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Perseverance

An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it is going to launch you into something great. So just focus and keep aiming.

Polémique

Une polémique existe entre Eliézer François, leader du Mouvement Authentique Mauricien (MAM), et Danielle Turner, ancienne directrice du Centre Nelson Mandela et membre du Parti Travailleurs, activiste au sein de la nouvelle formation Linion Sitwayen (?), concernant un article du MAM leader paru dans une édition de Le Dimanche/L'Hebdo



Eliézer François

La polémique tourne autour de la question du Best Loser System (BLS) que défend Eliézer François et que 'les savants' de la nouvelle génération veulent éliminer de la Constitution de Maurice.

En substance, M. François admet que le BLS est une cote mal taillée, mais que faute d'autre solution on finit par "embrasser sa propre femme" (ou la femme de son ami, comme chantait Enrico Macias dans les années soixantes).

On peut se poser la question: Est-ce que le BLS depuis son introduction avec l'indépendance de Maurice en 1968 a fait un mal quelconque au pays? Alors pourquoi diable vouloir le changer? *The devil finds activities for idle hands*. Evidemment, chaque nouvelle génération croit que le monde commence avec elle. Les jeunes veulent tout changer comme des nouveaux prophètes qui viennent pour changer le monde. *Après tout, why not? They know better!* Par exemple, Un lauréat de la cuvée (ou couvée) 2021 déclara à une radio privée qu'il va entreprendre des études en Sciences Politiques à l'étranger et qu'il retournera pour redresser le pays où tout est pourri (sauf peut-être l'argent que le pays dépensera pour faire de lui un érudit). Si on le comprend bien ce prophète-apprenti, après des études en politique il sera en mesure de redresser le pays. Cela veut dire qu'il est pour le moment un couyon en politique. Mais il se permet l'audace de juger en connaisseur la situation économique, sociale et politique du pays. Eh bien, on attendra avec impatience la venue de ce messie pour sauver le pays avec les autres prophètes qui sont déjà sur place, dont Bruneau Laurette.

M. François a conseillé au sauveur Bruneau Laurette de cesser de rêver. Un antagoniste à M. François, écrivant dans un quotidien du pays, dit que M. Laurette a tout droit de rêver. Mais il ne lui faut pas oublier, à cet antagoniste, que c'est dans les rêves que se situent les cauchemars.

La raison qu'on avance pour supprimer le BLS est que ça encourage la discrimination à Maurice surtout qu'on est obligé de déclarer son ethnicité sur certains formulaires afin de pouvoir être candidat aux élections générales tenues à Maurice. Pourtant le BLS offre une chance à une

communauté quelconque, surtout parmi les minorités, qui n'arrive pas à faire élire un nombre suffisant de représentants à la législature d'être renflouée par des nominations au Parlement parmi leurs candidats non-élus. Quest-ce qu'il y a de mal dans cet arrangement?

Néanmoins, les jeunes loups disent que ce système encourage le racisme à Maurice. Mais bon sang, l'île Maurice est composée de plusieurs races, qu'on le veuille ou non. Dans une société multiraciale on est obligé d'avoir des éléments de suspicion parmi les communautés composant cette société. C'est inévitable.

Même parmi les composants de la population mauricienne il y a des différences: Chez les Franco-mauriciens il y a des grands blancs, des p'tits blancs, chez l'Hindou il y a les 'grand nations', les 'p'tits nations', des Madras, des Marathis, des Télégus etc, Chez les Musulmans il y a les Memans, les Surtees, les Calcuttas, ceux qui pratiquent le "Ghoon" et ceux qui l'abhorrent, chez les Sino-mauriciens, il y a les Hakka, les Cantonais, les Macaus, chez les Créoles il y a les Créoles-de-couleur de Beau-Bassin/Rose-Hill, de Trianon, et ceux des faubourgs comme ceux de Cassis, Roche Bois et d'autres localités "Il y a aussi les Créole-Malbars, les Créole-Madras, les Créole-Chinois etc. Dans un tel pot-pourri, on est tenu d'avoir des *misfits*, des mal-laisés - des gens qui se sentent mal dans leur peau.

Néanmoins, malgré les ressentiments il existe à Maurice entre ces diverses races un effort pour atteindre une coexistence pacifique entre les différentes communautés. L'annulation du BLS peut mettre en péril cette coexistence pacifique si fragile. Bagarres raciales, il y en a eu à Maurice dans le passé. Les jeunes loups l'ont pas connues.

Nous sommes désolés que cette copie de la mise-au-point d'Eliézer François, en réponse à un article paru dans Le Dimanche/L'Hebdo, n'ait pu être mis en ligne plus tôt.

P.C.

Ma Réplique à Danielle Turner

Ma Chère Danielle,

Malgré que je n'aie pas le privilège ni l'honneur de vous connaître personnellement, je me permets de vous adresser ainsi, vu que vous me faites une fleur, en m'associant indirectement à votre Linion Sitwayen. Vous adressez votre « réponse au citoyen Eliézer François. » Mais avant de vous donner ma réplique, permettez-moi cette petite note autobiographique sur mon engagement politique.

La politique n'a été qu'un accident dans ma vie. À la veille de la fête Divali en 1962, six semaines seulement après la mort de mon papa, le gouvernement d'alors avait, d'une façon brutale et inhumaine, jeté sur le pavé toute ma famille. Nous avions passé la Noël et le nouvel an presque à la belle étoile, aidés et hébergés par des voisins. Nous n'avions pas tort, parce que nous n'étions pas contre l'expropriation par le gouvernement pour la construction de l'autoroute. C'est à partir de là, que je décidai de faire la politique afin de combattre l'Injustice sous toutes ses formes, non seulement celle commise par le gouvernement contre ma famille. Cependant, tout comme nous le dit Edith Piaf

dans sa très belle chanson « Non, je ne regrette rien ... » Non, je ne le regrette pas, puisque mon engagement politique m'avait permis, en tant que ministre du Logement, des Terres et de l'Urbanisme dans les années 70, aidé par les officiers du ministère, Messieurs Toofany, Rault, Derblay, Dhanjou, Dulloo, Tirvengadam, Brown, Webb, Soopramanien, Mme Saha, Mme Ip Ti Fong, à construire 40,000 maisons pour reloger les victimes du cyclone Gervaise. Des années après, ensemble avec feu José Jacquet (Major) et Jacques Tsang Mang Kin nous avons créé le Mouvement Authentique Mauricien (MAM), avec comme Motto (Devise) : 'Le Combat Pour La Justice,' et comme symbole Zorro,

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personnage légendaire et figure emblématique de la Justice.

Ma Réplique :

Revenons à nos moutons – La Réplique à Danielle Turner.

« Il est donc de notre devoir de vous informer proprement, afin d'éliminer la désinformation, l'incompréhension et le malentendu, » me dit Danielle Turner. Je vous remercie pour ça ma chère Danielle, mais je pense sincèrement que cette remarque devrait s'appliquer à vous et à tous ceux qui, comme vous, souffrent de cécité concernant les « événements politiques, économiques et sociaux ... » à l'Ile Maurice. **Une autre citation de Danielle : « Mais voilà où nous en sommes avec le citoyen Eliézer François. Cry my beloved country. » Hélas ! Encore une fois, vous vous trompez grossièrement sur mon combat. Cela fait des années depuis que le citoyen Eliézer François a écrit un article intitulé 'Cry My Beloved Country' à l'instar de Alan Paton. Je me permets de vous inviter à lire mon prochain texte qui paraîtra dans un quotidien très respecté avec pour titre « Pleure, ô pays bien-aimé. »**

Vous commettez une troisième erreur monumentale quand vous me posez la question : « Cher concitoyen Eliézer François, en êtes-vous à penser que la relève politique est à jamais morte et que notre système électoral et politique sera à jamais enseveli dans les tombeaux et samadhis vénérés de nos aînés que vous citez ? » Ma réponse est un NON catégorique. D'autant plus que ma vision de la politique à Maurice est basée ni sur le fatalisme, ni sur la négation que votre ignorance de la Réalité m'attribue, mais plutôt sur le pragmatisme et le réalisme.

Terza Rima

Puisque vous essayez de vous mettre sur la même longueur d'onde avec moi en citant la dernière ligne du poème Terza Rima de Pierre - Jules Théophile Gautier, poète du 19e siècle « Sublime aveuglement ! magnifique défaut ! » dans le but de me confondre, je vous dis, quel dommage ! La différence est que, tandis que vous vous laissez influencer par le côté romantique et poétique des mots 'Sublime et magnifique,' moi, je m'attarde plutôt sur le côté didactique, de la signification de 'aveuglement et défaut.' Pour votre gouverne, voilà ce qu'on lit dans Micro Robert- Dictionnaire du Français Primordiale - Aveuglement : État de celui dont la raison est obscurcie, le discernement troublé. Défaut : Absence de ce qui serait nécessaire ou désirable.

Oui, dans Le Dimanche/L'Hebdo 31 juillet 2021 je conseille à Bruneau Laurette de cesser de rêver, car il ne doit pas prendre ses rêves pour des réalités. Je lui conseille de revenir sur terre, sur la terre de l'Ile Maurice. Quant à la référence que vous faites à votre Gourou, Riccardo Petrella, « économiste et politologue de notre ère » que vous admirez, sans doute, comme l'oracle de notre génération, permettez-moi, chère Danielle, de vous inviter à lire mon

papier sur ' La Plus Grande Escroquerie Des Temps Modernes ' qui a été publié dans Le Mauricien et dans Mauritian Overseas Gazette, en Angleterre. En voici un court extrait : -

Coronavirus

'C'est à partir de là que cette escroquerie a débuté, soutenu principalement par l'OMS et le Big Pharma. Immédiatement, on a vu se déferler sur la place une horde de savants, de scientifiques, de médecins, de professeurs, de virologues, d'épidémiologistes, d'experts, des spécialistes en salubrité publique, etc. etc.' Mais avec quel résultat ? Ils ont imposé un test généralisé et le port du masque à toute la population mondiale. Ils ont insisté sur la vaccination obligatoire, au niveau mondial, même à des personnes en bonne santé. Quel est le vaccin à 100% efficace à être utilisé contre le Covid-19, parmi les 25 qui existent? Sinopharm ? Sputnik ? L'Astra-Zeneca ? Pfizer ? Etc ? Combien de doses à chaque personne testée positive ou même négative ? Ils sont tous incapables de le dire. Par contre, ils parlent de première, deuxième, troisième, quatrième vague de l'épidémie ; des vagues à l'infini, sans doute. Quant aux variantes du virus, après Alpha, ils sont arrivés jusqu'à Delta et Delta+. On pourra, peut-être, aussi leur demander à quand la variante Omega ? Comme vous pouvez le constater, Ma Chère Danielle, tous ces savants, tous ces experts et tous ces virologues sont de notre ère, tout comme votre Gourou, Riccardo Petrella, « économiste et politologue de notre ère. »

Par ailleurs, je rejette avec mépris votre insinuation malveillante à l'effet que j'ai une mémoire sélective « par rapport au Best Loser System (BLS) » J'ai répété plusieurs fois, lors des conférences de presse du Mouvement Authentique Mauricien (MAM) ce 'caveat' que contient les recommandations de Banwell sur le BLS. Je vous cite : « Mais il dit aussi qu'il n'est pas du tout convaincu que c'est ce qu'il y a de mieux pour Maurice. » Ma Chère, sachez que vous ne m'apprenez rien de nouveau sur le rapport Banwell. Je vous invite à lire mes papiers sur le BLS : - (1) The BLS A Must ; (2) Carcassone's Report ; (3) La Saga de la Réforme Électorale ; (4) Le BLS Une Nécessité Absolue pour Maurice, et vous en serez peut-être édifiée. Car, si vous les aviez lus et compris, cela vous aurait évité de me faire ce long sermon sur Banwell. Je refuse de penser, jusqu'à preuve du contraire, que Danielle Turner ressemble à cet eunuque, ministre de Candace, reine d'Éthiopie, qui lisait le prophète Esaïe quand Philippe lui posa la question : « Comprends-tu ce que tu lis ? » Il répondit : « Comment le pourrais-je, si personne ne me guide ? » Actes 8 : 30,31. J'ai archi déclaré – 'the BLS is not the be-all and end-all in our electoral system, but it is a necessary evil.' Comme on le dit assez souvent : - « Faute d'autres, on embrasse sa femme. » À BON ENTENDEUR SALUT !

Quelques Extraits des Textes Publiés sur le BLS : -

(A) Carcassonne's recommendation to have some people, who may not be prepared to face an election, as Cabinet Ministers is tantamount to an aberration. This will instantly create a new army of sycophants and bootlickers around the Prime Minister & Associates. His proposition in regard to

political party defectors and 'crossing the floor' looks much more like a labyrinth or Chinese puzzle than a solution. Carcassonne's recommendation to have the Best Loser System, which represents a Constitutional guarantee for the representation of ethnic minorities in Parliament, replaced and left to the whims and caprices of political party leaders, appears not only as a big farce but also as dangerous to the peace and harmony of the Mauritian community.

MAM verily believes that the Best Loser System should remain as long as no other system, based on equity, fairness and justice has been devised to replace it. It has, so far, been like a safety valve for all the minority ethnic groups living in Mauritius. Let experts on Constitutional matters, and those who are experts on social, political and legal matters review the BLS in order to remove any loopholes, so that we may not have another Tzoun Sao Yeung Sik Yuen appointed Best Loser, as a representative of the General Population. Let's get rid of every Tom, Dick and Harry who is pretending to be an expert in Constitutional matters: Electoral Reform and the BLS. I have personally written four papers on: 'The Best Loser System' which have been published in the local press, without my being a so-called expert.

(B) La Réforme Electorale et Le BLS

Les Mousquetaires qui représentent 9 différents mouvements socio-politiques disent NON! à la réforme électorale proposée par le gouvernement de Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. Nous maintenons que cette réforme n'est pas dans l'intérêt du peuple mauricien. Non! à toute augmentation du nombre des députés au parlement. Non! à l'imposition d'un quota pour la représentativité de la gent féminine au parlement. Non! au financement des partis politiques avec l'argent des contribuables. Les partis politiques doivent déclarer leurs sources de financement, ainsi que le montant obtenu à chaque élection générale. Les donateurs doivent aussi révéler à la MRA le montant de leurs donations qui ne devraient pas dépasser un certain barème établi par le gouvernement. Cela éviterait que l'argent de la drogue soit utilisé pour financer les campagnes politiques. Non à l'abolition du Best Loser System qui est une nécessité absolue pour l'ordre et la paix à Maurice, surtout pour éviter des bagarres communales et interethniques après chaque élection générale.

Quand on parle de Réforme Electorale à Maurice maintenant, c'est comme si on parle d'une comédie burlesque ou d'un cirque infernale. Cette Réforme Electorale ressemble plutôt à une carotte que certains dirigeants politiques brandissent devant un âne pour le faire avancer. Elle n'est donc pas une priorité pour le développement économique du pays. Aussi, Les Mousquetaires disent: Non au Sénat, Non au 'Party List System', Non à la Représentation Proportionnelle. Lepep dit un Grand NON à la tentative d'enlever de l'Electoral Supervisory Commission, la prérogative de la nomination des Best Losers pour la mettre sous le contrôle des dirigeants politiques.

Le BLS

Un extrait de la soumission du MAM au président de l'Electoral

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Boundaries Commission en date du 24/11/2018 sur Le Redécoupage Electoral.

A un moment où la Réforme Electorale est redevenue le sujet d'actualité à Maurice, avec le BLS et le Redécoupage Electoral, on voit déferler sur la place publique une masse de pseudo-experts en matière constitutionnelle. Beaucoup de ces experts ne connaissent pas l'origine même du BLS; ils ignorent les particularités ainsi que la spécificité de notre système électoral à Maurice.

Quelques Opinions Réalistes sur le Best Loser System: -

Mauritius, because of its diversity and specificity is in need of a specific Electoral System, like the BLS. « Je connais les raisons pour lesquelles ce système a été introduit. L'histoire a démontré que nous avons raison. » SAJ dans Le Mauricien Lundi 24 septembre 2012.

« Pour l'avoir connu, je suis sûr que Gaëtan Duval n'aurait jamais aboli le système de Best Loser, faute de mieux. » Yousuf Mohamed (Mauritius Times 21-27 March 2008).

Dans ses commentaires pour le lancement de la FCM, Paul Bérenger déclarait que si nécessaire, « le système de Best Loser devrait être maintenu, surtout pour les communautés musulmane et chinoise. »

« Qu'on ne touche pas au Best Loser System, à moins qu'on trouve un système qui assurerait aux minorités une représentation adéquate au sein du Parlement et de l'Exécutif, c-à-d au sein du Cabinet. Sinon je ne peux pas donner l'assurance d'un avenir tranquille et paisible à l'Ile Maurice, car, il ne faut pas oublier qu'il y a des têtes brûlées chez nous... » Yousuf Mohamed (Mauritius Times 21-27 March 2008).

Dans son livre 'Electoral Reform In Mauritius', Cassam Uteem dit ceci : « If wisdom prevails, the BLS would be left untouched until the next general elections are over when, on the basis of the functioning of the new electoral system, an informed decision would be taken on its relevance or none. » Pravind Jugnauth a déclaré que « le MSM est contre l'abolition du Best Loser System. »

« Pourquoi ce système? Ne serait-ce pas pour garantir une représentation adéquate de toutes les minorités à l'Assemblée Nationale? Ne serait-ce pas aussi pour permettre à la Population Générale (Blancs et Créoles), Musulmans et Chinois d'avoir un certain nombre de leurs représentants au Parlement? Comme je l'ai dit en maintes reprises, le système n'est ni parfait, ni idéal. Mais jusqu'ici, il

a fait ses preuves. 'It's a necessary evil' » (site globalmauritian 18 décembre 2007). Eliézer François

« L'élimination du Best Loser System serait un désastre pour Maurice. » Me Raymond D'Unienville QC dans Le Mauricien. Abolir le BLS c'est ouvrir la boîte de Pandore.

Le Cardinal Maurice Piat a tort. Une Maladresse commise dans 5 PLUS Dimanche 28 Décembre 2008.

Le Conseil des Religions a tort.

Rezistans ek Alternativ a tort « Un combat visant à éliminer le Communalisme dans le système politique et à rétablir le droit démocratique de chaque citoyen lors des élections. » Le Mauricien 12 mai 2008.

Eliminer le Communalisme à Maurice?

« As long as Mauritius exists, communalism will exist. » Yousuf Mohamed dans Mauritius Times 21-27 March 2008. Sur ce point, Yousuf a peut-être raison. Hélas!

« ... l'élimination du BLS à elle seule ne peut détruire le communalisme... » Juge Balancy dans Le Mauricien du 27 septembre 2012. Ailleurs, dans le même numéro du journal on lit: « Plus de 300 cas de discrimination enregistrés en six mois... la majorité des cas enregistrés concernait le casteisme... » C'est le communalisme et le casteisme qui prédominent à Maurice.

Rezistans ek Alternativ devrait réaliser que le UN Human Rights Committee ne peut pas prescrire un système électoral pour le gouvernement de l'Ile Maurice. L'Ile Maurice est une République Indépendante. La recommandation du UN Human Rights Committee ne contient pas le mot 'mandatory', ni le mot 'imperative,' je cite:

«The Committee urges the government to consider whether the community based electoral system is still necessary. »

Pourquoi Rezistans ek Alternativ ne mène pas une campagne pour enlever les 7 effigies communales qui figurent sur nos billets de banque, et laisser une seule effigie, celle de Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, le père de la Nation et père de l'Indépendance? Pourquoi chaque Association Socio-Culturelle à Maurice a une résonance ethnique différente? Pourquoi les congés publics à Maurice sont proclamés purement et simplement sur la base ethnique et religieuse? Sur 15 jours fériés en 2018, seulement 4 sont nationaux.

« La ville de Port Louis compte cinq nouveaux citoyens d'honneur depuis hier. Il s'agit de Désiré Noël L'Enclume, Ahmed Ibrahim Aulum, Valaydon Deva Seevathian, Jean Noël Tang Kane et Phalraj Servansingh. » Le Mauricien jeudi 11 octobre

2018. Que pense Ashok Subron de ce choix de la Mairie de Port Louis? Quel a été le principal critère de la ville de Port Louis pour ce choix? Cessons de rêver camarades Rezistans ek Alternativ! Mettons nos pieds sur terre pour faire face à la réalité. L'Ile Maurice a désespérément besoin d'un changement de mentalité

(C) LE COMMUNALISME

Rezistans ek Alternativ prétend mener "Un combat visant à éliminer le communalisme dans le système politique et à rétablir le droit démocratique de chaque citoyen lors des élections." Si vraiment et sincèrement Rezistans ek Alternativ veut éliminer le communalisme en politique, je me permets de leur demander de commencer avec ce que j'ai écrit dans mon article sur le rapport Carcassonne : 'MAM also believes, that if we are all sincere and want to get rid of the BLS, we ask the Prime Minister, Navin Ramgoolam to call for a snap general election, with the sole condition that both leaders, Ramgoolam and Bérenger agree to put each one, three Hindus as candidates in Plaine Verte, three Muslims as candidates in Cassis/Vallijee, and three Creoles as candidates in Triolet. It's only then that we will all be able to shout: 'Long Live Mauricianism!'

Pour conclure, la Réforme Electorale n'est pas une priorité ; le pays n'a aucun besoin de Représentation Proportionnelle, ni d'un Sénat, ni de 'Party List System' ; encore moins d'une Assemblée Nationale avec 90 ou 100 députés.

Lancement de Linion Sitwayen

Au lancement de son parti politique, Bruneau Laurette met l'accent sur deux objectifs principaux. (1) Le mandat d'un Premier ministre devrait se limiter à deux. (2) Il espère également que le Best Loser System sera remplacé par un système proportionnel.

Pour son premier objectif, je me permets de lui rappeler que depuis bientôt des années, le MAM avait demandé que le mandat du Premier ministre soit ramené à deux seulement, même qu'ils ne soient pas consécutifs. Mais quant à son intention sur le BLS, je lui dis encore une fois, en toute amitié, HALTE-LÀ! Citoyen Bruneau. Il ne faut pas aller vite en besogne.

Please don't open the Pandora's box.

« Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. » Alexander Pope.

Sans rancune !

Eliézer François JP

Flyover of Pont Fer, Phoenix, inaugurated on 18 September by Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth





“Food for People”, is an innovative program that provides nutritious meals to children and ailing adults in India, Nepal and Ghana. Prem Rawat’s message is available on: www.timelesstoday.tv | www.premrawat.com

Peace and Well-being

In 2015, a group of volunteers created Peace & Well-Being, an association which promotes the message of Peace of Prem Rawat as well as to facilitate the Peace Education Program, a media-based workshop created by The Prem Rawat Foundation (TPRF) to the community and Institutions. Some footage of the activities of Peace and Well-being are shown below :-

Prison Officers who have participated in the Peace Education Program



Celebrating UN Peace Day on 21st of Sept 2018 at La Place du Caudan



Some insights of Police Officers who have participated in the Peace Education Program

“In this faltering world, the workshops helped me understand who I am, why I am here, and what I can do to contribute to help our public with their problems and anxieties,” said PS Boodnah. “When officers are distressed, they won’t perform as well. The sessions made us feel our inner strength and hope. Our heart is our strength.”



WPI Bhugobaun added , “If you want to be happy, just be kind. And if you want to be the richest person you have to be kind. We should know thyself. The 10 sessions are spectacular for me. It’s only after going through the 10 sessions that we understand who we truly are. I am very happy to have attended these sessions.”

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Expressions of participants at the RYC for Girls (Rehabilitation Youth Centre) through their comments and drawings

Christelle expressed that she was a violent person and always retaliate but the sessions in the peace class have helped her changed her attitude and she now understands what peace is. She further added that she also wants her children too, to learn what she learnt in the peace class.

Djemila :- “At times, conflicts happen in our lives. There is the good and the bad within us. We can have peace or war. We must reflect well. We have life but we don’t take it seriously. If we become conscious, we’ll make life serious and thank life. We made bad choice. But later, we realized it. We must think well before we make decisions. We have the choice. We must remove doubts and choose”.

Rishika says, “There is no one perfect. We make mistake but we must correct the mistake; stop doing wrong things and have humanity instead of wars. We must respect people and UN INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY 2021



2021 Theme: Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world Purpose

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

In 2021, as we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is “Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world”. We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations family as we focus on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world. Celebrate peace by standing up against acts of hate online and offline, and by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic, and as we recover.

- To assemble a global network of peace educators.
- To launch a campaign for an official UN Peace Education Day.
- To demonstrate the positive impact of peace education upon the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Campaign : United Nations Peace Education Day

The United Nations has declared 2021 as the International Year for Peace and Trust. What better time to launch a campaign for a United Nations International Peace Education Day! The United Nations has established more than 150 international days for different humanitarian themes. However, there is no day dedicated specifically to the theme of peace education. Because peace education is central to the United Nations central mission, it certainly deserves a special day for public awareness — a day to promote peace education throughout the world.

A Quote from Prem Rawat, International Peace Ambassador
“We breed unconsciousness and then we wonder - what has happened to us in our life, because various ideas come to our mind for getting this life fulfilled and we run towards them, believing that “if we do what we think, we will be happy and content”. But in reality, we miss on something and that is PEACE.”
Mr. Rawat further adds, “We pay attention to something which is more influencing according to society and amidst that we forget our fundamental need and desire for Peace, which reside within every single human being on the face of this Earth.”

In 2001, he founded **THE PREM RAWAT FOUNDATION (TPRF)**, with a mission to address the fundamental human needs of food, water and peace. TPRF’s their religion. Also when others are doing mistake we must advise them not to do that. We must learn to forgive others and spread peace and love”.

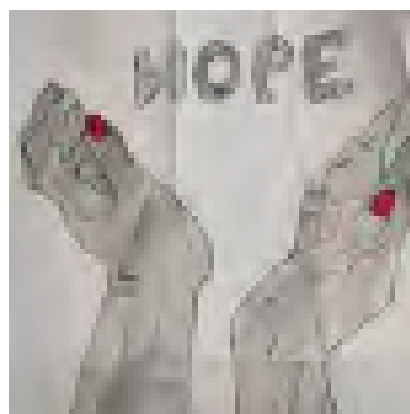
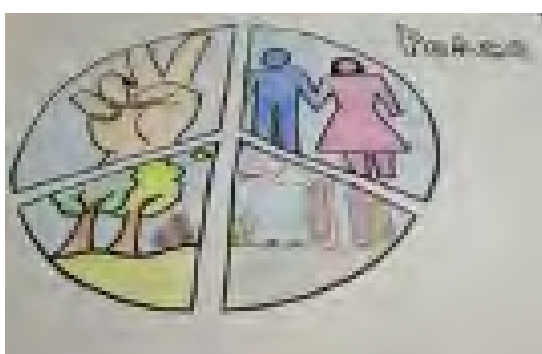
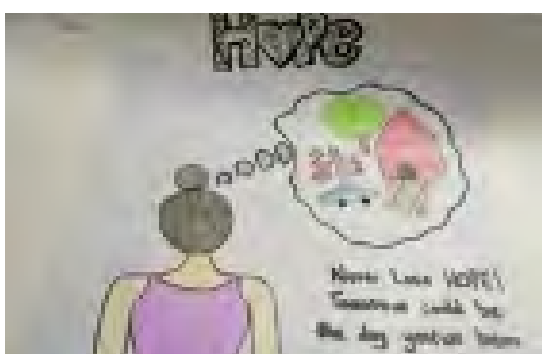
Teesha adds, “Peace is within our heart. Nobody is inferior or superior. The same humanity is everywhere”

Background

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

This year a joint project of the UNESCO Center for Peace, Spanish Federation of UNESCO Associations and Clubs, Pathways to Peace, The Prem Rawat Foundation, the National Peace Academy, Unity Foundation, PeaceChannel.com and other groups in a newly formed Peace Education Network, which is actively committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The goal of this conference is, “To assemble a global network of peace educators, and establish a United Nations Peace Education Day which recognizes that peace building skills, strategies and structures are foundational to all other humanitarian endeavors.”

This first annual Peace Education Day gathers peace advocates and educators, officials and dignitaries, scholars and scientists, civic leaders and clergy, artists and entertainers to showcase practical approaches to sharing peace skills.



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London Refugee Response

Can you help the London Refugee Response reach £50,000?



Dear Londoners,

With your incredible support, I'm thrilled to say you've already raised more than £36,000 to support new arrivals from Afghanistan.

Your generosity will help services on the ground to provide the support so desperately needed for these refugees to build a new life in London. That includes help learning English, and longer-term needs such as connecting to job opportunities.

To every single one of you who has already donated or otherwise supported Afghan refugees: thank you.

But the work has only just begun.

Can you help the London Refugee Response reach £50,000 to support even more Afghan refugees?

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

22 September 2021

The London Refugee Response has been launched to meet the needs of refugees in our city

This Appeal has been set up with leadership from the Mayor of London, London Councils and charitable funders from across London to give Londoners a way to provide much needed support to new arrivals from Afghanistan (and potentially refugees and people seeking asylum from other countries living in London.)

How you can help

It is vital that we support these new arrivals in our city to try and limit the long-term impact of their traumatic arrival. We need to ensure that they can become Londoners working, living and enjoying all that London has to offer.

You can make a difference by supporting London Refugee Response

Londoners have been amazingly generous in their support to date, including donating lots of practical items. Now these immediate support needs have been met we need to ensure that these new arrivals to our city are able to access the things they need. This could take many forms, from mental health support, language support, advice around employment or legal advice. Vital funds donated through The London Refugee Response will be directed to charitable organisations delivering this support.

How will this happen?

The Mayor and partners across London are already in touch with and work with local community partner organisations who understand these support needs. Londoners have been asking how they can get involved – this is a way to help.

The London Community Foundation is managing this fundraising appeal as part of The London Refugee Response collaboration. The Foundation will work in partnership with other funders to direct funds to charitable organisations in the capital supporting Afghan refugees.

We are asking you to step up as Londoners and donate to support Refugees.

Please donate in order to enable local community partners with experience and expertise in working in and with Afghan communities and with specialism in working with refugees and people seeking asylum to meet these longer-term needs and ensure that people are supported to rebuild their lives.

Depending on the amounts raised donations may be used to support refugees and asylum seekers from additional countries.

From Prega Vencatasawmy's F/B posts

Marie Vieux-Chauvet (1916-73)

by Prega Vencatasawmy



L'anné au drame, scène après scène, effluve comme une ombre. Je suis le seul, le seul, le seul. La vieille fille. Celle qui n'a pas touché de mari, qui ne touchera pas l'homme, qui n'a jamais vécu dans le bon sens du terme. Il se trouve que je savais en tout cas ma vengeance en silence. C'est mon silence, ma vengeance. Je suis dans quel bras va se jeter Annette et je n'aurai que deux raisons de me jeter à ma venue éternelle. Elle ne sera ni plus ni moins que moi-même dans ses flancs son ventre de trois mois. Si elle a été assez intelligente pour détester un mari, je veux qu'elle le soit aussi pour le garder. Elle a trop confiance en elle, trop confiance en tout le monde. Sa sérénité m'exaspère. Elle soûlait en coussant des chemises destinées à son futur fils; car il faut aussi que ce soit un fils! Et Annette en sera la marâtre, je le sais.

Je me suis accoudée à la fenêtre de ma chambre et je les observais: Annette offre à Jean Luc la fraîcheur de ses vagues dansants, debout, en pleine lumière, ils m'ont le dos à l'éclair et se penchent sans un geste. Le drame éclate dans leurs yeux: Jean Luc lutte mais l'issue est fatale.

J'ai encore neuf ans et je suis encore vierge. Les peu amiables de la plupart des provinciales haïtiennes. Est-ce vraiment pareil? Existe-t-il dans le monde des petites villes comme celle-ci, à moitié englouties dans d'anciens...

No other woman writer, from either the Caribbean or Indian Ocean, has impacted me more than Marie Vieux-Chauvet (1916-73), the Haitian writer of the classic *Amour, Colère et Folie* and others!

This book was written with rage and anger in the context of the repressive and oppressive regime of Papa Doc and his henchmen, the Tonton Macoutes!

The original manuscript was sent to Simone De Beauvoir who got it published by the prestigious publisher, Gallimard. When copies of the book reached Haiti, Papa Doc flew into a rage at the contents of the published copy which portrayed him and his regime in a negative light, highlighting in many passages, his despotic rule and violence, and the book was immediately withdrawn from circulation!

The book contained 498 pages (I read it sporadically in a couple of weeks, I think, and there is no doubt she was born to write and did not need any props or media to bolster her talent!

She has published *Fille d'Haïti* 1954, *La danse du volcan* 1957, *Fonds des nègres* 1960, *Amour colère et Folie* 1968, *Les rapaces* 1986 (posthumously).

I have read many novels from the Third World female writers and I would put Marie Vieux-Chauvet at the top of my reading list!

She had to flee Haiti for USA because her life was threatened, and subsequently, died many years later over there.

Literary awards

1954 Prix de l'alliance Française *Fille d'Haïti*
1960 Prix France Antilles for *Fonds des Nègres*.
1986 prix Deschamps for *Amour, Colère et Folie*.

A seminal, twentieth century writer from Haiti, she has only gained international recognition with the publication of her works in the late Sixties. In my personal opinion, what other female writers took in 10 or 15 years to achieve, in terms of notoriety, Marie Vieux-Chauvet did just that in one single unparalleled masterpiece, *Amour, Colère et Folie*!

The sheer audacity and abrasive style depicting in this trilogy the representative of the dictatorship of Duvalier's henchmen and, intertwined a love story in her masterful command of formal and vernacular French!

For me, there is no doubt, Haiti produces the best French-speaking writers outside the developed world!

Editor's Note:

I came to know about Papa Doc and his barbaric regime when I read Graham Greene's book "The Comedians" in the 1960s.

Tourism D-Day: 1st October

So Mauritius opens up its frontiers on October 1 and travellers will be able to come and go subject to sanitary conditions.

Britain has scrapped its traffic lights control system, thus removing Mauritius from its Amber list. As far as Britain is concerned there is only one list: The Red List, and Mauritius is not on it.

As for the US, conferences were held by Mauritian tourist experts almost rejoicing that Mauritians were declared Non-Grata when the US Centre for Disease Control (CDC) had placed Mauritius on its list of Very High Risk countries. The experts had a field day pointing out that Mauritius was 'Baizeted'. The US also has rid itself of all restrictions and is opening its doors to one and sundry. Mauritius and Mauritians are OK.

With the virus and its variants still ravaging the world one can say for sure what is in store for Mauritius and the other countries once the frontiers are wide open. The governments find themselves in a no-win situation: By not opening up they are criticised by one sector for strangulating the national economy and by welcoming foreign visitors governments are accused by the prophets of doom of putting the people at risk. It's simply of wait and see: *Advienne que pourra!*

But if the situation worsens the Government can introduce more restrictive measures as may deem fit. The closing down option will always be there. This is a time when prayers are null and void!

Cyril Louis

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The Food of The Future

Plant-based Meats

by Mylene from Japan

Looking back over my life I have made numerous changes for health, ethical or environmental reasons as I'm sure many of us have.

I stopped smoking, drinking milk - after all, humans are the only species that drink another animal's milk from choice - shop ethically, donate, try to cut out plastic, turn off lights and taps, recycle, renew and reuse.

I remember the 80's when veggie burgers were all the craze and how awful it tasted, never to be eaten again. But, time doesn't stand still. With reverse engineering meat can now be built, molecule by molecule, using plants, so your scampi and steak look, smell, taste and cook like regular meat.

Why go to all that length to create food that mimics meat? I hear you ask.

If scientists are to be believed, it's the greatest thing since sliced bread. We're told if enough of us replaced meat in our diet with a vegetarian option it would prevent water scarcity, cut down greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), curb deforestation and prevent soil damage. Currently, most of our freshwater and 80% of the world's agricultural space is used in livestock production. If countries were encouraged to grow more nutritious crops instead of investing in meat we could see an improvement in our overall health and the health of the planet.

Plant foods are not just vegetables and fruits, but also grains, legumes, nuts, seeds, soya and a variety of beans. All are low in saturated fat and calories. All contain fibre, antioxidants and phytochemical which offer protection against disease.

Research has shown that red meat is tied to diabetes and heart disease. Bacon, sausages and other processed meats increase the risk of stomach and bowel cancers.

Having said that, there's no need to give up meat altogether, just cut down. It seems we eat and waste far too much animal grub. Small changes go a long way. Lentils instead of lamb, tofu instead of turkey.

Needless to say, many manufacturers have jumped on the faux meat bandwagon. After all, they saw the huge impact plant-based milks had on sales and logic tells us sales of plant-based meats will skyrocket when supermarkets place it in the general meat section.

Quantity does not equate with quality. Some products out there are good while others not so good. For example, some producers add vitamin B12 which is essential, but some don't. Some food are suitable for vegans, while others may include non-vegan ingredients, such as egg or milk.

Earlier this year Impossible Foods partnered with Burger King to roll out The Impossible Whopper (IW) a plant-based protein version of the famous Whopper sandwich. 630 calories in an IW versus 660 in a regular one, add fries and a soda, the nutrition facts between the two don't vary a lot. Even so, some might argue that to be able to enjoy the taste of meat at a fraction of the environmental cost, is a step in the right direction for mankind and the planet.

As I write, McDonald's is set to launch its first vegan burger, the £3.49 McPlant.

2022 Beijing Winter Olympics Mascots

Even before the last Paralympian had left the Olympic village in Tokyo, even before Miraitowa and Someity, the Japanese Olympic mascots were put away, all eyes were on Beijing.

As the host of the upcoming Winter Games to be held from 4 to 20 February it's time to introduce the official mascot of the 2022 Winter Olympics, Bing Dwen Dwen and Shuey Rhon Rhon.



Loosely translated Bing Dwen Dwen means 'ice children' and Shuey Rhon Rhon, 'snow tolerate melt.' Bing is a giant panda dressed in a suit of ice while Shuey a depiction of a Chinese lantern. Both symbolise strength, willpower and all the positive attributes of a multi-sport event. I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot more of these two in days to come.

† Père Laval Pilgrimage 2021

Visits to the shrine of Père Laval at Ste Croix in commemoration of the annual pilgrimage has been extended to the end of September.

The sanitary measures should, however, be observed by pilgrims, namely Social distancing and mask wearing.

NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE
Leicester Square, London



Members of the Mauritian community in the UK gathered at the Notre Dame Catholic Church in Leicester Square on Sunday, 12 September, for a special mass to celebrate the annual commemoration of Father Jacques Désiré Laval, known as the Apostle of Mauritius.

“C'était aussi l'occasion pour L'ACML de rendre Grâces à L'Apôtre Des Mauriciens. Belle, Belle et Émouvante messe car c'était la Fête du St Patron des Prêtres Maristes de Notre Dame de France... Ce 12 Sept,” wrote Claude Joseph of Croydon.

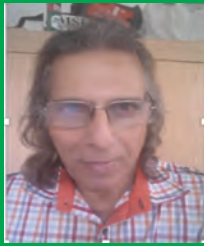


Statue of Mother & Child above entrance to Church

Pictures from Claude Joseph

Let's get rid of Coronavirus
Be vaccinated and observe all sanitary precautions to avoid being contaminated and to spread the virus to our families, friends and neighbours

VIKRAM HURDOYAL, A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS



By
Ahmad Macky

Today Mauritius is gifted with a man of high ambition of social and political will who has left no stone unturned since he was promoted as a Minister for Civil Service.

Vikram Hurdoyal is the most unforgettable character I have ever met. Not only he has achieved fame nationally but globally making headlines on the front pages on one or two foreign press. This is a man of great wisdom and a fervent helper to those people living hand to mouth in the ghetto areas of the island of Mauritius.



I have followed his path of his political and social activities since he has been appointed as a Minister; he is ranked among the best social workers and politicians we have since time immemorial in this country. Even his political adversaries from different political parties adore the man. Hurdoyal both as a social worker and a politician will go a long way in his cherished ambitions.

During his electoral campaign he was a pet to all his constituents and they all like him because of his beautiful words of wisdom which he said to his audience and no doubt such words are printed in the mind of his audience who did vote for him. He is the most unforgettable character much loved in his constituency and all other constituencies of this island. The man is an asset to this country no wonder that he was elected top-list in the 2019 general election.

All communities like Vikram for what he is, says and does. Here are some of his unforgettable words which he had said as a candidate in the presence of his 2 other running candidates namely Sunil Bholah, a Hindu and Zaid Nazurally, a Muslim, during his 2019 general election campaign at Bel Air, Riviere Sèche to a packed audience: “Ladies and Gentlemen, when you go to vote, please vote first for the Muslim Zaid Nazurally, then Sunil Bholah and vote me last.” These words are words of a true politician full of humility, kindness, consideration for others and no wonder why all the voters were very impressed.

Today, there are not many people including politicians that care for humankind but thank goodness we are fortunate to have people like Vikram Hurdoyal, Eshan Juman, Joanna Berenger, Armmogum Parsuraman, Stephanie Anquetil, Rashid Imrith, Jane Ragoo, Anand and Sanjiv Mulloo and a few others who devote more of their time and lives in the true spirit of patriotism by their philanthropic attitude towards society. Those are men and women who, day and night, devote their lives and time to the deprived elements of society who live from hand to mouth on a daily basis. They are our unforgotten heroes without decorations of the Republic of Mauritius.

Hurdoyal will always be someone who commands respect among not only Mauritians but foreigners. Even the PM acknowledged to me recently in a brief interview, at the end of a Muslim inauguration ceremony at Phoenix that we need more people of the like Hurdoyal to boost our development across the country in all aspects of life from medical clinics, market places, and so on.

This is where I and other of my colleague journalists came to know of the birth of the Civil Service College. Any intelligent elector will remember for a very long time certain committed politicians and other benefactors of our society for their good deeds, which enhance their popularity all the time.

There is no doubt that most of the developments that we see expanding across the island are thanks to politicians of the like Hurdoyal, Bholah, Chukowry, Seeruttun, Maudhoo, and Hushnoo.

To conclude this short article, I would say that we are indebted to the positive achievements of Vikram Hurdoyal in the short time since he took up the Civil Defence portfolio..

Many of his constituents will remember his motto of which he keeps reminding us: ***Don't be impressed by money, fame and titles. Be impressed by humility, integrity and kindness.***

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UK News

Covid-19 Winter Plan: How Boris Johnson Wants To Tackle Coronavirus

By Nabihah Parkar, Huffpost

*Booster jabs, NHS funding, and vaccines for children are aims
to keep the UK safe this winter*

Many of us are already wondering about what life will be like this winter when it comes to Covid.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been under pressure to make decisions on lockdowns, booster jabs, and how to keep the UK safe as we head into the colder months.

Here's a round-up of the government's "plan A" to protect the nation.

Will there be a winter lockdown?

With 81% of people over 16 having had both doses of the vaccine, the harsh step of a winter lockdown has become less likely.

It seems the type of lockdown we've all become used to would only be used now as a "last resort". People close to Johnson have also said he's "dead-set" against the idea of another lockdown, although Politico points out "we've heard that one before".

So although we've been edging closer and closer to a return to normal life in the last few months, the government have made it clear we're not in the clear yet.

Covid vaccines

Over 6 million people in the UK over the age of 16 are still unvaccinated and this will be the focus when it comes to encouraging people to get the jab.

Booster jabs will also be a priority and will be rolled out from mid-September to over-50s, healthcare workers, and people with a higher risk of infection to "strengthen the wall of defence".

The government has also accepted the recommendation by the UK's chief medical officers for children aged 12 to 15 to be offered a first dose of the vaccine.

Testing

If you're needing to get a PCR test over the winter months, these will continue to be free.

For anyone who needs to self-isolate, the government plans to continue providing financial and practical support to those who are eligible for it.

More funding for the NHS

Over the next six months, £5.4 billion will go into supporting the NHS, including £1 billion to help with backlog caused by Covid.

It's still a discussion point but it's likely that NHS staff and people working in social care will need to be vaccinated.

Largest ever' flu jab campaign

The government will not just be encouraging people to get their Covid jabs this winter but to also get their flu jab if they're eligible.

Speaking in parliament, secretary of state for health and social care Sajid Javid says it will be "the largest ever flu campaign this country has ever seen".

This year, free flu jabs are available for secondary school children and people aged between 50-64 years. As before, primary school children, over-65s, vulnerable people and pregnant women are eligible for the jab.

Social life

Precautions like meeting outdoors and wearing a face mask in public should still be a priority when it comes to getting together with other people.

And when it comes to travel, the government plans to keep an eye on Covid variants that might enter the UK from abroad.

After relaxing the rules for fully vaccinated travellers, plans are still up in the air when it comes to widening out travel restrictions further than that. But watch this space as announcements could be made in the next couple of weeks.

So that's plan A. What about plan B?

Of course, there has to be a plan B and the government will be keeping a close eye on hospitalisation numbers in case it comes to this.

If it seems the NHS could be put under strain during the winter months, mandatory face coverings and mandatory Covid passports may be considered.

Working from home more could be encouraged as we saw in previous stages of the pandemic.

Sharing an afternoon at the Irish Pub



Sundowner Krish with a drinking partner celebrating over a stout. Who is the Irish of the two? We may have an answer if we replace the K in Krish by an I.

Wedding Bells



*Congratulations to
Shafanaz (Shaffy) Jhugroo
of Mill Hill, London, who
married Police Sergeant
Kevin Rudge on
September 4.*

From Yvonne Goder

Wedding guest Yvonne
on the right



Condolences



Sewraj Seelochun (known as Jimmy) of Holloway, London, a very kind and loving family man, passed away a few months ago. The eldest of 4 siblings, born in Mauritius, Jimmy came to UK in the late 70's.

His beloved wife Chandni of 43 years passed away on 15.09.21 after her battle with cancer.

They leave behind their 2 children Sammie and Sachin.

May Jimmy and Chandni Rest in Peace.

Y.G.

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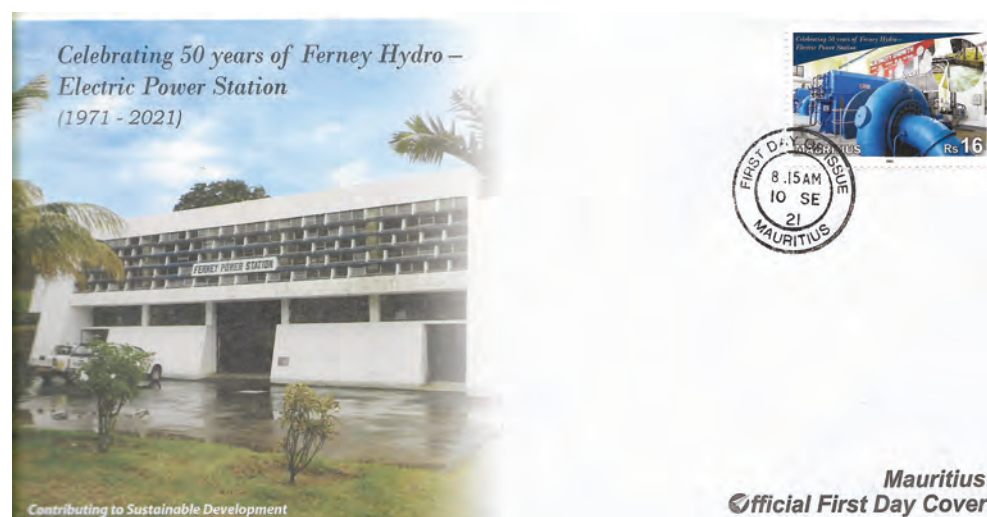
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Stamps of Mauritius

To celebrate the 50 years of Ferney Hydro-Electric Power Station The Mauritius Posts issued a Rs16 commemorative stamp on 10 September 2021 to mark the occasion.

A souvenir First Day Cover was also put on sale on the day.



Ferney Hydro Electric Power Station

A Marathon, but visionary undertaking

Ferney Hydro Electric is considered as the first ambitious Hydro Scheme in the history of the Central Electricity Board (CEB) and a major step towards achieving cost effectiveness and making a major contribution to sustainable development.

It was a significant milestone in the achievement of Mauritian Engineers on home soil. It is to be noted that the Ferney Hydro Electric Power Station was the third Hydro station on the island after the one at Tamarind Falls in **1903** and Reduit in **1906**.

1964: CEB decided that an additional Hydro capacity would be required to meet a growing demand from industrial and commercial customers. It was therefore resolved to investigate the Hydro potential production in the Ferney region located south of Champagne in the south-eastern part of Mauritius. Design work on the hydrology of the catchment Rivière des Créoles and of the Eau Bleue catchment areas was carried out, and land surveys were completed.

Following Feasibility report of **1964**, the design of the project was worked upon by the Generation Staff of the CEB's Head Office in Curepipe. Meanwhile all required planning information concerning the steel penstock and Turbo Alternator Sets was sent to the Crown Agents for tendering.

The project was well on the way, at least at its planning phase, by the end of **1965**. In the year **1966**, the necessary research was completed with regard to the equipment need for Ferney Power Station. Bell Engineering Company Limited was asked to act as main contractors for the whole Scheme. On 9 January **1967**, work started on the dam by Mauritius Building Co. Ltd and this was completed in May **1968**. Subsequently, Forges Tardieu Ltd was awarded the contract for a steel pipeline, 60-inch in diameter. In **1969**, rocks were excavated for the main tunnel to be built over a length of 800 feet and, thereafter, the pipe-laying for 1,400 feet began in April.

The ordered turbines duly arrived in June **1969** from Switzerland, dispatched by Messrs Bell and Co Ltd. Two alternators were also received from ASEA in Sweden. whilst the Switchgear and control panels were provided by South Wales Switchgear Ltd. In less than seven years (**1965-1971**) THE CEB had handled the planning of the new Hydro Scheme, carried out the feasibilities, completed the design, and overseen the construction of the Ferney Hydro Electric Power Station. It remains the second largest Hydro Power Station of Mauritius, with an average annual yield of 300 GWh since the inauguration in **1971**.

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A cautionary tale

Hi Max,

This is Richard, next door, I have been riddled with guilt for months and have been trying to get the courage to tell you face-to-face.

When you are not around, I have been sharing your wife, night and day, probably more than you. I have not been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was great.

I can't live with the guilt and hope you will accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll be happy to pay you.
Richard.

- Max feeling enraged and betrayed grabbed his gun, went next door and shot Richard dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat on the sofa. Max then looked at his phone and then discovered a second message from Richard.

SECOND MESSAGE TEXT:

Hi Max, Richard here again. Sorry for the typo in my last text. I assumed you figured it out and noticed that the darn spell-check had changed "wi-fi" to "wife". Technology Huh? It'll be the death of us all!

Max got up, took the gun and turned it on himself

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