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*Wishing all members of the Hindu
Faith a very
Holy Mahasivaratree Celebration*



Year of The Horse

Welcome to the Start of the Chinese New Year & The Year of the Horse from Tuesday February 17



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"Xin Nian Kuai Le" - Happy New Year!

"Gong Xi Fa Cai" - Congratulations

The above are the phrases you'll hear everywhere during Chinese New Year. It's not one day on the calendar, it's a full 15-day celebration that ends with the glowing Lantern Festival

Also known as the Spring Festival, it is the biggest and most important traditional holiday in Chinese culture, blending family, food, luck and symbolism into one long, lively welcome to the year ahead.

People often wonder why the date changes each year. That's because it follows the Chinese lunar calendar, instead of being fixed like January 1 in the Western calendar, Chinese New Year begins with the new moon, and falls somewhere between late January and mid February.

At its heart, this is a family festival. Think reunions on a massive scale. Millions of people travel home, creating the largest annual migration in the world. Homes are thoroughly cleaned to sweep away bad luck and stale energy. It's like a symbolic reset. Out with the old, in with the new. Debts are settled where possible, and haircuts are done before New Year begins, never during, as that's said to cut away good fortune.

Red takes centre stage. Red banners, red lanterns, red decorations, red clothing, because red is believed to ward off bad luck and attract good fortune. Firecrackers and fireworks add noise and spectacle, traditionally meant to scare away negative spirits and welcome positive energy.

Food is never just food at New Year, it's edible symbolism.

The reunion dinner is the main event, and every dish carries meaning. Fish for abundance, dumplings for wealth, long noodles for long life and sticky rice cakes for rising success. A whole chicken represents family unity. Nothing is random, the menu is packed full of meaning.

Each year is also linked to one of the twelve zodiac animals. 2026 is the year of the Horse and is associated with energy, drive, independence, and bold forward movement.

Horse years are said to favour action, making it a good time to start projects, take calculated risks and think big. People born in Horse years are often described as quick-minded, charismatic, adventurous, as well as impatient, hot-tempered and stubborn.

If you want to boost your luck, there are plenty of small traditions to follow. Keep oranges and tangerines in the house for prosperity. Wear red or bright colours. Give or receive red envelopes with money.

And watch your words, this part matters. Try not to argue, complain, or speak negatively on the first day. Be generous, be kind, be upbeat. The first day sets the tone for the year.

New year, clean slate, full heart - lunar style.

Xin Nian Kuai Le, Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Email de M. François reçu le 8 février 2026

Lettre Ouverte À La Cheffe Juge Bibi Rehana Mungly – Gulbul

Chère Madame la Cheffe Juge,

Ref : Justice of the Peace Certificate.

Pour la énième fois, je fais appel à votre bon sens et à votre respect des lois, pour que M. Tawfeek Thug CCO/CM, The Chief Court Officer/Court Manager, me rende mon Justice of the Peace Certificate, qu’il détient illégalement en sa possession.

Comme je l’ai déclaré précédemment, ce certificat fut présenté en Cour Intermédiaire par mes hommes de loi Me. Pazhany Rangasamy avoué et Me. Alexandre Leblanc avocat, pour soutenir ma réclamation de dommages, lors du procès que j’avais intenté à l’État.

Le 28 janvier 2025, la Magistrate U. Rawat Neerooa avait rendu un jugement en ma faveur. Mais jusqu’ici, The Chief Court Officer/ Court Manager refuse toujours de me retourner mon Justice of the Peace Certificate. Est-ce-que cela ne représente pas un vol de sa part ? Dans le huitième commandement du livre de la Bible on lit ceci : « Tu ne déroberas point. » La Bible parle de nombreuses formes de vol qui sont proscrites. « Beaucoup de lois humaines ont été promulguées pour protéger les biens des individus de ceux qui veulent les leur dérober. » L’Internet.

Donc, Madame la Cheffe Juge, au nom de la Justice, je vous prie de ramener M. Tawfeek Thug CCO/CM, The Chief Court Officer/ Court Manager, à la raison. Puisque je suis victime d’un vol, j’aimerais savoir ce qu’en pense le Commissaire de Police Rampersad Sooroojebally, le DPP M. Abdool Rachid Ahmine et l’Attorney General, l’Honorable Gavin Glover.

Avec mes salutations très respectueuses.
Eliézer François JP

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Offusqué, M. François parle du vol de son document par la Cour Intermédiaire.

Il se peut qu’il y ait une raison quelconque pour que le document en question soit retenu par la Cour après jugement. Si tel est le cas, la Cour lui doit une explication.

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