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# MRA Annual Prayer

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) organised its Annual Prayer on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at the Shri Kannanur Mariamen Kovil at Albion Dock, Port Louis. Staff members of various faiths and posted at different locations namely Ehram Court, Custom House, SSR Airport and PATS, converged towards the Kovil to offer their prayers.



The MRA is proud to organise the Pooja which is now an annual feature just like the St Matthew's Day which was celebrated in September 2020. MRA staff irrespective of race, grade or religious beliefs participated wholeheartedly in the event.



MRA staff was involved in the Bhajans and Kirtans which was run between the pooja vidhi.





The Director-General of the MRA, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, and the Director, Customs, Mr. Vivekanand Ramburun, addressed the attendees. The programme culminated with an Aarti followed by a Maha Prasadam.





# WARNING

## Fund Transfer Payment Stop Order Fake Document



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) draws the attention of the public to a fake document, entitled '**Fund Transfer Payment Stop Order**', which is in circulation. The fraudulent document appears to show the MRA as the sender.

Members of the public are hereby informed that the MRA never requests taxpayers for their bank account details through email, SMS or social media platforms.

The aim of the fake email may be to fraudulently obtain personal and confidential information, with the intention of misappropriating funds from accounts of taxpayers.

Taxpayers are requested to furnish their bank account and any other relevant details only through the MRA e-services, as and when required. The e-services platform of the MRA is a secure one.

Should members of the public have any doubts about the authenticity of an email, letter or telephone communication purportedly from, or on behalf of the MRA and/or its officials, they should first call the MRA before taking any further action.

A communique was issued by the MRA to this end, and it can be accessed by clicking [here](#).



# Deferment of Tax Payment (APS/CPS) Renewal of Tax Arrears Settlement Scheme (TASS)

## Tax Arrears Settlement Scheme (TASS)



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) informs the public that the following measures have been taken to assist taxpayers and employers in improving their cash flow by deferring tax payments under the Advance Payment System (APS), the Current Payment System (CPS), and by renewing the Tax Arrears Settlement Scheme (TASS) which provides for full or 80% waiver of penalties and interests on all tax arrears due.

### • Advance Payment System (APS)

The last date for the submission of APS Statements and payment of the corresponding tax by companies for any quarter where the due date falls in November 2020, and up to May 2021, is being deferred to 28 June 2021.

Companies whose accounting period ends in November 2020 are not required to submit an APS Statement for the third quarter ended in August 2020. They will have to submit their annual income tax return by 31 May 2021.

### • Current Payment System (CPS)

Individual taxpayers are not required to submit CPS Statements where the due date falls in December 2020, March 2021 and June 2021. The tax payable shall be paid at the time of submission of annual income tax returns in September/October 2021.

### • Tax Arrears Settlement Scheme (TASS)

Where tax arrears, outstanding as at 31 October 2020, under an assessment issued or a return submitted on or before 31 October 2020 under the Income Tax Act, the VAT Act and the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act, are fully paid by a person on or before 31 December 2021, any penalty and interest included in the tax arrears will be fully waived, provided that an application for the waiver is made to the MRA on or before 30 June 2021.

Taxpayers having assessments pending before the Assessment Review Committee, the Supreme Court or Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and who wish to take advantage of the scheme, may do so by withdrawing the case before these institutions.

Where the arrears, outstanding as at 31 October 2020, consist of Training Levy and/or surcharges payable under the Human Resource Development Act, the surcharges shall be reduced by 80 per cent provided that an application for the reduction is made to the MRA on or before 30 June 2021 and the outstanding Training Levy along with the balance of surcharges is paid on or before 31 March 2022.

For further information, employers/self-employed individuals may visit MRA's website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu) or phone the MRA helpdesk on 207 6000 during office hours.

An explainer infographics video may be accessed on the [MRA YouTube Channel](#).

# The newly appointed Director of Human Resources & Training

Mr D. Magen Maunikum has been appointed as Director, Human Resources & Training on 01 December 2020.

He joined the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) as Team Leader in the Human Resources and Training Department (HRTD), on 03 January 2007, and was, thereafter, appointed as Assistant Director in the same department.

Mr Maunikum reckons some 23 years of service both in the Public Service and in the MRA.

He has served, amongst others, as Senior Human Resource Analyst at the Ministry of Education and Training and as Assistant Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Environment.

He holds a BA (Hons) Economics, MA Economics, and MSc Human Resource Planning and Development.

During the years spent at the MRA, Mr Maunikum has contributed, amongst others, in HR functions/activities/projects such as the MRA Recruitment Campaign, implementation of the PMS, HR Computerisation Projects (including the Online Leave Self Service, Online Payslip, Payroll Administration, and HR Innovative Projects). He has also been the responsible officer to deal with HRTD Court Cases, Disciplinary Cases/Industrial Disputes/Collective Bargaining with the Union.

Mr Maunikum is also actively involved in the delivery of training/talks, promotion of welfare and engagement activities for the benefit of MRA staff.

Mr Maunikum is known for his dedication and positive attitude to work, initiative, proactive action to bring results, openness towards staff, and diplomacy in dealing with people.

We wish Mr Maunikum success in his new responsibilities and a bright career in the MRA.





# e-PAYMENT OF TAXES

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**PLACH DIRECT DEBIT MANDATE form**  
from MRA website: [www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu)

**Print** a copy and  
fill-in the required information.

**Send** a signed copy of the form to the  
head office of the MRA,  
**Ehram Court, Port Louis.**

For additional information, visit MRA website or  
phone MRA helpdesk on 207 6000.

