to develop a major gas field discovered around a decade ago that could help ease the country's costly energy subsidies. Morocco and Nigeria, meanwhile,

have pledged to jointly develop a \$25 billion pipeline. While some African countries are major oil and gas producers, the continent imports the vast majority of its fuels, leaving it highly exposed to foreign energy shocks. In response, Africa's richest man has vowed to upgrade the continent's refining capacity.

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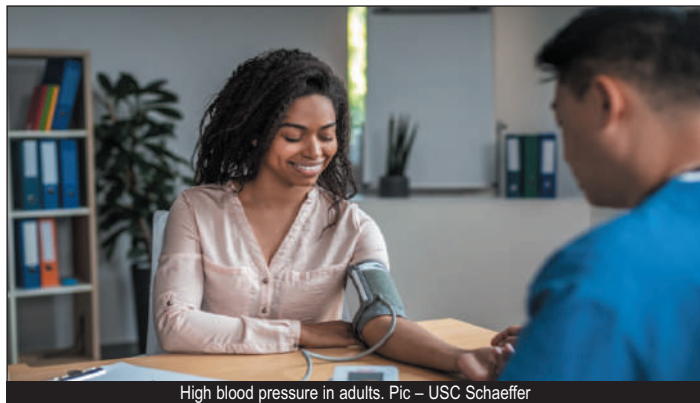


### India's BRICS balancing act

India's hosting of a meeting of BRICS foreign ministers yesterday highlights the country's delicate position amid the Middle East war and US diplomacy with China. New Delhi acknowledged that it would be "difficult ... to forge a consensus" at the gathering, which has recently expanded to include Iran and the UAE, whose relations have sharply deteriorated as a result of the war, with Tehran firing large numbers of missiles and drones at the emirates.

At the same time, positive rhetoric from the meeting between the American and Chinese leaders in Beijing threatens to undermine India's positioning as a counterweight to a rising China. "India will need to make its strategic value harder to overlook," one scholar told CNBC.

## 1.71 billion adults lived with high blood pressure in 2020, study finds



High blood pressure in adults. Pic – USC Schaeffer

Nearly 33 per cent, or 1.71 billion, of the world's adults had hypertension in 2020 -- 400 million in high-income countries and 1.32 billion in low and middle-income countries, a new analysis has found.

With about 20 per cent of adults with hypertension worldwide had their blood pressure controlled in 2020, the rates of controlling the condition were also nearly three times higher in high-income countries compare to low- and middle-income countries -- 40.2 per cent vs 13.6 per cent.

"High blood pressure remains a stubborn and

deadly silent epidemic whose burden on public health systems has only increased in the past 20 years, particularly in countries least equipped to address it," researchers, including those from the US' Tulane University, said.

The team pooled data from 287 population-based studies involving more than six million adults across 119 countries and examined changes in hypertension prevalence, awareness, treatment and control.

Findings published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* show that prevalence of hypertension has decreased slightly in

high-income countries during 2000-2020, but nearly 90 per cent of the increase in adults with hypertension occurred in low- and middle-income countries, reports PTI.

Latin America, the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa were found to have had the highest hypertension prevalence as of 2020, while the largest total number of adults with hypertension was in East Asia and the Pacific, followed by South Asia.

The researchers also found that disparity in hypertension prevalence has grown over time.

In 2000, 70 per cent of adults with uncontrolled hypertension lived in low- and middle-income countries and by 2020, the share had risen to 83 per cent, they said.

"From 2000 to 2020 in high-income countries, awareness increased from 57.7 per cent to 69.2 per cent, treatment from 42.9 per cent to 66.3 per cent, and control from 16.4 per cent to 40.2 per cent," the authors wrote.

## UK health minister Wes Streeting resigns, says 'lost confidence in PM Keir Starmer's leadership'



UK health minister Wes Streeting resigns, says 'lost confidence in PM Keir Starmer's leadership'. Pic – The Independent

British health minister Wes Streeting resigned from government yesterday, saying he had lost confidence in Prime Minister Keir Starmer's leadership.

Streeting comes from the moderate wing of the left-leaning Labour Party, as does Starmer. He is the first Cabinet member to resign as Starmer faces pressure to step down after the Labour Party's disastrous results last week in local and regional elections.

In a post on social media platform X, Streeting shared his resignation letter in which he wrote that it would be "dishonourable and unprincipled" to continue on his post, having

"lost confidence" in the leadership of Keir Starmer.

Streeting is among the group of people who could try to unseat Starmer, reports HT.

In his letter, Streeting highlighted his achievements as Health Secretary, including the reduction of NHS waiting lists; he also criticised Starmer's leadership. Streeting wrote that "where we need vision, we have a vacuum. Where we need direction, we have drift."

### Stagnant economy and high consumer prices in Britain

A stagnant economy and stubbornly high consumer price inflation in Britain has made it difficult for Starmer's government to deliver on its promises after winning a landslide election victory less than two years ago.

Starmer has vowed to remain in office, warning lawmakers that any leadership contest would plunge the government into "chaos" at a time it should be focused on issues like the cost of living crisis and war in the Middle East.

Under Labour Party rules, any potential challenger to the prime minister would have to have the backing of 81 of the party's 403 members in the House of Commons.

## Across the Globe

### Webb telescope spots distant galaxy

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) spotted the most primitive galaxy ever seen. Immediately after the Big Bang, the only chemicals in the universe were the simplest: hydrogen and helium. Cosmologists believe that heavier, more complex atoms were created in the explosive deaths of huge, short-lived stars at the dawn of the universe. The JWST was intended to confirm that theory.

The LAP1-B galaxy — 13 billion light-years away, tiny and dim, meaning that even the powerful JWST had to use nearer galaxies as a "gravitational lens" to magnify it — contains barely any heavier elements. It is not the oldest known galaxy, but it appears to have been captured at the moment the universe began forging the ingredients that made everything else, including us.

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### AI's role in US elections expands

AI is playing an increasingly prominent role in US elections. The largest donor in this year's midterm elections so far is venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz, which has expanded its interests beyond crypto to support pro-AI candidates, *The New York Times* reported.

By contrast, some politicians are campaigning against data centres, which are central to the AI boom. A new Gallup survey showed that 70% of Americans oppose such facilities in their area. A high-profile Democratic congressional primary in New York City has become a proxy battle over AI regulation, with interests on both sides pouring money into the race either to support or oppose a candidate advocating restrictions on the technology.

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### Iran war threatens low-cost air travel

Consolidation of the airline industry in the wake of the Iran war energy crunch could bring an end to the era of cheap flights. A spike in jet fuel prices has led airlines to cancel thousands of flights, and analysts expect several carriers to go out of business alongside the US low-cost airline Spirit.

Concerns are growing over competitors such as JetBlue and Frontier, while investors have taken short positions on Hungary's Wizz Air. The industry is "notorious for its low margins," the *Financial Times* reported, and crises regularly eliminate weaker airlines. If this happens again, it could reduce competition in the market and remove much of the downward pressure on fares, even after the immediate crisis has passed.

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### The geopolitics of undersea cables

Undersea cables are becoming a significant geopolitical pressure point. The US war on Iran has "exposed the fragility of the internet's multibillion-dollar physical backbone," Bloomberg wrote, as unexploded missiles and mines litter the seabed, halting cable projects in the Gulf.

Japan is investing hundreds of millions in the infrastructure, a move that could counter the rise of a growing Chinese competitor and deepen ties with Western allies.

Some defence experts warn that the cables' critical role in the global information ecosystem could make them prime targets in future conflicts. One tech executive said US adversaries such as China and Russia could "inflict devastating economic chaos almost at will."



# L'affaire Saint-Louis au DPP: Un test de crédibilité pour les institutions de contrôle

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## Le prix de l'inaction et l'urgence de l'intégrité

L'affaire Saint-Louis n'est pas qu'un simple cas de malversation financière ; c'est un symptôme d'un mal plus profond qui ronge la gouvernance mauricienne.

**1. Le contraste avec le modèle singapourien** — Cette affaire souligne une vérité amère: alors que Singapour a bâti sa réputation mondiale sur une tolérance zéro envers la corruption et une transparence absolue, Maurice semble s'être enlisée dans une culture de l'impunité et des enquêtes à rallonge. Le délai de près de six ans pour conclure une enquête sur un contrat public majeur nuit gravement à notre crédibilité internationale.

**2. Un préjudice réputationnel collatéral** — Le scandale a éclaté au moment même où Maurice luttait pour sortir de la liste grise du GAFI et de la liste noire de l'Union européenne en 2020. La corruption dans les marchés publics est un signal d'alarme pour les investisseurs étrangers. Chaque mois de retard dans la résolution de l'affaire Saint-Louis renforce l'image d'une juridiction où les institutions de contrôle manqueraient de muscle ou d'indépendance.

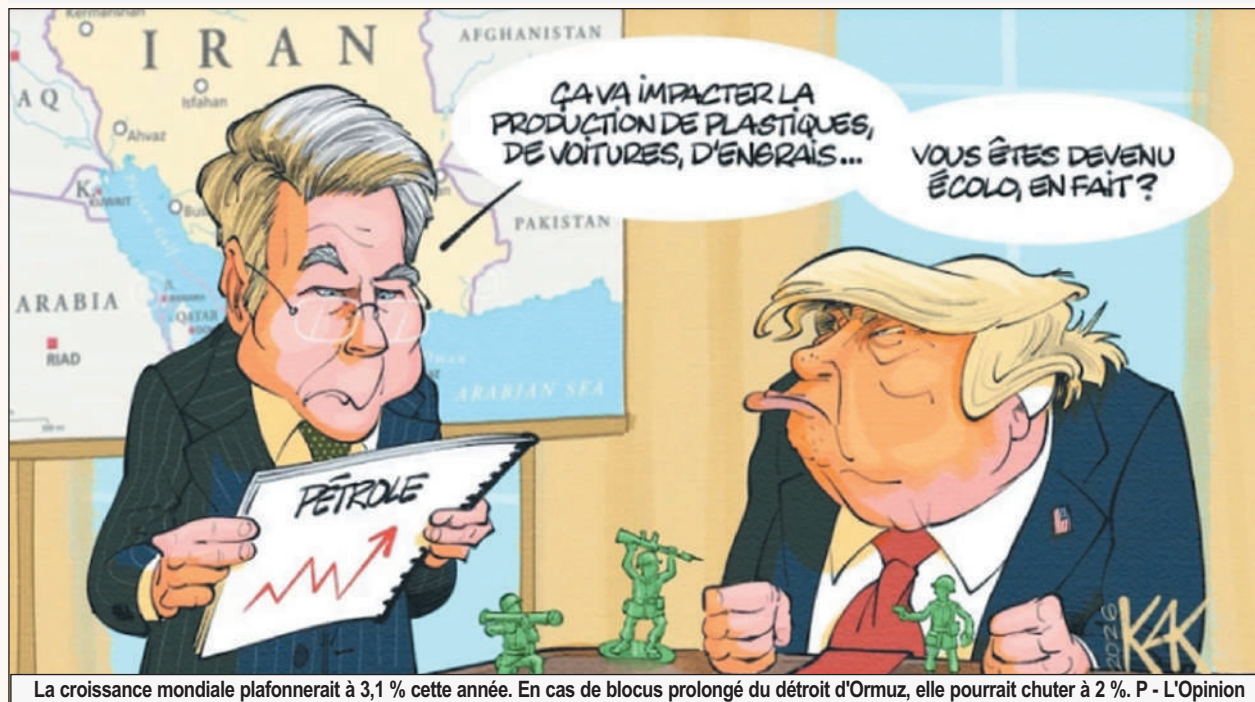
**3. Le test de crédibilité pour la FCC** — La *Financial Crimes Commission* (FCC), nouvelle instance héritière de l'ICAC, joue ici sa réputation. Pour regagner la confiance du public, elle doit démontrer qu'elle n'est pas qu'un changement de sigle, mais une institution capable de traquer la

corruption politique sans crainte ni faveur. Le transfert du dossier au DPP est une étape, mais la condamnation des corrupteurs et des corrompus est la seule issue capable de restaurer la foi en nos institutions.

**4. L'urgence de réformes structurelles** — Au-delà des poursuites judiciaires, cette affaire démontre la nécessité de renforcer la protection des lanceurs d'alerte (*whistle blowers*) et de durcir les procédures de passation de marchés au sein des corps paraétatiques comme le CEB. La corruption fausse la concurrence et fait grimper les coûts des infrastructures nationales, et ces coûts finissent invariablement par être supportés par le contribuable mauricien à travers ses factures d'utilité publique.

La suite de cette affaire se trouve désormais entre les mains du DPP, dont l'action sera déterminante pour l'image de la gouvernance nationale. On ne peut plus se permettre de laisser "stagner" des dossiers de cette envergure. L'intégrité n'est pas un luxe, c'est le socle nécessaire pour que Maurice réalise son plein potentiel économique et social. Espérons que l'année 2026 marquera définitivement la fin de l'impunité dans le "St Louis Gate".

# L'ombre de la guerre: assombrissement des perspectives mondiales et exception asiatique



La croissance mondiale plafonnerait à 3,1 % cette année. En cas de blocus prolongé du détroit d'Ormuz, elle pourrait chuter à 2 %. P - L'Opinion

L'année 2025 s'était achevée sur une note d'optimisme. Soutenue par une productivité vigoureuse, l'essor de l'IA et des conditions financières favorables, la croissance mondiale semblait prête à atteindre 3,4 % en 2026. Cependant, cet élan a été brutalement stoppé par le conflit au Moyen-Orient et la fermeture du détroit d'Ormuz. Aujourd'hui, la priorité est de contenir les dommages grâce à des politiques rigoureuses.

## Les trois canaux de la détresse économique

Selon Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas du FMI, trois vecteurs de transmission de ce choc ont été identifiés:

- 1. Le choc de l'offre:** L'envolée des prix de l'énergie perturbe les chaînes d'approvisionnement et érode le pouvoir d'achat.
- 2. La spirale prix-salaires:** Le risque que l'inflation s'enracine via des hausses compensatoires des salaires.
- 3. Le durcissement financier:** Une réévaluation brutale des actifs, provoquant une fuite vers le dollar et une baisse de la demande.

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## Le paradoxe APAC: Un découplage économique en marche

Alors que l'Occident et le Moyen-Orient luttent contre le ralentissement induit par les conflits, un signal divergent émerge de l'Est. La conférence GBTA APAC (Global Business Travel Association), tenue les 12 et 13 mai 2026, a révélé une réalité contrastée: les dépenses liées aux voyages d'affaires en Asie-Pacifique devraient franchir la barre des 700 milliards de dollars d'ici la fin de l'année. Ce dynamisme démontre que là où les frontières géopolitiques se ferment, les circuits économiques régionaux trouvent des voies de contournement.

**L'axe Chine-Inde: Moteurs malgré les vents contraires-** Malgré les "vents contraires géopolitiques" cités par le FMI, la Chine et l'Inde tirent cette croissance. On observe un phénomène de découplage inédit: la dyna-

mique économique semble s'affranchir partiellement de l'instabilité géopolitique globale. Tandis que le risque augmente, les flux de capitaux et la mobilité des professionnels en Asie s'intensifient, portés par des marchés intérieurs massifs et une intégration régionale renforcée.

## Leçons de 2022 et nouveaux défis

Le choc actuel échoit à celui de 2022, mais le contexte a changé. Les marchés du travail sont plus détendus, mais les prix sont déjà élevés, rendant les consommateurs plus vulnérables. De plus, la courbe d'offre globale semble s'être aplatie, rendant la lutte contre l'inflation potentielle plus coûteuse en termes de production.

## Priorités politiques: Agir avec précision

Pour limiter les dégâts, le FMI préconise :

- **Politique monétaire:** Maintenir la stabilité des prix comme priorité absolue si les attentes inflationnistes dérivent.
- **Politique budgétaire:** Éviter les subventions généralisées de 2022. Le soutien doit être temporaire et doit strictement cibler les plus vulnérables.

## Résilience et transformation: Vers une multipolarité fonctionnelle

Au-delà du conflit, l'ordre international se fragmente, mais ne s'effondre pas. Le commerce se réorganise via de nouveaux partenaires régionaux, comme le démontre la vigueur du secteur du voyage d'affaires en APAC. Deux moteurs de croissance demeurent essentiels:

- **L'intelligence artificielle:** L'IA "agentique" promet des gains de productivité capables de compenser les chocs d'offre.
- **La transition énergétique:** La guerre agit comme un accélérateur forcé pour les énergies renouvelables, désormais synonymes de sécurité nationale.

L'économie mondiale fait face à un test de résistance majeur. Si la gestion politique rigoureuse est nécessaire pour l'Occident, la résilience asiatique observée à la GBTA suggère que le centre de gravité économique continue de glisser vers l'Est. Dans ce monde multipolaire, la coopération internationale reste vitale pour éviter que la fragmentation ne devienne une récession globale.

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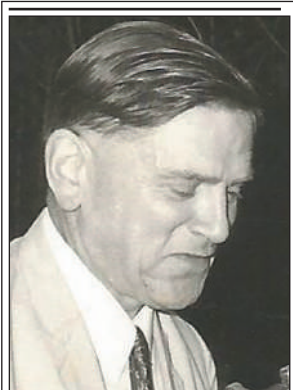
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• *The government must always be a step in advance of the popular movement.* — Count Arnim-Boytzenburg



Peter Ibbotson

## Miscellaneous News

Up to the beginning of this century, Afrikaans was virtually a dialect spoken by only a very few people in South Africa. Today, it is one of the official languages of the Union; it has its own literature in both poetry and prose. The rise of Afrikaans is due to fervent white African nationalism;

however one may disapprove of Afrikaner nationalism, one must recognize that it has raised the status of the language.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that there is a growing demand in both Kenya and Tanganyika, among the Africans themselves, for a *lingua franca* that can be used across all the territories; former claims for tribal languages to be taught are being replaced by demands for colony-wide teaching of Swahili — not hitherto regarded as a “national” language — side by side with the teaching of English. And in the Maldives, that little-known sultanate in the Indian Ocean, it has just been decided to introduce English as the language of instruction in primary schools; the British Council has been entrusted with the task of recruiting the necessary teachers from the UK. The reason given by the Maldivian government is that the introduction of English will make it easier for Maldivian students to continue their education overseas, with a consequent opening of the field for higher learning.

### University for Mauritius?

It was with great pleasure that I read the interview with Mr Beejadhur in *Advance* recently. His announcement that Dr Lockwood is to visit Mauritius later this year to examine the prospects of establishing a university college is yet another proof of the Minister's love of education, as well as of his burning desire to further the cause of education in all its aspects.

The pleasure which I felt on reading the interview was in no way diminished, of course — indeed, it was heightened — by finding that the Minister's proposals coincided with suggestions I had put forward in these columns some time ago. Indeed, remembering earlier articles on other subjects and correlating them with what has actually happened or is proposed to happen, I might well urge the editor to adopt as the paper's slogan: “What the MT says today, Mauritius does tomorrow.”

### Housing

In the *Tribune Ouvrière* issue of 19–25 January, I read a report, originally from a Russian source, to the effect that in the USSR it is expected that soon everyone will have an average of 9 metres of living space; the comment is that this is just about the space per prisoner in US prisons. The *Tribune Ouvrière* might well reflect on the necessity of first putting one's own house in order. How many Mauritians have as much as 9 meters of living space?

As I write, I have before me photographs of workers' habitations in Cassis and Roche Bois. One is an old railway passenger carriage, made into two rooms, occupied by two families totalling 12 persons including children. Another is a three-roomed shanty occupied by three families totalling 13 persons in all. A third is a shanty

made of petrol cans, comprising two small rooms for 9 persons including children. Have these unfortunates got 9 metres of living space each?

Another paragraph in the same issue of *Tribune Ouvrière* refers to a news item from the Czech paper *Rudé Právo*, in which the paper says that large families do not need many rooms: “*Deux soeurs et deux frères devraient coucher dans la même chambre.*” The editor of *Tribune Ouvrière* has seen fit to add the headline ‘**Promiscuité en Tchécoslovaquie**’ to his paragraph; he could hardly complain, therefore, if the editor of *Rudé Právo* were to tell Czechs of the deplorable housing conditions of many Mauritian workers (the samples I have quoted are typical) under the Czech equivalent of ‘**Promiscuité à Maurice**’.

Such overcrowding is regrettable, but it is inevitable where, as in Mauritius, you have a high birth rate coupled with a colonial economy geared to monoculture. As long as there are big families, there will be over-

crowding; and there will be big families just as long as there is no widespread family planning. Family planning leads to smaller families; smaller families mean less pressure on houses and fewer people per house (or room).



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If *Tribune Ouvrière* is serious about wishing to see less overcrowding and more living space per person in Mauritius (and it ought to be serious about this, since it is so concerned about what happens in Communist countries; charity, after all, begins at home), it can help by asking for, not campaigning against, family planning facilities to be made freely available all over Mauritius. Only a vigorous campaign in favour of family planning, and its enthusiastic adoption by Mauritian men and women, can relieve the tremendous pressure on the living space at present available in Mauritius.

It is, of course, even worse in such colonies as Hong Kong. There, the housing shortage is so acute and the poverty so bad that unutterably dreadful devices are employed by people who want somewhere to sleep. It is not uncommon for a landlord to fit out a house or hovel not with beds, but with shelves along the walls. These shelves are let to homeless persons; not by the month,

or by the week, or by the day, but by eight-hour stretches.

A woman with a child rents a shelf to sleep on for a period of eight hours. When her time is up, she is turned off, and another woman takes her place for the next eight hours. After her, yet a third woman uses the shelf for eight hours. Never at any time of day is the shelf not occupied by someone resting. The Hong Kong government is doing what it can to alleviate overcrowding and poverty and supports the local family planning organisation, which is supported also by influential citizens and organisations such as the Jockey Club.

There is evidence that efforts for family planning are meeting with some success in Hong Kong, as elsewhere where there is abject poverty and gross overcrowding which can be alleviated by family limitation. The same policy could help Mauritius.

### Sugar

The annual general meeting of Messrs. Tate and Lyle was held in London on January 25, and in his speech, the Chairman, Sir Ian D. Lyle, referred to the effect of the Cuban revolution on world sugar prices and prospects.

“All sugar countries of the world would like to share in

the expanding and remunerative United States market,” he said, “and all are hoping to catch the eye of the Administrator responsible for the allocation of quotas. The West Indies sent 83,000 tons to the United States last year and has received a token allocation of 9,000 tons for the first quarter of 1961... The chance of being able to send sugar to the States has prompted many countries to remove restrictions on output.

“There has been no compensating shortening of crop by Cuba; indeed, there have been references by Dr Castro to large quantities of sugar which will be available at knock-down prices. These factors, taken in conjunction with bumper Continental beet crops, have kept the price of sugar low. It stands today c.i.f. London at 27s. 3d. per cwt., which is 2s. 9d. per cwt. below the lower bracket of the price range of the International Sugar Agreement. The market does not look for any marked improvement in these prices in the near future.”

This gloomy outlook, voiced by so authoritative a person as the chairman of Tate and Lyle, underlines the necessity for some diversification of the present Mauritian monoculture and the equal necessity for no delay in putting the Meade Report into practice.

## Technology & Digital Security

# Mauritius Telecom bolsters Digital Safety for Minors with new Parental Control launch

**M**auritius Telecom (MT) has reached a significant milestone in its commitment to digital security with the official launch of **my.t protect Parental Control**. Introduced this week at Telecom Tower by CEO Veemal Gungadin in the presence of MT's Chairman Sarat Lallah, this new tool is designed specifically to safeguard minors in an increasingly complex online landscape. The launch event saw high-level support from key government figures, including Dr Avinash Ramtohol, Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation, Police Commissioner Rampersad Soorojebally and the Ombudsperson for Children, Aneeta Ghoorah, underscoring the national importance of child online protection.

This initiative represents the second phase of the Child Online Protection (COP) programme, a collaborative effort involving the Ministries of IT, Gender Equality, and Education. It follows the successful December 2025 rollout of the "my.t protect SIM," which provided automated filtering for mobile data users. While the initial phase focused on securing mobile connections by blocking harmful sites and certain VPNs, this latest evolution offers a comprehensive ecosystem powered by Norton Family, ensuring protection across all devices and connection types.

The service provides a robust suite of features designed to give parents "peace of mind," as emphasized by CEO Veemal Gungadin. Central to the offering is content filtering, which automatically blocks access to violent or inappropriate websites. Furthermore, the tool includes screen time man-



agement to help families establish healthy digital habits by setting daily limits and usage windows. Beyond content, the service integrates real-time geolocation and instant alerts, notifying parents of suspicious activities or attempts to bypass security barriers.

**A**ccessibility and simplicity were prioritized in the design of the user experience. Parents can activate the service via any my.t channel and manage their child's digital footprint through a single, intuitive dashboard. Priced at Rs 160 per month for existing customers (and an annual option for non-customers), the service is positioned as an affordable alternative to direct international subscriptions. For Mauritius Telecom, this move reinforces the philosophy that true digital inclusion must be built on a foundation of safety, respon-

sibility, and trust.

### Global context: how other nations implement parental controls

The initiative taken by Mauritius Telecom aligns with a global trend where governments and telecommunications providers are shifting from passive advice to active technical safeguards. Here are a few examples of how other countries manage digital safety for minors:

**\* The United Kingdom (The Online Safety Act):** The UK has pioneered some of the strictest regulations in the world. Beyond service provider tools, the law mandates that tech giants proactively remove illegal content and protect children from "harmful" but legal content (such as cyberbullying or promotion of self-harm). Failure to comply can result in massive fines for the companies.

**\* South Korea (The "Cinderella" Logic):** Known for its "Shutdown Law" (though recently transitioned to more flexible "selective shutdown" systems), South Korea has long

experimented with mandatory age-verification systems for online gaming. Telecommunications companies there often provide state-mandated apps that allow parents to monitor usage and block specific categories of apps by default.

It is encouraging to see Mauritius moving toward a hybrid model that combines network-level protection (the SIM phase) with user-level empowerment (the Norton Family phase). While technology is a powerful shield, the most effective "parental control" remains open communication between parents and children regarding the risks of the digital world. The affordability of this local solution is a significant step in making high-tier security accessible to all socioeconomic levels in the country.

## Health

# JSS Academy brings together health leaders to tackle the surge of lifestyle diseases

**A**s the developing world faces an escalating crisis of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), the International Conference on "Lifestyle Diseases (LSD) in the Developing World: Perspectives, Current Status and Future Challenges" (LSD-2026) successfully commenced on May 14, 2026. The two-day summit has brought together a prestigious assembly of policymakers, researchers, and healthcare professionals to chart a sustainable path forward for global public health.

The conference is a collaborative effort between the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mauritius (JSSA-HERM) and the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre) based in New Delhi.

### A High-Level Call to Action

The inaugural session was headlined by Dr Kaviraj Sharma Sukon, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Research. In his keynote address, Minister Sukon underscored the critical burden that diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and mental

health disorders place on developing economies. He remarked that there is an urgent need for evidence-based, multi-sectoral strategies and noted that the fusion of digital health, international partnerships, and rigorous research is no longer optional, but a necessity to combat the rising tide of NCDs.

**J**oining him on the dais were Dr Amitava Bandopadhyay, Director General of the NAM S&T Centre; Prof Praveen Mohadeb, CEO and Vice Chancellor of JSS Academy; Mr Naveen K P, Registrar; and Prof Ashish Wadhvani, the Organizing Chairperson of LSD-2026.

### Innovation and Education at the Forefront

Prof Mohadeb took the opportunity to highlight the rapid evolution of JSS Academy. Since its inception in 2018, the institution has become a cornerstone of healthcare education in the region, boasting internationally accredited pharmacy programs and a growing portfolio of high-impact research. The conference's technical sessions, as outlined by Prof Wadhvani, delve



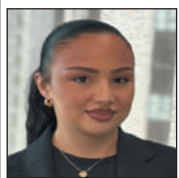
into modern complexities such as the nutrition transition and the impact of rapid urbanization, the role of Artificial Intelligence in digital health, mental health challenges among the youth, and gender disparities in clinical settings.

**T**he most significant milestone of the opening day was the adoption of the "Mauritius Resolution on Lifestyle Diseases 2026", which will serve as a strategic blueprint for participating nations, outlining recommendations for strengthening NCD surveillance, promoting preventive healthcare, and integrating Artificial Intelligence into primary health systems. It also places a heavy emphasis on addressing social determinants of health and ensuring better access to essential medicines across deve-

loping borders.

### A Global Hybrid Forum

LSD-2026 reflects the modern era of scientific exchange, featuring a hybrid format that allows experts from South Africa, India, Malaysia, Kenya, Palestine, Indonesia, and beyond to contribute both in-person and virtually. As the conference concludes today, May 15, the organizers remain confident that the deliberations and the newly adopted resolution will contribute significantly toward shaping future healthcare policies and sustainable interventions. The ultimate goal remains clear: reducing the global burden of lifestyle-related conditions and improving public health outcomes across the developing world.



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# If AI can translate instantly, why learn another language?

**F**rom live speech translation in video calls to auto-dubbing on TikTok, the technology to dissolve language barriers has arrived. Real-time translation powered by artificial intelligence (AI) is now embedded in everyday life.

Tools from OpenAI, Meta, Google and many others now offer near-instant translation across dozens of languages, and they keep improving.

All this raises a vital question. If machines can do this faster and more accurately than humans, is investing years in learning another language still worth it?

The logic is appealing. Humans have always offloaded cognitive work onto tools. Writing reduced demands on our memory. Calculators removed the burden of mental arithmetic. AI sits within this long tradition. Used well, it can support learning and expand access in ways that matter enormously.

But there's a difference between using a tool to extend your capabilities and using it to avoid doing something altogether. That distinction becomes important when you are not just replacing a skill, but a form of cognitive and cultural engagement.

## The effort is the point

Effort plays a central role in how we acquire knowledge.

Psychologists use the phrase "desirable difficulties" to describe challenges that may feel inefficient but produce stronger long-term retention and understanding.

Struggling with grammar, searching for the right word, or constructing meaning across multiple languages engages brain networks that support memory, attention and cognitive flexibility. Over time, they consolidate knowledge far more deeply than passive exposure.

Sustained mental engagement contributes to what researchers call cognitive resilience – the brain's capacity to maintain function as we age. Managing multiple languages is one form of this engagement. It requires the brain to resolve competition, monitor context and adapt dynamically.

These are not trivial demands. And they're difficult to achieve if you just use translation tools passively, such as resolving the meaning of a foreign phrase with the click of a button.

## What multilingualism research actually shows

The evidence on multilingualism is often presented as a simple "bilingual advantage", a shorthand that obscures a more complicated picture. Some studies report benefits for attention or working memory, while others find no differences. The truth appears to be more selective.

**O**ur recent study examined cognitive performance in 94 adults aged 18 to 83, using both visuospatial and auditory tasks across working memory, attention and inhibition. Put simply, we looked at how people process and respond to information they see or mentally map out in space (visuospatial) and information they hear (auditory). Examples include remembering sounds, focusing on visual patterns, or ignoring distractions.

Our study measured multilingualism as a spectrum, not a category. This allowed us to capture diverse language backgrounds and experiences. Multilingual participants spoke a range of languages with varying levels of proficiency and daily use, reflecting the linguistic diversity common within multicultural communities.



Across most tasks, multilinguals and monolinguals performed similarly. However, one pattern was striking. Individuals with richer, more diverse multilingual experience showed markedly better performance in visuospatial working memory. These effects were most pronounced in older people.

**T**his suggests that multilingual experience doesn't broadly enhance cognition, like some headlines claim. Instead, it may help preserve specific functions over time.

Separate population-level research has also linked multilingualism to later onset of Alzheimer's disease and better overall ageing outcomes, though the mechanisms continue to be debated.

Overall, however, it appears that sustained use of multiple languages represents a form of mental activity with effects that accumulate across a lifetime.

## What AI translation can't replicate

AI translation excels at speed and accessibility. For many practical purposes, it works remarkably well. But it operates through pattern recognition, not lived understanding. It can struggle with cultural context, humour, register and emotionally embedded meaning, especially for languages with less representation in training data.

At best, AI captures literal dimensions of language while missing social ones. Consider the scene in the 2003 film *Love Actually* where Jamie, played by Colin Firth, delivers an awkward but sincere proposal to Aurelia in broken Portuguese.

It is moving because of the effort, vulnerability and intent his imperfect words carry. Resort to real-time translation software and what remains is information, not expression.

This is the deeper distinction: translation is not the same as participation. Learning a language involves understanding how people think, their values, and how meaning is shaped by context and history. This cultural literacy develops through interaction and experience. We can't fully outsource that to systems that translate on demand.

The multilingual participants in our research spoke to this directly:

*I definitely think in Telugu, but I remember numbers and count using English.*

*Afrikaans is the language of my heart and best used to express intense emotion. English is the language of business and used mostly in everyday life.*

These are not descriptions of switching between translation modes. They are descriptions of inhabiting different selves.

**A**I will continue to change how we engage with language learning. It can personalise instruction, minimise barriers and provide feedback at scale. What it can't do is replace the cognitive and cultural work that comes from learning a language. This work leads to a deeper relationship with how other people see the world, and with how you express yourself. And that difference still matters.

## SHAM-E-HIDAAAYAT SUNNEE SOCIETY

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Compliant members are kindly requested to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sham-E-Hidaayat Sunnee Society which will be held on Sunday 14 June 2026 at 09 00 at the seat of Masjid-E-Bilal, Royal Road, Ex-Terminus, Triolet.

### AGENDA:

1. Reading and approval of minutes of last AGM
2. Executive committee' Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Presentation and approval of Budget estimates for 2026
5. A.O.B

In case there is no quorum, the AGM will be postponed to Sunday 28 June 2026 at 09 00 at the same venue with the same agenda.

**N.B:** Motion, if any, to be presented to the assembly, should be sent in writing by registered post to Mr Rizwaan Peerally, Secretary, Sham-E-Hidaayat Sunnee Society, Royal Road, 8th Mile, Triolet by Friday 12 June 2026.

**Rizwaan Peerally**  
Secretary  
11.05.2026

# Fungi fears in space



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**N**ASA found fungal strains that survive even its most stringent sterilization efforts, suggesting Earth microbes may already be living on Mars. When exploring worlds that could plausibly harbour life — Enceladus, Europa, Mars, Titan — space agencies employ protocols to prevent Earth-based microbes from contaminating any biology elsewhere.

The existence of near-unkillable fungi makes future Mars rover missions more fraught and past ones potential seeds of terrestrial life on the red planet. Titan may likewise be compromised. When visited by the Cassini-Huygens orbiter in 2004, no one realized Saturn's moon had liquid oceans and was thus a promising candidate for life, so the probe was not fully sterilized. The little spacecraft "might be seeding life," a mission scientist told Flagship's Tom in 2017.



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## 'Climateflation' becomes detectable

**C**limate change is beginning to have a measurable impact on prices, researchers said. Extreme weather events such as droughts and floods have long influenced costs, and global warming is expected to intensify their frequency. While isolating these effects is difficult, the 2022 European heat waves were estimated to have increased food prices by 0.7%. Now "climateflation" is becoming more visible: each 1°C increase in temperature is associated with roughly a 1% rise in inflation, one researcher told Bloomberg. The inflationary effects of extreme weather can persist for about two years.

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## Cairo's nightlife returns

**E**gypt lifted early-closure measures in Cairo after a month of the famously

late-night city being forced to shut down by 11pm. Cairenes are used to sitting at cafes until the early hours, but energy price spikes from the Iran war pushed authorities to impose a curfew and dim or shut off streetlights, one of several such efforts worldwide to preserve fuel. It hit the capital's economy badly -- "All of [Cairo residents'] work is done at the coffee shop," one owner told Reuters-- and led to a revival of COVID-era speakeasy tactics, with 'ahwas closing shutters and keeping an eye out for police. Residents are welcoming the return: "The streets were really depressing for the past month," one told Bloomberg.

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## Latam's worsening demographics

**L**atin America has become the fastest-aging region in the world, raising concerns that it will grow old before it becomes wealthy. For decades, the region benefited from a demographic boom, with births per woman peaking at nearly six in the 1960s. However, population growth has since fallen well below replacement levels: Chile, one of the region's wealthiest countries, now has a fertility rate lower than Japan's. The shift will shape "politics, businesses, communities, and how people live for decades to come," Americas Quarterly wrote.

## Genome pioneer dies

**T**he scientist who first decoded the human genome died aged 79. Former US Navy corpsman J. Craig Venter was the first to decipher any free-living organism's genome, in 1995 sequencing the genes of a bacterium; later, he decided to race the US government-backed Human Genome Project to do the same for humans.

Despite the HGP's \$3 billion funding and significant head start, Venter finished in a dead heat, announcing his success

alongside President Bill Clinton in 2000. The breakthrough has underpinned genomic medicine and genetic engineering. Venter went on to build the first synthetic cell, with a digitally designed genome. He was, however, disappointed with genomics' impact, saying it had "yet to provide the ... advances we were hoping for."



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## YOUR STARS

### Sagittarius (Nov 22–Dec 21)

Adventure, travel, or learning opportunities bring excitement. A surprising conversation changes your perspective on an important issue. Avoid carelessness with deadlines or finances. Relationships improve through humor and openness.

**Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 14, 21, 30, 35**  
**Capricorn (Dec 22–Jan 19)**

A practical and disciplined week. Hard work begins showing results. Financial planning becomes especially important. Family matters may require compromise. Avoid taking on too many responsibilities at once. Quiet persistence wins.

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 10, 17, 24, 32, 39**  
**Aquarius (Jan 20–Feb 18)**

New ideas and unexpected opportunities appear suddenly. Teamwork brings better outcomes than working alone. Someone may challenge your views, but useful lessons emerge from discussion. Romance and friendships become more dynamic.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 15, 22, 28, 37**  
**Pisces (Feb 19–Mar 20)**

Intuition becomes your strongest guide. Creative work, spirituality, and emotional healing are highlighted. Financial matters need careful attention before making commitments. A supportive person may offer encouragement or assistance unexpectedly.

**Lucky Numbers: 6, 12, 19, 27, 34, 40**  
**Aries (Mar 21–Apr 19)**

A productive week for decisions, unfinished work, and personal confidence. Avoid unnecessary arguments with family members. Financially, a delayed matter may finally move forward. Midweek brings useful news or an invitation. Romance improves through honest communication. Health requires better sleep habits.

**Lucky Numbers: 4, 9, 13, 21, 32, 38**  
**Taurus (Apr 20–May 20)**

Patience will bring stronger results than force. Professional responsibilities increase, but recognition follows. Someone from the past may reconnect unexpectedly. Avoid impulsive spending during the weekend. Relationships become steadier and more supportive.

### Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 14, 19, 27, 35

### Gemini (May 21–Jun 20)

A fast-moving week filled with conversations, meetings, and fresh ideas. Good time for studies, travel plans, and networking. Be careful with misunderstandings in emotional matters. Financial prospects improve gradually.

**Lucky Numbers: 5, 11, 16, 24, 31, 39**  
**Cancer (Jun 21–Jul 22)**

Emotional balance becomes important. Family concerns may need your attention early in the week. Career matters improve after Thursday. Trust your instincts regarding a business or money issue. A calm approach brings better outcomes.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 18, 22, 30, 37**  
**Leo (Jul 23–Aug 22)**

Confidence returns strongly after recent uncertainty. A leadership opportunity or public recognition may appear. Avoid ego clashes with colleagues. Love life becomes warmer and more expressive. Good week for creative projects and planning ahead.

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 7, 15, 20, 29, 40**  
**Virgo (Aug 23–Sep 22)**

Details matter this week. Organizing finances, paperwork, or schedules brings long-term benefits. Someone may seek your advice or guidance. Minor stress is possible, so avoid overthinking. Positive developments arrive slowly but steadily.

**Lucky Numbers: 6, 12, 17, 23, 28, 34**  
**Libra (Sep 23–Oct 22)**

Partnerships and friendships become central themes. Diplomacy helps resolve a lingering issue. A pleasant social event may introduce useful contacts. Financially, caution is wiser than risk-taking. Romance favours sincerity over appearances.

**Lucky Numbers: 4, 9, 16, 25, 33, 36**  
**Scorpio (Oct 23–Nov 21)**

A determined mood helps you overcome obstacles. Career matters gain momentum, especially after midweek. Keep personal plans private until finalized. Emotional intensity may create misunderstandings if words are too sharp.

**Lucky Numbers: 5, 11, 18, 26, 31, 38**

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## The silent toll

# How extreme heat stifles early childhood development

While the visible impacts of climate change -- such as rising sea levels and intensifying storms -- often dominate global headlines, a more insidious consequence is emerging within the domestic sphere. New research from New York University suggests that extreme heat is quietly hindering the cognitive and developmental milestones of the world's youngest children, potentially altering their lifelong trajectories before they even enter a classroom.

### A Critical Threshold

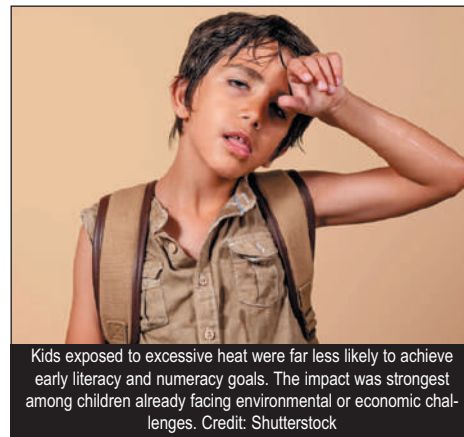
A study published in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry* identifies a troubling correlation between high ambient temperatures and developmental delays. Lead author Jorge Cuartas, an assistant professor at NYU Steinhardt, points out that children exposed to average maximum temperatures

exceeding 30°C (86°F) are significantly less likely to reach expected milestones in early literacy and numeracy.

The data indicates that children in these hotter environments are 5% to 6.7% less likely to meet basic benchmarks in reading and math compared to peers living in more temperate conditions (below 26°C). Because early childhood serves as the fundamental period for brain architecture, these "missed milestones" can create a compounding disadvantage that persists throughout a person's life.

### Vulnerability and Inequality

The research utilized a massive international dataset, examining nearly 20,000 children aged three to four across diverse nations including Gambia, Georgia, Madagascar, Malawi, Palestine, and Sierra Leone. By cross-referencing the



Kids exposed to excessive heat were far less likely to achieve early literacy and numeracy goals. The impact was strongest among children already facing environmental or economic challenges. Credit: Shutterstock

Early Childhood Development Index (ECDI) with climate records from 2017–2020, the team revealed that the impact of heat is not felt equally.

The developmental slowdown was most pronounced among children facing:

- **Economic hardship:** Families with fewer resources to mitigate heat.
- **Infrastructure deficits:** Limited access to clean water or cooling systems.
- **Urban density:** Children living in "heat island" environments within crowded cities.

### An Urgent Call for Resilience

As global temperatures continue to climb, this study serves as a vital warning for policymakers. Protecting a child's physical health is no longer enough; we must also safeguard their cognitive potential. Understanding the mechanisms behind this heat-driven developmental drag is the first step toward creating interventions -- such as better urban planning and climate-resilient childcare -- that ensure the next generation isn't left behind by a warming planet.



## Why did Tyrannosaurus rex have such short arms?

If humans had the same arm proportions as a *T. rex*, a 6-foot-tall person would have arms about 11 inches long.

One of the most famous dinosaurs to ever roam across Earth, *Tyrannosaurus rex*, has filled people's minds with wonder since the first skeleton was discovered in the early 1900s.

Scientists believe *T. rex*, or King of the Tyrant Lizards, as its name translates, was a fearsome predator. An adult *T. rex* was massive in size -- approximately 40 feet (12 meters) long and 20 feet (6 meters) tall, weighing as much as an African elephant. Each of its enormous sharp teeth could be near a foot (0.3 meters) in length from the root to the tip.

I'm a paleontologist, and I use fossils to study how animals lived and evolved over long periods of time. One of the coolest things about being a paleontologist is that there are always new questions to ask and new things to learn -- even about a super-well-known dino like *T. rex*, which went extinct just over 65 million years ago.

One *T. rex* mystery has to do with this giant predator's relatively tiny arms. Why would it have arms so short that it couldn't even reach its own mouth? How did it use them?

### How 'short' is short?

First, let's define what we mean by "short."

The biggest *T. rex* could measure 45 feet (14 meters) from the snout to the tip of the tail, but their arms were only about 3 feet (1 meter) long. On average, a *T. rex*'s arms were just about 30% of the length of its legs.

In comparison, humans have, on average, arms around 66% of the length of their legs. If people had the same arm proportions as a *T. rex*, a 6-foot (1.8 meters) tall person would have arms only 10 or 12 inches (25 to 30 centimeters) long!

*T. rex* isn't the only dinosaur with such short arms. The evolutionary trend toward shorter arms in theropods -- the larger group of meat-eating, two-legged dinosaurs that *T. rex* belongs to -- happened multiple times. Similar to how wings separately evolved in different animals -- like birds and bats -- traits can emerge many times in evolutionary history.

You can see the shortening of *T. rex* arms as a



However they got that way, small arms don't seem to have been an issue for these big predators. Orla/Stock via Getty Images Plus

pattern in its family tree, as earlier relatives had proportionally longer arms.

### How did they use their mini-arms?

Short arms don't seem to have been a problem for these mighty dinosaurs. *T. rex* was a successful carnivorous species that existed for over a million years. They only went extinct when an asteroid hit the Earth, causing a global mass extinction.

Scientists have suggested a few ideas to possibly explain how *T. rex* used their arms. Maybe they were used as some kind of social display that could impress other *T. rex* -- kind of like the bright feathers of a peacock that can attract potential mates.

But male and female *T. rex* skeletons don't show the major differences that paleontologists would take as clues that they relied on social displays to attract mates. And while animal behavior can sometimes be preserved, such as in bite marks or fossilized footprints, it's rare to have enough fossil data to draw clear conclusions.

Maybe *T. rex* used their arms as weapons to attack or hold down prey. But these options seem unlikely since *T. rex*'s huge jaws would have made contact with an enemy or prey before the short arms would have been able to reach it.

Some scientists have recently hypothesized that *T. rex*'s short arms were an adaptation to competition with other carnivores. If multiple predators were feeding on a carcass, one could get hurt by accidental bites or even

intentional warning bites for getting too close. Shorter arms would be less likely to get chomped. Similar things occur today with territorial carnivores, like Komodo dragons.

### Maybe the arms didn't have a purpose

Another possibility is that the arms served little or no purpose at all, so over time, they became vestigial. That's the scientific term for body parts that don't have clear purposes anymore, but are still passed down through evolution.

One example is a whale's hindlimbs. Whales evolved from mammals that lived on land that had large legs to move around. The bones are still present in today's whales, but have gotten much smaller over millions of years and have no function.

Some scientists have suggested a different idea: *T. rex*'s arms may have evolved to be smaller as another body part grew larger. The fossil record reveals that arms got shorter as theropod skulls got larger across many different dinosaur groups, including *T. rex*. Larger skulls likely would have made it easier to hunt and eat larger prey.

Researchers can use mathematical equations to accurately predict theropod arm length if they know the animal's skull size and length of its upper leg bone, the femur. It turns out that larger skulls are strongly linked to shorter arms in theropods.

The reason for the change in arms, however, isn't as clear. Some scientists have argued that the smaller arms could have helped with balance as the head got larger, but others aren't so sure. In evolution, there isn't always a reason why a change occurs -- sometimes, changes just happen. In this case, we don't yet know if there was a benefit for the arms to get smaller as heads got larger.

So for now, we don't really know how *T. rex* used its arms or why they evolved to be so small, proportionally. As scientists find new data, we will continue to test hypotheses to better understand why this tiny-arm trend occurred so many times in theropod evolution. That's what makes science so exciting -- a future fossil discovery could be the missing puzzle piece that helps us answer these questions.

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*Laughter is the Best Medicine*

## The Laziness Contest

A site foreman had ten very lazy men working for him, so one day he decided to trick them into doing some work.

"I've got a really easy job today for the laziest one among you," he announced. "Will the laziest man please put his hand up?"

Nine hands went up.

"Why didn't you put your hand up?" he asked the tenth man.

"Too much trouble," came the reply.

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### The Three Envelopes

A man had just been hired as the new CEO of a large high-tech corporation. The outgoing CEO met with him privately and handed him three numbered envelopes.

"Open these if you run into a problem you can't solve," he said.

Things went smoothly at first, but six months later, sales declined and pressure mounted. At his wits' end, the new CEO opened the first envelope. It read: "Blame your predecessor."

He called a press conference and diplomatically placed the blame on the previous CEO. The response was positive, sales improved, and the problem faded away.

About a year later, sales dipped again, along with serious product issues. This time, he opened the second envelope. It read: "Reorganize."

He restructured the company, and once again things improved.

After several profitable quarters, the company faced trouble yet again. The CEO closed his office door, opened the third envelope, and read:

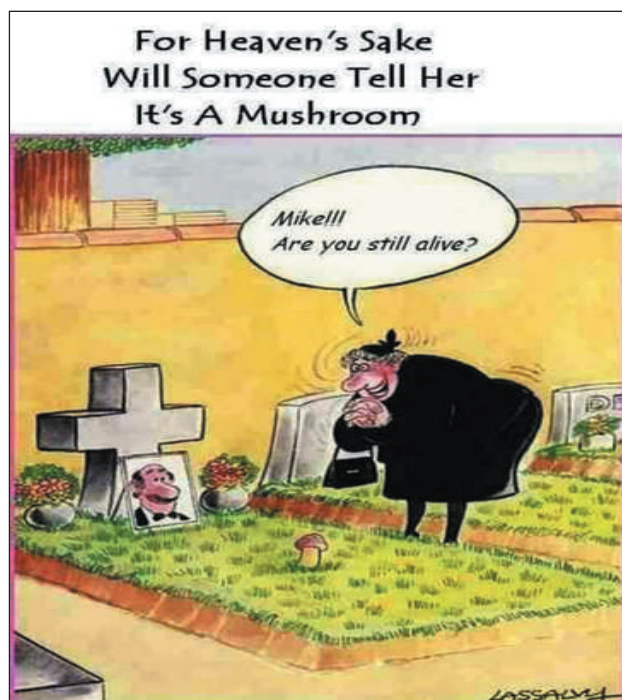
"Prepare three envelopes."

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### Indispensable

Judge: "Is there any reason you cannot serve as a juror in this case?"

Juror: "I don't want to be away from my job that



long."

Judge: "Can't they do without you at work?"

Juror: "Yes... but I don't want them to know it."

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### Time to Quit

As the end of the day drew near, the handsome executive called his newly hired assistant into his office.

"Do you know what time we quit around here?" he asked.

"Sure!" she nervously giggled. "Whenever somebody knocks on the door."

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### Faster Days

"Does anyone know what would happen if the Earth rotated 30 times faster than it does today?"

"We'd get our paycheck every day... and the monthly cycle would come around a lot faster."



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### Climbing the Ladder

When staff go out after work, they talk about football or basketball.

When middle management gets together, they talk about tennis or baseball.

Top management discusses golf.

Conclusion: The higher up you are in management... the smaller your balls get.

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### Working Like a Dog

It had taken him several months, but the executive vice president had finally persuaded his new secretary to have an affair with him on the office couch.

"And just where have you been until this hour?" demanded his wife when he finally arrived home.

"Down at the office," he replied, "working like a dog."

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### Imagination Required

Several weeks after being hired, a young man was called into the personnel director's office.

"What is the meaning of this?" the director asked. "When you applied for this job, you said you had five years of experience. Now we've discovered this is your very first job."



"Well," the young man replied, "in your advertisement, you said you wanted someone with imagination."

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### A Collection of Classic Anecdotes

Two Polish men were window shopping down a street in New York City when they noticed a sign in a shop window that caught their attention. The sign said: "Suits \$15, Pants \$8, Shirts \$5."

"Hey, we could make a fortune!" said one to the other. "We could buy all the clothes from this shop and sell them back home in Poland for a vast profit."

"It sounds like an excellent idea," the other replied.

"There's just one thing, though -- they might try to fool us if they find out we are Polish. So, when we enter the shop, I'll put on my best New York accent and you keep quiet. Understand?"

The friend nodded in agreement. Once inside the shop, the first man put on a thick American accent and said, "I'll take fifty pairs of pants at \$8, fifty suits at \$15, and 100 shirts at \$5 each."

The shop owner interrupted him immediately. "You're Polish, aren't you?"

"How did you guess?"

"Because," the owner replied, "this is a dry cleaner's."

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Two Polish men went to London to donate to a sperm bank.

It was a disaster: one missed the Tube, and the other came on the bus.

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Did you hear about the Polish man whose wife gave birth to twins?

He demanded to know who the other man was.

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A young Scottish lad and lass were sitting on a heathery hill in the Scottish Highlands.

They had been silent for some time when the lass said, "A penny for your thoughts."

The lad was a bit embarrassed but finally said, "If you must know, I was thinking how nice it would be if you gave me a wee kiss."

So, she kissed him.

After some time, he again lapsed into a pensive mood, prompting her to ask, "What are you thinking about now?"

To which the lad grumbled, "I was hoping you hadn't forgotten the penny."

Life Stories**The Architect of Mastery: The Charlie Munger Story**

**A** broke, divorced father buried his 9-year-old son. Then, he helped build a \$900 billion empire.

Charlie Munger was 31 years old. His first marriage had ended. His finances were in ruins. His son, Teddy, had just died of leukaemia. He couldn't afford the hospital bills; he watched his child die while worrying about money.

Most people would have crumbled, given up, or let grief and failure consume them. Not Munger. He went back to work and rebuilt from zero.

**The Ceiling and the Side Hustle**

He started as a lawyer. He was good at it, earning decent money. But he saw the ceiling: trading hours for dollars, with someone else controlling his time. So, he began investing on the side. Small deals at first -- real estate and private investments.

People warned him to stay in his lane: "You're a lawyer, not an investor." "Stick with what's safe." "You've already lost everything once."

He didn't listen. Munger understood something most people never do: the way out of pain isn't comfort -- it's mastery. It is becoming so good at something that your circumstances are forced to change.

He read everything: physics, biology, psychology, history, and economics. Not just finance -- everything. People thought he was wasting time. They asked, "What does psychology have to do with investing?" or "Why read about evolution?"

But Munger saw connections others missed. He built what he called "Mental Models" -- frameworks from every discipline applied to business and life. He didn't think like



Warren Buffett (left) and Charlie Munger

an investor; he thought like a scientist, a psychologist, and a mathematician all at once.

**The Meeting that Changed Everything**

That's how he met Warren Buffett. They were introduced at a dinner in Omaha. Buffett was already successful, running his own partnership, but Munger changed how Buffett thought.

Before Munger, Buffett bought cheap companies -- "cigar butts" with one last puff of value. Munger persuaded him to buy great companies at fair prices instead of mediocre ones at cheap prices.

"It's far better to buy a wonderful company at a fair price than a fair company at a wonderful price."

That shift built Berkshire Hathaway. Munger became Vice Chairman -- Buffett's thinking partner for more than six decades. Not an employee. A partner. An equal mind. Every major decision passed through both of them.

**The Pursuit of Being Right**

What set Munger apart from other billionaires was simple: he never wanted the spotlight. Buffett was the face, the interviews, and the magazine covers. Munger stayed in the background, said what he thought, and didn't care if people liked it.

His job wasn't to be famous. It was to be right. He was brutally honest. He called out bad ideas to people's faces with no sugar-coating and no excuses. He lived by simple truths:

"Show me the incentive, and I'll show you the outcome."

"Invert, always invert."

"The best thing a human being can do is help another human being know more."

He read for hours every day. His children called him "a book with legs." At 99, he was still working, thinking, and learning. He never retired. He never slowed down.

**The Lesson in the Loss**

Munger understood that your worst moment isn't your ending; it's your starting point. He lost his son, his marriage, and his money. Instead of letting it destroy him, he used it as fuel. He built a fortune and a legacy -- not despite the pain, but because of what the pain taught him.

So ask yourself:

What grief are you letting define you instead of drive you?

What failure are you treating as an ending instead of a beginning?

Stop thinking your worst moments disqualify you from success. Start thinking like Charlie Munger. Read widely. Connect ideas others don't. Speak the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. And never let tragedy become an excuse to quit.

The divorced lawyer who buried his son built an empire because he chose to let pain make him stronger -- not smaller.

Your setback is not your story. What you do next is.

Think big.

**Chris Walker**

Things can be better**Architecting the Self: Nine Habits for a Fixed Life**

**T**ransforming one's life requires a departure from comfort and a rigorous adoption of intentional disciplines. The process starts with a Daily Stoic Review to ruthlessly audit actions and a Memento Mori meditation to centre daily priorities around mortality.

Resilience is forged through Voluntary Discomfort rituals, such as cold showers, which prepare the mind for inevitable hardships.

Practicing Negative Visualization fosters profound gratitude by contemplating the loss of what we hold dear, while Radical Speech Fasts sharpen the mind through silence.

Reclaiming cognitive clarity necessitates a strict Information Diet, filtering out the noise of modern media to foster original thought.

One must learn to practice Amor Fati, welcoming every fate as an opportunity for growth, and engage in Rigorous Self-Censure to correct flaws without self-pity.

Finally, a Single-Tasking Commitment declares war on the shallow distraction of multitasking, allowing for the deep presence required to reclaim the mind's capacity for sustained depth.

Philo Thoughts**The Strategy of Permanent War**

*Reflections on George Orwell*

**O**rwell back in 1948 warned us that permanent war is a strategy, not a struggle. It's designed to burn through resources and keep people too distracted to ask questions.

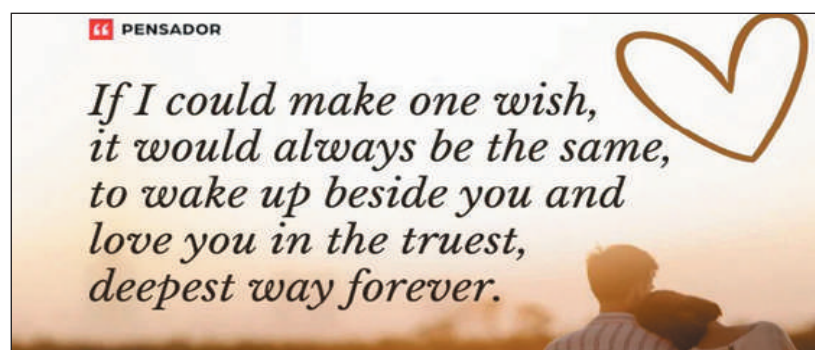
If people are kept afraid and under-informed, the structure of society stays the same while fighting ghosts. Maybe the goal isn't victory, but keeping the status quo intact?

**Permanent War and the Status Quo**

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Perhaps the goal isn't victory -- it's maintaining the status quo.

Things can be better**The New Currency: Skills That Outperform Degrees**

**I**n an evolving economy, specific high-leverage skills offer a greater return on investment than traditional academic credentials.

Communication and public speaking serve as the bedrock of influence, allowing individuals to open doors and lead others effectively.

Emotional intelligence and sales skills enable a deeper understanding of human behaviour, ensuring one can navigate both interpersonal relationships and commercial transactions with ease.

Networking and negotiation are the tools that secure what one truly deserves, while time management and problem-solving provide the calm efficiency needed to find solutions in any environment.

Critical thinking and adaptability ensure one remains ahead of the curve, while leadership and financial literacy provide the foundation for sustained growth and wealth.

Digital and marketing literacies are now essential for relevance, supported by project management and a relentless commitment to lifelong learning.

These skills, rooted in resilience and attention to detail, create an impact that far exceeds the reach of a college diploma.

## Relationships

### The Complex Reality of Why Married Women Stray

Infidelity is often shrouded in gender stereotypes, with society frequently expressing more shock when a woman strays compared to a man. However, research suggests that when married women cheat, the act is rarely impulsive. Instead, it is often the culmination of long-term unmet emotional needs and a deep-seated desire for connection.

Unlike the common perception of "men seeking variety," women often seek emotional validation. Many feel overwhelmed by their roles as caregivers, breadwinners, and housekeepers, leading to a sense of being taken for granted. When a husband stops listening or noticing her contributions, the "compassionate ear" of another man can become an irresistible ego-booster. This emotional intimacy often bridges the gap to physical infidelity, as women frequently report falling in love with their affair partners, making marital reconciliation particularly difficult.

Factors such as a mid-life crisis (typically between ages 30 and 50), boredom in the bedroom, or even "revenge cheating" following a partner's betrayal also play significant roles. Ultimately, the thrill of being "wanted" and the need for adventure can drive a woman to seek outside the home what she no longer finds within it.

#### Who is Most Likely to Cheat?

While infidelity is a personal choice, psychological studies suggest that certain behavioral and demographic factors can increase the statistical likelihood of



straying. Understanding these "red flags" can help partners navigate the complexities of modern commitment.

- **The Power of Social Media:** Research indicates that heavy social media users experience more relationship conflicts. Digital platforms provide easy access to old flames and new temptations, often blurring the lines of emotional boundaries.
- **The "Once a Cheater" Rule:** Statistics from the University of South Alabama suggest that past behavior is a strong predictor. Those who have cheated in previous relationships are significantly more likely to repeat the pattern.
- **Socioeconomic Factors:** Interestingly, wealth and power are linked to higher cheating rates in men, while financial instability is a more common factor for

women who stray.

- **Sudden Behavioral Shifts:** A partner who becomes unexpectedly more physically affectionate may be overcompensating.

An increased sex drive outside the home can sometimes manifest as a sudden surge of intimacy within the marriage.

Recognizing these patterns isn't about placing blame, but about understanding the environmental and psychological pressures that test the limits of monogamy.

#### The "White Lies" Women Tell

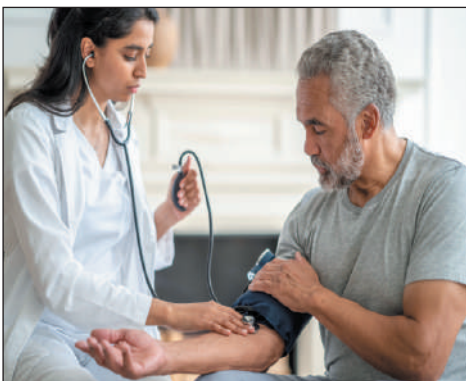
In the delicate dance of social and romantic relationships, "white lies" often serve as a protective shield or a convenient exit strategy. From avoiding awkward social obligations to sparing a partner's feelings, women -- like everyone else -- occasionally lean on a few common fabrications to keep the peace.

One of the most frequent lies is the classic "I'm not angry," usually uttered when blood is boiling but the person isn't ready for a confrontation. Similarly, the phrase "I'm on my period" acts as a universal "get out of jail free" card, used to avoid everything from a night at the club to physical intimacy when one simply wants to binge-watch a favorite series in peace.

In the digital age, "I just saw this" is the go-to excuse for ignored texts, while "We should definitely catch up soon" is often the polite way of saying goodbye to someone they have no intention of calling. Perhaps most sensitive is the lie told in the bedroom: "That was so good." Many women admit to faking satisfaction to avoid hurting their partner's ego. While these lies may seem harmless, they often point to a deeper desire to manage social harmony and avoid the discomfort of direct rejection.

## Health& Life Hacks

### Navigating New Blood Pressure Guidelines



Recent shifts in medical guidelines have lowered the threshold for "high blood pressure" to 130/80, a move that classifies millions more adults as hypertensive. While the goal is to prevent cardiovascular events, some experts warn against focusing too narrowly on the numbers at the expense of holistic health.

The change was largely driven by the Sprint study, which showed that inten-

sive blood pressure management could reduce heart attacks and strokes. However, there is a catch: the study's measurements were taken under perfect, quiet clinical conditions. In the "messy" reality of a standard doctor's office, stress and activity can cause numbers to spike, leading to potential overmedication. For older adults, aggressive treatment can increase the risk of dizziness and serious falls.

The takeaway isn't that blood pressure doesn't matter -- it is a vital health marker -- but that it shouldn't be the only focus. Patients and doctors must weigh the benefits of additional prescriptions against the quality of life. True health is often found beyond the pill bottle, rooted in real food, regular movement, and stress management. Before rushing into a new regimen, have a candid conversation with your provider about what a "healthy" number looks for you specifically.

## Health& Life Hacks

### Is Dried Fruit Good for You?

*Dried fruit packs fiber and nutrients, but also concentrated sugar and calories. Learn the real benefits, risks, and how much is safe to eat.*

Dried fruit has been a dietary staple for millennia, prized for its durability and concentrated flavor. From ancient Persian apricots to 19th-century trail mixes, it remains a popular source of essential vitamins and minerals. However, its nutritional density makes it a complex addition to a modern diet.

On the positive side, dried fruit is a powerhouse of micronutrients. Kiwi is an excellent source of calcium for bone health, while apricots provide the iron necessary for a healthy pregnancy. Additionally, the high Vitamin A and C content found in options like prunes and raisins can support eye health, potentially slowing the progression of cataracts.



The primary risk lies in concentration. Removing water shrinks the fruit, meaning a single cup contains significantly more sugar and calories than its fresh counterpart -- roughly 480 calories and over 100 grams of sugar per serving. While the fiber content is high, the lack of water volume makes it less satiating, which can lead to unintentional weight gain. For those managing diabetes, portion control is vital to avoid blood sugar spikes. Ultimately, while dried fruit offers genuine health benefits, it is best enjoyed in moderation as a supplement to, rather than a replacement for, fresh fruit.

## Personal Growth

### Five Lessons for a Life of Honour

Life has taught me five core lessons for those seeking success and wisdom.

First, do your best and let life do the rest -- apply Absolute Personal Responsibility, then surrender the outcome.

Second, remember that karma is real; good things happen to those who do good.

Third, trust that the heart is wiser than the head. My greatest successes, like

writing *The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari*, made no sense to my logical mind.

Fourth, develop "UnKillAbility." When tragedy strikes, keep moving forward with baby steps.

Finally, understand that your life only gets richer as your personal development grows. Stop making excuses and pick up

the book or find the mentor.

The best way to make your life amazing is to grow yourself into someone more amazing.

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### Deepika Padukone: Embracing motherhood and global influence

Deepika Padukone is currently dominating headlines both for her personal milestones and her philanthropic impact. Following the April 2026 announcement of her second pregnancy with husband Ranveer Singh, fans have revisited a prophetic old interview where the star expressed her deep desire to "have lots of babies."

Beyond her personal life, Padukone remains a pillar of social influence. Through The Live Love Laugh Foundation, she continues to lead national conversations on mental health. While she is expected to skip the 2026 Met Gala due to a rigorous filming schedule for upcoming projects like *King* (with Shah Rukh Khan) and *Raaka*, her dual role as a global fashion icon and a committed advocate for emotional well-being remains a benchmark for celebrity responsibility in India.

### Grit and Grace: Women redefining Bollywood's "cop universe"

The traditionally male-dominated "Cop Universe" is undergoing a powerful feminine shift. Leading actresses are increasingly swapping glamour for the khaki uniform, delivering performances defined by realism and emotional depth.



- **Kareena Kapoor** recently earned acclaim for her internal, grief-stricken portrayal of a detective in *The Buckingham Murders*.

- **Deepika Padukone** has officially joined Rohit Shetty's high-octane universe in *Singham Again*.

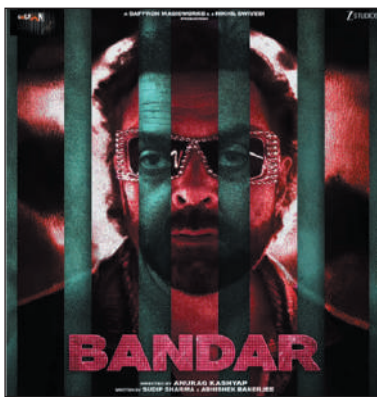
- **Rani Mukerji** continues to hold the gold standard with her *Mardaani* franchise.

- **Raashii Khanna** is set to elevate her action credentials as an anti-narcotics officer in the upcoming *Lukkhe*.

These roles signify a departure from "token" female presence, instead centering women as the strategic and physical drivers of major thrillers.

### Bobby Deol's Dark Turn in Anurag Kashyap's *Bandar*

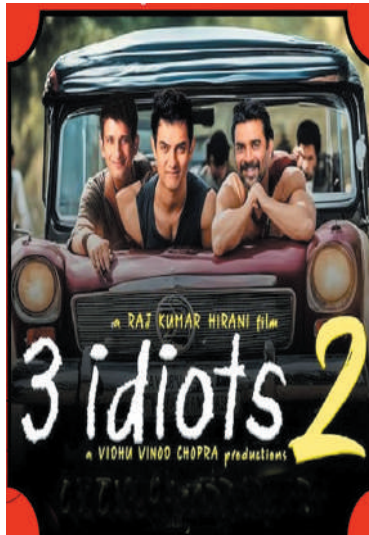
The teaser for Anurag Kashyap's *Bandar* has revealed a startling transformation for Bobby Deol. Moving away from his "rockstar" persona, Deol plays Sameer Mehra, a man who goes from a charismatic party-goer to a prisoner accused of sexual assault.



While the teaser highlights a "based on true events" narrative, Kashyap has clarified that the film is not a commentary on the MeToo movement, but rather a study of a false accusation case and the resulting legal fallout. Featuring an ensemble cast including Sanya Malhotra and Saba Azad, *Bandar* -- which premiered at TIFF -- is slated for a theatrical release on June 5, promising the gritty, morally grey storytelling that is Kashyap's trademark.

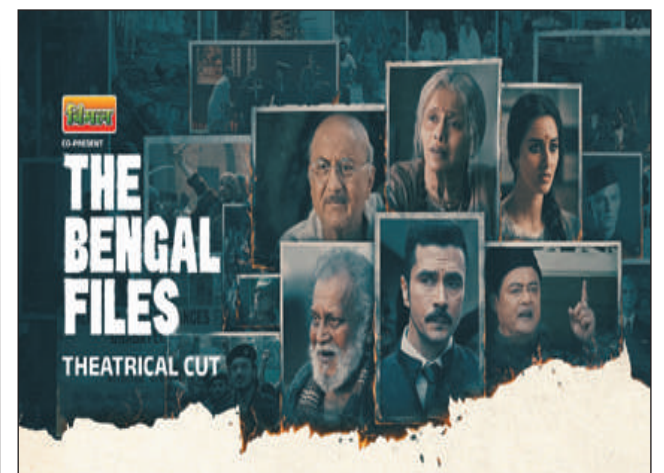
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### The Sequel Dilemma: Does Bollywood Need *3 Idiots 2*?



The confirmation that Rajkumar Hirani is developing a sequel to the 2009 classic *3 Idiots* has sparked a national debate: is it possible to follow a "flawless" film? Aamir Khan is set to return as Rancho, but trade analysts like Taran Adarsh warn that the film will be competing with the audience's own cherished memories of college and friendship.

In 2026, the challenge for *3 Idiots 2* isn't just to be funny; it's to be relevant. The educational pressures of 2009 have mutated into the anxieties of AI disruption and social media comparison. To succeed, the sequel must justify why Rancho is needed today, rather than simply leaning on the nostalgia of "Aal Izz Well."



### Vivek Agnihotri's *The Bengal Files* Set for West Bengal release

After a lengthy delay and claims of being "cancelled" in the state, director Vivek Agnihotri has confirmed that *The Bengal Files* will finally hit screens in West Bengal on May 15, 2026.

The film, which saw a nationwide release in September 2025, was notably absent from Bengal theaters, with owners citing prior commitments to films like *Baaghi 4*. Following the recent BJP victory in the state elections, Agnihotri took to Instagram to dismiss rumors of an earlier May 8 release, clarifying the May 15 date. The director has been vocal about the "attacks and FIRs" he faced during the project's journey, framing the upcoming release as a victory for cinematic persistence.

### Abhishek Bachchan calls Aishwarya Rai his "soulmate"



Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on April 20. Despite years of public scrutiny and rumours of a "grey divorce," the couple appears to be in a strong place.

Abhishek described their 19 years together as a "dream," calling Aishwarya his soulmate and the person

responsible for raising their daughter, Aaradhya, with the right values. He teased "big plans" for their 20th anniversary next year.

### From Screen to Page: 7 Actresses Who Became Powerful Authors

On World Book Day, the industry celebrates actresses who have successfully transitioned into storytelling through literature:

1. **Priyanka Chopra Jonas:** Author of the memoir *Unfinished*.
2. **Neena Gupta:** Penned the candid autobiography *Sach Kahun Toh*.
3. **Twinkle Khanna:** Known for her witty social commentary in *Mrs Funnybones*.
4. **Shilpa Shetty:** Co-author of *The Great Indian Diet*.
5. **Soha Ali Khan:** Author of *The Perils of Being Moderately Famous*.
6. **Kalki Koechlin:** Explored mental health in *A Documentary in Madness*.
7. **Kubbra Sait:** Shared a deeply personal narrative in *Open Book*.

### What Bollywood MPs earn

Several Bollywood stars now serve as Members of Parliament (MPs), receiving government salaries and allowances. Following a 24% hike in March 2025, the monthly compensation for these figures -- including **Kangana Ranaut**, **Arun Govil**, **Ravi Kishan**, and **Jaya Bachchan** -- is structured as follows:

Category	Amount in Mauritian Rupees (MUR)
Monthly Salary	Rs 62,000
Constituency Allowance	Rs 43,500
Office Expenses	Rs 37,500
Daily Allowance	Rs 1,250

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# Programme TV



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## MBC 1

05.31 Serial: Separe Par L'Amour  
08.10 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
09.00 Tele: La Desalmada  
09.30 Film: Red  
11.30 Tele: Happily Ever After  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.35 Tele: Helena  
13.20 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune  
13.45 Tele: L'Amour Invincible  
14.10 Tele: Valentina  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Tele: Love Of My Life  
17.30 Tele: Happily Ever After  
18.00 Samachar  
18.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
19.00 Serial: 19 Minutes  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.30 Film: The Patriot - Le Chemin De La Liberté  
23.19 Tele: Helena  
00.04 Le Journal

## MBC 2

09.35 Local: Paroles Agricoles  
12.00 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion  
13.09 Local: Memwar Dan Ros  
13.04 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
14.25 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
15.16 Local: Saveurs Plus  
15.39 Local: Koze Zom  
16.31 Local: Prog Culinaire  
17.00 Local: La Sosiete  
17.26 Local: Saver Kiltirel  
18.05 Tele: L'Amour Invincible  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.25 Local: Sur Prise  
19.45 Local: Evasion  
20.00 Local: Sekirite Lor Larout  
21.17 Local: MRIC  
21.46 Local: La Sosiete  
22.17 Local: Vivaldi Music School  
22.50 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.34 Entrepreneuriat Au Feminin  
23.52 Mon Jardin Ma Maison

## MBC 3

06.00 Mag: Aastha TV  
09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha  
10.00 Local: Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
11.32 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
12.00 Film: Do Dishayen  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.20 Sayings Radha Krishna  
16.08 Serial: Mithai  
17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
18.00 Samachar  
18.32 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
18.57 International Dance Day  
19.54 Local: Khel Khiladi  
20.30 Serial: Tenali Rama  
21.13 Serial: Crime Patrol  
21.59 Serial: Mere Sai  
22.47 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.10 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
23.55 International Dance Day 2026  
00.51 Local: Khel Khiladi  
01.43 Mag: Eco India

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06.00 Mag: Eye On SADC  
06.30 Doc: China Farm  
07.20 Mag: Tomorrow Today  
08.40 Doc: Machu Picchu  
10.09 Doc: Indonesia  
11.01 Doc: Eco India  
12.24 Mag: Tomorrow Today  
13.46 Doc: Machu Picchu  
15.00 La Famille Blaireau Renard  
15.12 Momolu et Ses Amis  
15.34 D.Anime: Samsam  
15.57 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.24 D.Anime: Yetili  
16.57 Serial: The Avatars  
17.30 Mag: Eco India  
18.00 Mag: Eye On SADC  
18.30 Doc: China Farm  
19.00 Student Support Prog...  
19.28 Mag: Euromaxx  
20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
20.50 Tele: Valentina

## Bollywood TV

14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan  
14.55 Serial: Tenali Rama  
15.30 Film: Sahibaan  
Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Rishi Kapoor  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Udne Ki Aasha  
19.01 Udaariyaan  
19.32 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua  
20.01 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
20.25 Shrimad Ramayan  
20.55 Anupamaa  
21.25 Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya  
21.57 Serial: Dhruv Tara  
22.30 Wagle Ki Duniya  
23.00 Serial: Aladdin  
23.30 Film: Sahibaan  
Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Rishi Kapoor

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06.00 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
06.39 Serial: The Lazarus Project  
07.30 Serial: For Life  
08.15 Serial: Nelle Tue Mani  
09.10 Serial: Quantico  
09.55 Serial: Elementary  
10.35 Serial: L'Homme Qui Valait Trois Milliards  
11.32 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.30 Film: Seref Meselesi  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Film: The Arrival  
17.15 Doc: Country Dreams  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Dance Deewane  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.15 National Innovation...  
20.41 Local: Deba Klima  
21.00 Film: Monster Hunter  
22.43 Serial: For Life  
23.56 Serial: Last Kingdom

06.00 Local: Mon Jardin Ma Maison  
06.30 Local: Tous Egaux  
06.45 Local: Point Culture  
07.36 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
08.10 Local: Sur Prise  
10.22 Local: Metie  
12.45 Mon Jardin Ma Maison  
13.27 Local: Les Grandes Lignes  
13.58 Local: Sur Prise  
14.28 Local: Sekirite Lor Larout  
15.30 Local: J'ai Faim  
15.59 Local: Retrovizor  
18.05 Tele: Wildflower  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.30 Zero Stress Avek Miselaine  
20.00 Local: Les Petits Genies  
20.30 Music Tour 2026  
21.30 Local: Glwar Dantan  
22.00 Chapter Of Sound...  
23.32 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.36 Local: Tous Egaux  
23.52 Local: Saver Kiltirel

05.00 Mag: Aastha TV  
08.00 Local: Mati Ke Mol  
08.30 Local: Abhyas Yog  
09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha  
10.30 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2  
12.00 Dikri Vahalno Dariyo  
15.00 Samachar  
15.30 Film: Thanedaar  
Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Madhuri Dixit  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.32 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
19.12 Local: Virasat  
19.35 Local: Hunarbaaz  
21.00 Film: Aarakshan  
Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Saif Ali Khan  
23.20 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
23.46 Duniya Mein Iss Saptah  
00.01 Local: Virasat  
00.21 Local: Hunarbaaz  
02.26 Film: Aarakshan

06.00 D.Anime: Caillou  
06.42 D.Anime: Agent 203  
07.05 Charlotte Aux Fraises  
08.35 D.Anime: Word Party  
09.56 Serial: H2O: Just Add Water  
11.35 Doc: China Farm  
13.29 Doc: By Train Through...  
14.11 Doc: Notre Dame De Paris  
15.00 La Famille Blaireau Renard  
15.13 Momolu Et Ses Amis  
15.38 D.Anime: Samsam  
15.57 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.57 Serial: The Avatars  
18.00 Mag: In Good Shape  
18.30 Doc: Urban Foraging  
19.00 Mag: Initiative Africa  
19.28 Mag: Afrimaxx  
20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
20.45 Tele: Love Of My Life  
22.20 Serial: Les Enquetes Du Juge  
23.47 Doc: The Lives OF the Amish

08.00 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua  
10.02 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
12.08 Udaariyaan  
14.02 Anupamaa  
16.00 Shrimad Ramayan  
18.00 Samachar  
18.30 Film: Kartoos  
With: Jackie Shroff And Manisha Koirala



21.30 Beyhadh 2  
22.00 Crime Patrol

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06.00 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
06.30 Film: Monster Hunter  
08.30 Serial: Elementary  
09.15 Serial: Colombo  
10.35 Serial: L'Homme Qui Valait Trois Milliards  
11.30 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
12.35 Film: Ruz Local  
12.41 Film: Rasta Local  
14.48 Film: Home, Away Local  
14.40 Doc: Let's Make It Tasty  
15.00 Live: Samachar  
15.30 Film: Monster Hunter  
17.13 Doc: Not About Music  
17.51 Doc: Vegetarian Delights  
18.00 Samachar  
18.30 Serial: Laughter Chefs  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.14 Local: Chef On Faya  
20.45 Film: The Aviator  
00.10 Serial: La Brea

08.05 Local: Metie  
08.39 Local: Les Petits Genies  
09.36 Rodrig: 26em Edision Fetival  
10.38 Rodrigues: Nu Lakwizin  
11.00 Local: Nu Rasinn  
12.00 Local: Artizan  
12.40 Entrepreneuriat Au Feminin  
14.30 Local: Parcours Croises  
15.00 Mon Jardin Ma Maison  
15.34 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante  
16.40 La Journee S'ous Le Regard  
17.14 Local: Deba Klima  
18.10 Tele: Wildflower  
19.20 Zero Stress Avek Miselaine  
19.42 Local: Tous Egaux  
20.00 Local: Les Klips  
21.00 Local: Upclose And Personal  
22.00 Rythm Weds Harmony  
23.10 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion  
23.30 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
23.39 Local: Coin Jardin

06.00 Mag: Aastha TV  
08.00 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
08.26 Duniya Mein Iss Saptah  
08.41 Local: Virasat  
10.30 Mahabharat  
12.00 Film: Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway  
15.00 Samachar  
15.21 Local: Puranya Pakwan  
15.47 Local: Virasat  
16.10 Local: Hunarbaaz  
18.00 Samachar  
18.32 Sayings Radha Krishna  
18.31 Student Of The Year  
19.11 Local: Grand Finale  
20.07 Local: Humni Ke Sitare  
20.48 Tenali Rama  
21.09 Crime Patrol  
22.28 Sajanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar  
23.27 Mag: Kuch Lamhe Fursat...

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07.50 D.Anime: Dragons  
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09.26 D.Anime: Momolu Et Ses Ami  
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09.56 Serial: H2O: Just Add Water  
11.18 Doc: Urban Foraging  
13.40 Doc: The Last Neanderthal  
14.49 Doc: Japan Video Topics  
15.12 Momolu Et Ses Amis  
15.35 D.Anime: Samsam  
15.57 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.24 D.Anime: Yetili  
16.35 D.Anime: Ice Hockey Storm  
17.00 Serial: The Avatars  
17.30 Doc: Strong Women  
18.00 Mag: REV Special  
19.30 Doc: Arts Unveiled  
20.00 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
21.42 Film: Permis De Tuer  
Cast: Steven Seagal, Russell Wong

08.15 Dhruv Tara  
10.05 Kundali Bhagya  
12.10 Dance Deewane  
14.00 Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya  
16.00 Wagle Ki Duniya  
18.30 Film: Hulla  
Cast: Jackie Shroff And Manisha Koirala



21.30 Beyhadh 2  
22.00 Mahabharat  
22.37 Dhruv Tara

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03.51 Tele: Mademoiselle  
05.04 Tele: Separe Par L'Amour  
07.04 Tele: All The Flowers  
04.28 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
07.52 Tele: Le Secret Des Roldan  
08.18 Tele: La Desalmada  
11.30 Tele: Happily Ever After  
12.00 Le Journal  
12.25 Tele: Helena  
13.15 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune  
13.45 Tele: L'Amour Invincible  
14.10 Tele: Valentina  
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16.12 Serial: Les Enquetes Du Juge  
17.29 Tele: Happily Ever After  
18.00 Samachar  
18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti  
19.07 Live: Grand Titre  
19.30 Le Journal  
20.14 Zero Stress Avek Miselaine  
20.17 Nou Travay Nou Lavenir  
21.22 Serial: Berlin Station

09.10 Local: Anou Kombat Ladrog  
09.23 Local: Metie  
11.00 Local: Les Klips  
12.00 Local: Nu Rasinn  
13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
13.57 Rodrig - Zenn Aktif  
14.30 Local: Metie  
15.30 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef  
16.02 Local: Les Klips  
16.54 La Journee Sous Le Regard  
17.30 Local: Couleur Marine  
18.05 Tele: L'Amour Invincible  
18.30 Tele: Le Secret Des Roldan  
19.00 Zournal Kreol  
19.30 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel  
20.34 Local: Tous Egaux  
21.15 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante  
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22.15 Local: Paroles Agricoles  
22.38 Local: Grand Titre  
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05.00 Mag: Aastha TV  
09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha  
10.00 Local: Sajanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar  
12.00 Film: Pati Patni Aur Woh  
Cast: Sanjeev Kumar, Vidya Sinha  
15.00 Samachar  
15.48 Kundali Bhagya  
16.30 Local: Aaj Ke Charcha  
17.30 Shiv Shakti  
18.00 Live: Samachar  
18.31 Local: Ved Ki Shikshahein  
18.57 Local: Ayush  
19.24 Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek  
20.09 Local: Charcha  
20.30 Dharm Yoddha Garud  
21.00 Film: Andaaz  
Cast: Shammii Kapoor, Rajesh Khanna, Hema Malini  
23.16 Mere Sai  
00.02 Wagle Ki Duniya

07.23 Mag: Arts Unveiled  
07.49 Doc: La Chine Du Futur  
09.27 Doc: Nato In Transition  
10.52 Doc: My Name Is Happy  
11.54 Mag: Travel  
13.03 Doc: Arts Unveiled  
14.25 Doc: Punk Mum  
15.00 D.Anime: La Famille Blaireau  
15.11 D.Anime: Momolu Et Ses Ami  
15.31 D.Anime: Samsam  
16.00 D.Anime: Jurassic World  
16.33 D.Anime: Yetili  
17.03 Serial: The Avatars  
18.00 Doc: Eye On SADC  
18.30 Doc: China Farm  
19.30 Mag: In Good Shape  
20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage  
20.30 Live: News  
20.53 Tele: Valentina  
21.40 Film: The Patriot...  
Cast: Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Tchéky Karyo

14.25 Radha Mohan  
14.58 Dharm Yoddha Garud



15.30 Film: Swarg  
18.00 Samachar  
18.31 Udne Ki Aasha  
19.00 Udaariyaan  
19.30 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua  
20.05 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho  
20.30 Shrimad Ramayan  
21.00 Anupamaa



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Mercredi 20 Mai - 21.40



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# Programme TV



	MBC 1	MBC 2	MBC 3	MBC 5	Bollywood TV
<b>mardi 19 mai</b>	04.37 Tele: Mademoiselle 05.30 Tele: Separe Par L'Amour 07.00 Serial: Quantico 08.10 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage 09.00 Tele: La Desalmada 09.30 Film: Monster Hunter 11.30 Tele: Happily ever After 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 Tele: Helena 13.15 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune 13.42 Tele: L'Amour Invincible 14.10 Tele: Valentina 15.30 Film: Red 17.30 Tele: Happily Ever After 18.00 Samachar 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti 18.55 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 19.30 Le Journal 20.50 Kresion Lokal Cinfiles 20.58 Film: Dr Idrice Goumany	09.54 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante 10.51 Local: Mangeons Veg 11.37 Local: Grand Titre 12.30 Rodrig Kot Nou 14.00 Local: Feminin Pluriel 14.25 Local: Coin Jardin 15.32 Local: Mangeons Veg 16.30 La Journee Sous Le Regard 17.10 Rodrig: 26em Edision Festi.. 18.00 Tele: L'Amour Invincible 18.30 Tele: Le Secret Des Roldan 19.00 Zournal Kreol 19.30 Rodrig: Itinerer Rodrig 19.45 Local: Toc Toc Doc 20.00 Local: Anou Kombat Ladrog 20.15 Local: Metie 21.03 Local: Deba Klima 22.54 La Journee Sous Le Regard 23.24 Local: Fee Main 23.37 Local: Music Tour 2026 00.29 Local: Parlons Sante Senior	08.28 Local: Ayush 09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha 2025 10.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya 11.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti 12.01 Film: Kabzaa Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Amrita Singh 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.29 Sajanwa Bairi Ho Gaile Hamar 15.48 Serial: Dharam Patni 16.30 Aaj Ki Charcha 17.10 Dharam Patni 17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Sayings Radha Krishna 18.31 Local: Mati Ke Mol 19.01 Local: Natya Kala 19.54 Local: Prakriti 20.30 Dharm Yoddha Garud 21.00 Film: Dastan Cast: D. Kumar, S.Tagore	06.00 Mag: Eco Africa 06.25 Doc: China Farm 06.50 Mag: The 77 Percent 07.20 Mag: In Good Shape 08.59 Doc: Homo Plasticus 11.16 Mag: Eco Africa 12.35 Mag: In Good Shape 13.45 Mag: Tomorrow Today 15.00 Serial: La Famille Blaireau... 15.11 D.Anime: Momolu Et Ses Ami 16.24 D.Anime: Yetili 17.00 Serial: The Avatars 17.30 Mag: Eco Africa 18.00 Mag: REV 18.26 Doc: China Farm 19.00 Student Support Programme 20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage 20.45 Tele: Valentina 21.35 Mag: Business Africa 22.06 Doc: Eco Heroines 22.58 Doc: Euromaxx	14.25 Radha Mohan 14.55 Dharm Yoddha Garud 15.30 Film: Prem Granth Starring:Shammi Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Udne Ki Aasha 19.03 Udaariyaan 19.33 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua 20.06 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho 20.29 Shrimad Ramayan 21.07 Anupama 21.29 Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya 22.04 Dhruv Tara 22.34 Wagle Ki Duniya 23.04 Serial: Aladdin 23.20 Film: Prem Granth Starring:Shammi Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit
<b>mercredi 20 mai</b>	06.13 Serial: Sépare Par L'Amour 08.10 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage 09.00 Tele: La Desalmada 09.30 Film: The Arrival 11.30 Tele: Happily Ever After 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 Tele: Helena 13.15 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune 13.45 Tele: L'Amour Invincible 14.10 Tele: Valentina 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.25 Film: Dr Idrice Goumany 17.30 Tele: Happily Ever After 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti 18.55 Live: Grand Titre 19.30 Journal & La Meteo 20.15 Zero Stress Avek Miselaine 20.40 Serial: New Amsterdam 21.22 Serial: La Brea 22.10 Tele: Helena 23.00 Tele: Happily Ever After	09.15 Local: Toc Toc Doc 09.49 Local: Metie 10.30 Local: Saveurs Plus 11.30 Local: Les Petits Genies 12.01 Local: Ecriture Mauricienne 12.30 Rodrig: Itinerer Rodrig 13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard 14.07 Local: Nu Rasinn 16.03 Local: Glwar Dantan 16.59 La Journee Sous Le Regard 17.03 Local: Music Tour 2026 18.00 Tele: L'Amour Invincible 18.30 Tele: Le Secret des Roldan 19.30 Rodrig Spor 20.00 Mon Jardin Ma Maison 20.30 Local: Parlons Sante Senior 20.45 Local: National Innovation 21.15 Local: Agir Ensemble 21.46 Local: Les Klips 22.37 Local: Grand Titre 22.57 La Journee Sous Le Regard	08.00 Local: Natya Kala 09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha 2025 10.00 Dharam Patni 11.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti 12.01 Film: Rivaaj Cast: Farida Jalal, Sanjeev Kumar, Mehmood Jr., Mala Sinha 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.47 Radha Mohan 16.30 Aaj Ki Charcha 17.10 Radha Mohan 17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Local: Yatra 18.58 Darshan With Pradhu 20.00 Local: Virasat 20.39 Dharm Yoddha Garud 21.01 Film: Hum Hain Dulha 23.27 Mere Sai 00.14 Wagle Ki Duniya 00.36 Mag: Eco India 01.50 Darshan With Pradhu...	07.00 Mag: Made In Germany 09.35 Doc: USA: The War Against... 11.18 Mag: REV: The Global Auto 12.39 Mag: Global US 13.31 Doc: Eco Heroines 14.27 Mag: Euromaxx 15.00 La Famille Blaireau Renard 15.25 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois 15.34 D.Anime: Samsam 16.01 D.Anime: Jurassic World 16.24 D.Anime: Yetili 16.39 D.Anime: Ice Hockey Storm 16.57 Serial: The Avatars 17.30 Mag: Rev: The Global Auto 18.00 Mag: Afrimaxx 18.36 Doc: China Farm 19.00 Student Support Programme 19.34 Doc: Saving Deavers And... 20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage 20.50 Tele: Valentina 21.40 Film: The Aviator	14.25 Radha Mohan 14.50 Dharm Yoddha Garud 15.30 Film: Phool Bane Angaray Starring: Rekha, Rajnikant 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.31 Udne Ki Aasha 19.02 Udaariyaan 19.33 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua 20.00 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho 20.31 Shrimad Ramayan 21.00 Anupama 21.28 Pyaar Ka Pehla Abhyaya 22.00 Dhruv Tara 22.24 Wagle Ki Duniya 22.54 Aladdin 23.30 Film: Phool Bane Angaray Starring: Rekha, Rajnikant
<b>jeudi 21 mai</b>	05.27 Tele:Separe Par L'Amour 07.56 Tele: All The Flowers 09.10 Tele: La Desalmada 09.40 Serial: Columbo 11.30 Tele: Happily Ever After 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 Tele: Helena 13.15 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune 13.42 Tele: L'Amour Invincible 14.10 Tele: Valentina, My Special... 15.30 Film: Les Cygnes Du Destin 17.15 Tele: Happily Ever After 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti 19.00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu 19.30 Le Journal 20.14 Zero Stress Avek Miselaine 20.15 National Innovation... 20.50 Film: Daddy Cool Cast: Suniel Shetty, Jaaved Jaaferi, Aashish Chaudhary, Aftab Shivdasani	10.19 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef 10.44 Local: Les Klips 11.36 Local: Grand Titre 12.36 Local: Glwar Dantan 13.03 La Journee Sous Le Regard 14.11 Local: Parlons Sante Senior 15.44 Local: Saver Lokal 16.57 La Journee Sous Le Regard 18.00 Tele: L'Amour Invincible 18.30 Tele: Le Secret Des Roldan 19.00 Zournal Kreol 19.30 Local: Itinerer Moris 20.00 Emotion En Avant Plan 20.37 Local: Vivre Et S'Epanouir... 21.00 Local: Chef On Faya 21.26 Local: Music Tour 2025 22.20 Local: Klip Seleksion 23.10 Zournal Kreol Rediffusion 23.32 La Journee Sous Le Regard.. 23.37 Local: Son Ladan Mem 23.49 Memwar Dan Ros	08.00 Mag: Aastha TV 10.00 Serial: Radha Mohan 11.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti 12.00 Film: Karm Cast: Rajesh Khanna, Vidya Sinha and Shabana Azmi 15.48 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho 16.30 Aaj Ki Charcha 16.10 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho 17.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti 18.00 Samachar 18.30 Local: Amrit Vani 18.43 Excerpts From Sri Sathya... 20.00 Local: Hunarbaaz 20.30 Tenali Rama 21.00 Shiv Shakti 21.15 Yashomati Maiyya Ke Nandlala 21.36 Mere Sai 22.23 Wagle Ki Duniya 22.45 Aaj Aur Kal	06.25 Doc: China Farm 08.10 Mag: Focus On Europe 10.51 Mag: Afrimaxx 11.46 Mag: Arts Unveiled 12.26 Doc: Saving Beavers And... 13.00 Mag: Close Up 13.24 Mag: Focus On Europe 13.50 Doc: The War Over Wheat 15.00 La Famille Blaireau Renard 15.12 Momolu et Ses Amis 16.26 D.Anime: Yetili 16.40 D.Anime: Ice Hockey Storm 17.02 Serial: The Avatars 18.00 Mag: Eco India 18.30 Doc: China Farm 19.00 Student Support Programme 19.30 Mag: Tomorrow Today 20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage 20.30 New 20.50 Tele: Valentina 21.35 Serial: L'Incroyable Hulk	14.25 Radha Mohan 15.00 Tenali Rama 15.30 Film: Batwara Stars: Dharmendra And Vinod Kumar 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Udne Ki Aasha 19.00 Udaariyaan 19.30 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua 20.00 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho 20.30 Shrimad Ramayan 21.02 Anupama 21.34 Pyaar Ka Phela Adhyaya 22.01 Dhruv Tara 22.29 Wagle Ki Duniya 23.05 Aladdin 23.31 Film: Batwara Stars: Dharmendra And Vinod Kumar



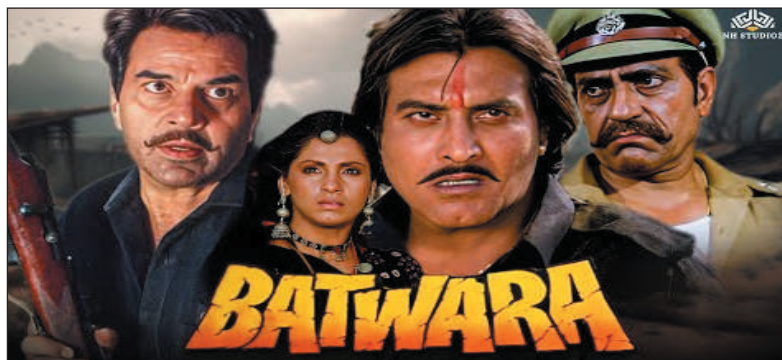
Jeudi 21 Mai - 15.30

Stars: Dharmendra And Vinod Kumar



Jeudi 21 Mai - 20.50

Stars: Suniel Shetty, Jaaved Jaaferi, Aashish Chaudhary, Aftab Shivdasani



## Hommage de la Commission Nationale des Droits Humains

# Adolphe de Plevitz, Manilal Doctor et Beekrumsing Ramlallah: Un siècle de combat pour la dignité des travailleurs engagés

**L**e Colloque sur les routes de l'engagisme (*Indentured Labour Route International Conference*), à l'initiative de l'Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, qui se tient à l'Université de Maurice du 13 au 15 mai, est l'occasion pour la Commission Nationale des Droits Humains de saluer les contributions de trois figures historiques qui ont dénoncé les abus du système et défendu les droits des travailleurs engagés, principalement originaires de l'Inde après l'abolition de l'esclavage en 1835. Ils sont, dans l'ordre: Adolphe de Plevitz, Manilal Doctor et Beekrumsing Ramlallah.

En effet, après l'abolition de l'esclavage, les planteurs de l'île Maurice ont eu recours à un nouveau système de main-d'œuvre à travers l'engagisme. Des milliers de travailleurs, indiens surtout, furent recrutés sous contrat pour travailler dans les plantations sucrières. Bien que légalement encadré, ce système donnait lieu à de nombreux abus : conditions de travail difficiles, salaires faibles, restrictions de liberté et injustices judiciaires.

C'est dans ce contexte qu'intervient l'action d'Adolphe de Plevitz, une figure essentielle du milieu et du dernier quart du XIXe siècle, dans la dénonciation des injustices liées à l'engagisme au milieu du XIXe siècle. Planteur d'origine autrichienne, il s'est rangé résolument en faveur de la défense des droits des travailleurs indiens pour dénoncer les abus, brutalités et non-respect des clauses de leurs contrats.

Il a ainsi recueilli des témoignages d'engagés victimes de mauvais traitements, puis a contribué à la rédaction d'une pétition adressée aux autorités britanniques. Cette action a permis de mettre en lumière les abus du système et d'encourager des réformes. Cette pétition a recueilli 9 400 signataires et elle est à la base de la mise en place de la *Royal Commission of Enquiry* de 1872, connue comme la Commission Napier Broome, qui a recommandé des réformes pour limiter les abus des planteurs.

Deuxième figure dans ce long combat est Manilal Maganlal Doctor, avocat d'origine indienne, dépêché à Maurice au début du XXe siècle par nul autre que Mahatma Gandhi pour défendre les intérêts des engagés à Maurice. Il a lutté ardemment contre les discriminations juridiques et sociales et a joué un rôle majeur dans la défense des droits des Indo-Mauriciens engagés.

**M**anilal Doctor dénonçait les injustices du système judiciaire colonial. En outre, il défendait les travailleurs engagés devant les tribunaux. Il a fondé le journal *The Hindustani* en vue d'informer et d'éduquer la population d'origine indienne. Son action a grandement contribué à la prise de conscience politique à Maurice. Il est considéré comme un pionnier du mouvement des droits des travailleurs à Maurice.

Enfin, pour terminer, il convient de citer Beekrumsing Ramlallah qui fait partie des figures qui ont contribué à la prise de conscience sociale autour de l'engagisme. Journaliste militant, fondateur de l'hebdomadaire *Mauritius Times*, qui paraît encore en digital aujourd'hui, B. Ramlallah s'est engagé dans la défense des travailleurs et dans l'amélioration de leurs conditions de vie. Il a participé à des actions de mobilisa-



Adolphe de Plevitz



Manilal Doctor



Beekrumsing Ramlallah

tion et de revendication sociale. Son rôle s'inscrit dans un mouvement collectif de résistance contre les injustices.

Il a aussi travaillé pour la reconnaissance historique de cette période et l'amélioration des conditions socio-économiques des engagés. Il a assuré la continuité de la lutte de De Plevitz et de Manilal Doctor, et a joué un rôle pivot dans la création d'un lieu de mémoire, l'Aapravasi Ghat, là où les engagés ont foulé le sol mauricien après la traversée en provenance de l'Inde. Un musée existe désormais à cet endroit et tous les ans des cérémonies du souvenir s'y tiennent, notamment le 2 novembre qui est désormais une fête nationale fériée.

**L'héritage de ces figures historiques:** Adolphe de Plevitz, Manilal Maganlal Doctor et Beekrumsing Ramlallah représentent différentes facettes d'une

même lutte: celle pour la dignité humaine dans un système d'exploitation. Leur engagement a permis de faire évoluer les mentalités et de préparer le terrain pour les futures revendications sociales et politiques à Maurice.

Les actions de ces hommes ont contribué à:

- dénoncer les abus du système d'engagisme;
- améliorer progressivement les conditions de travail;
- poser les bases des mouvements syndicaux et politiques à Maurice;
- renforcer la conscience des droits humains dans la société coloniale.

L'engagisme a finalement pris fin au début du XXe siècle, mais son héritage reste central dans l'histoire sociale et politique de Maurice.

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