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Cuban Power Ship for Guyana

FOLLOWING the announcement that a power supply ship has departed Cuba for Guyana, Guyana President Dr Irfaan Ali said that his Government takes the responsibility of finding solutions to the ongoing power woes in the country.

The power situation has attracted frustration from the population, and in response Ali noted that the recent agreement to acquire some 36 megawatts of power from UCC Holding for a power ship is a feasible one, and will add to the national grid thus offsetting generation shortfalls.

Stating that several problems led to the situation, he explained that the exponential growth in demand and lack of capacity are major issues.





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OBSERVING NAVARATRI: IN observance of the sacred period of Navaratri, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, on Monday night, joined Hindus at the Good Hope Mandir on the East Coast of Demerara to pray to the divine mothers, Durga, Laxmi, and Saraswati. The auspicious occasion is a worldwide celebration that symbolises many facets of feminine strength and heavenly energy. It was also the eve of Ram Navami.



AUTHOR AUTHOR: Guyanese author Janet Naidu recently presented her new book of poems, River Crossing, at an event held at the Island Junction Restaurant in Scarborough. Janet read some poems and was supported by others who read from this collection, inclduing Ray Williams, Peter Jailall, and Peter Deboran. Adit Kumar was the evening's emcee.

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- PRESIDENT ALI URGES DILIGENT WORK





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INITED AIRLINES NOW FLIES FROM



The welcoming ceremony at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport

new non-stop service connectivity Georgetown, viewing it marketplace." as a game-changer for industry.

"This development Guyana's industry," Tourism

enthusiastically also serve as a major economy." embraced the launch catalyst for further

She is U.S. tourists, leading to a our for "This direct flight airlift Oneidge Walrond at the **the United States to beyond**," he stated. welcoming ceremony experience Guyana's at the Cheddi Jagan unique beauty and also highlighted the International Airport. **diverse offerings,"** connection's potential to **"This new service will** Minister Walrond said. fuel further development. not only provide our "We expect this to "This



Executives of United Airlines presenting President Ali with a model of the aircraft

The Cheddi Jagan

International

government travel options, but effect throughout our

Public Works United Airlines' enhancing Guyana's Minister Juan Edghill to aligned the new route between Houston and the global tourism with the government's vision broader emphasised expanded air travel the country's tourism the route's potential to options. "This is a streamline travel for concrete example of government's significant surge in visitor arrivals. vision for increased tourism will make it easier positioning Guyana declared and more convenient as a significant hub Minister for travellers from for the Caribbean and

> Minister Edghill venture that the international community has confidence in our nation's growth and potential. This new connection will not only facilitate travel and trade, but also catalyse further economic development and investment in Guyana."

U.S. Ambassador Guyana, Nicole Theriot, underscored the route's significance for relations. Airlines' new flight to are excited to connect our Guyana is more than **Houston...** just a flight; it represents one of the fastest- and United is proud yet another significant milestone in our bilateral relationship," she said.

Ambassador Theriot envisioned the new route fostering tourism exchanges and deeper economic ties. "This new route will unlock incredible tourism opportunities... It's a win-win for our economies, our cultures, and our close people-topeople ties."

The new service operates four times offering weekly, convenient connections for travellers. United Airlines also boasts an extensive network across the Americas and the Caribbean.

strengthening bilateral company's enthusiasm the Caribbean. "This "United for serving Guyana. "We new route will offer customers with convenient access...



Passenger from the inaugural flight

growing economies to remain the top Senior Vice President in the world," he said. airline to



The welcoming ceremony at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport

Global Network Planning and Alliances at United Airlines' leading Caribbean United Airlines, Patrick position in Quayle, expressed the Latin America

Quayle emphasised America

the and from serving **Houston.**"

(CJIA) is set for further expansion, will free up space within significant according to Public the existing terminal, Works Minister Bishop creating a more relaxed Edghill. The environment project aims to enhance travellers. passenger experience, The expansion plans

Airport

streamline operations, include a new commercial and accommodate future centre, complete with growth in air traffic. business and VIP "We are building lounges, restaurants, out a special building and concession areas. house airline These additions will offices sooner rather provide passengers than later," Minister with a wider range of Edghill announced at the amenities and services, United Airlines' welcome making their layovers reception at the Guyana more comfortable and Marriott Hotel in convenient. Kingston, Georgetown.

Minister This dedicated facility highlighted

The Cheddi Jagan International Airport

baggagehandlingsystem. smoother "We are working to journeys. significantly reduce Edghill **processing** the waiting time," he operating in Guyana, a c c o m m o d a t e,

importance of improving stated. This streamlining air traffic. the airport's interline of procedures will ensure

and number of airlines to

the CJIA needs to and to provide the airport's capacity. This will the CJIA. prevent congestion ensure and airport can handle passengers but also future increases in create a more attractive

"We passenger working to ensure better connections for that the physical travellers coming to and With a growing infrastructure... from Guyana. process,

adapt. The project facilities... are made includes plans to available," Minister resume development Edghill explained. The **Terminal** B, expansion project is a adding more gates multi-faceted effort to and increasing the improve the functionality **overall** and service offerings of

> investment This **the** will not only benefit environment for airlines, **are** ultimately promoting



President Irfaan Ali

President been recognised for his Ali's exceptional leadership, **dedication** Caribbean Global Leader **leadership** latest honour follows the **interests** him earlier this year.

The Manufacturing Services highlighting leaders. "exceptional stage."

The succession of awards, and

Ali has once again testament to President region. "unwavering receiving the prestigious r e m a r k a b l e "unwavering devotion It celebrates leaders **in** to Award for 2024. This advancing Guyana's cohesive society under borders and strive for Global Africa Leadership fostering regional of 'One Guyana'" and entire region. President Award bestowed upon **co-operation** and his **collaboration.**" They principled Guyana further and Prime Minister Mia border dispute. Association Mottley of Barbados lauded for her second-place resolve President Ali in a press finish and all recognised **adversarial times** ceremony will be held on

Halim Khan, Head of **his leadership qualities** the Region Three Private **dedication to the** of awards underscores and commitment to Sector Inc. (R3PSi), welfare of his nation his growing international advancing Guyana's echoed the praise in and its citizens," Khan reputation as a leader **position on the global** his own release. Khan concluded, extending dedicated to Guyana's emphasised President his congratulations for advancement, regional GMSA Ali's commitment to the pointed out the rapid "unity, inclusivity, honour." shared including the Order of **prosperity**," noting Global Leader Award

Khan and President constructing while the guiding principle the advancement of the "resilience commended during the Venezuela through a public vote,

> underscores April 28 in London. unyielding

The Caribbean Freedom of Barbados its impact not just on recognises exceptional

Irfaan Award in January, as a Guyana, but across the leadership qualities and contributions made by lauded individuals within the Ali's Caribbean community. a who go beyond national and Ali won the Caribbean stance" Global Leader Award receiving the most "President Ali's votes (609) out of 10 during nominees. The award

> President Ali's string "well-deserved cooperation, and brighter future for all.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM COMMISSION MEMBERS SWORN-IN - PRESIDENT ALI URGES DILIGENT WORK

Guyana's modernise its constitution taken a significant areas for potential during step forward with the reform," President Ali deliberations."
swearing-in of a new highlighted, "including The President Ali deliberations." Constitutional Reform indigenous peoples' underscored Commission President Ali presided rights, over the ceremony at rights, eradication the constitution: "The State House, urging of discrimination, nation's constitution undertake responsibilities dedication.

commissioners task, President Ali **new** officially pledged their stressed the importance societal changes, and commitment, with the of collaboration: "It emerging issues." remaining scheduled to join them **recognise the weighty** emphasised the need for at a later date. The **mandate entrusted** clear and understandable to at a later date. The **mandate entrusted** clear and understandable **to the average** Lowe, Nigel Hughes, commission's mandate, **upon you. I ask that** language within the **i n d i v i d u a l ...** Ganesh Mahipaul, outlined in the 2022 you approach your constitution: Constitutional Reform responsibilities with constitution must be that Commission encompasses a broad and range of

quest reforms. "The has **outlined** (CRC). rights, fundamental evolving nature with **electoral reform.**"

E i g h t e e n the vast scope of the **effectively** members is imperative to Act, utmost

an atmosphere of Act has cooperation and several mutual respect your

President **children's** society and its impact on commissioners enhancement of is a framework... It their race relations, and must possess the capacity for adaption Whileacknowledging to be relevant and to address challenges,

President Ali further "The This diligence drafted in clear and can dedication, accessible language, their potential striving to foster comprehensible obligations."



Justice Carl Ashok Singh is the chairperson of the CRC

all rights

Singhisthe commission's Association; Government Movement; Teixeira, Dr Anthony, McCov.

O t h Alexander, Sherwood organisations;

understand APNU/AFC and joinder national registration. and parties); Attornev Kamal Justice Carl Ashok from the Guyana Bar will welcome public chairperson. Singh from the Labour constitutional changes. representatives include John from the National will then be presented to General Toshao Council; Ramesh a standing committee of Mohabir Anil Nandlall Persaud from the Private the National Assembly and ministers Gail Sector; Attorney Kim for consideration. Frank Kyte-Thomas from the Pauline women's organisations; attempt at constitutional Sukhai, and Kwame Dr Josh Kanhai from reform in Guyana's the youth organisations; history. President Ali's e r Attorney Keoma Griffith administration, fulfilling commissioners hail from from the Christian a promise outlined in its backgrounds organisations; Imran 2020-2025 manifesto, and include Vincent Ally from the Muslim has officially launched

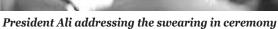
Krishna Sharma from the Hindu organisations; and Attorney Adrian Anamayah as farmers' representative...

The commission's responsibilities encompass comprehensive review of Guyana's constitution. This includes ensuring it reflects the current and future needs of the Guyanese people, with a focus on obligations, rights, responsibilities. Electoral reform is also a key area, with the commission tasked with reviewing the Guyana Elections Commission Mahipaul, (GECOM) structure, ensures and Timothy Jonas leadership selection, and citizens (representatives of the its role in elections and

> Following a review Ramkarran period, the commission Aslim submissions for potential Derrick Their recommendations

> > This marks the third Radha this critical process.





GUYANA WELCOMES VENEZUELA'S SUBMISSION TO THE ICJ, WHILE CONDEMNING RECENT ACTIONS

- COMMONWEALTH, OAS AND CARICOM RALLIES BEHIND GUYANA



CARICOM condemned Venezuela's move as unacceptable and potentially dangerous.

cautiously Venezuela's submission to the International Court of the progress on the legal "blatant violation" of Justice (ICJ) on the front, Guyana remains international law and standing border dispute, recent actions. These condemning actions taken by the two-thirds of Guyanese for Dialogue and

Ali said, welcoming Essequibo." Venezuela's engagement with the ICJ. "I hope Venezuela that continues to engage fully in the process."

He emphasised that Guyana will abide by the Court's decision, which will hopefully deliver a "peaceful and equitable resolution" based on international

Guyana initiated the case in 2018, seeking to confirm the validity of

The government has the 1899 Arbitral Award of welcomed that established the and recent territory's boundaries.

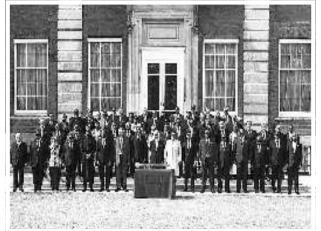
However, merits of their long- critical of Venezuela's various agreements. simultaneously include a controversial Agreement and the recent referendum claiming Argyle Declaration Venezuelan government. territory – the Essequibo **Peace are clear,**" the "**This is what** region – and the Ministry asserted. Guyana has been enactment of an "Organic calling for," President Law for the Defence of Agreement established

The

Foreign International Cooperation condemned despite these actions as a

"The Geneva

The Geneva a framework for a Ministry peaceful resolution and



The Commonwealth echoed Guyana's concerns

outlined a process for choosing a means of OAS, and CARICOM dangerous." settlement, including also echoed Guyana's community the ICJ. The Argyle concerns. Venezuela Declaration reaffirmed

criticised President statements" Guyana's They disappointment President words and actions jeopardise the commitment to good neighbourliness established at Argyle.

E Echoing this sentiment, General Secretary of the People's Progressive **Party** (PPP), Dr Bharrat Jagdeo, declared the government "will not back down from protecting its land and sovereignty."

"Venezuela's move is a form of agreements," guards down."

that Guyana has engaged its international partners c o n d e m n e d poised to deliver a final who share outrage at Venezuela's move as ruling on the matter. Venezuela's actions.

The Commonwealth, and

and included agreements Patricia Scotland urged peace and stability. to refrain from using Venezuela to uphold "Venezuela to uphold that" The Ministry also pursue a peaceful and adherence to Venezuelan resolution Nicolas the ICJ process, which are the only viable Maduro's "undignified she emphasised as the paths," the CARICOM

Maduro's American States (OAS)

"potentially Venezuela to refrain Commonwealth from further actions that a commitment to peace Secretary-General could hinder regional

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insist dialogue through **international** about "appropriate and release stated. "The President. lawful means" to alternatives are expressed address the dispute.

The Organical and release stated. "The horning are too horning and the carrier and th

The border dispute



President Ali with Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland and Rwandan President His Excellency Paul Kagame

annexation by decree took a stronger stance, between Guyana and of the

"unacceptable"

and a violation calling Venezuela's move Venezuela dates back international a threat to regional peace to the 19th century. Dr. and security. They stated While the 1899 Arbitral Jagdeo said. "We're the Venezuelan regime's Award settled the issue, not going to let our actions are indicative Venezuela challenged country's it after Guyana gained Dr. Jagdeo noted **"dictatorial pattern."** independence in the at Guyana has engaged C A R I C O M 1960s. The ICJ is now



President Ali addressing the crowd at the National Ramadan Village in Georgetown

President Ali renewed his call for an the event, highlighting immediate ceasefire in Guyana's commitment Gaza, emphasising that to violence and genocide humanitarian efforts. have no place in the modern world.

President every The addressed crowds at our the National Ramadan President Village in Georgetown, historic \$86 million in everywhere." donations for immediate humanitarian aid in condemned Gaza and the Occupied violence in Gaza, beyond Gaza and the Occupied violence in Gaza, beyond charity," Bharrat Jagdeo, cabinet Palestinian Territories. calling it a "publicly President Ali declared. ministers, UN Resident These funds will be televised genocide" directed to the United and emphasising the our words, and our and other dignitaries also Nations Relief & Works need for justice, equality, actions. This is the attended the Ramadan Agency (UNRWA).

President Ali praised charity

"These resources were raised from corner of nation," the said. "Small donations a celebration under and larger ones, all the theme "A Night of given with love and Prayer for Global Peace, compassion. Tonight, Guyana and Palestine." we've reaffirmed who The event, held on we are as Guyanese. Laylat al-Qadr, a holy Our love and unity night in Islam, raised a extend to citizens

President Ali



Part of the gathering at the National Ramadan Village in Georgetown

urged world leaders Islam. Let us ensure injustices everywhere.

"Our commitment injustice." the to humanity extends and global action. He true message of Village.

to speak out against our voices are never silent in the face of

Vice President Dr "It's in our policies, Coordinator Yeşim Oruç,

THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS OF TITLE BOOSTING

Three magistrates legal system. Esther Sam, Renita Singh, and Christel and Lambert officially sworn in as **are** Courts in Berbice and government's support for workload. Essequibo.

Phillips presided over including infrastructure confidence the ceremony, urging development, judicial new the commissioners to appointments, and other ability to manage the prioritise efficiency and programmes. "Citizens **conclude,**" he as to noted, the

"Fairness Commissioner were **laws** objectively gains initiatives that enhance Prime Minister Mark justice administration, Edwards

Chancellor Yonette Service often wait too long Cummings-Edwards (JSC), responsible for **legal matters** hailed the appointments recommending judicial a highlighting expansion of legal disciplinary oversight, government's services accessibility. has been instrumental in commitment to a robust "Essequibo will have reducing the judiciary's

its first resident burden. of interpreting Title, and Berbice appointment of nine new attended by Attorney other JSC members. a paramount," after a decade," she Commissioners of Title the Prime Minister said, emphasising the Guyana's Land stressed. He reaffirmed judiciary's growth and

> Justice Cummingsexpressed in commissioners' caseload. The Judicial significant appointments

second magistrates in February General Anil Nandlall,

to address the backlog of Acting Chief Justice This follows the cases. The ceremony was Roxane George, and



Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips flanked by newly appointed Commissioners of Title and members of the Judicial Service Commission

GUYANA SEEKS FRESH TALENT TO REALIGN BOOMING COMMUNICATION SECTOR WITH MEDIA TRAINING LAUNC

media landscape is pace. The annual Media fundamentals and Communications journalism, young Guyanese with the and

transforming, and fresh months, participants Department of Public the Umana Yana in information about the meaningfully to talent is needed to keep will delve into the Affairs and the Guyana Kingston, Georgetown. country's development nation's progress. public programme relations, has kicked off, providing techniques, videography, Prime Minister with Guyana's development, of continuous learning equips

G u y a n a 's communication sector. between the Office of the Over the next two the Prime Minister's launch ceremony at in of Media Academy.

Minister photography. responsibility

programme's vital He highlighted the initiatives. within critical role effective reporting the Office of the communication plays in stressed the importance Training the opportunities.

"Each institutions expand our horizons, comes in it must reap programme recruit new and the greater benefit from the fresh talents, and of our Guyanese of seasoned **enable this process of** He realignment,"Minister that addressed underscored the media's and

Minister **of** he declared, actively country's He higher education outlets.

professional

responsibility qualifications empowers disseminating Guyanese to contribute

The Media McCoy Communications programme participants for particularly in light and skill development for with the knowledge nation's Guyanese. "We want and practical skills burgeoning investment our people to have the necessary to excel in the best opportunities," media industry. Upon **"but** successful completion, sectors and others too can share graduates will receive needs in the glory of our a certificate and gain **wealth** valuable engaged in efforts through investments. experience at a state and interventions to But whatever form it media organisation. The expertise media build capacities to men and women." professionals who share emphasised their experience from pursuing across various media



Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Public Affairs, Kwame McCoy with the participants at the launch

in the country's growing collaborative

skills they need to thrive This initiative is a Public Affairs, Kwame McCoy stated. effort McCoy,

President Ali delivered a message of unity and shared responsibility during Eid-ul-Fitr prayers held at the Muslim Youth Organisation (Ramadan Village).

"We have a shared responsibility ensure...That we take care of each other. that we do everything every day to make the lives of each other better," President Ali implored the devotees, emphasising importance of mutual upliftment according to Islamic principles.

Highlighting Ramadan as a period for reflection, the President



Part of the gathering at the Eid-ul-Fitr prayers

daily lives.

"As we

urged citizens to carry important for us at forward its values of this point to reflect tolerance, compassion, on the lessons of and generosity into their Ramadan, to reflect promotes inclusivity, promote Islamic culture on our sacrifices,"

President Ali said.

"And one of the "acceptance, and equity.

"I assure you through prayer and that we will continue reflection. exit President Ali said. Ramadan, it is "And one of the

important things to about Ramadan is every day... right."

and equitable society.

President underscored unwavering concentrating on." commitment to policies

work hard that it taught us that President said. "Those we have the ability to challenges [in our do what is good and society] are not for us to mope about, but These values, he for us to confront and explained, are core to **overcome so that we** the government's goal of **can build a stronger** building a resilient, just, society, a society in which we can deliver Ali better to the people the of this country, and government's that is all we are

Since its launch, that create a prosperous the National Ramadan future for all Guyanese. Village has welcomed He emphassed his "One over 20,000 Guyanese, Guyana" vision, which serving as a platform to



The first family at the prayer

GUYANA TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY POWER TO EASE BLACKOUTS, LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS UNDERWAY

with frequent power with frequent power Vice President outages, and the Jagdeo expects the government is taking a deal to be finalised by multi-pronged approach April 12th, 2024, with to address the situation. the power ship arriving Bharrat Jagdeo revealed emergency power, to enhar aiming to mitigate the generation current energy deficit.

contract this for two recently visited completed, Vice President Jagdeo, Demerara,

Guyana is grappling grid in Everton, Berbice.

Vice President President Dr. within two to three weeks

While negotiations that the government is with Karpowership are engaged in discussions ongoing, the government with Turkish company has also embarked Karpowership to procure on domestic projects enhance power capacity. Prime Minister Brigadier "We intend to (Ret'd) Mark Phillips years until the gas Guyana Power and Light to energy project is (GPL) sub-station in stated Columbia, East Coast where



Part of GPL's sub-station at Columbia, East Coast Demerara

the national grid.

the the energy crisis.

> echoed these sentiments, long-term sustainability. in an address to the President Ali disclosed nation, acknowledging discussions with UK the critical need for Export Finance (UKEF) expertise technical within GPL to overcome operational challenges. highlighted government's efforts to recruit more engineers, technicians.

human resource gap. there continues to be a shortage of technical experts domestically, government the technical

linesmen to bridge the

ime Minister The government's underlining multifaceted approach to

administration's tackling power shortages "The government dedication to addressing includes investments in hydropower and natural President Irfaan Ali gas projects, aimed at

to secure financing for a new transmission line to Linden, emphasising importance the of infrastructure upgrades to bolster the transmission network.

Despite these challenges initiatives. persist, with peak demand for power exceeding current generation capacity. However, with ongoing projects such as the Wales gas-to-energy plant expected generate approximately 300 megawatts upon completion, government remains optimistic about improving operational efficiency and meeting the nation's growing electricity demand.



President Ali meeting with the Board of Directors and management of GPL, PPDI and Wärtsilä at State House

emphasising the urgency government-funded of the situation. The initiative is underway to power, amounting to 36 generators. megawatts, is expected project, costing US\$27 to be sourced from a million, aims to add 30

emergency install three additional This vessel connected to the megawatts of power to

remains committed will look to recruit to boosting GPL's foreign



Prime Minister Phillips inspecting GPL's sub-station at

generation capacity support," President Ali and improving its asserted, underscoring overall service to the the urgency of the people of Guyana," situation. affirmed Prime Minister Phillips,

MINISTER PARAG VOWS GOVT INTERVENTION FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL'S NEGLECT OF STABROEK MARKET



Minister Parag identifying structural damages in the ceiling of the market

Government Regional Development, firsthand observed the the central government's who are plying their Sonia Parag, has once facility's deteriorating willingness to help, again criticised the state. Georgetown Mayor City during a market visit, vendors'

Minister of Local where she interacted equipment. and with vendors and

Council councillors and ministry APNU+AFC-controlled people are relying (M&CC) for neglecting officials, Minister Parag M&CC for failing to fulfil solely on these things its responsibility to assessed the market's its duties. "We are very to earn a living, [and] maintain the Stabroek condition. Leaking roofs well aware that there they can't do so in Market. Minister Parag were a major concern, is a city council that a condition that is made these remarks causing damage to has the oversight barely fit for human

Whileacknowledging Minister Accompanied by city heavily criticised the all the time. These goods and of all of this, and beings," Minister Parag

same situation."

Minister outlined a two-pronged interventions be made to ease the improving dark areas within the market. Additionally, the Ministry will assess and complete other necessary projects within a short timeframe.

"These are people trade, consumers Parag have to go there

year after year [the emphasised. She urged and vendors] are in the the M&CC to fulfil its projects obligations in supporting Corriverton, Parag the vendors.

such as installing new in its allocation of \$1.3 city. lights soon in specific billion for construction

rehabilitation at Kumaka, and Suddie Markets. The central However, the situation approach. Immediate government's at Stabroek Market will commitment to highlights the ongoing markets challenges with local burden on vendors, across Guyana is evident governance in the capital



Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, Sonia Parag engaging a vendor

GUYANA AIMS FOR WORLD-CLASS HEALTHCARE

- PRESIDENT ALI SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

President collaborative between the government the economy. and medical practitioners to achieve the national **this** healthcare. a meeting with doctors **practitioners** at the Arthur Chung the changes, Conference Centre.

dual purpose: to President inform doctors about the emphasised. government's healthcare underscored sector plans and to importance solicit their feedback healthcare areas investment. highlighted significant investments stating, as a leading regional vision."

Irfaan healthcare institution "It's

only collaborative of world-class approach that we President will be able to build Ali made this plea during a system where the the system, own the The meeting served modernisation," Ali He the of workers President vision for a modernised the healthcare system. "you the planned by the PPP/C doctors, must own aim to position Guyana **integrated** in **this** no objection to doctors focus lies on maximising levels once these facilities initiatives.

The emergency in pharmacies, and other healthcare.

President public Ali has called for a and integrate healthcare advocated for a team- sectors, President Ali the public healthcare reassured effort as a revenue source for based approach, where stressed the importance system. services, of prioritising public



Doctors at the meeting

facilities across all 10 be administrative regions.

practicing in both the the utilisation of doctors'

to improve healthcare **healthcare must not** Hospital compromised,"

and private specialised skills within

In response urged medical personnel extensive immediate attention. He personnel. also acknowledged the ongoing construction of Corporation. become operational.

The President healthcare professionals that the to government is tackling "The calls for strengthening staff shortages with the public healthcare medium and long-term system, President Ali solutions. This includes training to work with the programmes aimed at government to identify increasing the number critical areas needing of qualified healthcare

Since taking state-of-the-art hospitals office in 2020, the throughout the country, current administration aiming to reduce the has implemented a reliance on referrals to comprehensive approach requiring taking ownership of the departments collaborate **provision of public** the Georgetown Public to modernising Guyana's healthcare system. This However, he emphasised includes investments in he stated, calling for a the need to identify new hospitals, training Whileacknowledging balanced approach to any gaps in healthcare institutions, and human administration, which the vision, must feel that the government has service delivery. His provision at different resource development

ATTORNEY GEN NANDL **NURSE RECRUITMENT, VOWS EQUAL PAY FOR ALL**



Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mohabir Anil Nandlall SC

Mohabir Anil Nandlall, 'Issues in the News.' defended the specifically nurses AG addressed surrounding

Attorney General and initiative on his weekly Minister of Legal Affairs, televised programme,

"We have had government's decision to this issue with us recruit foreign workers, for a long time," Nandlall stated. from Bangladesh. He "Guyana has suffered concerns from a migratory the drain dating back

decades. Guyana has one of the largest emphasised diasporas per capita Guyana's in the world. Don't economy **our ability to provide** rapidly

The authorisation granted to Sigma Engineers Limited dismissed Cooperation.

Nandlall you think that will a larger, more skilled or 25 years ago, when have an impact on workforce. The country's there was a large or supply labour to economy has heralded into Guyana, they meet the demands the need for more skilled went into a mode and expanding solely supplied through he recounted. "They in-house capacity he recent explained.

The Attorney General Government to recruit Bangladeshi from the opposition. to nurses is a response to He elaborated, "The economy, and [said a well-documented skill opposition politics that] shortage in the health has always been based would sector, according to a upon racism, some the country. public statement from degree of xenophobia was the argument. the Ministry of Foreign and paranoia, and it Twenty-five Affairs and International dates back again two after, the Brazilians decades."

AG Nandlall that provided a historical flourishing example to support his necessitates claim. "About 20 years expanding influx of Brazilians criticise the PPP criticisms allowing Brazilians infiltrate **Brazilians** take That

gone, and I don't see any drastic change in the country."

While foreign recruitment is underway, the government is also committed to developing Guyana's domestic workforce. "To combat the labour shortage, the government is also pursuing an aggressive upskilling agenda for Guyanese workers," AG Nandlall confirmed.

The health sector is a prime example of this focus. Nurses are being trained and upskilled by the hundreds to meet the growing demand, he highlighted. The recently launched Guyana-Coursera platform is a kev initiative, with 1,000 nurses already enrolled in the registered nursing programme, while 800 nursing assistants will be trained.

nationwide campaign and to promote safety and month. health standards in workplaces throughout includes

Ministry of April, which is designated inspections of workplaces protocols. Labour has launched a as Occupational Safety by the ministry's OSH Health

The

(OSH) department, along with collaborating with its competitions, and debate of awareness campaign to educate workers and increased employers about safety Mines

The

ministry (GGMC) and Guvana Gold and Diamond targeted programmes in mining in recent years. and agriculture areas, Minister Hamilton stated.

Banners displayed being awareness walks, poster- **health**

making competitions, is impromptu speaking **an** campaigns partners including the competitions are being more Guyanese are Guyana Geology and held in collaboration supportive of this, Commission with the Ministry of the Education.

have come, they have

Miners Labour has been actively

Joseph these comprehensive theme "We are running sessions, are has been a notable and healthy work now in in **transformation** various regions, and workplace safety and standards."

Hamilton Minister highlighted.

"Ğuyana is doing better...than we were doing in 2020. More Guyanese now have understanding this matter, and more Guyanese reation. are making their The Ministry of contributions."

The focus Association to conduct promoting OSH through workplace safety will sensitisation training and workshops culminate on April 28th, which will be celebrated "As a result of as OSH Day under the there out of time: ensuring safe **in** a changing climate."



The launching ceremony

PRESIDENT ALI CHAMPIONS FOREST PRESERVATION AS KEY TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

reiterated the critical role Latin America Forum. of forest preservation development for all establish a framework nations. the Amazon Basin as true value of forests the "lungs of the world," President Ali emphasised preservation. its importance to the have to understand planet's health and the the consequences of global economy.

serves as a massive value to this basin carbon sink, storing if we are going to than billion metric tons of **carbon, or more than** emphasised that forest unified goals across the investment worldwide emissions just trees. from fossil fuels," biodiversity aspect

President Highlighting that recognises the environmental in "We what's happening... "The rainforest We have to attach a **150 protect it,**" he stressed.

President The

Ali border

President Ali has Security Challenges in its contents," he said. (LAC) nation's GDP with He called for cross- sustainable development valuing the asset that blueprint for balancing collaboration, goals. This would require we have to safeguard, economic development in building sustainable urged the world to information sharing, and an estimated annual



President Ali during his keynote address at the 6th Annual Security Challenges in Latin America Forum

"The the Amazon.

President address at the 6th Annual the forest, but also American and Caribbean investments.

10 years' worth of protection goes beyond nine nations that share trillion across the region as a potential model for sustainable by 2030. He argued that Ali effectively valuing forests President Ali pointed of the basin is not proposed aligning at could generate revenue out during his keynote only about protecting least 19% of each Latin to support these crucial

where is the resource with to move this asset lowest **now on securing** than they emit. it and investing in the regrowth of this Ali asset."

Guyana's position within the of Amazon Basin and its measures Guyana has oil resources position it implemented, including achieving friendly growth. The climate country's Low Carbon mechanisms. Development Strategy

"If we are not (LCDS) serves as a environmental **coming from?"** he sustainability. Guyana questioned. **"We need** boasts one of the world's deforestation to the market for rates and its forests act monetization...So as a net carbon sink, that we can work absorbing more carbon

> President concluded encouraging other unique nations to adopt some the successful responsible management, capacity environmentally building, and innovative

GOVT ADDRESSING WILDFIRES AND DRY SEASON



Wild fire incident in the Rupununi

The government is acknowledged of frequent wildfires have and a prolonged dry Guyanese season with a focus on particularly according to General **the** Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo.

investment,

mean

that

while

and

economic,

Walrond

the tackling the challenges strain these conditions placed on citizens, farmers. both immediate relief "It is affecting the and long-term climate livelihoods of some adaptation strategies, communities where drought has Secretary of the People's **killed their crops**," Progressive Party (PPP), he said. "Even on the coastal belt, many prioritisation of climate is the Low Carbon is constructing canals adaptation strategies. Jagdeo **communities** have

Guyana is gearing Hotel Kingston, in up to host the third Georgetown.

edition of the Caribbean The forum, which Forum will be held at the Arthur (CIF), with Minister of Chung Conference Tourism, Industry and Centre under the theme Oneidge "Transforming futures, in agriculture, and refine their marketing showcase their products visiting delegations. event for the nation's hundreds of business economic sustainability. personnel from across is pointless for us to we European Union. These export unless we significantly," investment attendees will have the drive an agenda that Ramsaroop on opportunity to explore is transformational "Our agency will help

integrating Maharaj, social, Director of the Caribbean incrementally drive Development governance Export Development transformation in and export agency.' into Agency, the CIF will our region." i n v e s t m e n t focus on crucial areas for strategies," Minister the region's development Chief Investment Officer President Dr. Mohamed explained including during the CIF's media a green economy, Investment, urged Over 50 local and

agriculture."

Health and the Civil events linked to climate (CDC) are on high alert are spending so much and prepared to offer of our resources assistance to affected **on** communities, Dr. Jagdeo measures." reported. Residents in

Recognising Jagdeo emphasised initiatives. government's the

asked for irrigation countries have gone Irrigation into famine because is the lifeblood of of drought," he said, highe lighting the global The Ministry of issue of extreme weather Commission change. "That's why we

Climate adaptation Region Nine received refers to adjustments hampers, following a taken to manage the recent visit by President current and expected the The limitations of immediate commitment to this solutions for the agenda is evident in current dry season, Dr. its various policies and water

A key adaptation as a long- Development Strategy term strategy. "Some (LCDS2030), currently

in its second phase. This Five, and Six to bolster credits agreement that The cover. funds are towards communities.

"Maybe over US\$2 of the part that for Amerindian villages, maintenance. effects of climate change. and that is to manage Jagdeo explained.

> Investments example solution. The government long-term similar to the Hope Canal in Regions Three,

project includes a carbon water storage capacity. Hope Canal, compensates Guyana situated on the East for preserving its forest Coast of Demerara, is Significantly, a multifaceted channel 85% of the resulting with an eight-door sluice e directed designed to prevent sustainable flooding by draining development projects, excess water from the with the remaining 15% East Demerara Water allocated to indigenous Conservancy (EDWC) into the Atlantic Ocean.

Guyana's adaptation billion will be spent budget reflects this focus in the country on on water management, adaptation, outside allocating \$72.3 billion drainage goes directly to the irrigation expansion and

The government's government's water resources," Dr. approach to the current dry season extends in beyond immediate relief, infrastructure aiming to build resilience are another long-term for the future through

"We believe that it investors. generating long-term marketing opportunities in nature," Maharaj to facilitate business value rather than and forge business deals. said. "[The CIF] is opportunities and other short-term gains,

According to Deodat really focused on ideas with the region Executive **sectors** that **can** through the Caribbean

Walrond, emphasising empowering growth," driving innovation and strategies to capitalise and services. the importance of the is expected to attract digitization on the influx of potential Panel

T assured.

The forum will be Dr. Peter Ramsaroop, officially opened building of Guyana Office for Irfaan Ali on July 10. launch at the Marriott leveraging technology Guyanese businesses to regional businesses will

Dr. present their ideas to regional collaboration.

The Panel discussions promises to be a pivotal will provide a platform event for Guyana and **h e** for entrepreneurs and the Caribbean, fostering "By sustainable the Caribbean and the exist as a Caribbean opportunities exist business leaders to economic growth and



Persons in attendance at the media launch at the **Marriott Hotel**

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GUYANA BOL ORCE WITH TWO

Guvana taken a step towards strengthening 228 aircraft.

President Facebook showcasing military the Indian-made planes including landing at Jagan International military Airport. These aircraft, transporting manufactured by to Hindustan Aeronautics locations. Limited (HAL), arrived aboard Boeing C-17 marks Globemaster military step transport planes.

The of these Dornier 228s underscores the growing Bharrat Jagdeo, has follows a US\$23.27 relationship million loan agreement Guyana and India. Dr. raised by opposition signed between Guyana's Amit Telang, the Indian members regarding the Ministry of Finance and High India's Export-Import to Guyana, previously

has Bank in March 2024.

its for their Short Take-Off calling it the "first-ever national defence with the and Landing (STOL) defence Line of Credit arrival of two Dornier capabilities, are well- Agreement suited for Guyana's with the Caribbean Irfaan diverse terrain. They are region." The arrival of Ali shared photos on earmarked for various these aircraft signifies maritime of Cheddi patrols, troops remote interior

> development This significant a in Guyana's acquisition efforts. Additionally, it Progressive Party, Dr.

highlighted These planes, known importance of this deal, signed applications, a further strengthening diplomatic resupplying between the two nations. bases, and established in 1966.

DISPELLING CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS

Meanwhile, General defense modernisation Secretary of the People's between addressed concerns Commissioner Indian aircraft purchase.

Members



The aircraft

Parliament Coretta denied these claims and McDonald and James clarified the procurement suggested Indian Guyana.

Patterson had previously process. The aircraft that the were purchased directly government from the manufacturer, inflated the price of Hindustan Aeronautics the aircraft, implying a Ltd. (HAL), through a disadvantageous deal for Line of Credit (LOC) secured with the Export-Dr. Jagdeo firmly Import Bank of India incurred.

Bank), Dr. (EXIM Jagdeo explained. "This LOC offers a significantly lower interest compared to commercial options. It's a win-win for Guyana."

Dr Jagdeo provided a detailed breakdown of the US\$23.37 million cost. The aircraft cost US\$16 million (US\$8 million each.) The spare equipment was US\$6.23 million (including reserve engines, and propellers), and training US\$1 was million (for pilots, engineers, technicians). Costs associated with flying the aircraft to Guyana and deploying Indian engineers for training purposes were also

General Secretary of the People's Progressive Party (PPP), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, has announced government's commitment to conduct a Commission of Inquiry (COI) into the deadly 2002-2003 crime wave.

This move comes in response to questions from the media regarding government's position on fulfilling a recommendation by the United Nations Human Rights Commission (HRC) for such an inquiry.

"The government will be going ahead with the COI because the UN wants it; Grangerwanteditand

DR JAGDEO CONFIRMS INQUIRY INTO 2002-2003 CRIME WAVE

I hope that there will be no prevarication anymore. There shall be a COI," Dr. Jagdeo declared at a recent press conference.

Dr. Jagdeo pointed out that the former coalition government under President David Granger had previously promised a COI in He quoted 2018. statement Granger's acknowledging the need to investigate the "troubles" and bring perpetrators to justice. Additionally, former



General Secretary of the People's Progressive Party (PPP), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo

Minister of State Joseph "before the end of the Harmon had indicated week" in 2018, but this the COI would begin promise went unfulfilled.

Street in February 2002. violence. The period witnessed a surge in armed acknowledged

Dr. believes the previous the the inaccuracy of claims wave. regarding the number of

is Afro-Guvanese victims. expected to examine and that the COI might circumstances uncover links between surrounding the crime prominent figures in the wave, which followed a PNC-led opposition and prison break at Camp the gangs involved in the

Dr. Jagdeo that robberies, murders, and the COI will primarily attacks on police officers. rely on existing police Jagdeo records. He anticipates inquiry administration shelved expose the previous the COI for two reasons. administration's suggested the alleged complacency in inquiry would reveal addressing the crime

GUYANA'S PRISONS GET

Significant improvements on the horizon for Guyana's prison system as construction projects at the Mazaruni and Lusignan prisons are nearing completion. These initiatives aim to enhance the living and working conditions for both inmates and staff, while also promoting rehabilitation.

The Mazaruni Prison is undergoing a major expansion with a new This building designed to inmates. This second phase of construction is is almost completed.



Major construction works at Lusignan Prison nearing completion

project specifically bolster security environment for all.

Meanwhile, expected to be finalised \$57 million project is Lusignan soon. Additionally, the underway to renovate benefiting from prison's perimeter fence the officers' mess at the construction of is being reinforced and Mazaruni Prison. This new,

will initiative will provide prison sections. Four and junior officers.

Further, Prison is sections

and improved recreational sections have already house create a more modern facilities for both senior been completed and are operational, with the work on the remaining progressing the well. This expansion six project is coupled with state-of-the-art the establishment of a

vocational school aimed include the completion at equipping inmates of the Infirmary Annex, with valuable skills that senior officers' living can minimise recidivism quarters, and overhead upon release. school which is nearing and treatment plants. completion will offer These programmes in auto contribute to the overall mechanics, tailoring, and carpentry.

'Holiday The Bay Facility' at the government auto ioinery, initiatives the inmates opportunities in as they prepare for a more modern and reintegration.

Additional projects in Guyana. at the Lusignan Prison

The water-storage improvements joinery, functionality prison system.

The Guyana Lusignan Prison is being allocated \$6.5 billion transformed into a trade to the Guyana Prison shop. This space will Service in this year's provide inmates with budget. These funds hands-on experience in will be directed towards various trades, including achieving the Prison mechanics, Service's strategic goals, tailoring, with a focus on improving and carpentry. These conditions for both represent inmates and staff. The government's ongoing construction commitment to offering projects and investment rehabilitation to become productive programmes signify a members of society significant shift towards effective prison system

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SIDENT ALI CALLS FOR MED

FOCUS ON GOVERNANCE SUCCESS, NOT CORRUPTION NARRATIVES



President Ali appearing on Trinidad and Tobago's CNC3 Morning Brew hosted by Hema Ramkissoon

trap" of focusing on governance models. corruption narratives in developing In an interview with well, especially a Trinidad and Tobago's developing country,

Irfaan CNC3 Morning Brew, Ali is urging regional President Ali argued for media outlets to move a shift in focus towards beyond the "historical celebrating successful

"Whenever is doing countries. **country**

you will 'your **system** is growth porous, there will "We lamented. He contrasted **inherently** with developed **towards** nations, where rapid [of receives more positive to in the region use that emphasised. as an example," he said.

developing countries and

hear cannot manage economic initiatives. have corruption or perceived notion... global technological things leakages," President Ali that our system is shift and enhance write **corruption**]," implemented, economic growth often he stated. "We have systems are expected the region should change media coverage. "But narrative. That is reduce" when you hear in the system that is and mitigate corruption we get bogged down the developed world unfair, the system risks. that the country is that lacks justice, growing by eight or and the system that provided several specific for us." nine per cent, some of our journalists need examples of Guyana's our own journalists to get out of," he modernisation efforts Ali

Guyana's commitment **such as** the Natural commitment to ensuring President Ali believes to good governance, Resources Fund Act, all Guyanese citizens this discrepancy stems President Ali highlighted Petroleum from a perception that the country's digitisation Act, and revised Product country's development. transparency Sharing

effectively. efforts, he explained, benefits for Guyana.

ve this aim to "align with the "These are geared democratic President Ali urged. exposure governance." that to improve efficiency, celebrate and write

President including Oil and Gas emphasising As an example of **Sector Legislations** government's Activities benefit Agreement

These that aimed to maximise

"These are the we should about," Once "These are things these that journalists in bureaucracy, about. But sometimes in a trap that was Ali historically created

> President concluded by his from

GUYANA SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON TREATY RECORD, HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS IN UN REVIEW

Ministry Parliamentary and Governance proudly haven't achievements in civil international and political rights rights scrutiny. following a recent United Committee opportunity treaty ratification.

"Guyana ratified eight out it. of a total of nine core United Nations which forms part of Human Treaties," the Ministry Rights, provides for a declared in a recently range of protections explained. These rights, protection from torture, raised by the Committee. human rights in Guyana, achievement

of Guyana ahead of many Affairs developed nations that committed highlighted the country's to the same level of human

The International Nations Human Rights Covenant on Civil and review. Political Rights (ICCPR) The Ministry also used is one such treaty, and to Guyana's recent report emphasise its strong to the UN Human Rights record of human rights Committee focused on its efforts to uphold the has rights enshrined within

> "The ICCPR, Rights the Universal Bill of places rights," the Ministry speech, fair trials, and Guyana's Constitution allows countries to political attacks.



Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance, Gail Teixeira

issued statement. This of civil and political including freedom of are also guaranteed by The review process rather than resorting to

and various statutes.

The the UN review process. "Under Article 40 of statement the ICCPR, Guyana addressed measures to give effect to the approach. rights the Covenant establishes," stated.

report, submitted in Ministry urged. They August 2021, addressed emphasised a desire for a list of issues previously fact-based discussions on

showcase their progress Ministry and identify areas for clarified the purpose of continued improvement.

The Ministry's also potential is required to submit criticism. "The ICCPR periodic reports to review process is the UN Human Rights not about political Committee on the point-scoring," they adopted implied, suggesting or those in progress a more productive

"Guyana...calls they for more genuine constructive dialogue Guyana's most recent based on facts," the

AG NANDLALL DEFENDS APPEAL IN OIL SPILL CASE, **DISMISSES "SECRECY" CLAIMS**



Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Anil

Attorney Affairs Anil Nandlall case. has refuted accusations government's

General of Justice (CCJ) in the and Minister of Legal ongoing oil spill liability

"The procedure is of secrecy regarding the set down in the rules appeal of the CCJ," Minister to the Caribbean Court Nandlall explained in a

recent interview with the the media." Department of Public Information **"We filed the appeal** Guyanese **know how it becomes** the a secret issue."

the appeal followed the standard procedures the and questioned why it within

how to get legal **documents,"** Minister in favour of the citizens government's interests. Nandlall asserted. "The in May 2023, mandating government disclose these filings to for insurance coverage. "The

(DPI). on a lawsuit filed by decision. citizens, in compliance with Frederick Collins and General highlighted the government." the rules. So, I don't Godfrey Whyte, against government's lack of Protection He emphasised that (EPA). They demanded proceedings. enforce EPA liability secretive simply because requiring them to Nandlall announced to the media. responsibility in case of on "Reporters know an oil spill.

doesn't ExxonMobil to provide a Attorney

Both the EPA and Exxon statutory body, not a The case centers Guyana appealed this government agency,

The Environmental opportunity to represent General Agency itself in the ongoing the government's stake

clause was denied the right with Exxon and its ExxonMobil's **to join the case in** affiliates. was being portrayed as environmental permit, December," Minister it wasn't immediately assume full financial This denial was based of any government or that the EPA could such legal proceedings The High Court ruled adequately represent the and appeal if necessary.

However, General asserted. owe any obligation to signed parent guarantee contested this notion.

he argued. "It cannot Attorney speak on behalf of the

The Attorney emphasized in the case, given its "The government contractual agreement

He concluded by explained. emphasising the right the assumption citizen to participate in "The government has the done nothing wrong," he <u>Guyanese diaspora digest</u>

GUYANESE EASTER

- FAITH TAKES FLIGHT WITH FAMILY FUN AND SOARING KITES!

There's no place quite like Guyana for Easter celebrations. Here, the holiday transcends religious observance, transforming into a joyous national expression of faith, family, and cultural pride. This year, the Easter weekend brimmed with activities that captured the essence of Guyanese spirit - a beautiful blend of reverence, revelry, and togetherness.

REFLECTING ON SACRIFICE WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION



Easter festivities usually kick- off with Good Friday, a day of somber reflection on Jesus' crucifixion. Churches across the country overflow with worshippers, and a spirit of reverence permeate the nation. President Irfaan Ali joined the congregation at the Revealed Word Christian Centre, emphasising the importance of love, kindness, compassion in Guyanese lives.

cannot experience the true value of selfless love if we are not willing to give selfless love," the President declared. He urged citizens to embrace this message throughout the year, fostering unity and understanding amidst Guyana's rich tapestry of cultures and religions.

















SPREADING EASTER CHEER ES AND COMMUNI

Food and skies come alive with kite-making

normally take centre colorful kites. The well-highlighted Minister stage as Easter unfolds. being of children is a of Amerindian Affairs, Guyanese indulge in core principle for the Pauline Sukhai, during delectable treats like Guyanese government, a distribution exercise cross buns, while the evident in their annual in Kurukubaru, Region across the country.

> Irfaan Ali, has been ensuring that young children are included

kites a dazzling display of in national events," classes Eight. "We want to and distribution drives assure the children that you are on the "Our President, agenda of the PPP/C **Excellency Government.**"



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- FAITH TAKES FLIGHT WITH

CELEBRATING RICH HERITAGE AT THE RUPUNUNI RODEO





Following the religious observances, the Easter weekend exploded with vibrant cultural displays. The Rupununi Rodeo in Region Nine is a major tourist attraction, showcasing the unique lifestyle of the region's ranchers and vaqueros. President Ali joins the festivities each year.

"The Rupununi Rodeo continues to be a huge attraction," Minister Sukhai remarked. "It contributes to the tourism drive of our country and is one of the largest attractions we enjoy every year." The rodeo not only displays the talents of skilled riders and showcases a thriving livestock industry, but also allows local artisans to share their indigenous crafts with the world.















BARTICA REGATTA A THRILL-SEEKING EXTRAVAGANZA Over in Region Regatta offeres much music, dance.

Seven, regatta tradition. gather along vessels. But the Bartica showcasing

Bartica more than just speed on cuisine. Regatta unfolds, the water. It's a celebration Minister of Housing country's oldest annual of Guyanese culture, and Water, Collin Croal, steeped in attracting visitors from addressed Spectators all corners of the country about the government's the and even overseas. The ongoing development Essequibo, Mazaruni, event features a variety initiatives in the region. and Cuyuni Rivers, of activities for all ages, cheering on high-octane including football and powerboat races and cricket matches, a Miss marvelling at the vibrant Bartica Regatta pageant, display of colourful and lively performances









EASTER LY FUN AND SOARING KITES!

MILY, FUN, AND TOGETHERNESS







the skies are painted with and celebrating life. a breathtaking spectacle of kites, particularly in reverence popular spots like the Good Friday National Park, Number the 63 Beach, the Botanical races of the Bartica Gardens, and the **Regatta and the** seawalls. For Guyanese, **sky-filling spectacle** Easter is more than just of kites, Guyana's religious traditions; it's a Easter weekend is time for families to come a vibrant tapestry together, strengthen woven with faith, bonds, and share the joy fun, and family. It's of the season. This year a time for reflection, was no different.

James. "It's the with loved ones. As rising of Christ, and Jaheim it brings families says, "It's actually fun together. share love, not only youths, with family but with coming out with their friends and even family and hanging with strangers." This out on this day." sentiment throughout the Easter is the true essence weekend, with Guyanese of Guyana's Easter of all ages expressing celebration.

On Easter Monday their joy at being together

From the of to exhilarating community spirit, "Easter means and cherishing a lot," shared Lurlene cherished moments Simpson People seeing the children, everybody resonated And that, perhaps,













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Road upgrades in the community of Manchester

commitment development is bringing promising brighter future to various accessibility. communities in Region Six.

MANCHESTER SMOOTHENS RIDE WITH \$313 MILLION **INVESTMENT**

Works' Road transforming is Manchester Third Cross Streets near South, First Cross Street. making this Manchester Secondary Additionally, works were **road**," she said. School receiving over executed on the Main \$20 rehabilitation Street)

government's Village) represent a by a network of 20 new to combined investment concrete roads. This for daily activities echoed these sentiments, progress firsthand and infrastructure exceeding \$42 million, significant infrastructure long-awaited relief and a travel and increased Ministry of Public Works'

quality and safety are farming community. addressed through Programme (Main Access Road).

with commitment and

smoother upgrade, also part of the Miscellaneous Longstanding Programme, has brought concerns about road immense relief to the

Residents like projects like the \$17.7 Camache Leonard, who million rehabilitation endured muddy roads of the First Cross Street for 50 years, expressed and Hogstye main access her joy and relief. road, along with a \$19.5 "When the whole The Ministry of Public million investment on place flood I had to Miscellaneous the First Cross Street walk with a stick and come out; fall, get up The government's back. Now with the extends **new road**, **we could** million to broader regional go to the market and investment in road connectivity with a \$45 come home with upgrades. This initiative million allocation for the vehicle till to prioritises school zones, the rehabilitation of the our house. I thank with First, Second, and Main Access, North and the government for

New roads mean each Access (Place of Worship easier access to the Kuru market and a safer

road is alright for to local development, but the school children. highlighting didn't want to come village life.t. your motorbike."

described mud previous difficult but causing to my garden and **creating challenges** and Nadani such as washing expressing gratitude contribute to their own and cooking," she for the improved roads neighbourhoods."Every

how the a good job," he stated. build in one year so," dam "Without **proper** he remarked. not only made travel transportation, you also cannot get by well in fosters a sense of impacted daily life due your village... [Now] community ownership. to flooding. "My yard we are proud and we Contractor would often flood, are happy for that," Niranjan emphasised the damage he added.

Harreshrai explained. The new and, in Singh's case, the **area**

the appreciation for It was hard when importance of proper government's efforts. the rain fell, you transportation for "The road before "The was rough... So far, out. Now you get a road is done very we like what the smooth street to ride good and excellent government doing, and I think the most of [us] know Basmattie Leonard government is doing that a country cannot

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The project also Ravindra importance of employing Ryan local residents, allowing Singh them to see the project's



Road upgrades in Black Bush Polder

in overall well-being.

EAST BERBICE-CORENTYNE VILLAGES GET PAVED ROADS AND **LOCAL JOBS**

initiative significantly improving accessibility and quality acknowledged of life across these ongoing communities.

Within the 52-Neighbourhood 63 for Democratic Councils 15 roads undergoing with "Since the eight already completed. children used to go Similarly, in the 64primary school, they 74 NDCs, 32 roads are the community will MUD TO CONCRETE go through mud till being addressed, with 19

Residents their "The government's dedication

significant improvement "It was bare mud. You to, as many people as cannot work when we can to hire from the rainfall... Now it that area, which helps is comfortable. The them and they can government is doing see that the project good, they are doing is being constructed

to 74 in East Berbice- when rainfall... Now explained. Corentyne are reaping you can come out benefits of a any hour and when across in road infrastructure. **light, nice road,**" is Singh explained.

Saif development for citizens.

concrete roads offer a addition of streetlights. [contractor], we tend a fine job," Ryan said. to whatever they "We get a nice are looking road and I thank So, they are happy Additionally, God for it. The road to be a part of the residents from villages was bad you didn't progress in their spanning Numbers 52 want to come out neighbourhood," he

These road upgrades Region significant \$1.7 billion **you come out you** reflect the government's government investment are free, you get nice c o m m i t m e n t improving infrastructure, Latiff connecting the communities, nature fostering development



One of the completed road in East Berbice

funds. Manchester from a \$31 million and economic activity. upgrade for both access roads.

Residents across experience a positive impact. Upgraded sections on Third

Additionally, Kuru College Street, environment Nursery Manchester, aiming to children

BLACK BUSH POLDER – FROM ROADS

Meanwhile, Middlewalk Liverpool muddy paths, replaced emphasizing,

attending (NDCs), School is benefitting improve both travel time school, as highlighted by are Tina Harry and Vastie rehabilitation, David. they go high school finished so far. and now they get the Black road to go to high expressing Cross Street (East of Bush Polder residents school and it's a satisfaction with the long-manchester Secondary are celebrating a long-benefit for everyone," awaited improvements. School) and Fifth awaited transformation. Harry shared. David Residents like, Claude Cross Street (West of Gone are the days of echoed this sentiment, Felix, commended the



Harreshrai Ryan

President Ali: 'Peace should never be a negotiated issue'

AMIDST global tension compounded by troubling events in various parts of the world, President Dr. Irfaan Ali has delivered a loud cry for global peace, emphasising the critical need for de-escalation in conflict-torn regions.

In a moving speech at the First Family's annual Eid-ul-Fitr celebration on Saturday night, the Guyanese leader highlighted the seriousness of the situation in the Middle East, encouraging nations to prioritise diplomacy and co-operation in the pursuit of long-term peace.

He emphasised the profound unity that binds Guyanese together—a unity forged not only by different circumstances but by shared values and a deeprooted passion for their nation.

As the festivities unfolded, President Ali took centre stage to reflect on the significance of bonds and the role they play in shaping the cultural fabric of Guyana.

Surrounded by a diverse audience including loved ones, and members of the Muslim community, he spoke with unwavering conviction about the enduring strength derived from their collective heritage and aspirations.

"We are one family; we are the Guyanese family. A family brought together by different circumstances, but a family cemented by our shared values and passion, by our commitment and love for each other, by our tolerance for each other, by other obedience to the rule of law and by our recognition that we are a part of one wider human family," the Guyanese leader said.

According to him, this recognition was further validated when the Guyanese community "collected more than \$86 million for the people of Palestine."

President Ali emphasised Guyana's commitment to supporting and raising funds wherever a human family is in need, stating that "we live in a harsh world under harsh circumstances."

"Why must peace be negotiated if we live a life of peace?" Dr. Ali questioned.

He said that peace should never be a negotiated issue, but rather the value system that each member of the human family lives by.

The Head of State added: "The very fact that we live in a world where peace must be negotiated, tells of the psyche of the system in the world. And what is that system? Must there be war before peace or peace before war? It is an important question: Whether we pursue war and hope for peace or we pursue war and then negotiate for peace.

Or do we pursue peace and make peace a fundamental pillar on which the world stands so war would not have a place in our societies?"

And if this is a key foundation

upon which the world must stand, he stated, Guyana, a small country, must demonstrate that—despite our cultural and ethnic differences—we will be the greatest symbol of strength, hope, prosperity, opportunity, and genuine peace and love.

The Head of State said that Guyana has never supported injustice. He advised Guyanese to avoid rehashing the past.

"We have to recognise that the past must instruct our actions in the future. The past must provide the basis through which we make decisions in the future," Dr Ali said.

He reasoned that one of the most difficult challenges in resolving past in-

justices is convincing those responsible to own their mistakes and seek for forgiveness.

"You can't claim to be a new democratic force unless you go through the process of acknowledging your sinful path, of acknowledging your injustices, of acknowledging all the things you would have done contrary to the rule of law and the democratic path. That's not how it works," President Ali said.

He stressed that for the People's Progressive Party/ Civic (PPP/C) government, the presidency is more than simply a ceremonial office. He said it is a profound obligation to serve the people and leave a stronger, more united nation.



President Irfaan Ali

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KWAKWANI GETS MAJOR ROAD BOOST WITH \$420 MILLION UPGRADE PROJECT

Residents Kwakwani, a mining Project Inc. and DJ upgrade, completed by and logging community General in Region Ten (Upper and Supplies leading the Supplies. Additionally, Demerara-Berbice), efforts. These companies Nottinghamshire Road, celebrating the each completion of a \$420.1 improvements valued at Mackenzie Linden to CB million road upgrade \$77.3 million and \$77.4 Housing Development project. This significant million, respectively. investment aims to improve connectivity Construction and stimulate economic Supplies was

encompassed key roads in Kwakwani. internal road network, at Road Substantial work was a cost of \$87.2 million. completed in sections two and three of the to Kwakwani Access hinterland development village,

of Mining Investment a

DJGeneral a also development in the area. responsible for the improvements fall under The project significant facelift to the Ministry of Public several Coomaka village's Works'

> The vital Hururu commitment R&M Road also received is further evidenced by

Construction International Import and delivered a critical artery linking Inc., benefited from \$120.1 million and rehabilitation project.

> These Hinterland projects. The government's



billion for hinterland improve transportation road development in the links within Kwakwani 2024 budget.

GOVT TOUTS SECURITY GAINS, CRITICISES

upgraded areas. This will not

the allocation of \$5.5 roads are expected to surrounding and

only benefit residents but also enhance the economic potential of the community facilitating the movement of goods and services.

PPP/C The administration highlights this project as a testament to its unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive growth and equitable development for all Guyanese.

The government reaffirmed has its commitment to public dismissing safety, security opposition plans as unoriginal and ineffective.

the Alliance for Change

(AFC) party's security proposals, In a statement, the them "glorified and government took aim at superficial cut-andpaste schemes."



The government has affirm its dedication to protecting

The calling highlighted its record on crimes in 2022 and a recommendations from which included the AFC. critical further 17% reduction in a British Security Sector

OPPOSIT

"These significant in 2018. accomplishments proof of the efficacy British of our government's Sector

cameras in Regions said.

government Five and Six."

Reform report received **recall**

"The serve as irrefutable reference to the the APNU + AFC, building on its security and the recommendations of CCTV cameras in accountability. commendable efforts conspicuously December 2015," the "The security ignores the fact that statement charged. forces," the statement the David Granger administration of \$19.1 million was the progress it has The government received the report in squandered on an achieved, ensuring pointed to its investment **January of 2018 but overseas** in technology as a egregiously failed to for the supply and accountability, key factor in these execute the essential installation at the the improvements, cross-government National Intelligence enhancement specifically mentioning departmental actions Centre—a "allocation of required to bring the that tragically failed for the benefit of over \$5 billion for the proposed reforms despite the full all Guyanese," the deployment of CCTV to life.," the statement payment which is a statement concluded.

The government to 20% decrease in serious failing to implement previous administration, in

> the mismanagement of AFC's public funds under pledged to continue Security particularly in the gains, **Reform failed procurement** transparency

glaring testament

the The statement also further contrasted their government's crime reduction, citing a criticised the AFC for approach with that of the ineptitude e managing security "Guyanese would infrastructure gross projects."

> The government emphasising government remains devoted "A staggering sum to building upon company transparency, continuous project the security sector

GUYANA TO BOLSTER MARITIME SECURITY WITH €39.5 MILLION OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL FROM FRAI

G u y a n a ' s instructions commitment strengthening (OPV) from French aircraft. company OCEA S.A. Ashni Singh.

Dr. emphasised robust Guyana Defence de Bouillane pointed to a maintenance shipyard regional maritime a commitment

to he has issued...has its seen a previously the Model 190 OPV national defense took a unprecedented will be instrumental in significant step forward ramping up of, and safeguarding Guyana's with the signing of a equipping of the territorial waters.

Letter of Intent (LOI) to GDF," Dr. Singh said, According to Director procure a €39.5 million highlighting recent of the Americas for Offshore Patrol Vessel acquisitions like two new OCEA S.A. Mr. Yorgo

The ceremony also "will The signing ceremony, underscored the growing **combatting** held at the Ministry of ties between Guyana and fishing and trafficking Finance, was overseen France. "United, we activities and by Senior Minister Dr. are stronger on the protecting Guyana's different challenges," sovereignty." Singh remarked French the Ambassador to Guyana also expressed the an investment would development," government's dedication and Suriname, His company's to fulfilling President Excellency Nicolas de in collaborating with your Irfaan Ali's vision of a Bouillane. Ambassador Guyana on establishing also contribute to government

that French embassy in

The acquisition of Hernandez, the vessel assist illegal

Force (GDF). "The the planned opening of a in the country. "Such



interest not only benefit stated. nation but

This move by the cooperation. reflects

he long-term maritime security and regional

GPHC MAKES HISTORY WITH GROUNDBREAKI

The Georgetown Hospital Public (GPHC) Corporation has achieved a major milestone, successfully performing the firstever Direct Anterior Approach (DAA) for Total Hip Replacement surgery in Guyana. This technique innovative offers significant benefits for patients, including faster recovery times and reduced pain.

A release from the hospital noted that **GPHC** previously, relied on the traditional anterior-lateral approach for these surgeries. However, on



The first-ever Direct Anterior Approach for Total Hip Replacement surgery conducted in Guyana

March 26, 2024, a team the Chinese Medical led by visiting surgeon Brigade pioneered the Dr. Chao Zhou from DAA method.

Kaalesh and Randolph Tulsie proved also played a key role in Following this historic procedure.

offers several advantages the patient recovered GPHC and potentially for patients such as quickly smaller incisions. This discharged early. minimises tissue damage and scarring. Further, continued on April 2 enthusiasm for the DAA unlike methods. approach doesn't require Zhou and assisted by Dr. total hip replacement muscle repair, leading Ranvir Gajraj, performed surgeries at GPHC. The Additionally, patients surgery. typically experience less post-operative pain and Medical Brigade further introduce this technique can begin moving sooner supported GPHC by at regional hospitals. after surgery.

The first

successful. provided and

The momentum expressed

The hosting a seminar on DAA minimally invasive surgery, performed on orthopaedic surgeries on

Ramcharran a 73-year-old woman, March 27. This session valuable meticulous training on the DAA planning and careful approach, paving the way The DAA method adherence to protocols, for its wider adoption at was throughout Guyana.

Dr. Ramcharran traditional when Dr. Ramcharran, technique, highlighting DAA guided by Dr. Chao its potential to transform faster recovery. a second successful DAA Orthopedics Department plans to train other Chinese surgeons and potentially

KAMARANG DISTRICT HOSPITAL NOW OFFERS LIFE-SAVING **SURGERIES** OVER \$50M INVESTED TO BUILD SURGICAL THEATRE

Residents of Region surrounding Seven can now access Previously, achieved at the Upper Georgetown. District Mazaruni Hospital in Kamarang.

procedures, gallstone and the Amerindian village.

successful The surgeries have brought another immense relief residents from Paruima, the Kamarang,

Sylvester Hope, a doctors." resident of Waramadong For the first time in and the first patient to whose daughter received the hospital's history, undergo surgery at the successful a team of surgeons new theatre expressed highlighted the positive successfully performed his appreciation. "We impact for the entire eight essential appreciate that the community. "When including teams are here for I heard about the removal the first time and I services coming to repair. am the first man to our district, I was accomplishment have this surgery," he very much happy," is a direct result of said. "We would like he stated. "We have government's the teams [to] come been crying for this investment in a new again in the future so in stitution...now surgical theatre within that we will be facing it's really helping a less expenses."

Colson Thompson, district." resident to who benefitted from furnishing of the surgical local Waramadong, Phillipai, echoed this sentiment. million investment by and "Many times I have the government and the

villages. suffered, I even went residents Georgetown," critical surgical care requiring surgery faced shared. "I am glad closer to home, thanks the significant burden everything is safe to a major milestone of costly travel to right now. Thank you for the team and the

> Romel lot of people in this

The construction and surgery, theatre represent a \$50



Director General of the Ministry of Health, Dr Vishwa Mahadeo along with the surgical team in front of Kamarang's surgical theatre

Regional Council (RDC). This the hospital's in the region.

Dr. Mahadeo, General of the Ministry to put in the budget...

Democratic of Health, emphasised initiative's vital addition to the significance in bridging facilities the healthcare significantly improves between the hinterland healthcare access for and the coastland. "This indigenous communities is a case of bringing healthcare to the people," Vishwa he explained. "**This is** Director how we know what

we come out, we meet the people, we hear what are their concerns...and we try to meet those."

Surgeon Sheik Amir led the visiting surgical team, joined by support staff from Lethem Regional Hospital, Mercy Hospital, and the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation. This initiative follows the introduction surgical services in other hinterland regions, including Moruca (Region One) and Aishalton (Region Nine). The government plans to construct additional surgical theatres other villages, further expanding access to critical healthcare across Guyana.

The Lethem Regional ever successful removal 16-year-old patient. This birth, caused the patient recovery period. Hospital has achieved a of a large congenital tangled mass of blood significant discomfort

remarkable feat: the first- hemangioma from a vessels, present since and grew steadily over highlights the significant by the hospital.

time. Admitted removal of a substantial 25-30 centimetre mass.

A blood transfusion during safety

strides Guyana has in made in improving Hospital February, the patient healthcare, particularly diverse range of surgical underwent a thorough in remote areas like services. examination, revealing Lethem. The Lethem general a mass on the right Regional Hospital, with orthopaedics, obstetrics shoulder. The skilled its modern facilities and gynaecology, and surgical team then and two fully functional ophthalmology. performed the complex surgical beds, is well-expansion plans in the excision, resulting in the equipped to handle the works, the hospital is growing demand for poised to offer an even surgical procedures.

The hospital has care ensured the patient's witnessed a staggering people and residents of the 200% increase procedure. The patient surgical volume from was discharged after 2022 to 2023. This surge a successful five-day reflects the increasing

accessibility and quality This success story of medical care offered

The Lethem Regional boasts including surgery, wider array of specialised to Guyanese in neighbouring countries.



Before and after successful removal of a large congenital hemangioma at Lethem Regional Hospital

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GUYANA LAUNCHES NATIONAL ACTION TRANSFORM APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTI

new programmes and to mental health from and 2024 to 2030.

The plans outline a governance develop comprehensive

a integrated community- plan will also help Guyana's progress. "We of...mental significant step towards based mental health to revitalise of the National Mental suicide rate, decrease explained. and National Suicide use, and foster inter- in Prevention Plan. These sectoral collaboration for **situation**, encompassing rehabilitation.

> The plans information systems.

multi-pronged approach. Dr. Frank Anthony, ensuring patients receive It encompasses strategic highlighted the plans' respectful and effective strengthen alignment with recent treatment. and legislation at recent leadership for mental event at the ministry's of a headquarters Brickdam. "This new Thomas,

improving mental health care system, establish a mental health and Guyana's care and reducing suicide suicide prevention plan suicide laws in the rates with the launch to reduce the country's country," Dr. Anthony Action Plan alcohol and substance WHO assisted us analysing and...we were able to enhance also the mental health policies, aim to reshape prioritise prevention, environment because the country's approach mental health literacy, the laws were quite improved **outdated.**"

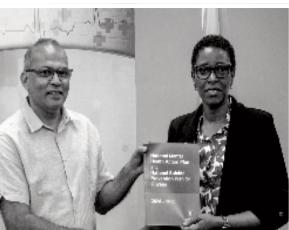
> The plans emphasise Minister of Health, ahuman rights approach,

> > Assistant Director PAHO/WHO, on Dr. Rhonda Sealevapplauded the implementation rights, and equity,"

the are confident that policies built on...

mental universal

health Dr. Sealey-Thomas said. **health** involve



Minister of Health, Dr Frank Anthony receiving the new National Mental Health Action Plan from

Assistant Director of PAHOWHO Dr Rhonda Seale health plan will guide coverage,

collaboration with the private sector, as new services will be introduced within community the and schools to raise further awareness about mental health and suicide.

The action plans will

the

sector and introduce

new services within

communities and schools

to raise awareness about

will also involve greater

This action plan

mental health

suicide prevention.

collaboration

private

and

ACY COUNCIL



Guyana Board

The Ministry of pharmacy new Pharmacy Council and Guyana effective April 1st, 2024. Dr. and Carol-Ann Lam, Ms. council promises a renewed focus on include the digitization, streamlined

year term until March by Practitioners' Act 2003, experience. include regulating

practices, continuing Health has announced establishing ethical and sessions will be offered pharmacy professionals the appointment of the professional standards, to keep pharmacists and and the general public.

Pharmacy The by Chairperson Council has outlined develop and enforce Pharmacy Practitioners' Karishma Jeeboo several key initiatives clear standards for Act of 2003 and its Vice-Chairperson aimed at modernizing professional practice and regulations, is on the pharmacy in Guyana. council plans to digitise all be training, and stricter registration processes provide professional standards. for pharmacists, interns, on This newly formed and assistants, ensuring accreditation,

Streamlining 31st, 2026. Their core internship programme yearly list of registered and objectives, as outlined is a priority, allowing professionals for public pharmacy environment Pharmacy interns to gain valuable reference.

registering assistants updated on Board, pharmacy professionals. the latest developments.

practice ethics, ensuring quality agenda. These pharmacy services.

launched

M a n d a t o r y to publish informative public.

education materials relevant to both

A review of Guyana's pharmacy The council will laws, prioritizing the

initiatives, These A website will guided by dedicated to committees, aim to information significantly improve registration, the pharmacy sector in and Guyana over the next body will serve a two- a smoother experience. continuing education. two years. This promises the It will also include a a more efficient, ethical, well-informed for both healthcare The council plans professionals and the

GTU, EDUCATION MINISTRY TALKS CONT ESPITE STRIKE THREATS, LABOUR M

action.

Labour breakdown of talks," the Department of Public **reconciliation** Information (DPI).

The Ministry of of non-intervention, arbitration." Labour has assured the "There will be no public that discussions intervention of the of despite threats of strike Hamilton stated. He teacher suggested that the recent including salary Minister withdrawal by the GTU welfare issues, Joseph Hamilton refuted from negotiations was a improvements "As we see it and creating a perception resulted in two parties are still in talks," he said. such engaged. There isn't a Their goal, according cash grants, the to Minister Hamilton told might be to "call for free concessions. or intervention by the advancements, the GTU The Labour Ministry **chief legal officer and** resorted to strike action

The Education between the Ministry of **ministry** by the maintained a routine of GTU) are ongoing, minister," or the the GTU since August established despite threats of a "." Education (MoE) and the **CLO** [Chief Labour monthly meetings with reiterated concerns, and and the GTU's claims of a strategic move. "[This] education management. breakdown in talks. could be aimed at These meetings have understand it, the of a breakdown outcomes for teachers, salary Minister, adjustments, and duty-

Despite emphasised its stance they might call for in February to express

has wages.

not be altered.

dissatisfaction over pointed out that "in reaffirmed that these Ministry teacher salaries and all labour relations policies will continue to Minister Hamilton the private or public in Guyana. Teachers that sectors, workers are were, in fact, warned labour **not paid for days** that participating in the laws and practices will they did not work strike would result in He during a strike." He withheld wages.

matters, whether in govern labour relations



A teacher engaging students at the reopening of the school term

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NEW \$1.9B TREATMENT PLANT TO PROVIDE ECD RESIDENTS WITH BETTER QUALITY WATER

East Coast Demerara treatment plants." (ECD) corridor, from Coldingen to Nabaclis, Adventure plant water quality treatment plant at is funded by Bachelor's Adventure.

that we meet this Programme (CWTIP). target [of 90% treated water on the coast by that several

25,000 wells are being drilled residents on Guyana's to supplement the

The Bachelor's can expect a significant currently 30% complete improvement in their and is being built and by Sigma Engineers service. This is thanks Limited. Completion is to the construction of a expected by December new \$1.9 billion water 2024. The project government's \$40 billion **"We are working** Coastal Water Treatment assiduously to ensure Infrastructure

The CWTIP is a **coverage** large-scale initiative encompasses, **2025],"** said Minister the construction of of Housing and Water, seven new large water Collin Croal, during treatment plants and a recent inspection of 15 small plants, the the treatment plant. upgrading of 12 existing "In addition to all plants, the installation of these activities, of 200 kilometres of coastland transmission mains and

schools

Targeted

Mariwaunau.

emphasised

importance

addressing

shortages

teachers

include



Minister Croal and team inspecting ongoing works on the new \$1.9B treatment plant at Bachelor's Adventure

improved water quality, construction Four, Five, and Six.

awarded for

service continuity, and kilometers of new level of service across transmission mains from Regions Two, Three, the Bachelor's Adventure plant to residents Additionally, between Coldingen and contracts have been Nabaclis. These works the are expected to be

2024.

are underway on the more reliable supply \$110 million treatment of potable water. Their plant at Sparendaam, current hand-pump well residents south of the photovoltaic system. embankment Better Hope.

Further, construction [hand-pump] to serve over 37,000 **weeks,"** ar residents. Minister Croal.

FORT ISLAND TO RECEIVE **UPGRADED WELL SYSTEM**

residents of Fort all communities across Island, a community Guyana.

MORE THAN

completed by September in the Essequibo River in Region Three, will upgrades soon have access to a benefitting over 5,000 is being upgraded with a

"We from Goedverwagting to therefore investing in converting that of treatment plants at into a photovoltaic Cummings Lodge and **operating system...**Caledonia is progressing, **All works will be** with these facilities set **completed within two** announced

These interventions with align the government's goals of achieving 100% treated water coverage hinterland regions by Meanwhile, 2025 and developing

The government announced has significant investment in hinterland education, with plans to construct over 20 new schools in Region Nine alone. This initiative was revealed by **Education Minister Priya** Manickchand during a recent visit to the region.

Construction begin on 13 nursery schools in various areas, including Parabara, Bashaizon, Semonie, and Quatata. "I am told by your REO and the REDO that we will have nursery schools in every single place that we need it in Region Nine," the minister highlighted.

Four primary schools will be built in Tabatinga and Cra Crana, among other areas.

Four secondary

ease from Semonie, five such as Regions One, will overcrowding at St. from Quatata, three Eight, and Nine, there Ignatius Secondary and from Quarrie, and was provide better access to another three from school. However, when education. Moco Moco." secondary

REGION NI

villages

infrastructure.

in

M i n i s t e r classrooms, recreational secondary the for teacher necessities, the minister students. alongside explained.

This efforts **the** past **schools,"** she stated. expand educational the "We are currently opportunities training 14 persons hinterland regions. to as teachers. Three According to the minister, transformation of those persons are in the hinterland areas Guyana.

one secondary the PPP/C Government The new schools assumed office from 1992 Tabatinga, will be well-equipped to 1997, three secondary Nappi, Massara, and to enhance the learning schools were constructed environment with smart by the administration. libraries, Additionally, between M a n i c k c h a n d laboratories, a courtyard 1997 to 2001, five other schools of purposes, and other were later built for the

The allocation investment of \$135.2 billion to "We want to make in Region Nine builds the education sector sure that we have upon the government's in the 2024 budget to further underscores government's in ongoing commitment educational



Education Minister Priya Manickchand during a recent visit to the region.

DUCATURS EQUIPPED WITH SCHOLASTIC GUIDED PROGRAMME TO COMBAT READING CHALLENGES



Participants of the workshop to tackle the spread of communicable diseases

reading among young learners. It comprehension. has launched a training programme Reading, literacy leaders with the Reading Focus Fiction monitor ind tools to improve literacy A to D Series. This student progress. rates.

initiative a This persistent Language proficiency student's needs.

The Ministry of from 32% to 64%, challenges struggle with reading flexible

on Scholastic Guided has invested in the programme commitment to tackling categorised by genre expanded over time. reading and difficulty. Spanning comprehension issues. 26 levels, this series procured 460 Levels country. Despite a national allows educators to A to D kits specifically

Scholastic Guided

average rise in English tailor instruction to each designed for use with Grade 1 students. These

kits include teacher guides, storage bins, level books, and teaching cards with lesson plans for each book.

The training session Education is taking a around 40% of students Reading offers several focused on equipping major step to address entering Grade 7 still advantages including National and Regional grouping. Literacy Coordinators Educators can group with the knowledge To address this students based on and skills necessary to focused challenge, the Ministry similar reading abilities. effectively implement Additionally, the programme. This equipping Scholastic Inc. Guided teachers can effectively comprehensive training, individual coupled with ongoing support from me offers This programme Ministry, will ensure comprehensive provides a core collection educators feel confident highlights the Ministry's collection of level books, of books that can be utilising these materials to improve literacy The Ministry has instruction across the

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\$1.4 BILLION **EMPOW**

Amerindian youths across Guyana can the signing look forward to new Memorandum Empowering the Next on Thomas Generation. and Gender Equality Affairs, (ENGAGE).

The initiative is the handled by the World Minister specifically towards young particularly young the women, in Regions One, communities." Seven, Eight, and Nine.

Speaking opportunities thanks to Understanding (MoU) existing a \$1.4 billion (CAD \$9.1 for the project in the million) project called boardroom at her office Street, Agency Minister of Amerindian **Pauline** Sukhai, highlighted government's a collaborative effort dedication to supporting between the Ministry of the development of Amerindian Affairs and indigenous youth. "We Canada, with funding have been providing provided by Global a number of options Affairs Canada (GAC) and opportunities for implementation our young people," University Service of remarked. "We have Canada (WUSC). The **seen that with respect** five-year project is to our government's like the Community benefit targeted **effort to ensure that** Support Officers (CSOs) youth.

Minister The

at expressed her belief Ambassador of the that the

ENGAGE Guyana, Mark Berman, their of project, combined with explained the various Ambassador

to **help** to **strengthen** capacities," initiatives ways ENGAGE will said. "They will also to complement



The signing of the MOU

Amerindian for women in Guyana's from hinterland regions.

C a n a d a 's to network,

vocational and

Amerindian **benefit from grants** communities "These for economic youth empowering empowering our human resource programme, will create Amerindian youths empower ment people to become active people, is keenly built in significant opportunities will further benefit in it i a t i v e s participants in training, be able entrepreneurship economic development. and skills."

The Ambassador emphasised that Berman ENGAGE is designed Guyanese government's efforts to ongoing improve the social and economic well-being of indigenous youth. "It is also intended to assist indigenous young persons in conferring new-found skills sustainable into livelihood opportunities," concluded.

This project signifies a significant investment in the future of Guvana's Amerindian young develop country's social and

20 REGION NINE FAMILIES RECEIVE NEW HOMES



Minister Croal and the benecifaries at one of the homes

celebrating changing upgrade as Housing and Water. they have received keys to their new homes. This Croal presented the placed in Yakarinta and marks the successful keys, along with regional Nappi to directly benefit

families Housing Programme in homes, built using local in Region Nine are the region, spearheaded materials and labour, life- by the Ministry

Minister launch of the Hinterland authorities. The 20x25 ft. vulnerable families.

approximately of cost \$60 million in total. Collin They were strategically

The Minister emphasised those in need. Herevealed this timely government hinterland regions. that 120 more homes are under construction across Region Nine, and highlighted additional housing initiatives like the Lethem Housing Support Programme.

Recipients, like Grace Melville from Nappi, expressed their joy at the improved living conditions the new homes provide. "It is better than before I was living and I am happy," said Ms Melville.

Benjamin support. Fitzroy the from Yakarinta, whose

This programme is programme's goal of previous home was part of a larger initiative providing sustainable destroyed by fire, is to construct 400 housing solutions for especially grateful for homes across Guyana's



A family with the keys to their new home

INTEREST-FREE LOANS EMPOWERING BUSINESS EKS WITH DISABILITI

A new initiative in to business owners eliminate the financial a passion for poultry Guyana is providing with disabilities. The barriers they face and farming and has faced is designed to be to interest-free loans programme aims to empower them to be self- discouragement in the accessible, with loans entrepreneurship."



Ministers, Dr Vindhya Persaud and Oneidge Walrond handing over a cheque to Lawrence Braithwaite

sufficient.

government," loan to start a computer more opportunities to the loan. to be self-sufficient, government self-independent."

Odessa of hope." Evans has Braithwaite said.

good initiative by the even though we have interest said a disability it doesn't collateral required. Asif Khan, one of the first **stop there**, we can

assisted me before in with Evans, fuelling my passion ensuring

The programme to past due to her disability. **of up to \$500,000** and

"Together, "The initiative is specially excluded another recipient, said for the establishment access to loans, their the the programme is a "ray of my business," access to finance, Minister and their

development areas

Minister **"I think it is a "It teaches us that available with no** Tourism, Industry and **no** Commerce. Oneidge Walrond, said the we programme aligns with of eight beneficiaries. achieve anything and are establishing a the president's vision Khan plans to use the **do anything**," she said. **programme that I** of an inclusive Guyana. L a w r e n c e have no doubt will "This is an example supplies store. "It is Braithwaite, who already expand," said Minister of our government's historical in the sense owns a small business, of Human Services philosophy of One that persons with will be able to expand and Social Security, Dr Guyana, that no disabilities now have his operations thanks Vindhya Persaud. "This person should be had geared for people the bounty, the re in with disabilities, development plans, their and programmes of government," Walrond access said.

PRESIDENT ALI MAKES GOOD ON PROMISES, ANNOUNCES FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT MEADOWBANK AND ROSIGNOL WHARFS

President commitment Guyana's continues with visits for to both Meadowbank operations. Wharf in Georgetown and Rosignol Wharf responded in Region Five with multi-point focus on addressing Rehabilitation of the enhancing their working installation of standpipes environment.

Wharf, accompanied by dedicated shed for the Minister of Agriculture fisherfolk. Zulfikar Mustapha, attentively to needs of vendors and improvement fisherfolk. issues included lack of

in Region Five to address **listen to you."** workers' concerns about weather. The specifically. President acknowledged challenges and outlined offered reassurance.

the weather to be industry. "Significant so bad," President Ali investments admitted. "That's why being I wanted to come out into GuySuco," he and see you. I know announced. These and see you. I know announced. this affects your pay investments aim to structure."

President emphasised communication pledged to meet with all workers. He assured weather,

Ali's running water, wharf construction process. to maintenance, and fisherfolk inadequate early

President Ali with plan: concerns and access road to the wharf, to provide running water Meadowbank and construction of a

Emphasising swift President Ali listened action, the President the directed that the wharf improvements design Recurring be finalised within two weeks for a speedy

President Ali visited them, "Don't be afraid Blairmont Sugar Estate to speak. I am here to

A follow-up meeting operations is planned to address impacted by the recent harvester pay concerns

The President the government's 'We didn't expect commitment to the sugar pumped optimise production Ali through mechanisation open and planting higherand yield cane varieties.

Despite the dry GuySuco

This recent visit lighting. lighting builds on morning commitments. 2022,

facilities and previous fisherman highlighted get the security." "Mr In the progress: significant President,



President Ali inspecting the Rosignol wharf

Wharf, functional

were the last time you made at Meadowbank came to now, there's including great improvement support for the fishing support services. washroom **because** we get to industry goes further. A

President **since** commitment beyond Meadowbank. duty-free met with fisherfolk to by the President. discuss similar upgrades better storage facilities, the and Additionally, financing.

new **come to work early...** swamp shrimp project A gratified **we get the toilet...we** is underway to diversify income for around 300 Ali's fisherfolk, and existing extends support measures like outboard At Rosignol Wharf, he engines were reiterated

> President lighting, focus extends beyond industry. washrooms. acknowledged broader a community concerns nationwide meeting with such as mental health fisherfolk is planned by and substance abuse, and the Ministry of Finance pledged collaboration to address access to with the Ministry of Health to provide The government's educational sessions and

PRESIDENT ALI PROMISES BLAIRMONT **WORKERS 'IT'S GOING TO GET**

target for 2024, with boost sugar production an ambitious goal of and 140,000 tons by 2025. efficiency. This initiative better," President Ali C's manifesto pledge assured the workers. to revive the industry "We're back the fields and communities, following production. year, with 5,000 previous administration. hectares of prepared land, factories will PPP/C operate at optimal has reopened the Rose capacity."

commitment is backed bringing total industry

operational "It's going to get aligns with the PPP/ building and revitalise local **Next** its closure under the

Since 2020, the government Hall Estate and rehired The government's over 4,600 workers,

maintains its 100,000- by a \$6 billion allocation employment to over ensure a brighter future ton sugar production in the national budget to 8,100. These efforts, for the Guyanese sugar



President Ali engaging worksre of the Blairmont Sugar Estate

combined with ongoing industry. investments, aim

GUYANESE FARMERS HAIL GOVT'S SUPPORT AND INCREASED PRODUCTION

agricultural sector is works at the mouth After the Wales Sugar well it's going." experiencing a boom, of the Pomeroon Estate closure, Carryl with farmers across River are the country attributing **proving** invaluable crop farming, a decision Good Hope, Essequibo the success to effective **to our** government and investments. These initiatives are creating National sustainable livelihoods, Research and Extension setback," boosting food security, Institute (NAREI) for acknowledged. and leading to record their crucial support. turning to cash crops crop yields.

Althea farmer and Overseer of the Moruca/Providence NDC in Region Two, has witnessed firsthand the transformative effects of government's efforts, particularly in drainage and irrigation. Over the past three years, empowered plagues the area.

"We've extensive works done on our farms, Stanleytown, and improved river Three, **defenses,"** Giles beams. the

G u y a n a ' s The ongoing dredging agricultural **farming** he policies communities."

Giles also praises the NAREI's Giles, a officers provide ongoing



Roger Carryl

these projects have assistance to farmers people to farmers on various fronts, with agriculture, highlighting received a water pump to better manage the plans underway to its frequent flooding that establish a nursery in the **advantages**. area, facilitating easier **had** access to seedlings.

Roger Carryl of **ensure** with proper digging Bank Demerara, Region Carryl says. "I never exemplifies success

also transitioned into cash cash crop farmer from endorsed.

"The Agricultural **closure was a major** resources in propelling extension has been incredibly is rewarding. It's a very than ever before," healthy way of life."

seeds, and He encourages consider

"NAREI officers crop. regularly visit to "We are super happy! unfolding in Guyana's It's booming! I can't These include enhanced

sector. even express how

Berryl Wallace, a enthusiastically Coast, emphasised the vital role agriculture **estate** plays alongside Carryl Guyana's economic "But growth.

doing Wallace declared. received "And Guyana crucial support in the headed for a bright Berryl Wallace form of a pump, fertiliser, future because of efforts. other agriculture... If essential implements to everything else fails, finished with a new of enhance his production. agriculture will never farm-to-market facilities, young plant, you will eat."

Wallace

The l of **ensure everything** community in Victoria, **for us. Now, we have** Wallace, and Fraser, West **is up to standard,"** East Coast Demerara, **free-flowing water** Guyana's agricultural exemplifies **regret getting into** widespread benefits of story cash crop farming. government initiatives. Guyanese

improved farm-toprojects, and animals.



"We're **almost** the produce to market," assistance. numerous and hose to further Fraser explains. "Our enhance her upcoming canals have also government support and farming was a huge burden like the access."

Since

access to farmlands, has invested a staggering \$122 billion in various market roads, drainage developmental projects and irrigation (D&I) to propel the agriculture the sector forward. These provision of breeding investments fulfill most of the commitments Alex Dane Fraser, a outlined in the PPP/ farmer from Victoria, has C's 2020 manifesto, witnessed a significant including reversing land increase in production rent and D&I charge among many farmers in increases, revitalising the the area thanks to these industry, and promoting crop diversification.

Over the years, farmers have benefited from a multitude of initiatives, including improved access to D&I, the adoption of climate-smart practices, distribution of farming inputs and equipment, establishment agro-processing expanded enthusiastically fail. As long as you road, which will access to farmlands make it much easier and breeding bulls, recently to transport our and ongoing technical

> With been cleared, which dedication from farmers Giles, sector is poised for even 2020, the greater heights in the government years to come.

SOUTH-CENTRAL RUPUNUNI VILLAGES TO RECEIVE



President Ali during a meeting with residents of Potarinau and neighbouring

South-Central bring relief to households **pounds** Rupununi villages in which face water scarcity **communities** Region Nine, Guyana are challenges, President Ali and also hampers for set for a boost, with the said. government announcing the region.

during a meeting with month. residents of Potarinau villages.

Households black tanks to provide **season**. a reliable source of dry season.

He also assured President Ali pledged. a package of measures residents that ongoing aimed at strengthening works on the water addressed other concerns distribution President Irfaan Ali in the village will be infrastructure, made the announcement completed within a access to potable water,

Residents neighbouring concerns about their cassava crops, which a range of initiatives in suffered due to wildfires already Quiko will receive 25 caused by the dry by the government to

"We brought in communities. water for irrigation and 500,000 pounds of domestic use during the **cassava for the Deep** a- half years, some \$1 The black tanks will **in another 500,000** in the South-Central

for the here, household," every

President The system regarding education, and promising that these raised issues would be tackled.

highlighted He undertaken empower indigenous

In the last three- and-**South. We will bring** billion has been invested

Rupununi, other sectors, President President Ali revealed.

access to more training of the Low Carbon in their communities opportunities for Development Strategy funded by the LCDS, lucrative careers, while (LCDS). relief measures offer improved healthcare.

"Three ago, we didn't have we were able to development. the we have today," the million directly into to generate revenue, President pointed out. your "Every young lady bank accounts," he sustainability within the and woman can now said. be tested for cervical cancer free of cost. We are investing machines for treatment right here in Guyana."

He also mentioned the dialysis grant, which provides hemodialysis patients with \$600,000 annually to offset treatment costs.

The government's Solar Home Systems Project is making progress in the region, with over 900 units distributed so far.

"We have spent almost \$230 million household

spanning solar units in these education, health and communities,"

The President also interventions Residents now have underscored the impact highlighted

time, because of your investments in ICT, and years support for the LCDS, overall infrastructural opportunities transfer almost \$120 initiatives are expected

Several Toshaos (village chiefs) praised government's the projects including transportation "For the first improvements, **communities'** create jobs, and promote villages.



President Ali during a meeting with residents of Potarinau and neighbouring villages



Gregory David

In digenous their full potential. communities in Guyana are experiencing a Ali Progressive (Upper People's Party Civic (PPP/C) Upper Essequibo) to government. With a highlight the significant focus on bridging the investments gap between the coast into hinterland villages. and the hinterland, these He even announced communities are gaining an long-awaited access to billion essential services, and for witnessing a dramatic development. improvement in their living.

bridges, new schools and transforming healthcare facilities, and communities. most importantly, access These are empowering projects communities to reach in his

Recently, President visited several renaissance under the areas in Region Nine Takutupouring additional earmarked the Rupununi's

During these visits, overall standard of Toshaos (village chiefs) eagerly expressed their Residents are now appreciation for the enjoying better roads and tangible improvements their

Gregory David, to clean drinking water. Toshao of Karaudarnau advancements village, outlined the unfolding community,

fueled by funds from will the government's Low support the PPP/C." Development Carbon Strategy "I want to thank the the especially **His** of **communities,"** David emphasised.

Raymond Griffith, see village said, very this government," Griffith said. "We know revealed that over the how administration, but from government Shea. this is doing what we Awarewaunau,

long-awaited LCDS funds. government, development is a source immense Excellency, for his "During my first strong commitment term as Toshao, I saw to giving us these no progress in my funds to develop our community," Ambrose second term, I finally improvements Toshao of Potarinau and projects coming "I'm in. This is all thanks happy with to this government.'

President things were past three years, more Maruranau, large-scale suggested, and we Aishalton, Achiwib and



Kraudar applauded the support for the National advancements Toshaos rapid Rupununi the experiencing under the land titling initiatives. An PPP/C government's additional \$2.7 billion leadership. "We want to will be injected this year thank the government from the carbon credits for the tremendous programme, providing transformation a further boost to these happening in our communities. communities under

Toshaos unwavering commitment Amerindian projects a staggering \$9 billion transportation, for this purpose. This projects, the Presidential programme, Council is conference, and crucial

Ali's

reflects

government's



Raymond Griffith

continue to Parabara have benefitted President from billions of dollars in leadership," Issacs said. This year's national For Toshao Ambrose investments, including (LCDS). of Maruranau village, \$133 million from the budget the



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GOVT CRACKS DOWN ON UNDERPERFORMING CONTRACTORS WITH NEW MONITORING UNI



President Ali along with other officials at the construction site of the Ogle to Eccles Four-Lane connector Highway

taking a tough stance execution of government defaulting projects. against contractors, announcing the establishment of and Minister of Legal special evaluation units Affairs, Mohabir Anil within ministries. This move the initiative during his Nandlall said. comes as part of a wider weekly program "Issues effort to ensure timely in the News". "There the

The government is completion and quality

Attorney General government Nandlall, S.C., revealed

is now a mechanism commitment to holding announced. explained, he that is to executing contracts demonstration in those respective our ministries."

h T memorandum contractors establishing units clear "Any fundamental breaches **should** also contracts prompt immediate "The notification to the of Legal contractors, remedial provisions dedicated Contract for sanctions invoked C o m p l i a n c e promptly," Minister Unit to

He government's Minister

that is established in contractors accountable. unit will provide legal and all the ministries," "These units are now expertise and guidance President emphasiSed "and being mechanism and they should be has the authority to time project completion. dedicatedly up and running in take action against non- He warned of "strict monitor and evaluate a very short period compliant contractors, consequences" the performance of of time," he added. including initiating legal projects contractors who are "This is another proceedings. of government's commitment to move e condignly against these are negligent in the outlines discharge of their expectations. contractual duties."

The Attorney of General's office is taking action. **Ministry** Affairs with has established a facilitate effective

established to other ministries and the importance of on-

These new measures the formation of an

This with project managers engineers, exceeding deadlines and announced



Ogle to Eccles Four-Lane connector Highway

contract follow a recent directive independent oversight emphasised implementation," from President Irfaan team. Nandlall Ali. During a meeting

infrastructural conclusion. project in Guyana is corridor nearing Juan completion.

Public Works recently Lethem and St. Ignatius announced that the within Region Nine. Pirara Bridge is now finished. Once construction, completed, it will mark at \$410.2 million, is the significant milestone being undertaken by

Construction of a of the entire project's

This update follows a progressing well, with series of site inspections the final bridge on the conducted by Public Kurupukari to Lethem Works Minister Bishop Edghill. The inspections also covered The Ministry of internal road projects in

> The Pirara Bridge valued



Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, engineering team and contractor inspecting works on the Pirara bridge

of a larger initiative that inspections. links 13 bridges along the Linden to Mabura road. also emphasised the

This the strategy importance

Vals Construction and contractors adhering to adheres to international project timelines and standards. It forms part specifications during the

The Minister project is need for contractors a key component of to manage dust and government's debris effectively during to enhance construction. Residents hinterland development in the project areas are improving encouraged to monitor interconnectivity. progress and report any Minister Edghill stressed concerns to the Ministry.



These new guidelines aim to foster a culture of respect and safety for all road users

In an effort to Minister series of new regulations **operating** April 6, 2024.

"A tired driver on

Edghill improve road safety and emphasised, highlighting coming from will be them protect all users, Minister the importance of rest held culpable." of Public Works, Bishop periods for drivers. Minister Edghill harassment are urged to Juan Edghill, outlined a "**People who are** further noted that the report the incident and truck operators **transportation**... mobile scales to enforce the Minister's office. following a meeting with **cannot** be working weight restrictions. "We drivers and police on around the clock, you are in the process drivers raised concerns have to rest."

a dimly lit road is a overloaded trucks were you get caught you specific

of stone is not the damaging our roads." colleagues. same," the Minister explained. "The quarry addressed the safety of Commissioner roadways, and to use and pit owners who female drivers. "More Ravindradat Budhram the road with care have the front-end of our women are and loaders loading these buying their own trucks, if you load vehicles... your wife the man, not only buying will the man with he stated. "Truckers, the overweight be drivers, held culpable, but look out for our the quarry that he is women, don't make

weight of a truck load will not be allowed opportunity to discuss to "adhere to the

The Minister also vehicles." operators nervous."

Women who experience **public** government is procuring license plate number to

While some truck of procuring those about challenges at Measures to tackle scales... and where sand pits and with contractors, also

of sand and a load to proceed further reckless driving by their law, to demonstrate

Deputy Traffic Senior Superintendent Mahendra

a higher level of Police alertness when using Chief and caution."

These new guidelines Singh aim to foster a culture of



The meeting with the truck drivers

addressed the respect and safety for all danger to everyone," also announced. "The are staying, you many also welcomed the truckers, urging them road users in Guyana.

<u>Guyanese diaspora digest</u> KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED

GUYANESE CARIFTA ATHLETES HAILED AS CHAMPIONS, PROMISED ELITE TRAINING AND SCHOL

Guyanese received a home after a history- to even greater heights. making performance at A key element of this Ramson Jr., showered August. the team with praise and unveiled significant already established an investments in their elite training programme future success.

at the Cheddi Jagan athletes, he announced. International Airport. "I have the privilege of revealed gold and glittered in further glory."

Minister emphasised

hero's commitment welcome upon returning propelling these athletes support programme. the 51st Carifta Games. strategy is an "elite Minister of Culture, training programme" Youth and Sport, Charles set to launch in

The ministry has that will see Olympic are coaches and medallists champions," Minister from the United States Ramson declared during of America providing a red-carpet ceremony intensive training to

The Minister also plans to welcoming you home secure scholarships for back to our shores, athletes and coaches returning wearing at universities abroad, have won a medal the enhancing **will** their Ramson Additionally, medal the winners will receive a Ramson confirmed.

athletes government's monthly stipend as part to of the ministry's ongoing highlighted

The success in



Guyana achieved an impressive haul of eight medals

stipend," Minister results.

"All athletes who as a testament to development. receive a monthly finally yielding tangible Grenada,

Minister **sprint** Guyana's **is** a sprinting a chievement, performance underscoring as yielding tangible powerhouses results," he declared. Jamaica, Baha

expressed his belief reach.

"We got the talent Under-20 so now it is time to Mixed Relay. Other realise our greatest notable performances **potential,"** he stated.

government's left their mark on the in the U-17 Girls' 1500m automatically investment in sports 51st Carifta Games in and Kaidon Persaud's an impressive haul of 800m. "Our success in eight medals, including

disciplines four gold, two silver, significant and two bronze. This the them fourth on the overall government's medal table, a significant s u b s t a n t i a l feat considering the investment in sports dominance of athletic Jamaica, Bahamas, and Minister Ramson Trinidad and Tobago.

Headlining Guyana's that Guyana possesses success was Tianna exceptional athletic Springer's gold medal in talent and that with the the U20 400m, setting a right support and vision, world under-18 record, Olympic glory is within and the team's recordbreaking victory in the 4x400m included Athaleyha Guyanese athletes Hinckson's silver medal achieving silver in the U-17 Boys'

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The T20 cricket. This year's 6th. edition, dubbed the "Biggest Party in Sport" franchise joining the fray champions. Warriors championship title.

played across Caribbean Barbuda.

Caribbean electrifying atmosphere Premier League (CPL) will culminate in a grand returns on August 28th, finale at the Guyana 2024, promising another National Stadium in summer of electrifying Providence on October

All eyes will be on the Guyana Amazon yet again, features a new Warriors, the reigning Their and the Guyana Amazon journey begins with determined an away match against to defend their 2023 the Antigua Falcons on August 30th. Fans in Matches will be Guyana will have to wait six until September 20th nations: to see their heroes in Barbados, Guyana, St action for the first home Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, game against the St. Trinidad & Tobago, and Kitts and Nevis Patriots. the newcomer, Antigua The remainder of their The home matches include:



The Amazon Warriors celebrating winning the 2023 CPL

Falcons 21st), Barbados Royals (September 29th).

Adding a dimension This exciting addition 2022. promises to shake things edge of their seats.

- THE ECONOMIC **BOOM FOR GUYANA**

The CPL is more than just entertainment; it's temporary a significant economic hospitality, driver for the Caribbean, and vending, providing with Guyana being a a welcome income boost prime beneficiary. Last for many Guyanese. year, the tournament US\$101.6 the nation, according to coverage

(September YouGov Sport.

(September 25th), St. felt in tourism. The influx attracting Lucia Kings (September of cricket fans, media investors and visitors in 28th at 10:00 AM), and personnel, and team the future. Trinbago Knight Riders staff leads to a surge in hotel occupancy rates. In season new 2023, Guyana witnessed to be even bigger, the a 131% increase in Guyana can leverage competition is a franchise visitor arrivals during the in Antigua and Barbuda. September compared to

The increased foot up and keep fans on the traffic benefits a wide range of businesses. Restaurants, bars, **BEYOND THE GAME** transportation services, and local vendors experience a significant boost in sales during the tournament.

The CPL creates jobs security,

The CPL also generated a staggering puts Guyana on the million global sporting map. (GY\$20.3 billion) for International media showcases

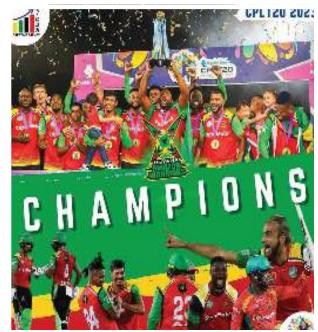
the country's beauty The biggest impact is and tourism potential, potential the With 2024 promising

development. capitalizing on increased tourism and investing in infrastructure, the country can continue to reap the benefits of hosting this popular cricket tournament for years to come. This year, cricket fans will not only be treated to a revitalized tournament but also witness the Guyana Amazon Warriors chase history and defend their championship title on home soil. The electrifying atmosphere is sure to be even more potent, leaving a lasting impression on fans and further solidifying Guyana's position as a premier cricketing destination.

impact for long-term



Fixtures for Guyana Amazon Warriors



The Guyana Ammazon Warrior are the 2023 CPL winner



GUYANA'S FIRST SMART CITY TAKES SHAPE

- YOUNG PROFESSIONAL HOMES UNDERWAY AT SILICA CITY





Guyana is embarking on an ambitious project to create its first smart urban center, Silica City, located along the Soesdyke-Linden Highway. The initiative, spearheaded by President Irfaan Ali, aims to offer a modern and sustainable living experience for residents.

The first phase of development is already underway, with construction beginning on 100 Young Professional Homes. These homes come in four distinct styles, catering to different needs and budgets. Flat units offer three bedrooms, a kitchen, dining area, living room, and laundry room, while the two-storey elevated homes boast an additional room and a sitting area. Prices range from \$25 million to \$34 million Guyanese dollars.

Silica City promises to be a landmark development for Guyana, promoting sustainable living with smart technologies and eco-friendly practices. It's a significant step towards the country's goal of a climate-smart future.







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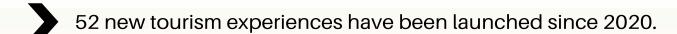


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Guyana recorded 319,056 visitor arrivals in 2023, which is Guyana's highestrecorded number of visitors to date.



Five eco-lodges - Karanambu Lodge, Caiman House, Atta Lodge, Iwokrama River Lodge, and Rewa Eco-lodge, received their official Green Destinations—Good Travel Seal+ Certification in 2023 for their commitment to sustainable tourism.



5 new airlines were added to the Guyana route in 2023 - British Airways, Sky-Cana, FlyAllways, Canada Jetlines, and Surinam Airways. SKYHigh Dominicana was added in February 2024, while United Airlines was added in April 2024.



Guyana was awarded the 'Destination of the Year: Ecological Tourism Award' at the PATWA International Travel Awards 2024.



Hon. Oneidge Walrond, Minister of Tourism, Industry & Commerce, was awarded the 'Woman Tourism Minister of the Year-South America' by PATWA International Travel Awards 2024.



The Guyana Tourism Authority received Silver at the WTM Latin America Sustainable Tourism Awards, in the category "Best Initiatives for Indigenous Tourism and/or Traditional Communities"



By the end of 2024, new hotels including Marriott Courtyard, AC Marriott, Four Points by Sheraton, Aiden Hotel, Kings Hotel, and Grand Hyatt Palace will bring over 1000 rooms to the country's accommodations listing.



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