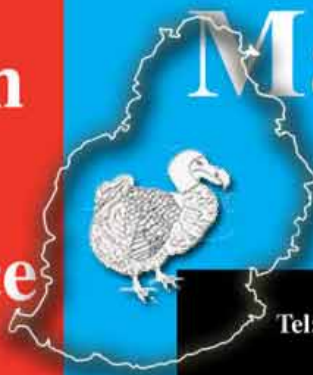


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Budget 2024-25

Tomorrow is Ours



Finance Minister Renganaden Padayachy

Tomorrow is ours, it is with such conviction that Finance, Economic Planning and Development Minister Renganaden Padayachy spelt out, in his Budget Speech to the National Assembly on June 7, the measures the Government would implement during the Financial Year 2024-25. This the fifth and last budget of the Government mandate, he pointed out.

The Government has placed Mauritians at the heart of its actions, investing in the population, whilst reducing inequalities to boost growth and development, this is our strategy, the Minister said. With the right business, economic and market conditions in place, Mauritius would become a three-trillion rupees economy by 2030, he asserted.

It took him some 2 hours and half to enunciate the measures to be introduced by the present government, which is nearing the end of its 5-year mandate to reduce, if not eliminate, inequalities in Mauritius, which is the main purpose of this present exercise.

As an innovation, during the preparation of the Budget, the Finance Minister, or Le Grand Argentier as they call him, had preliminary consultations with all the stakeholders involved in the business of delivering services in the country, from workers' unions to nursery providers, and with some Ministers themselves, to receive their suggestions and estimates.

The Government, through the Finance Minister was able to inform the House and the public that all sectors of Mauritian activities would be touched by this

budget. As a matter of fact, the budget carries goodies for almost every section of the population for the years ahead, goodies which have been causing concern to some elements of the country as to whether the country will be able to support the costs. Some say that it is an inflationary budget and the Mauritian people will suffer as a result of the high cost of living that will ensue. Some think that the sweeteners are part of the campaign trail for the next General Election which may take place at any moment now. An electoralist Budget, the Opposition claims, intended to attract votes.

Speculative Revenue

There are also those who say the Government will be spending money it does not have and draw attention to the FMI's recommendations for the island to better manage its economy in terms of its expenditure. Some economists talking adversely of the budget predict the country will go to the dogs. Yet, there are people who find comfort in the benefits that will come their way. The budget may be summed up that those who believe in the present government think that it is a good budget and those who, like the Opposition, find faults with it. The leader of the Opposition qualified the proposed economic measures as a 'mirage and not an economic miracle'. The poor will get poorer, he said. Other members of the Opposition express the view that the provision Rs250 million to the pre-primary school sector will see a proliferation of private pre-primary schools to the disadvantage of state-owned schools.

One expert analyst said that the Government high spending would put at risk the next generation. He was repeating the Singaporean spokesman praising his own Government financial policies who would never put the next generation at risk. The Singaporean Government does not spend money on speculated revenue in order to avoid debts.

In his preamble of the Budget oral delivery to the House, Mr Renganaden Padayachy extolled the achievements of the Government for the past five years, and stated that "This budget is a continuation of our philosophy: Growth for social progress, Growth for all and with all, Growth that is robust, inclusive and sustainable, in one word resident."

The Goodies



Opposition leader Arvin Boolell

It would be a quite a task to sum up in a short article the contents of a speech of 2 1/2 hours and some 50 pages. Some measures that have been widely acclaimed may be condensed for easy digest. To boost

the local production of food crops and reduce our dependency on imports, among the measures to be introduced is a 50% subsidy for purchase of fertilisers, a Measures which in itself has been greatly welcomed by the planters community. There is much rejoicing among fishermen in the provision of a grant Rs1 million to individual fishers for the purchase semi-industrial fishing boats.

Taxi owners will be granted a once-in-a-lifetime VAT exemption on purchase of a car by 20 percent to Rs120,000, they will be provided with a loan of 2.5 percent over a period of 7 years, and will be able to transfer their licence to their heirs. The eligibility age of young people suffering from cancer for full State assistance will increase to 25 years to receive treatment both locally and overseas. Expecting mothers will receive a monthly allowance of Rs2,000 for nine months. Maternity leave will increase to 16 weeks while paternity leave will increase to 4 weeks. To eradicate domestic violence in Mauritius society a one-off grant of Rs5,000 is earmarked for every victim of domestic violence.

Registered priests will be provided with duty-free cars every 7 years. The budget also takes care of the outer islands. Rodrigues, Agalega and Chagos. The most welcoming news is the increase of the basic old age pension to recognise the contribution of the elderly and to ensure the dignity of the older generation, it is proposed to increase their basic monthly pension to Rs14,000 from July 2024 and to Rs15,000 from January 2025.

Pierre Louis



Connecting Dancers Worldwide For Affordable Travel

Save Money, Make Friends, And Travel The World

Raised so far / 37 Backers

£929 / Goal £20000

Back This Project

Ends on The 10th of July



Most dancers dream of travelling the world. But the thing is...The world today makes achieving dreams so much harder. Life keeps getting more and more expensive, and it feels tough to make things happen.

Over the past year, I started to think more and more about this problem. As the founder of Beyond The Moves (BTM) - a platform dedicated to freestyle dance training - I've seen with my own eyes how BTM members use our private community to organize travel.

The community lets them travel to events WITHOUT spending lots of money, WITHOUT desperately searching for someone on IG or Facebook, and WITHOUT needing a giant network. And so I started to think... What If?

What if we could make those dance dreams a reality for every dancer and dance enthusiast in the world? I'd like to introduce you to The Community Travel Platform For Dancers.

BTM Tribe is a platform designed to connect dancers worldwide

Find a welcoming place to stay, AND build lifelong friendships in the dance community as you travel

The simple 3-step process for finding accommodation:

1. The guest selects the host they want to stay with.
2. The guest submits an offer, based on what they can afford (a minimum of 10€ per night) and the host can charge only a Maximum of 30€ per night.
3. The host or Guest accepts the offer & validates the booking.

All communication happens within the platform; from the first conversation to the transaction and all the messages after booking. We handle the whole process within the platform.

Key Benefits:

- * Affordable Accommodations: Find places to stay based on YOUR budget, not anyone else's
- * Community Connection: Build friendships across continents and countries
- * Enriched Dance Experiences: Get immediately tapped into the local dance community through your host

Your Safety is Our Top Priority

At BTM Tribe, ensuring your safety and building trust within our community are paramount. Here's how we protect you:

- * Complete Profiles: Every user must fully complete their profile before requesting or accepting a stay.
- * Host Preferences: Hosts can specify their preferences, such as accepting only guests of the same gender.
- * Identity Verification: We use advanced methods to verify identities, including Document Verification: Users provide government-issued IDs.
- * Secure Communication: All interactions happen within our platform, ensuring secure and monitored conversations.
- * Community Reporting: Easily report any suspicious behaviour. Our support team promptly addresses all concerns.*
- * Data Privacy: We prioritize your data security and privacy, implementing robust encryption and protection measures to keep your information safe.

With these measures, we want to create a secure, trustworthy, and supportive environment for all dancers.

Thanks For Your Support

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To Page 3

From Page 2**Thank you for believing in BTM Tribe's mission****A few years from now, we want the dance world to be different**

Imagine a world where you can go ANYWHERE as a dancer ... without saving up for months and months, and breaking the bank. A world where you can plan a trip to a battle or event in MINUTES.

..... **And it's not only about cost, either.**

It's the friendships you can build around the world, the sharing of cultures, and the connections that will last for life.

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BTM Tribe is still in early stages.

And the truth is...

We need YOUR help to make it work

We are launching a fundraising campaign to support the platform's development, and make sure we create something truly valuable for the community.

All funds raised will be used for the full development of the platform, including:

- * Site development, and maintenance costs
- * Hiring a UI/UX designer to enhance the look and feel of the platform, as well as create an efficient user experience
- * Marketing Support to help spread the word in the community and create a solid foundation of users
- * Our fundraising target is £20,000,
- * We've created several options for supporters, and bonuses for each:

DONATE NOW**Believer (£10+)**

Believers receive access to the pre-launch private community, regular project updates, and recommend/vote on your favorite features you want to see at launch.

Backer (£100+)

Backers receive all of the previous perks, PLUS funding members badges featured on the BTM tribe website... And monthly online training sessions to exchange with fellow dancers worldwide.

Big Baller Boss (£500+)

Big Baller Bosses (haha) receive ALL previous perks, plus:

- * Every 2 Months update zoom calls with the BTM Tribe team
- * Beta user access (you'll get to try and break the platform before it goes live!)
- * Feature in our Launch Documentary: Be part of our journey by featuring in our launch documentary, showcasing our supporters.

DONATE NOW

We hope you consider supporting us.

This project can become one of the biggest advantages to the global dance community.

We believe in it, and we're asking you to do the same.

If you have any questions, advice, or concerns for us, feel free to send an email to support@beyondthemoves.com.

We'll get back to you right away

UK Mauritian Football

Profile of the 2024 Champions Cosmos United FC



Far left in the picture, Mario René of Cosmos United FC congratulated by Girish Daby, MFC organiser, and applauded by victorious team

COSMOS UNITED FC. was founded in 1968 from a group of Mauritian migrants who had come to the UK in the 1950/60's

Although not exclusively of Mauritian players, the Club was predominately so. The Club originally took the name of Dodo United, the Dodo bird being endemic to Mauritius. But because of its versatility, the Club changed its name to Cosmos United FC, the Club being in fact cosmopolitan.

The Club was at first affiliated to the Dulwich League, competing on Saturday afternoons. Those Sunday games created an opportunity for Mauritian families to meet up and to develop a form of network within the community.

In 1976, the Club took part in its first overseas Cup Competition in Brussels, Belgium. In 1978 the Club won its first silverware in the Dulwich League Competition. The final, held at the Raynes Park stadium, drew a good crowd.

By the early 1980's, the Management of the Dodo Club was now getting on in years and it was time for the new generation of players to take over and carry on the Club's footballistic dedication.

In 1981, under the new management, the Club was to taste success both here in London and at Strasbourg (France). The Club were runners-up in the 2nd Division of the Wimbledon & District League and won the League's Cup Competition. The Club entered a Mauritian Cup Competition in Strasbourg (France) and were worthy winners in the summer of 1982.

The Club continued to progress and maintained its status as the oldest Mauritian Club in London if not England. There had been an injection of players of other nationalities over the years as Cosmos commanded a level of football, which attracted footballers.

The Club participated in several Cup Competitions in Strasbourg, France, over the years and maintained a good relationship with the Mauritian community in that eastern department of France.

In 1984, the Club ventured on a football tour in Mauritius, (not with its full squad at the time). In Mauritius the Club were well received and played against teams made up of a selection of the best players in the 4 regions where matches were held.. The Mauritian teams also included players from the then national team of Mauritius. Cosmos managed two draws and two defeats. The experience was 'a dream come true' for many of the new generation to tour for the first time the

land of their parents.

In 1987, the Club was able to receive sponsorship for another tour of Mauritius, this time with a 17-man squad. By now, football in Mauritius was well developed and therefore the opposition were more formidable.

1992 saw the emergence of a new Cup Competition for the Mauritian community, which is still running to this day. During that time Cosmos has won the competition eight times in all. 2019 was the last time, after a lapse of 8 years. Cosmos were also runners-up eight times.

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During the last 10 years, there has been a decline in Saturday football and in 2010 season the Club made the switch to Sunday football and started its campaign in the Sixth Division of the Morden & District with the Club gaining promotion to the Fifth Division in their first season.



Niven Subramaney of Cosmos management offering Cup to Cosmos captain for 2024 victory



Veteran Supporter Jordan with late Cosmos Captain Dilen Rigober

2015 saw another milestone in the Club's history, after a 28 year stint, we toured Mauritius. In our first three games we played teams from the 2nd Division. We managed two wins and lost our first game. In our final game we played a selection from Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, we were the worthy winners. The football was only one aspect of our tour, the players were able to engage in some charity work. The charity work was an experience that the players not only enjoyed, but felt humbled by this experience. All of this is in keeping with the Cosmos ethos.

Our 2015/16 season was our first in the Premier Division and was not an easy one. However the Club managed to hold its own and we survived the day to see us

remaining in the Premier Division for the following season.

In the season 2017/18 the Club saw an influx of more Mauritian players, (who are based in Crawley), some of Chagossian descent. These players remain with the Club to this day. It is, however, correct to say that the Club are still predominantly made up of Mauritian players.

The Club were successful in winning the 2019 Mauritian Tournament. In a display which on the Day encapsulated the whole ethos of the Club both, on and off the field. The discipline and respect was second to none. The Cosmos Tent provided both players and supporters food and drink that could not be matched (as per usual). Our Supporters turned out in numbers which spurred the Players on and secured the Trophy, which they had unjustly eluded us for 8 years.

Unfortunately, the 2019/20 Season was cancelled due to the Coronavirus 19 epidemic. At that point of the season, the Club were looking forward to a Cup Semi-Final and still with a chance of securing runners up in our Division.

Achievements of the Cosmos United FC

- First and foremost the longest serving Mauritian Football club based in the UK.
- 1976 the Club competed in its first ever cup competition abroad, in Brussels, Belgium-wich League.
- In 1978 the Club won its first silverware in the League Cup in the Dulwich League.
- In 1981 The Club were runners up in the 2nd Division of the Wimbledon & District League and won the league cup competition.
- In 1982 the Club won the Mauritian Cup Competition in Strasbourg.
- In 1984 first tour in Mauritius.
- In 1987 second tour of Mauritius
- In 1994/95 the Club were champions of the 3rd Division of the Wimbledon & District League.
- 1997 the Club took part in a Cup Competition in Paris.
- 1992 - 2019 saw the emergence of a new Cup Competition for the Mauritian community, which is still running today. During this time Cosmos has won the competition eight times in all and 2019 was the last time, after a lapse of 8 years. Cosmos were also runners-up eight times.
- 2010 the Club in the Morden & District with the Club gaining promotion to the Fifth Division.
- 2011, winners of the Frank Jones Cup.
- 2012 Club double winners of Division 6 and winners of Edgar Hemingway Cup
- In 2013 the Club gain promotion to the 1st Division and winners of the Tom Lawson (Intermediate) Cup.
- In 2014 the Club did not win any silverware, but because of its attractive and high standard of football, have been promoted to the Premier Division for next season (2015/16).
- Winners of the 2019 Mauritian Tournament.
- In 2021/2022 season Finalist in the Frank Blunstone Cup final.
- In 2023/2024 season Semi-Finalist in the Frank Blunstone Cup.
- Winners of the Mauritian Tournament 2024.

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C'est qu'au fond, il n'y a qu'une seule race: l'humanité.
(Jean Jaurès)

Malheureusement, l'humanité est dépourvue d'humanité



54 degree celsius in India. People wear wet towel to cope with the extreme heat



Vote counting at recent South African elections