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## POLITICS

### [DOMESTIC]

#### ● MV WAKASHIO – REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

As part of the Mauritian government's pledge to release to the public the full report of the Commission of Inquiry into the MV Wakashio disaster, the Attorney General submitted the latter document to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). This was confirmed at the Cabinet Meeting of Ministers held on Friday 1 August. The DPP is expected to issue his decision regarding possible legal actions related to the 2020 ecological disaster. Once the report has been analyzed, the government will be informed of the DPP's position. In the event prosecutions are considered, a copy of the report will be forwarded to the Mauritius Police Force to facilitate their investigation into the responsibilities surrounding the disaster.

#### ● JUNIOR MINISTER ANISHTA BABOORAM TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH

On 7 August, the Hon. Anishta Babooram was appointed Junior Minister of Health and Wellness by

Presidential decree and on the advice of Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam. This transfer from her previous position as Junior Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare occurred following tensions between the Hon. Minister Arianne Navarre-Marie and herself.

#### ● ARRESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF MAURITIUS POLICE FORCE



(Photo Credit: 5-Plus Dimanche)

During late July and the month of August, high profile policemen have been arrested in connection with the 'Reward Money' case. This case is part of a larger investigation being conducted by the Financial Crimes

Commission (FCC) into the mismanagement of some Rs 250 million in funds allocated as rewards to informants from the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), which implicates several members of the law enforcement agency. To date, six police officers have been arrested: Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP) Lilram Deal and Dunraz Gangadin, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Faaraz Mooniaruth, Sergeants Yeshdeo Seeboruth and Yusuf Ali Hossen, as well as Superintendent of Police (SP) Ashik Jagai. ACP Dunraz Gangadin faces two provisional charges of money laundering, while SP Ashik Jagai faces three provisional charges of "Public Official Using Office for Gratification" in this case.

Meanwhile, former Police Commissioner Anil Kumar Dip has been summoned to court as part of the judicial inquiry into the death of Steeve Jacquelin Juliette, who died on 5 January 2023 during a violent intervention by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) in Goodlands. Earlier in October 2024, the release of leaked audio, dubbed "Mr. Moustache," revealed conversations between CP Anil Kumar Dip and Dr Sudesh Gungadin, who conducted the autopsy, suggesting an alleged attempt to influence the autopsy findings to attribute Juliette's death to natural causes. Such evidence has compromised the integrity of the initial investigation and has reinforced suspicions of a cover-up.

### ● FORMER PRIME MINISTER PRAVIND JUGNAUTH SUMMONED TO COURT



(Photo Credit: ION News)

Former Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth was summoned to the District Court of Pamplemousses on Tuesday 19 August. This was part of the Financial Crimes Commission's (FCC) investigation into the alleged laundering of Rs 113.8 million discovered in three suitcases at Jugnauth's residence upon his

arrest by the FCC on 15 February 2025. As investigators indicated they needed more time to conduct their investigations, the case was adjourned until 27 January 2026.

### ● CASE OF SAFES AGAINST PRIME MINISTER NAVIN RAMGOOLAM



(Photo Credit: DefiMedia)

The trial against Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam in the case of safes began before the Financial Crimes Division (FCD) of the Intermediate Court on Thursday 7 August. The PM is being prosecuted on 23 counts of "Limitation of Payment in Cash," violating various sections of the Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act, including having accepted an amount of Rs 63.8 million in cash over a period of six years, between January 2009 and February 2015. This period includes his previous mandates as Prime Minister (2005–2010; 2010–2014).

Following the electoral defeat of the Labour Party in the December 2014 General Elections, Navin Ramgoolam was arrested in February 2015 on suspicions of money laundering and conspiracy. A police raid of his River Walk residence exposed several safes containing brand new banknotes in various foreign currencies to the value of Rs 220 million rupees (\$6.4 million), as well as exclusive credit cards and prescription medication tablets. Ramgoolam was later released and charges against him were dropped due to lack of sufficient evidence and the prosecution's delay in lodging the case.

### ● REFORM TO BASIC RETIREMENT PENSION – PLANNED PROTESTS

The mobilization against the gradual increase in the retirement pension eligibility age to 65 is carrying on. Firstly, the "Pa Touss Nu Pension" (Don't Touch Our

Pension) platform held a second peaceful march on Saturday 30 August. The march started in St Jean and ended in Arab Town, Rose Hill. Secondly, the "Platform Komun Syndikal" (Joint Unions' Platform) will hold their next major demonstration on Saturday 20 September in the streets of Port Louis.

Meanwhile, the STOP (San Tous Ou Pension – San Tous Ou Dignité) (Without Taking Our Pensions – Without Taking Our Dignity) Movement has been officially invited by the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to participate in the 78th Session of the Committee, which will be held on Friday 19 September at the Palais Wilson in Geneva, where they will raise awareness on this issue.

### ● FIRST RADIO INTERVIEW OF FORMER FINANCE MINISTER SINCE LAST GENERAL ELECTIONS

On Friday 8 August, Renganaden Padayachy, former Minister of Finance, took part in his first radio interview since the November 2024 General Elections and defended his 'economic boom' claim citing 2022–2024 growth averaging between 5% to 6%. He questioned the authenticity of the 'State of the Economy' report. He further accused the government of embezzling Rs. 11 billion from the Contribution Sociale Generalisee (CSG) fund. Padayachy continued to assert that pension at 60 is a fundamental right and condemned the Budget 2025–2026 as inhumane, claiming it undermines the social contract. Facing legal scrutiny, Padayachy has been arrested in connection with multiple investigations but denied wrongdoing. He also denied allegations of exerting pressure on institutions like the Mauritius Investment Corporation or the Bank of Mauritius, affirming their independence.

### ● NOMINEES DECLINE THEIR CONTROVERSIAL APPOINTMENT

A series of nominations made by the government faced significant criticisms from the population. This led to nominees declining their appointment. They were Frédéric Curé as the Chairman of Airport Holdings Ltd, Nabiihah Juman as the Commissioner at the Competition Commission and Meela Ramlochun–Bunwaree as the Chair of the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB). Frédéric Curé is a member of the MMM

party and is also the son-in-law of Deputy Prime Minister Paul Bérenger. Nabiihah Juman is the daughter of Labour MP Hon. Eshan Juman, while Meela Ramlochun–Bunwaree is the sister-in-law of the Minister of Agro–Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries, Dr Arvin Boolell.

### ● ENERGY MINISTER TARGETS RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2035

On Monday 11 August, a validation workshop for the 2025–30 Renewable Energy Strategic Plan, organized by the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities, in collaboration with the Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency (MARENA) was organised. The government is now aiming for a sustainable energy transition targeting 60% renewable energy by 2035 instead of 2030, the initial timeframe. The Hon. Patrick Assirvaden, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities, highlighted the need of an additional 100 megawatts by January 2026 due to the growth of smart cities and infrastructure. Several renewable energy projects, including floating photovoltaics and wind farms are being developed to enhance energy security. The government is working with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the World Bank to create a roadmap and revise electricity purchase agreements. A five-year strategic plan for renewable energy has also been established, in line with the MARENA law.



(Photo Credit: GIS)

### ● POLITICAL TENSIONS IN RODRIGUES

Tensions have reportedly been mounting within the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) over disagreements between members of the ruling Alliance Liberation, a coalition of parties which forms the local government on the autonomous island.



Amidst those tensions, Deputy Prime Minister Paul Bérénger made a proposal to dissolve the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and hold early local elections. The DPM's proposal triggered mixed reactions, between Rodriguan politicians supporting the proposal by citing growing discontent in the RRA, as well as those opposed to the proposal, perceiving it as the Mauritian government's attempt to interfere in the political affairs of Rodrigues, an island part of the Republic of Mauritius which enjoys a status of autonomy since October 2001.

## [FOREIGN AFFAIRS / DIPLOMACY]

### ● OPENING OF EMBASSY OF MAURITIUS IN TOKYO



(Photo Credit: Google Maps)



(Photo Credit: Sunday Times)

On the sidelines of his participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9), held in Yokohama, Japan on 20–22 August 2025, Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam inaugurated the Embassy of Mauritius in Tokyo, Japan. Also in attendance were the Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. MIYASHITA Tadayuki, the Ambassador of Japan to Mauritius, H.E. Mr. KAN Masahiro, as well as members of the Mauritian delegation to TICAD9 and Expo 2025 in Osaka.

On this occasion, PM Ramgoolam expressed his gratitude to the Japanese government, which played a major role in the opening of this Embassy. According to PM Ramgoolam: "The Embassy would be an important instrument to advance economic cooperation between our two countries, facilitate trade and investment, promote business partnerships, and position Mauritius as a strategic gateway for Japanese investment in Africa," he stated. The Prime Minister explained that the opening of this Embassy marks a decisive moment in the history of relations between Mauritius and Japan.



(Photo Credit: Sunday Times)

For PM Ramgoolam, the opening of this Embassy is part of the Mauritian government's decision to implement more dynamic international relations and forge closer ties with strategic partners. "It is a matter of pride that today's event is taking place concurrently with two other important events, namely TICAD 9 and the Osaka 2025 exhibition. I would like to express our gratitude to the Government of Japan for giving us the opportunity to be present at the Osaka exhibition," he added.

## ● PM RAMGOOLAM AT SADC SUMMIT

On 16–17 August, Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam attended the 45th Ordinary Meeting of the SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government in Antananarivo, Madagascar. He attended an official banquet hosted by Malagasy President Andry Rajoelina, and delivered a speech at the Opening Ceremony.

He notably called for the consolidation of electoral commissions within Southern African Development Community (SADC) member countries, to ensure free and fair elections. He also welcomed the solidarity expressed by member states towards Mauritius in its struggle for sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, and reviewed the financial commitments inherited from the previous Mauritian government to SADC.

PM Ramgoolam took part in bilateral meetings with US officials and advocated for the renewal of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which expires on 30 September. This formed part of the broader US–SADC Dialogue, which had been taking place since Wednesday 13 August.

## ● PM NAVIN RAMGOOLAM’S OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDIA IN SEPTEMBER

Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam will conduct an official visit to India on 9–15 September. He will meet his Indian counterpart, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 11 September. The meeting will focus on cooperation in strategic areas such as trade, technology and tourism.

## ● AGREEMENT WITH ABU DHABI FOR THE RIVIÈRE-DES-ANGUILLES DAM

On 22 August, the Cabinet approved the government’s signing of a loan agreement with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development to co-finance the construction of the Rivière des Anguilles Dam. The project is primarily financed through external borrowing from a consortium of Gulf financial institutions, namely the Saudi Fund for Development in Africa, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development. The project aims to ensure sustainable water supply to meet growing

demand in the south of the island. It will contribute to the social, commercial, agricultural and economic development of the region.

## ● DELEGATION OF CHAGOSSIANS MEET POPE LEO XIV IN VATICAN



(Photo Credit: Vatican News)

A delegation of Chagossians, accompanied by Father Gérard Mongelard, was received at the Vatican by Pope Leo XIV on Saturday 23 August. This meeting comes after two previous visits, in 2019 and 2023, during which the Chagossians had sought the support of the Holy See from Pope Francis. The delegates came to express their gratitude. Joining them were Richard Gifford, a lawyer committed to this cause, and Philippe Sands, author of *The Last Colony*. Olivier Bancoult, Head of the Chagos Refugee Group, was also part of the delegation.

## ● COST OF SOVEREIGNTY TRANSFER

The transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago to Mauritius could cost the United Kingdom nearly £35 billion, ten times more than the £3.4 billion announced by British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, according to the British newspaper *The Standard* in an article published on Monday 11 August. This estimate, based on official documents from the Government Actuary’s Department obtained by the Conservative Party, has reignited the debate on the agreement between Mauritius and the United Kingdom. The Conservative opposition accuses Labour ministers of misleading the Parliament by using a controversial accounting method to reduce the announced amount.

## ● PLANNED VISIT TO CHAGOS BY MAURITIAN DELEGATION

A strategic meeting was held on Tuesday 5 August, at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Port Louis to discuss the logistical arrangements for the first official visit of a Mauritian delegation to the Chagos Archipelago. This mission is planned for before the end of the year. Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam chaired this meeting, attended by Deputy Prime Minister Paul Bérenger, and Attorney General Gavin Glover. They discussed the modalities of the mission, including the departure date, maritime transport logistics, the composition of the delegation, and the relevance of timing the trip with the ratification of the Sovereignty Treaty by the British Parliament.

## ● MAURITIAN UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMAT DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA IN BURKINA FASO

Carol Flore-Smrecznik, a Mauritian national from Rodrigues and Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Burkina Faso, has been declared persona non grata by the government in Ouagadougou. The Burkinabe authorities believe she is no longer a credible interlocutor following the publication of a UN report on children and armed conflict in the country, which was deemed biased as it simultaneously implicates both terrorist groups and the Burkinabe defence forces.

## ● AUSTRALIA PROMOTES BID TO HOST COP31

On Tuesday 12 August, the High Commissioner of Australia to Mauritius, H.E. Ms. Kate Chamley, paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Hon. Rajesh Anand Bhagwan. Ms. Chamley was accompanied by the Climate Counsellor at the Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Mr. Daniel Featherston. They discussed the issue of common environmental challenges faced by Indian Ocean countries, as well as promotion of Australia's bid to host the COP 31 in 2026.

## ● UN SUMMIT ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

A delegation from the Ministry of the Environment, led by the Junior Minister of Environment, Hon. Joanna Bérenger, travelled to Geneva to participate in the UN Summit on Plastic Pollution between 5 and 14 August. This meeting, which brought together 3,700 delegates from 184 countries, aimed to conclude the first-ever legally binding treaty to plastic pollution.

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## ECONOMY

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### ● TOURISM ON THE RISE

Mauritius continues to attract more visitors, with 129,206 tourists recorded in July 2025, representing a 10.2% increase compared to last year. From January to July 2025, arrivals reached 788,115 visitors, confirming the resilience of the sector. Hon. Richard Duval, Minister of Tourism, pointed out that July, traditionally a low season, has seen figures comparable to peak months such as October and November.

### ● PRICE STABILISATION FUND

On 16 August, the Government of Mauritius unveiled the first measures of the Price Stabilisation Fund to protect the purchasing power of Mauritians.

An initial Rs 850 million has been earmarked to keep the price of essential goods in check. The price of bread will remain fixed at Rs 2.60 per loaf, backed by subsidies of Rs 450 million, while further reductions will apply to milk powder, soybean oil, cheese, infant milk and baby diapers as from 26 August.

Deputy Prime Minister Paul Bérenger stressed that while international price trends cannot be controlled, the government is determined to prevent local abuse and safeguard consumers. He added that if global conditions permit, support measures will be extended beyond the initial six-month period.

## ● FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET: SECOND INTERVENTION BY THE BANK OF MAURITIUS IN AUGUST

The Bank of Mauritius injected \$10 million into the domestic foreign exchange market on 25 August at a rate of Rs 45.65. On 5 August, the Central Bank had sold \$20 million at the rate of Rs 45.70. Total interventions between January and July of this year amount to \$70 million.

According to the latest monthly bulletin published by the Bank of Mauritius, the rupee lost 1.9% against the dollar for the 12 months ended June 2025, 4.7% against the pound sterling and depreciated by 2.6% against the euro.

In addition, the rupee-dollar exchange rate, which was Rs 45.39 to the dollar on 1 July, reached Rs 47.27 at the beginning of August before falling back to Rs 46.16 on 25 August.

## ● MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE: KEY RATE MAINTAINED AT 4.5%

The Monetary Policy Committee met on 13 August at the Bank of Mauritius. The Governor, Dr Rama Sithanen, announced the status quo for the Key Rate at 4.5%. However, inflation is now expected to reach 4% in 2025, slightly higher than the earlier forecast of 3.5%.

## ● MOODY'S: MAURITIUS SOVEREIGN CREDIT RATING AT BAA3

Moody's has confirmed Mauritius' sovereign credit rating at Baa3. In its latest Credit Opinion, published on 5 August, the agency explains the reasons for its decision and provides clues on what Mauritius should do to hope for an improvement in the rating. However, the rating agency lowered the country's outlook from "stable outlook" to "negative outlook".

## ● IMPORTS: A BILL OF MORE THAN RS 156 BILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR

The imports of Mauritius continue to grow. For the first half of 2025, they climbed by 6.8% to reach Rs

156.09 billion. Among the main imports are petroleum products and foodstuffs.

## ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

### ● MAURITIUS AT THE TICAD9

Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam headed the Mauritian delegation participating in the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9) on 20–22 August in Yokohama, Japan. The delegation included Mauritian business leaders, as well as a delegation from the Economic Development Board (EDB). TICAD9 is a leading international platform bringing together African leaders, the African Union, the World Bank, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Discussions focused on key themes such as sustainable development, investment, economic transformation, and innovation, with the aim of strengthening partnerships between Africa and its strategic allies, including Japan.



(Photo Credit: Cabinet Public Affairs Office)

During the Conference, members of the Mauritian delegation met with officials from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japanese private sector stakeholders. The objective was to promote greater investment and strategic partnerships with Mauritius.

PM Ramgoolam also held a high-level meeting with his Japanese counterpart, Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru. During this meeting, PM Ramgoolam expressed his deep gratitude for Japan's continued support in several key areas of Mauritius' development. He recalled a fruitful meeting with former Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, as part of the TICAD5 in June 2013. PM



Ramgoolam also requested the Japanese government's support, through a Government-to-Government Agreement, in the energy sector, particularly for the installation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) turbines. He also advocated for increased cooperation in maritime security, particularly for the surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Discussions also focused on finalizing an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) with Japan.



(Photo Credit: Sunday Times Mauritius)

Furthermore, PM Ramgoolam spoke at the second plenary session devoted to the economy. He reviewed the Mauritian government's 2025–2026 program, which, according to him, sets out a clear trajectory focused on export growth and technology-driven transformation. He also discussed Artificial intelligence, biotechnology, digital finance, and the Blue Economy. As a Small Island Developing State, Mauritius brings a unique perspective. For PM Ramgoolam, his government has established a modern regulatory framework that supports businesses, protects investments, and encourages innovation. He praised Japanese expertise in fisheries and ocean economics, and emphasized that a cooperative partnership in these sectors would represent increased collaboration for the African continent, particularly for small island states and coastal states.

On the sidelines of the Conference, PM Ramgoolam and his spouse, Mrs. Veena Ramgoolam, attended a Tea Ceremony at the Imperial Palace hosted by His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito. Additionally, Mrs. Veena Ramgoolam attended a number of cultural events as part of a program specially organized for the spouses of Heads of State and Government, at the

initiative of ISHIBA Yoshiko, spouse of the Japanese Prime Minister.

## ● MAURITIUS PAVILION AT THE OSAKA EXPO 2025

On 12 August, the Mauritius Pavilion at the OSAKA Expo 2025 received a delegation from the Union of the Comoros, led by the Minister of Economy, Industry, Investment, and Economic Integration, Mr. Moustoifa Hassani Mohamed.



(Photo Credit: GIS Mauritius)

## ● AGOA RENEWAL AND FREE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is set to expire on 30 September 2025. Uncertainty surrounding its renewal is putting pressure on several sectors in Mauritius, such as textiles. The Minister of Industry, SMEs, and Cooperatives, Hon. Aadil Ameer Meea, reiterated the wish of Mauritius, alongside the African Union, the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), to renew AGOA. Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam is expected to travel to the United States in September for bilateral discussions towards a potential free trade agreement with the United States, in order to preserve preferential access for exporters.

While Mauritius is currently subjected to a 15% tax due to reciprocal tariffs imposed by the United States, Mauritian manufactured goods could reportedly be subjected to an additional 16% tax if AGOA is not



renewed, bringing the total to approximately 31%.

### ● CHINA-MAURITIUS RELATIONS

A high-level delegation from the business community of the People's Republic of China visited Mauritius in August. This delegation, led by Professor Donald Ah-Chuen and hosted by the ABC Group of Companies, comprised eminent founders, chief executive officers, and senior executives of Choice International Group, Youfang International, the China-Africa Business Council and the Africa-Guangdong Business Association. They paid courtesy calls on the Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Hon. Jyoti Jeetun, as well as the Junior Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Rajen Narsinghen, to discuss the strategic role of Mauritius as an investment gateway to Africa and a trusted partner for Chinese enterprises.

### ● INDIA-MAURITIUS RELATIONS

The Indian Business Council, Mauritius (IBC) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Monday 28 July at the High Commission of India in Ebene, reinforcing economic and commercial ties between India and Mauritius.

On Wednesday 6 August, Prime Minister Dr the Hon. Navin Ramgoolam inaugurated 10 electric buses offered by the Indian Government to the National Transport Corporation (NTC). This first batch out of a total of 100 electric buses donated by India aims at assisting Mauritius in shifting from the use of conventional diesel to electricity.

On Wednesday 20 August, during a courtesy call by the Secretary General of the International Confederation of Human Resource Association, Mr. Vishwesh Kulkarni, on the Minister of Education and Human Resource, Dr Hon. Mahend Gungapersad, India and Mauritius have reaffirmed their commitment towards the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the national education curriculum.

## SPORTS

### ● JEREMIE LARARAUDEUSE QUALIFIES FOR WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TOKYO



(Photo Credit: L'express.mu)

Jérémie Lararaudeuse, a Mauritian hurdler, has been qualified to participate in the 2025 World Athletics Championships, which will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 13 to 21 September 2025. Lararaudeuse previously competed in the 2022 and 2023 editions of the same Championships, as well as the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021.

### ● MAURITIUS SHINES AT 13TH CJSOI GAMES 2025 WITH 114 MEDALS



(Source: GIS Mauritius)

Mauritius has distinguished itself at the 13th Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l'Océan Indien (CJSOI) Games held in Seychelles from 1 to 10 August 2025, securing a total of 114 medals. Mauritian athletes took home 35 gold, 35 silver, and 44 bronze medals across multiple sports disciplines. In athletics, Mauritius dominated with 33 medals, including 11 gold, 12 silver, and 10 bronze. The para-athletics contingent also made a strong impact, winning 13

medals, including 8 gold, 4 silver, and 1 bronze. The badminton team added 13 medals, with 5 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze; the boxers earned 3 gold and 3 bronze medals, while the football team brought home 1 gold and 1 bronze. The judo squad achieved 11 medals (1 gold, 5 silver, 5 bronze), weightlifters 10 medals (3 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze), swimmers 22 medals (2 gold, 7 silver, and 13 bronze); sailing and basketball 1 bronze medal each, volleyball teams 1 gold and 1 bronze. In the newly introduced e-sport category, Mauritius won 1 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze medal.

## ● GOLF: LADIES CLASSIC TO BE HOSTED IN MAURITIUS

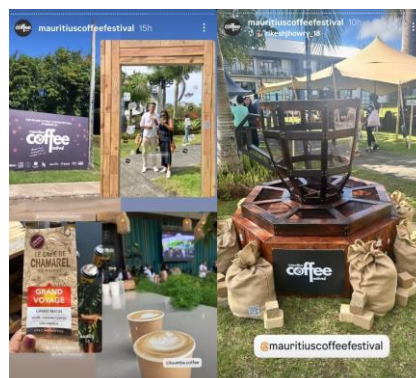


(Source: ttnworldwide.com)

The first Ladies European Tour event ever to be staged in the Indian Ocean will be organized by the Constance Hotels & Resorts, in partnership with the Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB) as title sponsor. Constance Belle Mare Plage's Legend Golf Course will host the inaugural MCB Ladies Classic – Mauritius. Scheduled to take place from 1–3 May 2026, this prestigious tournament will gather an exceptional field of 120 professional women golfers, representing over 20 countries, competing in a 54-hole stroke play format for a prize fund of €400,000.

## CULTURE

### ● THE FIRST COFFEE FESTIVAL IN MAURITIUS



(Source: IG – mauritiuscoffeesfestival)

The Mauritius Coffee Festival took place on 30–31 August 2025, at Vivéa Business Park in Moka, celebrating local coffee culture and community. Organized by Coffee & Co., it marked the island's first-ever coffee festival. Aiming at bringing together coffee enthusiasts, producers, and baristas to celebrate the rich coffee culture of Mauritius. The festival featured a variety of activities, including tastings, workshops, and competitions, all designed to promote local coffee brands and educate attendees about coffee production and sustainability.

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