



In Memory of Professor Vinesh Hookoomsing

The University of Mauritius mourns the passing of Professor Vinesh Hookoomsing, a distinguished academic, linguist and former Pro-Vice-Chancellor, whose contributions to the University and to the cultural and linguistic heritage of Mauritius will be remembered with deep respect.

Professor Hookoomsing joined the University of Mauritius as an Associate Professor on 3 September 1990, following the completion of his PhD in Linguistics at Université Laval, Quebec, Canada. He was promoted to the grade of Professor on 1 July 1995.

During his years at the University, Professor Hookoomsing served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities from September 1994 to August 1997. He subsequently served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Consultancy) from February 2001 to February 2006, contributing to the advancement of research and scholarship at the University.

Beyond his academic and leadership responsibilities, Professor Hookoomsing made an exceptional contribution to the recognition, development and promotion of Kreol Morisien. He played a leading role in the work that culminated in 2004 with the Grafi-larmoni, the harmonised writing system for Kreol Morisien.

As the founding President of the Akademi Kreol Morisien, he continued to champion the development and recognition of our national language, including its place in education.

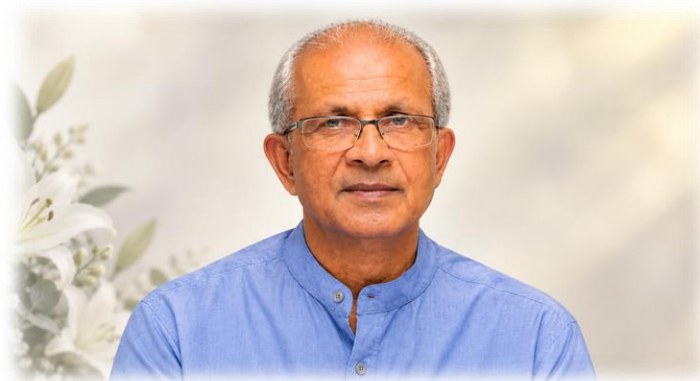
His contribution to Mauritius extended well beyond the University. In recognition of his outstanding service to the promotion of Kreol Morisien, he was elevated in 2023 to the rank of Grand Officer of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GOSK).

Professor Hookoomsing retired from the University of Mauritius on 25 May 2008, but his intellectual legacy and his contribution to the linguistic and cultural life of Mauritius have endured.

Those who knew and worked with him will remember not only his scholarship and achievements, but also a true gentleman, distinguished by his eloquence, dignity and remarkable composure.

The University of Mauritius extends its deepest condolences to his bereaved family, former colleagues, students, friends and all those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

May his memory and his enduring contribution to our University and our country continue to inspire generations to come.



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