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## Sega Championship

Tikshay Mungra and Isabelle Gregoire  
 Champions 2012



*Tikshay, and Isabelle (on his left in blue), and runner-s-up Tania and Kelly (i yellow sega costume on his right)*

The reasons may be many but the Championship did not attract the attendance as speculated in spite of all the media coverage. It may even be said that the event has been a damp squib.  
 It may well be that too much emphasis was laid on the competition itself rather on the entertainment that was scheduled for the whole evening. A very close friend told me that she did not dance the sega well enough to compete. She was under the impression that the competition to choose the best sega dancer would run through the night.  
 On the other hand, the turn out may have been affected by the torrential rains that flooded London that evening. Even the Queen's Jubilee Thames Pageant was a washed

## The Mauritian Day Out is **OUT** thanks to police objection

The police representative sitting on the Lambeth Safety Advisory Group (LSAG) has advised "that we should oppose this application for a premises licence on grounds of safety."  
 Every effort made by our own group to satisfy the requirements of the LSAG has been in vain.  
 Earlier in his statement the police rep writes "I have serious concerns whether the promoters of the Mauritian Day Out have the knowledge or the expertise to put on an event safely before the proposed date of 01/07/2012. The people they have in key positions I believe are not competent."  
**MN's note:** Following verbal enquiries we made in December last, the application was submitted to Lambeth's Events section in January 2012. We began our preparations at the same time on the same line that we did in 2007 as regards Fencing the premises, provision of stage and the necessary sound system, security arrangements (in spite of the shortage of security personnel because of the Olympics demand), and stewards, Portable loos. Medical Operational Plan, H&S Operational Plan, Risk Assessment etc etc.  
 All along we have been enquiring from the Events Section as to whether the licence would be granted, all along we were told that there were no reasons as to why the licence should not be granted if we satisfy all requirements.  
 MAURITIUS NEWS, THE PROMOTERS, BEING CONFIDENT THAT THERE COULD BE NO IMPEDIMENT TO OUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN ADVERTISING THE EVENTS THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIUMS.  
 After 29 years in this racket, the police say of us in a separate memo "Police have serious concerns with this event as the promoter of the event does not have the knowledge and expertise to put an event of this magnitude together and manage it safely in the Borough."



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by  
PETER CHELLEN

# Danesh Putty will be the next mayor of Basingstoke



DEPUTY MAYOR OF BASINGSTOKE and DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Danesh Putty will become Mayor in 2013. He was born in the Mauritian village of Congomah in 1948 and was educated at various colleges in the Capital of the island. Following his secondary education, he had the choice of travelling to India to enrol on an undergraduate course or to study nursing in England.

Arriving in the UK in 1970 he settled in Basingstoke where he qualified as a mental health nurse. In 1987 he became a magistrate, a role that he continues to fulfil. Following a back injury he decided to leave nursing and went to work with Hampshire Social Services for a period of time before joining the financial service industry. He has also sat as school governor for both primary and secondary institutions in Basingstoke. Furthermore, Danesh Putty is also a board member of Basingstoke ITEC and Basingstoke Youth Action Trust. He helped many youngsters by providing them with training and a secure employment.

In 1995, Danesh Putty joined the conservative party and was elected councillor the same year. He never forgets his roots and his political philosophy is based upon three principles: use his knowledge and skills to serve the community; the conservative party and his country. These principles have led him to the highest summit in local politics. He was elected Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke in 2012 and will take the Mayor's role in 2013.

Danesh Putty is a family man, dedicated to them and to his community. He has two sons and four grandchildren. They are proud of him.

**Beverly Lingiah**

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## Two of Susheela Raman's songs censored in Mauritius before concert

# The victory of "silly" censorship over artistic freedom of expression

**British born Tamil singer Susheela Raman songs seem to be too offensive for the some conservatives of the Tamil community in Mauritius where she performed last month at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI). She was not allowed to sing two of her famous tracks "Paal" and "Ennapane." In those two songs the artist uses the name of deity Murugan and religious words and incantations to pull the audience in a trance mood.**

According to press releases in Mauritius it is the Mauritius Tamil Temple Federation and the Tamil Cultural Centre who asked the organizers of the Show to force the British artist to remove the two songs from the concert. The censor was firstly criticized by the Minister of Arts and Culture, Mukeshwar Choonee: "I appreciate that a private organizer brought Susheela Raman to Mauritius and nobody should have stop her from singing. I am sad for the artist. We became wise after the event." The statement of the minister was published in the Mauritian press after the events. But the minister later changed sides to back up the Tamil Federations who are among the ones who ordered that the two songs to be censored as they were described as "offensive". "There are some artistic shows that are inappropriate for the Mauritian public", declared the minister a couple of days after his first statement.

The musical chair played by the Minister of culture has been largely criticized by the local press and even by Alain Gordon Gentil (AGG), special advisor on cultural matters at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The latter who is also described as a "shadow minister of Culture", said that "when I see and I hear things like that, when the word of an artist is to be scrutinized before they could expressed themselves, I feel that we are not living in the 21st century and not even in the 20th century. It is a strange precedent that makes us ridiculous in the eyes of the international community and worse in the eyes of international artist."

"We wanted unreservedly to be on stage. we thought it would have been disrespectful to all those who bought tickets etc to cancel the show and duplicitous to agree not to play the songs and then play them. you may be right however; one has to learn how to deal with these situations and as we don't live in Mauritius we are not best placed to understand the nature of local cultural politics. We were told there were 'hotheads' (unnamed) who would cause 'trouble' (unspecified) if we 'provoked' them. we would welcome it if, as a Mauritian, you could address yourselves to in media and ask why REALLY we were put in the position of having to decide at short notice. Anyway we were very happy to be here and

look forward to coming back in the future", wrote Susheela Raman on her facebook's page.

Meanwhile, Susheela Raman, an international artist who performs all around the world, discovered a different side of Mauritius, the island who boasts up to protect freedom of expression and where all the communities live in peace and harmony respectful of the others beliefs and culture. We can't respect ones culture to the detriment of the others, there should be a balance based on the rule of common sense, respect and not on the will of some religious or cultural pressure groups who only act for their own sake and to protect their interests. This attitude is hipocrisy and far from the utopian image that Mauritius is selling to the world. Ministers seem to be at the mercy of religious groups and socio-cultural organizations, when we look at the silly decisions taken by some of them regarding to very sensitive subject. Nita Deerpalsing, MP for Belle Rose/Quatre-Bornes, declared on Facebook that "this all episode with Susheela Raman puts the country to shame." If we continue on this track Mauritius will become like China where artistic events are subject to the approval of the party. Censorship must not be used as a weapon to breach the freedom of expression but as a shield to guard it. Censorship must not undermine the liberty of individuals. People of different communities attended Susheela Raman's concert.

"Artistic merit" and "offensiveness" are nebulous concepts lacking in objectivity, shifting with the tastes of society at any given time. The fact that destroying a work permanently removes it from future generations, and considering censorship's dreadful history, the decision to censor is one appropriately made with caution.[i]

If members of specific community do not feel at ease with some of the artist's songs, they still have the right to refuse to attend the concert. Susheela Raman's has performed all around the world and has never encountered such censors. What is so special with Mauritius where two songs which have been played in hundreds of countries are not suitable for the island and are censored? The "shame" is that this censor has been backed by the Minister of Culture. The latter must have look at the official facebook's page of Susheela Raman (<http://www.facebook.com/susheelaramanofficial>) to know what the international community thinks about "the wisdom he acquired after the event."

Julien Tuyau

reference: *Handbook of the Economics of Art and Culture*, Elsevier.



## Susheela Raman talks to Mauritius News

Dear Mauritius News,

I want to emphasise that I was really happy to play in Mauritius and that our concert was sold out and we were given an amazingly warm reception. I must express our gratitude to the organisers for bringing us there to play. When the question arose about playing two devotional songs it was a bit sudden for us but the promoter, Inmedia head Rama Poonaswamy, was clearly very worried. We had three long meetings trying to work out what the problem was. Was there a threat of violence? Under pressure, he said there were 'hotheads' that might cause trouble. It emerged that Mr Poonaswamy had given an undertaking, without consulting us, that there would be no devotional songs in my concert, which is absurd. In the end this was narrowed down to only two Murugan songs (Paal and Ennapane), reflecting the fact that the group who had brought their objections to him were a pressure group within the Tamil minority. Interestingly, he said the problem arose from a Kavadi celebration a week before the concert when some younger people were playing the songs from VEL album. This caused displeasure to some persons, but it does mean that for some people our versions of these songs do reflect a their spiritual feelings to some extent.

I do not think the threat of violence or trouble was real and i think the real issue for Mr Poonaswamy was about keeping his trust with these groups. I have no idea who these groups are who they claim to represent or how they are funded. I do not care for their opinion any more than anybody else's. they are free to express their dislike of my music but i do not think a secular republic like mauritius should allow these kind of self proclaimed committees to dictate a cultural agenda. They only represent themselves and their psychological need to control others. i can't help but suspect this is really about ethnic vote-bank politics and the fear of cultural mixing. Mauritius is in a good place

to have a wonderful mixed culture combining indian, african, european and chinese elements but if some people want to cling to outdated forms of cultural apartheid that's a shame. For me playing these songs is a way to connect with my Tamil roots... having grown up in the UK and Australia and being a creative musician i need to find my own way to do that which reflects the mixed globalised culture that i have and that i aspire to. To learn these Tamil songs, I did spend time with some great teachers in Tamilnadu, the late Dharmapuram Swaminadan and the great bhakti singer Kovai Kamla who was a disciple of KP Sunderambal.

'Paal' and 'Ennapane' have been important parts of my live concerts for the last few years so I was really looking forward to playing these to the Mauritian audience. In the end we were given a choice of either agreeing to not play those two songs or having them cancel the concert. We did not want at such short notice to disappoint people who who had bought tickets so we decided to perform 'Paal' silently instead just so that the audience would know there was something out of the ordinary.

We did in fact perform some other Murugan songs including 'Marudumalai' ; so our decision not to play those songs was to keep our promise to the organiser not out of deference to some unseen pressure group. We have played these songs all over the world and even in Palani (the seat of Murugan in Tamilnadu) itself. I would love to play in Mauritius again as soon as possible and I hope there will be no difficulty.

Overall I find it strange and slightly disturbing to be cast in the role of a provocateur when the intention in my music is to be positive and open and to explore and share my culture in my own way. I will continue to do that.

Best Regards, Susheela



Sovereignty over the Chagos

# Meeting between Navin Ramgoolam and David Cameron

The British newspaper the Guardian announced on its website the Mauritian Prime minister will meet David Cameron next week to discuss on the never ending debate on the sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago. The newspaper describes this meeting as unprecedented after much pressure was put on the United Kingdom to settle this issue. Navin Ramgoolam will be in London this week to attend the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The meeting comes at time when UK is facing several lawsuits and the Chagos file is still awaiting a ruling from the European Court of Human Rights. In an exclusive interview with The Guardian Milan Mehtarbhan, the Mauritian ambassador to the United Nations, spoke of "reassertion of the Mauritian Sovereignty over the Chagos can be done now."

It is quite unlikely that the British Government will give back the sovereignty of the Chagos Island to Mauritius. The island used as secret operations base by the United States since the 1970's and is still being used by the US administration for operations such as the attacks on Libya against the Gaddafi's regime. And now they are using it for intelligence missions to monitor the situation in Syria and as an interrogation and detention facility to held terrorists or individuals suspected to be a threat to the peace and security of the United

States. But the agreement between UK and the US on the lease of the island of Diego Garcia expires in 2016. This agreement signed in 1966, two years before the Mauritian independence confer the right to use the island as military base to the US. The base has since been used during the Vietnam Wars, the two Iraq conflicts, the Afghanistan war and several more conflicts that arose in the middle east. 1500 Chagossians have been expelled from the Chagos archipelago for the sake of installing a military base on the island. They have been resettled in Seychelles and Mauritius. This mass expulsion is a clear breach of human rights and several articles of the UN Charter. Families have been separated during this expulsion. Many Chagossians have lost their siblings during the move some were sent to Seychelles and the others to Mauritius. Families have been split.

It is important to highlight that the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, stated before the general elections that Britain had "a moral responsibility to allow these people [Chagos Islanders] to at last return home". But nothing has been done yet. We hope that the meeting between Ramgoolam and Cameron will provide a solution to this issue.

Julien Tuyau



The Cagos Archipelago (Photos Reuters)

Murdered bride in Mauritius

## A cleaner saw the two accused leaving the victim's room



The victim, Michaela Harte and husband

A cleaner who appeared in court on the June, 5, declared that he has seen two Vinash Treebhowon and Sandeep Moonea leaving the victim's room after the murder. They latter watched the husband shouting for help in the corridor of the hotel. The trial continues in Mauritius...

The two accused rushed to the victim's room after the alarm was raised by the husband. They stood in front of the room with the hotel's manager as a crowd started to gather.

Prosecution witness Raj Theekoy appeared in court on June,5. he stated that he saw the two accused leaving the victim's room and coming back to it after the alarm was raised. The witness was originally arrested as a suspect in the case but the charge was brought down to conspiracy, Treebhoowon, 31, and Moneea, 42, continue to deny having killed the daughter of of Tyrone Gaelic football boss Mickey Harte in the gated beachside complex in January 2011. Michaela's sister-in-law Claire McAreavey and father-in-law Brendan McAreavey were also in the court room when the Prosecution's key witness was giving his statement at the bar.

Furthermore, the defence counsel has also tried to prove that the Criminal Division in charge of the murder file has used several unconventional methods of interrogations to obtain the confessions of the suspects. The defence lawyers are also trying to prove that this division of the police force has been accused of such interrogation methods in many past cases. The two former employees of the Legend Hotel, where the bride was murdered still claim their innocence and saying that they have been tortured and force to confess the murder.

Furthermore the arguments used by the defines counsels have been been criticised both in the local and international newspapers. The family of the murdered bride have issued strong objection to attempts that they think are used to denigrate her memory. A book, think to be a sexual manual- found in the honeymoon suite where the victim was murdered-, has been subject to much controversy. The lawyers of the two suspects argued about the sexual life of the couple and whether they were sadomasochist couple. Heated row broke out in the courtroom following this questions. And this has been condemned by all irish newspapers who were covering the trial. According to news reports this was an attempt to denigrate the memory of Michaela Harte. The family of the victim declared that they are very distressed and dismayed about such attempts to denigrate the memory of their love one.

The husband John McAreavey will appear in court next week to give evidence in the murder case this week after the murder of his wife a 27-year-old school teacher, daughter of Tyrone football boss Mickey Harte who was killed in her hotel room during their honeymoon.

Stacey Henrisson's murder

## Stepfather's confession: "I killed and raped my teenage girl"



Stacey Henrisson

### Teenage girl raped, beaten to death and thrown in a bin bag in Plaine Champagne's forest

Jayraj Sookur, 49, appeared to everyone to be a model husband and step-father who lived in a respectable village in the East coast of Mauritius. At least that the way it seemed up to May,11, 2012. His step-daughter, Stacey Henrisson, 17-years-old, was discovered by a tourist in a plastic bag at Plaine-Champagne. In a lengthy confession the stepdad described how he killed the teenage girl before calling his friend to erase all evidences and to throw the body in the forest. The mother, Beatrice Rouillon Sookur, who was in India at the time of the murder, declared that her husband was innocent and that he was the victim of a conspiracy. But the arguments of the mother changed after Jayraj Sookur confessed the murder of her daughter. "He betrayed me" said Beatrice Rouillon Sookur to the press. The stepfather confessed to the police how he has beaten the girl and that he had several sexual intercourses with the victim during the absence of her mother.

The family of the murdered girl blamed Beatrice Rouillon Sookur for what happened to Stacey Henrisson. It was known that Jayraj Sookur wanted to obtain the wealth of the victim- who inherited Rs 50 millions (approximately £ 1 million) after the death of her father in 2011. According to the police the stepfather has planned to sell the properties of the victim to a foreign investor. Stacey Henrisson gave a statement to the police two days before she was murdered explaining that Jayraj Sookur was trying to make her signed papers under duress to sell her properties. The uncle and grandmother of the victim was aware of the intentions of the Sookur and tried to alert Beatrice Rouillon Sookur but in vain. The latter was blindly in love with him and was denying all the accusations of her family and was saying that Jayraj Sookur was "a good man" and victim of a conspiracy. According to the victim's family Sookur was like a god in the eyes of Beatrice. Today, fate gave reason to the family. A charged of murder has been lodged against Sookur and his friend Dindoyal.

## Tourism News

# Mauritian carnival stirs up controversy

**Mauritius is to hold its first international carnival on 1 July, the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA) announced on 25 May. The event will take place in Flic en Flac and forms the centrepiece of an island-wide 'Shopping Fiesta' that will run from 29 June to 5 August.**

The parade of floats will feature 500 Mauritian participants and 50 from overseas, including costumed dancers from the Paris and Rio carnivals. There will also be contingents from Seychelles and Réunion, a Chinese cultural troupe, fire-eaters, jugglers and a quintet of beauties – Miss Mauritius, Miss Réunion, Miss UK, Miss England and Miss Brazil. As well as séga, spectators can expect to hear jazz, techno, African and Indian beats.

The carnival is intended to help visitors “discover the values that are inscribed on the heart of the Mauritian nation”, which apparently include clowns, Disney characters and, if we're to believe the carnival website ([www.carnavallesevanille.com/](http://www.carnavallesevanille.com/)), topless samba dancers.

The publicity tells us the carnival and fiesta will showcase the country's “plurality and openness” and “harmony and diversity”, but the events' main purpose is to boost tourist arrivals and spending in the low season. However, by leaving the announcement until barely a month before the opening, it is unlikely that MTPA will be able to attract many additional visitors from overseas. To have had a chance of making an impact, the initiative would have to have been launched before the end of last year.

Worse still, in early June the website gave the wrong date for the event and some sections were filled with Latin text, suggesting that many details have not yet been finalised.

With just four weeks to go, MTPA's London office was unable to confirm the carnival's exact route, times or participants, and its Port Louis headquarters and the Ministry of Tourism both failed to respond to MN's

requests for more information.

The carnival ought to be a wonderful opportunity for Mauritian artists, designers, musicians and performers to show off their talents. Sadly, however, this imaginative plan has been marred by a row between Mauritius and its Indian Ocean partners in the Vanilla Islands tourism marketing initiative. After turning down Seychelles' offer to participate in, and co-organise, the Carnaval International de Victoria (see MN, April), Ministers Choonee (arts and culture) and Sik Yuen (tourism) seemed to proffer an olive branch in early April by agreeing to participate next year. The MTPA's announcement less than two months later that Mauritius would hold its own, rival event clearly came as a shock both to Seychelles and international tourism writers, who were quick to condemn Mauritius for “copycatting” and “plagiarising” the Seychelles event.

The MTPA has also provoked the wrath of Miss Mauritius, Ameeksha Dilchand, over the decision to invite foreign beauty queens to the carnival. In an interview with *Le Défi* on 2 June, she panned the tourism authority for not supporting Miss Mauritius but instead sponsoring Miss England. “Have you ever seen a tourist office sponsoring the beauty pageant in another country? It only happens to Mauritius!” she was quoted as saying.

Undoubtedly, the participants will work hard to put on a good show, but it is clear that both the tourism authority and the ministry have many lessons to learn from this pioneering event. The controversies are bound to add weight to those who are arguing that the MTPA should be privatised or undergo a radical shake-up of personnel and organisation from the top down.

**Stephen Spark**



*photos from the Environment Day Carnival at Rivière Coco, Rodrigues, Mauritius, 5 June 2011. An authentic Rodriguan-Mauritian carnival - not a single imported Disney character or samba dancer in sight!*

# A Japanese Connection

I've heard that true friendship multiplies the good in life. So what a great pleasure to be able to meet friends from Japan while they were on a recent visit to London. Their work has had international recognition and as I talk to them we catch a glimpse into their lives and their achievements. When we said our goodbyes, I thought there has to be a farewell in order to meet again somewhere, sometime in the future. Au revoir.

Making calculations easier

By Mylene

## Meet the man who patented the first electronic calculator



Yoshihisa and Ruriko Uchida outside the British Museum, London

I had occasion to meet Yoshihisa Uchida and his charming wife Ruriko, on their recent visit to London. Now retired, Yoshihisa was the key member of a team at Sharp Corporation that patented the first electronic calculator called, Sharp Compet CS-10A in Japan in 1964.

As we take our seats in the trendy restaurant, I think how electronic calculators have become commonplace in homes, businesses and institutions. It is an integral part of our modern life. From small children to business people, from simple arithmetic to complicated mathematical equations. Whatever the numerical problem, it so easy to reach for this pocket-sized device, press in the key numbers and obtain the result to the calculation, without breaking into a mental sweat.

'I remember when I was at school I joined the short wave radio club and we built a TV set. It was the first time a TV had been built by school boys and the next day it was in all the papers. Maybe that's why I went on to study computer science at university, who knows,' he says.

The 60s was an era of technological progress which saw man taking his first steps on the moon and many people watched the event on television. It was a time when Japan was importing a huge number of mechanical calculators and the idea of producing an electronic one was put forward and Yoshihisa and his team set to work.

'At the beginning components were extremely expensive and large in size. Can you imagine that the first calculator weighed about 25kg with a dimension of 440mm. Still, one could say that this

electronic prototype revolutionised the world of electronics.'

The machine went on display in the science museum in London and now there was no stopping the electronic age, the floodgates had opened.

'In those days, producing a calculator involved many parts like transistors, diodes and so on. Someone came up with the idea of combining the components into one, which is known as a module. As time went on placing some circuits into one module was realised and this is what we know as the integrated circuit or IC technology.'

As the restaurant fills up with diners, we talk about the digital age, their first taste of baked beans and their trip to Scotland and to the Science museum.

Ruriko, inspired by the lush English countryside, quotes poetry from Wordsworth and Robert Browning.

'We have enjoyed our travel through the countryside, it is so green with flowers everywhere. There are many hidden places with a great wealth of history,' she surmises.

So how does the man partly responsible for enhancing our numerical life spend his time these days.

'When we are young we tend to live life with no thought for tomorrow. Now at my age, I enjoy listening to the nightingales singing in the hills and observing my vegetable garden coming into fruition!'

In recognition of the role that the calculator has played in electronics, the Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers presented the Mile Stone Award to Sharp in 2005.

## Eiichi Masutani-The Japanese 'Paparazzo' and a legend reporter

When Eiichi Masutani was growing up in Hokkaido, the north island of Japan he dreamed of becoming a doctor in order to save lives and to help society as a whole.

'Then I remembered the haunting words of the late President John Kennedy who said in his inauguration speech, "that the mission of politics is to save people out of poverty and war threats," so I thought I'd like to become a politician, but it proved very difficult to enter the world of politics so I became a journalist.'

He started working for a daily newspaper.

'I got to know the late Prime Minister Miyazawa after I interviewed him. He took a liking to me and I found myself in the enviable position of being able to speak to him at any time without having to make an appointment. On top of that, I was known to be able to obtain ground breaking information from influential ministers and politicians and that's how the name paparazzo came about.'

Paparazzo was the surname of a photographer in the Federico Fellini film, La Dolce Vita (1959) a freelance who pursued celebrities for the purpose of taking candid photographs. Although Eiichi is not a photographer, his articles covering business, economic and political news stories can be found in many major newspapers and news agencies in Europe, America and Japan.

'When I was the editor of the Bridge News Bureau in America, I covered federal reserve (FR) news. It was impossible to get an interview or even get near the

President of FR, Alan Greenspan, but one day I did approach the treasury secretary with my face-to-face paparazzo-style. I remember how he looked me up and down in shocked surprise but was gracious enough to speak to me. Afterwards, the other reporters present wanted to know what he had said to me, I replied. No comment.'

When he left the agency, the bureau chief described him as a legend reporter for his great capacity to obtain top financial market information from many leading political figures.

He admits it is very different to work in England compared to other countries because there is no press club.

'Being a member of a press club is like having an open door to news sources. Without this access I realised the importance of having to build a good working relationship with government officials and Bank of England officials, so that's what I did. From then on they would inform me by email of upcoming economic and political events.'

He launched the US-Euro Economic File, in 2010, an online news site based in Japan.

'My site covers business news from certain countries for the U.S based Morningstar which specialises in investment and financial markets.'

He has worked and lived in London and looks forward to the day of returning to this country again.



NEWS FROM FRANCE

# L'écrivain mauricien Carl de Souza au salon du livre de Paris



En chute libre – de l'écrivain francophone de l'Océan Indien, Carl de Souza, mauricien. Roman sur les îles Fernandez en Océan Indien qui possèdent des traits communs avec les îles Maurice et Rodrigues. Récit dans les années 1960, marquées par la proclamation d'Indépendance de l'archipel. Jeremy Kumarsamy est le héros de l'histoire. Il est le fils de Samy, figure locale des compétitions de badminton et policier au service de l'Etat. Badminton jeu anglais « pour midinettes », non aussi sportif que le football, ni aussi compliqué que le cricket. Ce livre prend comme symbole de la décolonisation britannique, la partie de badminton, jeu anglais imposé comme une marque de civilisation. Coup de chapeau à l'influence puissante de la civilisation britannique qui laisse sa trace dans les moeurs les plus quotidiennes ! five o'clock, cricket, qui subsistent après la décolonisation – voir l'Inde). Les parties se jouent, pour le lecteur, au rythme de la décolonisation. Le héros Jeremy gagne d'abord – c'est l'heure de la colonisation – puis commence à perdre : émeutes pour l'Indépendance, puis se blesse, reste mutilé, c'est la colonisation brisée. Le style emprunte aux soubresauts de la raquette de badminton, un rythme syncopé, haletant, jamais absent. Un tour de force original, qui fait du héros Jeremy un témoin actif de cette décolonisation. Mais il faut la connaître pour l'apprécier.

**Carl de Souza**  
En chute libre

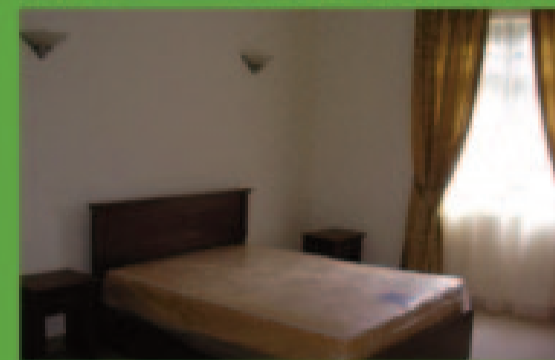


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The project Dreamsky's project was at the beginning the dream of two brothers, Andrew and Christopher Verriere. The latter passed away this year and developing the radio is the way that Andrew has chosen to pay tribute to his late brother who was also a very talented Dj on the Mauritian RnB scene. Today, the dream has become reality and Dreamsky is one of the best webradio in Mauritius with good contents and an eye-catching interface. "We are also working on many other projects such as to include new features." Furthermore, Dreamsky is also a website where young and talented Mauritian Djs can promote their latest releases. Jeannot Thomas, a.k.a Dj Phoenix, latest tunes are actually broadcast on the channel. The sky is no more the limit for Prince V and his team, the dream has become reality and the future seems bright for them.

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Working his way progressively through thrash humour cinema, Sacha Baron Cohen's latest. Forgoing the mockumentary format for the scripted, The Dictator can claim sporadic moments of funny, but the ultimate point of the film, the ingredient that would make it as memorable as Borat, is so slow in coming and arrives with such little fanfare that all the vagina jokes in the world can't help prop up this comedic regime. The ultimate sad truth is The Dictator has more in common with recent comic fare like You Don't Mess With The Zohan than with genuine satirical treats like Dr. Strangelove. It's potty jokes and pop culture references over edgy bite and caustic wit. But maybe that's the point, because the broader the appeal the more people Sacha can reach with his final (subtle as a sledgehammer) monologue on the difference between our 'correct democracy' and theirs. Dic-less? Perhaps a little. With not much to say other than "genocidal maniacs are bad" and a coda that states "the US can be too", Baron Cohen's latest feels closer to an Adam Sandler film than a work by someone often described as our generation's Peter Sellers. The over saturation of marketing stunts certainly didn't help the appeal but politically and comedically you'll find more to think about and laugh at during a single half hour on The Daily Show or The Colbert Report. To pack theatres with audiences that simply want to poke fun at the 'stupid Arab' and then present said audience with a nice shiny reflection of themselves is exactly what Cohen has made his name doing. It's just a shame that, despite the aforementioned wank gag, it takes until well after the 80th minute to get there.



Men In Black 3 is without any doubts the best of the series. But it took nearly ten years for the director Barry Sonnenfeld to complete the trilogy. And the result is worth the decade wait. Men in black 3 returns to the fundamentals of the series, with a story centered on the relationship between agents J and K. The film begins on the far side of the moon, where a particularly sexy Nicole Scherzinger in Men in Black 3, which alone justifies the move, manages to escape Boris, the last representative of the alien race of boglodites. Very aggressive, he devised a plan to avenge the K agent who arrested him 40 years earlier, preventing its invasion plans of Earth to be realized. It travelled back in time until July 1969, at the time of his arrest, and kill his enemy. K therefore disappears from reality and J, which is the only one to keep memory of his teammate. He will be forced to go back in time to protect K before the alien killed him and save the Earth in the same time. Will smith carries the film on his shoulders, but Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin are impeccable. If humor is the main trademark of the serie, however we can see a very dramatic and emotional twist at the end of the movie which is a first in the saga. In short, run to see Men In Black 3.



# Department by Ram Gopal Varma

Ram Gopal Varma (RGV) is like marmite! You will either love it, or hate it! But he is also a maverick who seldom cares about box office collections, or sticking to formula filmmaking and makes the films he wants to make. For many this has resulted in his films being part of their 'all time favorite film lists'. So which category will Department fall into? Will you love it? Or will you hate it?

The man who has excelled with directing underworld and gangster films (Satya, Company) now brings you Department, starring Amitabh Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt and Rana Daggubati in principle roles. The whole genre by nature is limiting and can be one dimensional, even in Hollywood only once in a while does a really good gangster film come along. So my expectations are limited from the outset and the benchmark for me is RGV's own films of the same genre.

Performances – Rarely does someone come in with a storming or alternative performance in the underworld genre, examples being Manoj Bajipai in Satya, or Vivek Oberoi in Company. Although much was written about Amitabh Bachchan using his Vijay Deenath Chauhan voice in Department, owing to a cold initially, sadly his role or performance is nothing of the sort. Instead there were shades of his Gabbar Singh from RGV's Aag and the look reminds you of Sarkar! Sanjay Dutt has played a role of a cop umpteen times and again as the role is nothing special or different, he cakewalks through. Much has been written about Rana Daggubati and his performance being a great leap for his career. Although he performed well, the same performance could have easily been given by a number of actors, for example Randeep Hooda.

Script – Conceptually the idea was sound and has been done many times in Hollywood also. In fact Gangster Squad, releasing later this year has a similar premise and stars a number of top actors. However, the screenplay, characterisations, twists and turns do absolutely no justice to the concept. Not only that, a number of unwarranted songs and a surprisingly short running time, actually ruin the proceedings further. Instead all we are subjected to is one fight scene after another and a few dialogue heavy confrontations between the key protagonists.

Directing – RGV has been one of the pioneers of the underworld genre, delivering some great stories and extracting some fine performances, but this is one film he added no value to. It is just a standard affair and although one can appreciate the attraction of taking great shots, one can also ask why such an accomplished director needs to experiment on such a large canvas, with big stars, without delivering a solid product at the same time? Department could have easily been given completely to the 20 year old students he mentioned, to film under RGV's guidance. At least that would have allowed some excuses for the end result!

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# The Agony column by Claude Canabady

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Claude Canabady, a psychologist by profession, contributes to various newspapers. One of his special contributions is to answer questions from readers on certain matters that demand a degree of the application of his professional experience. Hereunder, we have a sample of the sort of questions and answers that he has dealt with locally.

Mauritius News readers, and all of us, are invited to write to him by email for questions which he can answer via the paper. It will not be possible for him to entertain any personal correspondence. We, however, wish to assure all interested parties that strict confidentiality and anonymity will be observed in handling any correspondence pertaining to this column.

I am a 48 year old woman. A few years ago, my husband died after a long illness. I did my best to nurse and care for him as he was suffering from a terminal illness. We were really in love and had a wonderful sex life. In addition, my husband left me well cared for financially and as a result I have no worries in that direction. After a few months, I could still feel his presence in every room that I went in. I still long for him when I think of the wonderful life we had together. The trouble is now I get the urge to masturbate myself and I do it regularly with much pleasure. I feel very guilty for doing so. I find it difficult to talk about my personal life to anybody. What should I do? Should I stop masturbating? Your kind words and advice would be very helpful to me. Please guide me in these difficult moments.

## Question

## Answer

I have the impression that you want so much to unburden yourself. First I will talk a bit about your late husband. I feel that you have not gone through the grieving process yet. Talking will help to come to terms with what has happened and it might be necessary to go over and over the same ground. This repetition is important as it is one of the best ways of helping the truth to be accepted. It is wrong to think that talking about the situation makes it worse and that it is better to try to forget what has happened. Forgetting is impossible and people who are grieving need to talk about it. Sometimes what the grieving person just needs is someone to offer comfort and support to take the pressure off him/her. There are classic stages associated with the grieving process. They do not necessarily apply in every single case and are as follows:

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Now I go to your feelings about masturbating. I feel that you are very strong and coping admirably following the death of a very much loved husband. It is evident that you were devoted to each other and now you must face the future without him, hence why the grieving process is so important to you. As you said you had a wonderful sex life, lovemaking was an integral part of your time with your husband. I feel that you should not have guilty feelings about masturbating; after all you say that you derive much comfort and pleasure. If it gives you a chance to relive the memories of your husband, I'll say good for you. I can assure you that you are doing nothing wrong, nothing to feel guilty about and you must not see it as a sign of weakness. If it helps to release any pent up emotions, then it is good and healthy. So please do not feel that what you are doing is reprehensible, in fact, what you are doing is perfectly natural. I feel you need to address your emotional well being, hence why I suggest that you should see a bereavement counsellor or a psychologist as soon as practical. In the meantime, I feel that you should talk to someone that you trust and unburden all those mixed up thoughts that are swirling in your mind. Most of all please do not feel guilty; there is absolutely no reason for you to feel like that.

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# Coffee and health issues

By Devinia Sookia (USA)



The findings should reassure those who may have worried that drinking coffee had some health drawback

The study does not say what exactly there is in coffee that might make people live longer. It only specifies that people who drink coffee tend to be healthier. The findings were based strictly on an association between people's habits and their resulting health. But with such a large number of subjects as well as more than a decade of follow-up and enough deaths to compare, Frank Hu of the Harvard School of Public Health pointed out that this is probably the best evidence there is. He was not involved in the study but had led a previous one that also found coffee beneficial. Most of the subjects in the study drank two to three cups of coffee daily. About 42,000 drank no coffee and about 15,000 drank six cups or more a day. The habits of many of the regular coffee drinkers' who took part in the study seemed to indicate they would be more likely to die sooner. They were smokers, ate more red meat and fewer fruits and vegetables, exercised less and consumed quite a lot of alcohol, all behaviours associated with poor health. But once researchers took those things into account, it became obvious that each cup of coffee helped lower the risk of dying from various diseases, including diabetes, heart disease, respiratory disease, stroke, infections and even injuries and accidents.

By 2008 men who had two or three cups of regular coffee a day were

10 percent less likely to die early and women 13 percent less likely. Even a single cup a day lowered the risk of death a little, 6 percent in men and 5 percent in women. The strongest effect was in women who drank four to five cups a day. They had a 16 percent lower risk of death.

Cardiologist Steve Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic told USA Today that the study is not scientifically sound because it only asked people about their coffee drinking habits once during the 13 years and did not include medical information that affects longevity such as cholesterol or blood pressure levels. Freedman who is the man who conducted the study agrees that the results do not definitively prove that coffee makes people live longer but it provides some assurance that coffee does not cut your life short. According to Freedman there are 1,000 or more compounds in coffee. All of them could affect health in different ways. Longevity might be due to one of the compounds in coffee or a number of them working together.

The study does not mean that we have to run to the kitchen for a coffee or that we should start drinking coffee every morning. We have to bear in mind that too much coffee is still bad for us. It keeps us awake and makes us agitated. A cup of coffee once in a while should be sufficient.

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I wish to thank everyone involved to make this ceremony a success. Special thanks to the leadership of Rama Valaydon and his Mauritian Team for the organization and smooth running of the rituals. Dr Prabhu Bhatt conducted a special ritual blessing preparation for Dr Sethu Raman and his wife, Padmini, founder members of the Sundara Ganapathy Temple before Sri Raman was ready to go through the Cavadee ceremony performed in the Tami tradition. Prayers were said invoking Lord Muruga by Rama Valaydon before decorated Cavadee was carefully placed on the shoulder of Dr Raman. Following the event which was celebrated with bhajans and kolatam dance in praise of Lord Muruga, traditional prasadam was served along with fruits to all in attendance. At the end Dr David Lingiah gave a brief explanation of the meaning and story behind the celebration.

# 49 children enrolled in the Gonzague Pierre Louis Special Learning Centre

They are all between the ages of three and thirteen boys and girls. We have a Director (Susan) and six teachers Jenny, Laureze, Nathalie, Kalina, Penina and Agnes together with Blanchette our Kitchen helper. All except Penina are mothers and so are very good with children. We also have a number of volunteers who drop in and offer their valuable help. At the moment Myriam & Pierre from Belgium are helping out with one group of children. We also have had help from Lily and Jane. Both from Germany. The place is a hive of noise and busy activity. The children with hearing impairments are of great importance to us as that's where we started out with Dr. Morag Clark and Dr. Rachna Gopal in 1994. The 'Dr's' were and still are our source of knowledge, experience and inspiration, but we have a variety of other needy children who come and make progress in their educational and life skills. The hearing impaired learn to hear (with the help of powerful hearing aids) and then to communicate with speaking skills and communication. The visually impaired children are fitted with appropriate spectacles and are given special attention in the learning sessions. We have some children who are Epileptic one or two are thought to be autistic, others are 'slow learners' but they all do well with us and make progress. We are still hoping to raise enough funds to go over to using the new digital hearing aids, but although some funds have come in through our CSR appeal, the main hopes for funds for this project were dashed when the organization in Switzerland that we had high hopes about did not go ahead with their approval of our application for funding. This was a blow. We have to start again in our efforts for this. It is a very costly business and is a big challenge. So they all make progress. One only has to ascertain the difference from when they first came and see them in their classes to realise how much progress has been made and how much more they are participating in normal life and learning activities. In a mainstream school class there was the risk that these children would get left behind, but with us they are the centre of our attention. Susan was sent to the UK in May (she is due back soon) to have the experience of visiting centres of special learning, and see how parental guidance and professional care are integrated into the system in the UK, and on her return use that experience into the practices here in Rodrigues.

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## BRIEF

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## POLICEMAN ARRESTED

A policeman, Khalil H. aged 40 was arrested on Tuesday the 15th May, 2012 for having issued a fake cheque of Rs 65,000 to Trio Mix Company, Pointe-aux-Biches. Khalil H, a police officer himself, as being searched by the police for two years. When he was arrested, he was on a two month 'sick leave'. He confessed his crime but told officers that he did not know that he had insufficient funds in his bank account. Mr Reaz aged 35, an employee of the Company discovered Khalil's misdeed when he went to the bank on July 5, 2010. Khalil H appeared in Pamplemousses court on Tuesday the same day of his arrest. Police objected to bail. He was kept in custody until May the 22nd.

## MAN FOUND HANGED AT BALACLAVA

A horrible discovery was made at Balacava beach on Wednesday the 16th May, 2012. Rudy Kevin, aged 34, a resident of Pointe-aux-Piments, was found hanged to a tree. His identity was known through his motorcycle which was on the scene. His body was taken to the morgue for autopsy. The young man was reported missing since Tuesday the 15th May, 2012. His wife Brinda said that Rudy left home on Tuesday morning. Police is still investigating the incident.

## MOTORCYCLIST ASSAULTED

A young man aged 22, and residing at Vallée-Pitot was assaulted by a crook on Tuesday night 15th May, 2012 while he was on his motorcycle at Cocoterie Road, Roche-Bois. The thug appeared from nowhere, with a piece of wood in his hand. He inflicted a severe blow to the victim who lost his balance. The thug then stole his mobile, Nokia brand, a sum of Rs 2,500 and a gold chain. The booty is estimated at Rs 6, 500. The young victim, who was injured, went to Dr Jeetoo Hospital where he was admitted. Police are investigating.

## SME FINANCING SCHEME: RS 313 MILLION APPROVED

A total of 356 applications for funding under the SME Financing Scheme were received by commercial banks between 1 December 2011 and 31 March 2012. During this period, credit facilities totaling Rs 313, 613,608 have been approved. This includes loans, overdrafts and other financing leases. Only 15 applications were turned down. 14 banks are participating in this scheme, which is in force following the 2012 Budget presented in November 2011.

## LIGHT RAIL METRO COMING SOON

The first phase of the Light Rail Transit project (Metro Leger) will be implemented from Curepipe to Port-Louis as an alternative mode of public transport that will benefit from the support of the government of Singapore. This was announced by the Prime Minister following last Friday's cabinet meeting. He underlined that the project is in line with the National Transport Strategy and the Decongestion Programme. It is expected that the project would start as from 2013.

## 8-DIGITS NUMBERING MOBILE PHONE

a one-day multi-stakeholder consultative workshop on the Implementation of the 8-Digit Mobile Numbering Plan for Mobile Networks for Mauritius was held on Thursday the 3rd May, 2012 at the Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebene.

Representatives from the Government, telecoms service providers, the private sector, consumer organizations, and civil society attended the workshop. At present, under the National Numbering Plan for Mobile Networks, mobile telephone numbers in Mauritius are made up of seven digits. There is now a need to move to an 8-digit numbering plan to cater for the increasing demand for telephone numbers, especially for mobile phones whose sales are booming. Out of a population of approximately 1.3 million in Mauritius, there are approximately 1, 275,000 mobile phone subscribers, of which 1,171, 982 are pre-paid and 102, 238 are post-paid.

## NEW JUDGE APPOINTED

The Supreme Court has a new judge. Marie-Joseph Benjamin was appointed Puisne Judge on Wednesday 2, May. His nomination was endorsed by the President of the Republic, Monique Ohsan-Bellepeau, after consultations with the Judicial and Legal Service Commission. The new judge is 50 yrs old was previously Master and Registrar at the Supreme Court and a former court magistrate.

## HOSEPIPES ARE OUT NOW!

Car owners can now get their hosepipes out to wash their cars as all ban regulations have been lifted. Authorities have responded positively to the call of the Petrol Retailers Association (PRA) concerning the ban on washing vehicles. The ban was lifted on Wednesday 2May during a meeting chaired by the Minister of Public Services, Rashid Beebejean. The Director of the Central Water Authority (CWA). Dev Auckloo said that this restriction was lifted because an improvement in water storage in the country was noted. "Mare-aux-Vacoas reservoir is currently filled at 90% capacity" he said

He, however, maintained that the CWA would ensure that water is used wisely. Residents of P)laines-Wilhelms will also benefit from this for they will now enjoy water supply twice daily.

## Somalis' pirates trial: First case will be heard in September

A suspected Somali pirate will go on trial in Mauritius in September 2012. This is the first Mauritian prosecution of Somali Pirates held in this country. This was announced by Chief Justice Bernard Sik Yuen at the second Regional East African Judicial Officers Training Workshop on Counter-terrorism, Transnational Crimes and International Criminal Justice on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at Tamasa Resort, Bel Ombre. Local Justice Prithiviraj Feckna will preside over the trial. Chief justice Sik Yuen stated that negative phenomena like terrorism and transnational crimes including piracy and drug trafficking usually crop up in situations of systematic breakdown of government and society.



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## MON LOISIR SUGAR FACTORY CLOSED DOWN

Mon Loisir Sugar Factory is closing down as from crop 2012 under the Cane Planters and Millers Arbitration and Control Board Act. Moreover, one of the performance indicators for the disbursement of funds under the 9th European Development Fund to support the sugar reform programme was the centralization of milling activities with a view to establishing cost effective and competitive sugar factories as outlined in the Multi-Annual Adaptation Strategy. All the canes of the Mon Loisir factory area including the canes of the former St Antoine factory area would be milled at Belle Vue Milling Company Limited and the provisions of the Blue Print in regard to planters and employees would be implemented.

## EMTEL STARTS LANDLINE PHONES

Etel enters the wireless fixed telephony market thus competing with Mauritius Telecom and Mahanagar Telephone. The new services were launched yesterday at Caudan Labourdonais Hotel. The main advantage of this product is that it is easy to subscribe because it does not require installing a telephone line and then pay the resulting costs. To date, Emtel rates on its fixed lines are not yet known, but with intense competition, consumers can expect lower fees.

## KILLING OF AN ELDERLY LADY BY ROBBERS

The dead body of Marie Murielle Ducray aged 75 was discovered in a decomposed state in her house at Beau Bassin on Wednesday the 16th May 2012. Her body was wrapped in a blanket, her head covered with a red T-shirt. It's on Wednesday afternoon that a family member of the victim made the heinous discovery. The police do not exclude larceny. It seemed that the aggressor spotted the old lady in the kitchen, as the chairs were displaced abruptly. Crime Officers found hair and stains, suspected to be blood, as well as shoe prints on the crime scene. Post mortem report indicates that the victim died of asphyxiation, five days ago. Murielle Ducray lived alone since the death of her husband. A man who happened to be the old lady's gardener has been arrested and questioned by police.

PUBLIC OPINION POLL: LABOUR PARTY/PMSD: 54%  
MMM/MSM: 43% OTHERS: 3%

A recent public opinion poll was surveyed and held by Student World Enterprise (SWE) across the island after a fortnight of the May day political meetings by both the MMM-MSM and LABOUR-PMSD. The President of the Labour party, Patrick Assirvaden made a commentary at a Press Conference given on Saturday 19th May 2012 at the Labour HQ that the MMM-MSM remake 2000 is a flop as no one seems to talk about it any longer

A recent analysis done by SWE on the public opinion poll shows that "valeur du jour" if there is a general election LABOUR-PMSD would still be ahead and 54% population appreciate its governance. Whereas the MMM-MSM gets only 43%. And others: 3%. These figures could change at any time as 91% population has had enough of political scandals, the poll analysis says. Over 70% of the population agrees with the performance of Prime Minister Ramgoolamas a PM.

## TOURISTS ATTACKED AT BLUE BAY

Two residents of Mahebourg, a woman aged 23 and a man, were arrested for attacking two French couples in a bungalow at Blue Bay on Tuesday night the 1st May, 2012. During their interrogation one of the suspects confessed the theft. Several stolen items were found at their place. One of the victims talked to a private radio on Wednesday the 2nd May and related his ordeal: "The thieves came into our bungalow on Tuesday night while my wife and I were sleeping. We were disturbed by noises. Soon after we found that there were a man and a woman in the room. We immediately called the police. And I must say that the police was quick and arrested the thieves."



Jugdish S...aged 31, a fisherman residing at Case Noyale, was stabbed with a fisherman weasel on Saturday night the 29th April. The victim was hit in the abdomen. He was rushed to Victoria Hospital at Candos by volunteers. Jugdish was immediately admitted in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The medical staff informed the police about the incident. Police are investigating.

## ROBBERS ARRESTED

A resident of Souillac had the unpleasant surprise to find that her jewellery had been stolen from her house during her absence. The value of the booty amounted to Rs 75,000. The theft took place between 8pm last Thursday and 6pm Friday. The victim complained to police on Saturday the 28th April, 2012 at Souillac Police Station. No sign of intrusion was detected in the victim's house. On Sunday the 30th April, 2012 police arrested two persons—a man and a woman—in connection with this burglary.

## POLICE SERGEANT ASSAULTED HIS INSPECTOR

A police inspector based at Petite Gabrielle Police Station, Rodrigues had an argument with a sergeant of the same police station on Tuesday 1st May. In his deposition, he confirmed that the sergeant had insulted him before attacking him. An investigation is underway

## PLACE OF WORSHIP VANDALIZED

Several copper objects, nine lamps and 50 swords were stolen from a place of worship at Grande Rosalie. The value of the booty has not been determined yet. A devotee aged 32 and residing at Petite Julie complained to police on Monday. According to him, the theft must have taken place during the week end.

## Liverpool's legend in Mauritius

# John Barnes: "Let's give Roy Hodgson his chance"



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The former Liverpool player and football pundit John Barnes was in Mauritius in May for the 10th anniversary of the Mauritian branch of the Standard Chartered Bank. In this interview the Liverpool's legend talks about Euro 2012 in Ukraine and England's new manager Roy Hodgson.

What is the purpose of your visit?

I am in Mauritius for a very short trip. I was invited by Standard Chartered Bank as part of commemorations of the 10th anniversary of the banking institution. This is an opportunity to meet young Mauritian football during a training session.

As a former Reds, how would you rate Liverpool's season?

They have been very disappointing in the league. It's easy to know why. It is mainly because of Henderson and Carroll who are inexperienced. Young people have good potential and are recruited in the hope that they will perform in the league and cups. But if you look at the last two months we see that Carroll performs better. If the fans support the players, they will play better, I think Liverpool will progress next season. This season, they were good but too inconsistent.

How do you explain the lack of success of the Reds since 1989 in the English league?

It is difficult for a team to maintain its hegemony for a long time. The lack of success does not only affect Liverpool but also many other clubs. It is difficult to keep good players for a long period.

You were in the Liverpool's squad when they won the title in 1989. How did you feel about that?

I still remember the words of the manager after the victory. "We won, that's fine. But, we have to focus on the next season."

The European Football cup will start in a couple of weeks. What do you think about the

England's squad?

England can make a good Euro if they are lucky... as Chelsea had in the Champions League finals (laughs). England first match will be against France, a very difficult match. France is a big team and Laurent Blanc is doing a great job.

Roy Hodgson has been appointed as England's manager. He has not a good track record with Liverpool and was sacked. What do you think about him as England's new manager?

Let's give him his chance.

Would you have preferred Redknapp instead of Hodgson?

It's not yet time to draw conclusions. Let's support Roy and we'll see what happens.



## The Mauritian Marathi Society UK

# CHATRAPATI SHIVAJI on the 9th June

The Mauritian Marathi Society will celebrate Shivaji on the 9th June at St. John's Hall, Bourne Hill, N13 4DA 17.00---22.00 hrs.

India has produced some great patriots in Veer Rana Pratap, Chatrapati Shivaji, Bhagat Singh and Netaji Subash Chandra Bose to name just a few. Veer Rana Pratap was a valiant warrior who took on the might of the Mughal Empire. Never one to surrender he fought like a tiger until he was captured and suffered a horrible death at the hands of his enemies. Chatrapati Shivaji was not only a valiant warrior but also a shrewd and astute politician, a brilliant tactician, a disciplined organiser and leader, an extraordinary administrator, a formidable defender of Hindu Dharma and an epoch-maker.

What distinguished Chatrapati Shivaji from the other heroes is his legacy

Shivaji did not learn to read and write until he was a teenager. He paid great attention to education and surrounded himself with intellectuals. After fortifying the forts he captured he had schools built therein and the study of Sanskrit, the language of our scriptures, was revived. People were taught new methods of farming thus promoting self-sufficiency

To disorganised and demoralised Hindus Shivaji brought unity and strong leadership. To an already humiliated Hindu Dharma he restored pride and dignity. Those who were forcibly converted to Islam were brought back to Hinduism but only with their consent

Shivaji was respectful of all faiths while protecting Hinduism. His soldiers were under strict orders not to desecrate the tombs of other denominations. In his administration there was no favoritism of caste or creed. He made Daulat Khan the Chief Officer of his navy and Mullah Haider his Foreign Minister.

Before Shivaji came on the scene it was common practice to give land for services rendered. Shivaji recognised the long term consequences of this practice. He established a monetary system and instituted cash payment for services.

Single handedly Shivaji created a Maratha army and rose against the Mughals whom he regarded as invaders of his motherland and destroyers of his faith. Despite the Mughals wielding so much power Shivaji founded a Maratha Empire and

the patriotism he instilled in the Marathas army he created later played an important part in the "Quit India" movement.

The Mughals and their historians called Shivaji a bandit and a mountain rat. He robbed and looted the wealth of those who made their fortune by collaborating with the Mughals. To Shivaji these people were legitimate targets. Even to-day the descendants of those who were Shivaji's legitimate targets selfishly show little regard for Shivaji. But those who got to know him as a leader, administrator and a politician realised his great virtues. Sir Richard Temple wrote in his book Poorviya Anubhav, "Shivaji was not only a brave man, but had an extraordinary power with which he could inculcate zeal in others. He lifted a low community and carried it to the status of an empire." Sir Yadunath Sarkar said "Shivaji was the last nation maker having an extraordinary knowledge of great making. He blew new life into the Maratha community. He proved with his own example that the Hindu community can make a nation and can establish a state. Shivaji made it clear that the tree of Hinduism has not dried." Praising Shivaji's political skill a western critic, Eckworth, wrote "To measure the power with which he worked by his victories will be an incomplete one. None of the people of his time had such minute and correct knowledge of the enemy's strength or weakness.

Chatrapati Shivaji, a patriot and brave defender of Hinduism died at the age of 53 struck down with Dysentery. In his short life he achieved what nobody has so far dared attempt--establish a Hindu state. Had Shivaji not risen to challenge the Mughals India today would perhaps be much smaller. Because of what he did for Hinduism, I sincerely believe that every Hindu cultural hall should display with pride a picture or statue of Chatrapati Shivaji.

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