

Flag raising ceremony – Attorney-General’s Office, 11th March 2025

Today, as we raise our nation’s flag, we do so with pride and purpose.

For 57 years, our beloved Motherland has stood tall. For its *beauty* and its *fragrance* are *sweet*, not just in its land, but in its people, in our history of struggle and our dreams of *glory*.

Independence was not just an event in the past; it is an ongoing journey. One of obstacles and challenges to overcome, is to ensure that "*peace, justice, and liberty*" are not simply words that we sing, but values that we uphold. This is what true patriotism is about: not flag-waving or chest-thumping, but service to the common good.

We each have our part to play. Our duty, here at the Attorney General’s Office, is to strengthen the pillars of *justice* that support our democracy. To defend the rule of law. To ensure that fairness prevails, so that our country truly belongs to each and every one of its citizens.

As the PM has highlighted in his address to the students of the land today: respect, order and discipline are the foundations of stability and social cohesion.

Today as we reflect on all that has been achieved, we realise that there is much which still needs to be done.

At this time of national renewal, let us unite, as "*one people, as one nation*," in purpose and in duty, to carry on this journey.

As we look ahead, may we be inspired by the courage of our ancestors and the hopes of our children.

May we be worthy of this sacred responsibility.

And may Mauritius remain Mauritius — "*for ever and ever*".

Thank you.