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Guyana's incumbent PPP/C releases manifesto for September 1 polls promising

## **Ambitious transformation**

The incumbent People's Progressive Party/Civic has released its re-election manifesto – a wide-ranging plan it says will deliver the most ambitious transformation in Guyana's history. From oil and gas to education, healthcare, housing, and infrastructure – the promises are big. So, what's in it? Here are some highlights:

TAXES & COST OF LIVING On disposable income, the party says: No new taxes

The Because We Care cash grant will double to \$100,000 per child, plus a new \$100,000 transport grant

Old age pensions and public assistance will continue to climb

Fuel and utility subsidies will remain in place

MINING

On mining, the PPP promises:

Work with private investors to realise new large-scale mining operations

Make more lands available for small miners to be able to access concessions

Invest aggressively in hinterland roads and airstrips

No increase in royalties, no VAT on heavy equipment, and no tributors tax.

In the bauxite mining sector, continue to work with private investors to ramp up fully the metallurgical grade bauxite (MAZ) project in Linden

Engage with private investors to resuscitate bauxite mining at the abandoned locations in the Berbice River, while encouraging exploration of other areas

Explore the viability of alumina refining, in collaboration with private investors Support rapid expansion in the production of quarry stone and sand products

### AGRICULTURE

The PPP says it wants to make Guyana the the food producing capital of the Caribbean. It promises to:

Encouraging mega-production systems to harness the benefits of greater



CAMPAIGN: PPP/C leader and incumbent Guyana President Dr Irfaan Ali

economies of scale

Operationalising the regional food hub at Yarrowkabra, which will include technologically and scientifically driven storage, processing, and packaging facilities

Establishing an agri-tech and agro-industrial complex and co-invest with agroprocessors to crowd in private capital into value-added food production and create additional markets for farmers for their fresh produce

Open up more than 100,000 new acres of arable land

Continue to upgrade farm-to-market roads in farming communities

Expand D&I systems and networks Provide additional support to farmers, including breeding stock, planting materials, and fertiliser

EDUCATION

The manifesto pledges:

Free university tuition at UG.

Unlimited scholarships under the

 $GOAL\ programme$ 

A new Guyana Digital School to give parents online learning options

Payment for up to 8 CSEC and CAPE subjects per child

Construction of over 100 new schools, with modern labs and ICT facilities

Higher salaries and better working conditions for teachers

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare pledges include:

Completion of 12 new hospitals, 25 health centres, and regional drug distribution hubs

Recruitment of 6,000 new nurses in the next term

Telemedicine at 200 sites linking hinterland villages to specialists

A National Ambulance Authority with land, river, and air ambulances Use of AI in diagnostics and rollout

of electronic health records nationwide
INFRASTRUCTURE

The manifesto highlights mega-projects:

A new four-lane Berbice River

Bridge
Completion of the Linden–Lethem
highway with bridges at Kurupukari and

Puruni

The four-lane East Coast Demerara highway from Mahaica to D'Edward

Expansion of the East Bank highway all the way to CJIA

A four-lane road from Schoonord to Goshen

And the creation of Silica City, Guyana's first smart city HOUSING & COMMUNITIES

Housing pledges include: 40,000 new homes built in the next

Clearing the entire backlog of house lot applications

Continued core homes and young professional homes programme

Upgrading communities with concrete drains, LED street lights, recreational spaces, and security cameras

Advancing the new Silica City as a prototype for smart living

OIL & GAS

The oil and gas agenda promises: Completion of the 300 MW Gas-to-Energy project at Wales, slashing electricity costs by 50 percent

Building a 300 MW second gas-toenergy plant at Wales and a new national fuel depot to enable export of cooking gas to the Caribbean

SECURITY & GOVERNANCE The manifesto also promises:

Expansion of the Safe City CCTV network

More police stations and vehicles Constitutional reform through a 21member commission

New courts and a nationwide e-litigation system for faster justice

From new homes and highways, to hospitals and schools – the PPP/C says this is the roadmap to a modern Guyana. But the real verdict will be at the ballot box in exactly two weeks and the PPP is hoping for a very comfortable victory on September 1 2025.



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## PRESIDENT ALI UNVEILS PLAN FOR 30,000 NEW HOMES, 150,000 JOBS, AND \$870B IN INVESTMENTS





DE KINDEREN HOSPITAL BRINGS
WORLD-CLASS HEALTHCARE TO REGION THREE



ONE GUYANA FPSO ACHIEVES FIRST OIL, RAISING NATIONAL OUTPUT BEYOND 900,000 BPD



PPP/C RECEIVES MASSIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT ACROSS THE REGIONS

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### **DE KINDEREN HOSPITAL BRINGS WORLD-CLASS** EALTHCARE TO REGIO



New hospital commissioned at De Kindren in Region Three

Three residents now have his direct access to advanced, commitment reliable without travelling to healthcare system. Georgetown, following the commissioning of significant investments Guyanese citizens. Hospital on Monday.

President

He noted state-of-the-art have been made to train medical technology, accident, Dr medicine,

abroad when needed.

the doctors, nurses, Dependency technicians, required to deliver and world-class care," the departments, President affirmed.

Built to Chinese, clinics. British, and American Thousands of Region **region**," underscoring hospital will provide the government's maternity and neonatal transformation in the to services, healthcare transforming Guyana's outpatient clinics, and the same standard of the modernisation Diamond, Enmore, and that all free of charge to nations.

Key features and Dr De Kinderen Regional Guyanese in nursing, services include, 24-hour described the facility as a Hospital is part of a also open their doors. emergency, laboratory and laboratory services, emphasising Mohamed Irfaan Ali science, and dentistry, state-of-the-art imaging guarantees hailed the facility as "a while also pledging to technologies, including the right to quality months, new regional game-changer for the recruit specialists from CT scans, digital X-rays, healthcare.

and ultrasound, three "We will ensure fully equipped surgical that these hospitals theatres, an Intensive are never without Care Unit (ICU), High Unit and (HDU), and neonatal **other professionals** care, dental, audiology, ophthalmology specialised outpatient

President Ali said medical standards, the the hospital reflects "extraordinary" surgeries, health sector, delivering 24/7 emergency care, care found in developed

Minister of Health stated. Anthony Frank "symbol of progress,"



New hospital commissioned at De Kindren in Region

"This represents commissioned of our health sector Bath. Soon, facilities at in Region Three," he Lima Sands in Region

nationwide push to that it modernise healthcare. residents Within the last two hospitals have been

ted. Two and Number 75 The De Kinderen Village in Region Six will



An artist's impression of the modern Polyclinic

government diagnostic million polyclinic at easing Industry, East Coast on Demerara, a major step health Lodge, and surrounding by July 21, 2026. villages.

which will replace the and existing health centre, Supplies is executing will provide advanced

services, has turned the sod for a specialty consultations, state-of-the-art \$708.6 and preventive care, the burden other public institutions. forward in specialised Construction began on healthcare for residents July 21, 2025, and is of Industry, Cummings expected to be completed

Satar Mohamed The new facility, and Sons Construction Hardware

### **SOD TURNED FOR \$708.6M POLYCLINIC IN INDUSTRY**

the project, Innovative Engineering years ago. the consultancy firm.

Speaking at the stated. sod-turning ceremony, Frank Anthony Guyana's Dr committed and Georgetown.

"We have about trained 30 health centres and **now on the East** pharmaceutical supply. Coast. Over the **last three years,** are underway, including we have upgraded an \$831 million polyclinic every single one of in Campbellville to serve them, much better health and a modern Paediatric opened facilities

with had three to four Consultancy Services as is a remarkable achievement,"

Minister Minister of Health Anthony noted that healthcare said the government transformation includes to modern hospitals, modernising healthcare upgraded health centres, technology, around advanced a larger pool professionals, improved

Similar investments providing Kitty and Campbellville, facilities than we and Maternal Hospital



The sod turning ceremony

to mothers and children Region Five. nationwide.

Three regional hospitals are receive nothing but also commissioning soon, Anthony affirmed. adding to the recently

at Goedverwagting to Diamond and Enmore in deliver specialised care Region Four and Bath in

> "This is to ensure additional that our people scheduled for **the best,**" Minister



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali

President has revealed plans to dentistry, transform the West and Demerara Hoop into a cutting-edge workforce. medical training centre.

Dr This initiative will offer Mohamed Irfaan Ali courses in nursing, medicine, other essential Regional healthcare fields to Hospital in Vreed-en- bolster Guyana's medical

Speaking at the

commissioning the new De Kinderen and diagnostic services. Regional Hospital, the president explained that this move aims to that the Ministry of address the growing Education is reviewing number of Region Three data residents medical studies and to strengthen Guyana's healthcare workforce.

The transition of the West Demerara facility into a training Regional centre will complement previously had only one the upgraded services operating room in 2020. now available at the It now boasts increased newlv commissioned operational De Kinderen Hospital, with three new operating which offers 75 inpatient theatres, alongside a beds, specialty clinics, recovery suite, a three-

of and 24-hour emergency

President Ali noted on medical pursuing programme applicants at the University of Guyana to align training opportunities with demand.

The West Demerara Hospital capacity



The West Demerara Regional Hospital

Intensive Care commitment bed Unit (ICU), a two-bed expanding High Dependency Unit education Intensive Care Unit services in the region. (NICU) for critically ill newborns.

This transformation reflects the government's

to healthcare while (HDU), and a Neonatal improving critical health

## **GUYANA SET TO OUTPACE CARIBBEAN WITH 10.3% GDP**

the world, standing out significant margin. as a major outlier in the for 2025.

Nations America and Caribbean Guyana's gross domestic growth is "unique." (GDP) is product projected to grow by 10.3 excluding

Guyana has emerged per cent, the highest rate are expected to record one of the fastest- in the Latin America and growth rates of just 1.8 growing economies in Caribbean region by a per cent in 2025 and 1.7

Executive Economic Survey of Xirinachs, during a disasters America and press conference. It to the Caribbean 2025, highlighted that while economies. published by the United most of the region faces Economic a prolonged period continues to Commission for Latin of low development, high the inequality, and economic energy imports and (ECLAC), vulnerability, Guyana's transportation,

per cent in 2026. Slower The report was U.S. growth, reduced global economic outlook presented by ECLAC's travel demand, high Secretary, energy import costs, According to the José Manuel Salazar- and exposure to natural challenge

"The as well as notable Caribbean nations, exposure to natural Guyana, **disasters...** 

FORECAST								
COUNTRY/REGION	2025	2026						
JUYANA		23.0%						
Antigua and Barbuda	3.5%	3.0%						
Sahamas	1.8%							
Barbados	2.6%	1.8%						
Belize		2.5%						
Dominica	2.5%	3.0%						
irenada	3.5%	3.0%						
lamaica								
aint Kitts and Nevis	1.0%	2.5%						
Faint Lucia	2.5%	2.6%						
saint Vincent and the Grenadines	4.0%	3.0%						
luriname		3.5%						
rinidad and Tobago	1.5%							
The Caribbean	4.1%	7.8%						
HE CARIBBEAN (EXCL. GUYANA)								

A financial report, Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean 2025, shows Guyana is leading the region in terms of economic growth

contrast, Guyana is maintaining Guyana's high growth rates, expansion as a "unique thanks to continued and transformative investment in the case" that will alter hydrocarbons the country's economic **sector,**" the report trajectory stated.

**ECLAC** Guyana's exceptional for economic performance investment substantial sustained investment and ongoing mobilisation across the development in its oil wider region to stimulate and gas industry, which growth and resilience. shields it from the external shocks affecting neighbouring states.

The report described in coming years. It also attributes underscored the need transformative resource



ONE GUYANA is now operational

momentous Production, occasion for Guyana's and Offloading (FPSO) development within development oil sector unfolded on vessel achieved first oil. the prolific Stabroek and August 8, 2025, as the This milestone boosts Block and its largest discovered in 2019 ONE GUYANA Floating the country's total crude production vessel to and 2020 respectively.

### ONE GUYANA FPSO ACHIEVES FIRST OIL, RAISING **NATIONAL OUTPUT BEYOND 900,000 BPD**

production beyond and development.

The announced ONE GUYANA, Storage nation's fourth offshore date, is now operational. It features advanced

Expected to produce Subsea, 900,000 barrels per approximately 250,000 Risers, and Flowlines maintenance. day (bpd), underscoring bpd, ONE GUYANA (SURF) infrastructure, Guyana's commitment increases Guyana's total allowing to energy excellence daily output significantly from 26 wells and 25 Licence, sustainable from the combined average of Government 677,000 bpd generated of Guyana proudly by the Liza Destiny, that Liza Unity, and Payara incorporates the Prosperity FPSOs.

> The vessel will within develop the Yellowtail Redtail fields,

(WAG) injection wells.

Built by Offshore, ONE GUYANA enhanced environmental cutting- and environmental standards, edge safeguards. It is the first decommissioning FPSO offshore Guyana to safeguards, include sparing on all gas alignment with Guyana's processing compressors, broader ensuring uninterrupted commitments. gas handling during both

Umbilicals, planned and unplanned

Yellowtail production Petroleum Production approved previous water-alternating-gas in 2022, serves as a benchmark for future SBM licences, embedding safety improved and climate

### **GUYANA WELCOMES FINAL WRITTEN** SUBMISSION IN ICJ BORDER PROCEEDINGS

Award of October 3, submitted in December international law. completion of the written final written pleading in of Guyana said the highlighting the ICJ as phase of proceedings the case. before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

marking the 2024 and constitutes the

ort of Justice (ICJ). standard procedures, the ICJ will have the full authority. The ICJ confirmed the Court will, after its range of factual and legal The ca Venezuela summer recess, schedule arguments from both Venezuela's challenge to submitted its Rejoinder oral hearings on the parties when making its the validity of the 1899 on, August 11, 2025, in merits. These will be decision.

The Government of accordance with the time followed by deliberations Guyana has welcomed limit set by the Court's and the delivery of a final Guyana reaffirmed its the filing of Venezuela's Order of June 14, 2024. judgment, which will be unwavering commitment Rejoinder in the case This filing responds binding on both Guyana to resolving the concerning the Arbitral to Guyana's Reply and Venezuela under controversy peacefully

The

and accordance in Government with international law, completion of written the world's highest and In line with its submissions ensures that most respected judicial

The case stems from Arbitral Award, which phase now complete,

ATTORNEY GENERAL PRAISES PRESIDENT ALI'S

STRATEGIC HANDLING OF BORDER CRISIS



Judges at the ICJ in session.

definitively established the case moves into its the two nations –, a the position Guyana firmly border upholds.

the boundary between final stages, bringing long-standing controversy closer to a binding and With the written authoritative resolution.



Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Anil Nandlall, SC, addressing the massive crowd at Enterprise, East Coast of Demerara

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Mohabir Anil Nandlall has publicly commended President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali for his "calm and strategic" leadership in navigating Guyana

national security threat leadership, since independence.

Speaking at a public and AG Nandlall revealed invasion over the past five years.

He that addressing this broad challenge required more support than military force, it key

through its most serious demanded "visionary including level that the country faced handling demonstrated the escalated into a physical dedication to the nation. **world on our side**," he **trusted**," he cautioned.

strategic emphasised Guyana has secured global

diplomacy, American States (OAS), International As a result of this declared to enthusiastic approach, applause.

However, international Attorney General warned commitment bodies stressing the importance

CARICOM, of stable leadership **high-** the Organisation of as Guyana awaits the **exceptional** the European Union, of Justice (ICJ) ruling meeting in Enterprise, statesmanship." the United Nations, expected in 2027. "We East Coast Demerara, According to AG the United States, the cannot risk handing Nandlall, President Ali's United Kingdom, and over this situation to Commonwealth. another government. a threat that nearly unmatched skill and "We have most of the They are not to be

> Nandlall AG reaffirmed the the government's to peaceful resolution of the 1899 Arbitral Award. disputes, and the ICJ



A section of the gathering at the public meeting at Enterprise

process concerning the boundary controversy from against complacency, international law, the with Venezuela, based on

### U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S 2024 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PRAISES **GUYANA'S PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILD LABOUR**

2024 Human Rights the Report has commended Organisation particularly in holding for officials accountable for vulnerable populations. abuses and improving groups.

government's bargaining. The collaboration with the

The United States UN High Commissioner continues migrants

One of that Guyana has not rights, including the detentions. experienced any major right to form and join decline in human rights trade unions, bargain underscores conditions over the collectively, and engage government's past year. There were in lawful strikes. In role in combating child no reports of torture or 2024, the High Court labour, cruel punishment by upheld the legitimacy of often practices a teachers' strike, which economic prohibited under the was deemed justified due The introduction of the country's Constitution. to the lack of collective 'Because We Care' cash

Guyana

to International in preventing arbitrary for arrest and detention, Guvana for its significant Migration (IOM), and with individuals having progress in addressing other partners has also the right to challenge human rights issues, strengthened protections their detention in court. and The government's passage of the Criminal the Law Procedure (Paper the rights of vulnerable report's highlights is Committal) Bill aims to the continued legal expedite legal processes The report notes support for workers' and reduce pretrial

> The report further a problem driven hardship. grant has provided muchalso needed financial relief, Feeding

Department of State's for Refugees (UNHCR), international standards schoolchildren in 2024, also played a key role attendance and improve



The report notes that Guyana has not experienced any major decline in human rights conditions over the past

education costs.

The National School meals to

\$55,000 each to support pressures on families for all citizens. by providing nutritious Programme, from Nursery to Grade

meet benefitting over 200,000 expanded in 2024, has Two, helping to boost

addition. In the government's investment in school infrastructure, teacher training, and curriculum enhancements further equitable ensures access to high-quality education, keeping more children in school and away from child labour.

Overall, the 2024 report reflects a stable and improving human rights situation in Guyana, with ongoing efforts to ensure justice, equality, and opportunity



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali has announced a transformative national housing plan that will see the construction back into the hands of 30,000 new homes of over the next five years, creating 150,000 jobs and injecting \$870 addressing the 80,000 billion into the economy. outstanding

Unveiling the plan applications, the International Building Expo 2025 at 20,000 acres of land the National Stadium, and an estimated \$420 President Ali said the billion

### PRESIDENT ALI UNVEILS PLAN FOR 30,000 NEW HOMES, 150,000 JOBS, AND \$870B IN INVESTMENTS

government is moving beyond land allocation to directly support families with home construction, rehabilitation, expansion.

"We're not just Dr allocating house lots anymore. building We're communities. We're putting money families," President stated.

The plan includes housing which will require developing investment.



Ministry of Housing and Water Susan Rodrigues

Combined with the 30,000 new homes already in progress, housing-related investments will total an estimated \$870 billion over five years.

President Ali also highlighted the \$43.8 billion in direct savings to Guyanese families Programme.

The income borrowers was new homeowners. reduced from 7.5% to 5%, saving families Susan \$40 billion in savings.

described

reduced housing transformation mortgage interest rates, as unmatched in the tax refunds, and other region, stating, "We're housing incentives. Over **not just building** \$3.5 billion in tax refunds **homes, we're** were provided to first- building futures." He time homeowners from noted that more than 2020 to 2024 under the 50,000 house lots and Mortgage Interest Relief 3,000 turnkey homes have already been mortgage distributed, with 13,000 interest rate for low- land titles delivered to

At the Expo, Minister Rodrigues billions, while young also announced the professionals saw a 29% distribution of 2,000 reduction, resulting in additional land titles. With over 500 km of Minister of Housing community roads paved and Water Collin Croal and steel and cement Guvana's subsidies issued



Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal,

2,500 families, the Expo, themed "The Road to Success: Guyana 2030 and Beyond", showcased Guyana's aggressive push toward inclusive development and homeownership.

### "WE ARE FINALISING A HUMAN CAPITAL STRATEGY" - PRESIDENT ALI ON BUILDING GUYANA'S WORKFORCE



President Ali appearing on The Rest Is Politics Leading with Alastair Campbell

President human capital strategy podcast hosted other critical sectors.

The President made

Dr. the remarks during an Mohamed Irfaan Ali says appearance on The Rest Guyana is in the final Is Politics: Leading, a stages of developing a UK-based global politics aimed at tackling the Alastair Campbell. His workforce appearance marked the shortages, with a key first by a sitting president focus on healthcare and from the Americas on the programme.

"We are finalising

human strategy linked strategy migration and the type of the world is going doctors to said.

explained, will help **globally**, the UK is said. determine the specific recruiting heavily," skills and expertise President Ali noted. "In emphasised the country requires the Caribbean and the in the short and long in Guyana, we've all strategy will be dataterm. It will also guide **suffered from that.**" government efforts to reshape the education underway to build local system and attract skilled capacity and train more workers, including from professionals, President the Guyanese diaspora.

pressing is in the healthcare demand in the medium sector, where there is a term. significant shortage of

which nurses, pharmacists, and capacity to train

"You example,

While efforts are Ali acknowledged One of the most that recruitment will challenges be necessary to meet

"So, whilst we

capital professionals, including are building out our the medical technologists. nurses, pharmacists, is there and where know technologists, human capital that through a crisis; future requirements, human capital to fill we need," President Ali in healthcare, for we still have major nurses shortages, and we've The strategy, he are moving around been recruiting," he

President that human capital

driven, allowing the government to clearly identify workforce gaps and target recruitment accordingly.

understand what gap and are the potential areas to the gaps," he added.

The strategy forms a key part of the government's broader development vision as Guyana prepares for sustained economic transformation.



<u>GUYANESE DIASPORA DIGEST</u>

KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED

## EXCISE TAX REMOVAL DRIVES GUYANA'S FUEL PRICES WELL BELOW REGIONAL AVERAGE



Guyana records lowest fuel price in the region

Guyana now enjoys government's As of July 2025, petrol eliminated it entirely. retails at approximately

to US\$2.00 per litre in affordable. neighbouring countries.

and Tobago Energy Chamber. credited the achievement.

(PPP/C) administration earnings. assumed office in 2020, some of the lowest fuel the government steadily big burden. Now, it's of large-scale fuel prices in the Caribbean, reduced the tax to 35 per much easier to fill up storage facilities," Dr a direct result of the cent in February 2021, and keep working." phased 20 per cent in October removal of the excise tax 2021, 10 per cent in the outside the transport **bigger** on gasoline and diesel. 2022 budget, and finally sector have noticed reduce costs, and per gallon.

US\$0.81 per litre, well tax has brought relief said, "I didn't realise below the CARICOM to motorists across the it was because of announced by President

ranges from US\$1.19 now stable and more but I'm happy to pay

Taxi drivers, who significant depend heavily on fuel Dr Bharrat Jagdeo price reduction was for their livelihoods, have explained that while highlighted in a recent welcomed the change. the tax removal has report by the Trinidad Donrick Isaacs said, lowered prices, further "The government's reductions are possible which **decision to remove** through plans to expand Guyana's **the excise tax is a big** fuel storage capacity. government policy for plus for taxi drivers Currently, like me. It means imports fuel in smaller When the People's less worry about vessels due to harbour Progressive Party/Civic fuel costs and more depth

Similarly, Keon the excise tax on fuel was Josiah shared, "Fuel 50 per cent. Since then, prices used to be a the

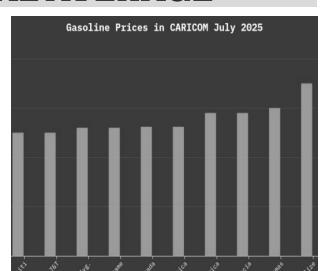
minated it entirely. the difference. Bank **lower prices even** The removal of this employee Aysha Marks **further.**"

less at the pump."

Vice President Guyana limitations, increasing import costs by 25 to 35 per cent.

"We are exploring construction Jagdeo said. "This will Even professionals allow us to receive shipments,

> This plan,



Bar graph illustrating gasoline prices among Caribbean countries

ongoing subsidies, processing. which currently cost the

Cheaper means also first electricity which will stimulate more sustainable energy regional average, which country, with prices government policy, Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, growth in sectors such future for Guyana. manufacturing,

aims to complement transport, and agro-

The government government about \$560 intends to maintain fuel subsidies until the Gasfuel to-Energy project in lower Wales, Region Three, is costs, operational, promising a

## **HARVARD REVIEW**

G u y a n a 's highlighted management of its balanced approach to burgeoning oil sector has energy production, one received international that praise, with Harvard Review commending environment, the country's strategic invests in people. investment of oil revenues to sustainable development when it comes to and improve citizens' balancing economic lives.

The Minister of Natural Minister Resources during Bharrat Trinidad's the Global Biodiversity infrastructure projects Alliance Minister Bharrat

Guyana's simultaneously the ensures economic International growth, protects the and

"Guyana is drive seen as a model development with recognition environmental follows comments from sustainability," said Bharrat. Vickram Central to this approach a is the use of oil revenues recent interview with to combat poverty and CNC3 enhance quality of reporter Ryan Bachoo at life by funding critical Summit. across the country.

The Harvard



Minister Vickram Bharrat speaking to CN3 reporter, Ryan Bachoo

Review specifically prudent substantial investments wealth fund, the Natural

International in infrastructure and revenue noted two key pillars management through of Guyana's success: the country's sovereign

Resource Fund (NRF).

Since including 12 hospitals, schools, seven hotels, two major highways, Guyana's first deepwater port, and a gas-toenergy plant in Wales. improved The latter is expected double energy production and reduce electricity costs by 50 explained. percent.

h infrastructure path, the government investments continue," the review sustainable stated, the long-term benefits prosperity for all. of using oil wealth strategically.

Minister **Bharrat** 2020, oil underscored the revenue has funded importance of managing transformative projects natural resources to new deliver real benefits to several the Guyanese people. "We must responsibly explore and produce our resources so that our citizens can enjoy living standards similar to those in developed countries,"

> As Guyana advances **e** on its development must remains committed to emphasising governance that ensures

### **GUYANA URGES UN TO PRESS ISRAEL** TO REVERSE GAZA OCCUPATION PLA



Guyana's UN Permanent Representative, Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett

Guyana **urges** a UN to press Israel Council reverse Gaza Guyana's occupation plan

Guyana has called Ambassador Israel reverse a recent occupation to take control of Gaza and global peace. City by October 7, 2025, a move it says would Council, prospects for a two-state solution.

Speaking

UN Representative, stressed that no act on the United Nations Rodrigues-Birkett, collective punishment of (UN) to demand that warned that the planned civilians. could security-cabinet decision destabilise both regional include:

"We, the Security plan; **must** an expel thousands of **respond to the fact** unconditional, Palestinians and end that over 61,000 permanent Palestinians have withdrawing to prebeen killed in Gaza 1967 borders under UN during **since** October

and this increases every single day," she said.

While reaffirming Gaza. Guyana's condemnation Security of the October 7 Hamas also broadcast, attacks on Israel, Permanent Rodrigues-Birkett Carolyn of violence can justify

> Guyana's demands the implementing immediate, and ceasefire; 7, resolutions and the ICJ

number advisory opinion; and granting unrestricted humanitarian access to

The ambassador warned current aid delivery plans were insufficient and endangered both civilians and humanitarian workers. She urged protection for UN personnel and reversing called for the immediate occupation release of all hostages.





President Irfaan Ali flanked by new Chancellor (ag) Roxanne George-Wiltshire and Chief Justice (ag)

President George-Wiltshire of Chancellor of the

Mohamed Irfaan Ali on Shiv Chanderpaul appointments. swore in Justice Roxanne Drive, Georgetown, with to the appointments taking President Ali duties effect from August 4.

Justice Judiciary and Justice Cummings-Edwards, the continuity

GUYANESE EXEMPT FROM

In brief remarks, commitment and Navindra Singh to serve then acting Chancellor of smooth functioning of the framework. as Chief Justice. The the Judiciary, proceeded Judiciary during Justice ceremony was held at the on leave, prompting the Cummings-Edwards's

Dr. Office of the President need for these temporary absence. He reaffirmed the government's stated upholding that the appointments fairness, and the rule of Yonette were made to ensure law, principles essential the to Guyana's democratic



United States Ambassador to Guyana, Nicole Theriot

Guyanese applying for United States (US) business or tourism visas are exempt from the newly introduced US\$15,000 bond requirement, US Ambassador to Guyana Theriot Nicole has confirmed.

The

announced that citizens 3,186 from certain countries overstayed would be required to visas, reflecting a 5.59 per the food its population 15 per cent," Dr Jagdeo meetings led by Senior pay refundable bonds cent overstay rate. The needs, according to a said during a press Minister Dr Ashni before entering the US. this as relatively low and However, Guyana is not not problematic, making President and General included in that list.

included in that list, requirement list. and this does not Theriot told reporters.

State report by US Customs tourism opportunities misleading and false.

recently and Border Protection, from both locals and US\$15,000 ambassador described recent European study.

This

Guyanese international visitors. **originally 38 per cent** their Guyana is also recognised **under the Trump** active

Meanwhile,

"The tariff was set at 10 per cent. Vice House.

it unlikely that Guyana Secretary of the People's original tariff targeted to negotiate for a further **"Guyana is not** will be added to the bond Progressive Party (PPP), Guyana's growing trade decrease to 10 per cent. Dr Bharrat Jagdeo, surplus with the US, exemption dismissed recent media largely due to increased commentators who twist apply to Guyanese comes amid Guyana's claims that US tariffs on oil exports since 2020. positive developments citizens applying for rapid economic growth, Guyanese exports had In contrast, countries into negativity, calling a visa," Ambassador driven largely by its increased. He described like Haiti, Cuba, and for expanding oil sector, a headline suggesting a Suriname, which import recognise this diplomatic According to a 2023 attracting business and 5 per cent tariff hike as more from the US than and economic success. they export, have tariffs

Dr Jagdeo credited government historically high authorised visits on non- as the only country administration. It has engagement with US overstay rates immigrant B1 and B2 worldwide producing all now been reduced to trade officials, including conference at Freedom Singh, for securing the tariff reduction. The He explained that the government continues

> He criticised Guyanese

### **NEW BUILDINGS AND SPORTS CLUB COMMISSIONED AT MAZARUNI PRISON**

Three constructed rehabilitated buildings \$702 million project for commissioned Mazaruni marking a key milestone security modernising improved infrastructure. ceremony was led by programmes. of Affairs Robeson Benn foster a more humane and attended by senior and effective correctional prison officials, including environment. Director of Prisons Nicklon Elliot.

at accommodations and Prison, introduces enhanced systems, sanitation, Guyana's correctional and dedicated spaces The for rehabilitation These Home enhancements aim to

Additionally, \$37.5 million new The centre piece Officers' Sports Club emphasised that these \$1.6 billion in recent

and Prison Phase 2, a with a dedicated venue a just society, moving recreation officially that expands inmate physical fitness. This to focus on "dignity, facility is designed to education, boost morale, promote opportunity" health, and strengthen the correctional system. team cohesion. The Permanent prison's Administrative Andre Ally highlighted Building, serving as its the main operational hub, ongoing commitment was also rehabilitated to improving conditions at a cost of nearly \$90 for both officers and million, transforming inmates, noting that the it into a modern and Ministry of Home Affairs a efficient workspace.

Minister of the upgrades is the was inaugurated to investments reflect a years.

newly completion of Mazaruni provide prison staff broadervision of building and beyond a colonial legacy Secretary government's has completed 18 capital Benn projects valued at over



Mazaruni Prison gets \$830M upgrade in major correctional overhaul

Director **Prisons** Elliot underscored importance the staff welfare, stating, operational "When our feel they can uphold

of **to** rehabilitative Nicklon **success.**"

These upgrades at of Mazaruni Prison enhance efficiency **staff** while promoting human **supported**, dignity, key elements better in reducing recidivism **security** and building **contribute** communities.

### **GUYANA LEADS CARICOM WITH LOWEST RECIDIVISM RATE AT 14%**



Prison Officers and inmates during the training

Guyana now has the of released

inmates lowest recidivism rate in returning to prison in the CARICOM region, 2024. This compares with only 14 percent favourably to Barbados and Tobago at 50 prevention programmes, percent, and Suriname and at 46 percent.

Acting Director of and Social a collaborative approach reintegration. involving multiple government The Guyana Prison recidivism and aim Service (GPS) works to lower the rate even closely with the Ministry **further**," Elliot said. of Labour to integrate Meanwhile, the Guyana emphasises education,

at 60 percent, Trinidad Police Force leads social the Ministry of Human Services Security Prisons, Nicklon Elliot, provides communitycredited this success to based support to assist

"Together, these agencies. efforts help reduce

Rehabilitation ex-offenders into the now the core focus of the workforce through a GPS through the 'Fresh job bank initiative. Start' Initiative, which



Acting Director of Prisons, Nicklon Elliot

skills training, therapy, employment, and postrelease support.

Inmates receive training in carpentry, culinary arts, agriculture at vocational schools established in Lusignan, New Amsterdam, and Timehri Prisons. Many contribute to prison maintenance using their new skills.

As a result, the prison population decreased by 2.9 percent, standing at 2,239 as of July 2025.

Elliot expressed optimism about continued reductions in prison numbers due to these ongoing efforts.

### **GAICO MANAGING DIRECTOR CALLS FOR CONTINUED** UNITY ON KEY NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



Managing Director of GAICO Construction Inc, Komal Singh, on the 'Starting Point' Podcast

the vital importance of upgrades, development, remain a regardless of political changes.

Speaking on the **approach** Starting Point podcast, because

Singh, Singh highlighted that Managing Director of strategic investments Construction in infrastructure are Inc., has underscored not merely cosmetic but continuity in national essential elements in urging revitalising Guvana's transformative manufacturing sector infrastructure projects and boosting regional national priority and international trade.

T h recent episode of the commendable mass of our people, promises are not just Starting Point podcast, because it regardless of political lip service. They have

considers not just affiliation." infrastructure, but people, environment, noted.

as Guyana's economy Guyanese to back leaders infrastructure who investment is critical to progress ensure benefits reach the promises, emphasising population. He identified the lasting impact these several flagship projects decisions have on future requiring support, including the new Demerara River Bridge, the Lethem Road, strong confidence in the the Parika International PPP/C administration's Port, and future railway ability links to Brazil.

**These** that should

Turning to **the** evolving mindset of **the** voters, Singh observed ecosystem, and the that today's electorate private sector," Singh is more informed and focused on economic Singh stressed that strength. He urged demonstrate and fulfill bipartisan generations.

Singh expressed deliver to infrastructure on are promises, citing the **projects** government's record **be** over the past four years. e supported by every "From an investor's government's political party," he standpoint, we are is said. "They benefit the confident that their



Singh highlights infrastructure as pillar of economic growth

proven they deliver," he said.

gas-to-energy project as a **means** transformative initiative. can become a net By reducing energy exporter. To do that, costs by up to 50%, this we need the right project is expected to port and regional boost the manufacturing and sector's competitiveness networks to trade the international **goods** on stage. Lower energy prices, from

26-30 cents to 10-15 cents per kilowatt hour, will align Guyana with global competitors and stimulate economic growth.

Moreover, the gasto-energy plant will reduce carbon emissions by burning cleaner natural gas and decrease dependence on imported fuel oil, supporting environmental goals.

**GAICO Construction** also involved in building a \$25 million port facility in Parika, strategically positioned to support agriculture in the Essequibo region and enhance trade capabilities.

"Growth in Singh pointed to the manufacturing Guyana international efficiently." Singh explained.



The site visit to the projects in Region 10

Dr. Peter Guyana's Ramsaroop, Chief Investment Officer and Head of the Guyana Office for Investment, recently conducted an extensive site visit to several key investment projects in Linden, the capital of Region 10. The tour highlighted

### **CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER TOURS \$3B DAIRYPLANT AND KEY PROJECTS IN REGION 10**

rapid its region's economic growth fueled diversifying by strategic government economy policies under President strengthening Ali.

A centre piece of the visit was the \$3 billion Demerara Dairy Inc. facility, the largest dairy farm and milk processing plant in the Caribbean. Located just outside Linden, this state-of-the-art project aims to position Guyana jobs. Dr. Ramsaroop 100 praised the facility's advanced and practices, emphasising from an underutilised

and food security.

The CIO also toured the Prochant Business **Process** Outsourcing (BPO) centre, which has evolved from the former Midas BPO. Now integral to the government's ICT and BPO strategy, the centre provides remote healthcare and Lake, underscoring the for dairy self-sufficiency administrative services region's growing appeal while generating over to international clients for investors and tourists 200 direct and indirect and employs nearly young people, predominantly women. projects include a \$400 commitment to unlock its technology Dr. Ramsaroop noted the million medical-grade to sustainable centre's transformation oxygen plant producing inclusive growth."

importance in building prior to 2020 over 4,000 cylinders hub.

> Further. construction site of a new 30-room boutique hotel designed to meet rising tourism demand. This addition complements other recent hotel developments and upcoming projects such as an eco-hotel at Blue alike.

Other significant **the** 

Guyana's to a vibrant employment monthly, the expansion Elite of Kayaking Dr. Adventures, and the Ramsaroop visited the forestry sector's growth from five sawmills in 2020 to nearly 20 today, driven by modern processing methods.

> Dr. Ramsaroop concluded, "Region 10 is transforming through targeted investments across agriculture, healthcare, tourism, and manufacturing. a priority with several These projects reflect government's



The site visit to the projects in Region 10

Region 10 remains additional high-impact investments underway sustainable, economic potential.

### WITH FIRST-EVER SUBMARINE FIBRE-OPTIC CABLE

Bartica. viewed mainly as a cable.

project, undertaken by **achievement** (Enet,) as a historic digital divide." milestone that closes the long-standing digital gap investment,

once and the hinterland.

"Bartica, Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark and institutions," PM and multi-billion-dollar **immense technical** underserved areas. and telecommunications a meaningful step optic E-Networks **toward bridging the** opportunities

between the coastland that the private sector inclusion.

plays a critical role in businesses can now **long** advancing transportation hub, has **regarded** as **the** digital transformation. boundaries, students can now emerged as a centre gateway to Guyana's Since liberalising the access real-time online for digital connectivity **interior**, **is now** telecommunications learning, and public with the commissioning **poised** to **benefit** sector on October 5, institutions can deliver of its first-ever direct **from** submarine fibre-optic **faster** and more PPP/C Government has efficiently. reliable service for prioritised expanding

link

Guyana's scale beyond regional

Former Bartica Minister homes, businesses, access, lowering costs, Mayor Gifford Marshall encouraging welcomed the project, rollout delivers gigabit link the community to hailed the Phillips said. "This is an innovation, especially in describing it as a turning internet directly to the coastland network. point for the community. homes and introduces For residents, it means The new fibre- Before the upgrade, 5G mobile service, faster, more dependable unlocks internet service was connecting Bartica to connectivity comparable for plagued by unreliability, Guyana's largest fibre- to that enjoyed on the economic diversification, affecting businesses, optic network, now coast, transforming how He praised ENet's smarter public services, government operations, spanning seven of the they work, learn, and do estment, noting and greater digital and students. "Bartica country's 10 regions. business. Small will not be left



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips unveiling the first-ever submarine fibre optic cable in Bartica

**behind**," he said.

The

The undertaking

involved fibre-optic two major rivers to

### **MOHAMED FAMILY'S VENEZUELA TIES RAISE ALARMS** -VP JAGDEO ACCUSES THEM OF DISRUPTING FOCUS FROM THEIR SCANDALS



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

Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo serious has raised over the concerns growing ties between the Mohamed family and Venezuela, warning that their actions could pose a direct threat to Guyana's sovereignty. The comments came amid revelations about Nazar 'Shell' Mohamed's repeated visits to the Embassy Venezuelan in Georgetown, leading to suspicions of foreign interference ahead of

Guyana's elections.

In a claiming, bid, accusation, "Nazar there, went the entire family Guyana's knew the reasons process. behind his visits." confirmation by Foreign of Todd, who revealed ongoing border Ambassador, applications to Caracas.

Both Nazar and actions his son Azruddin **taken** of the We Invest in U.S. Nationhood party, were sanctioned **Maduro** for their involvement sovereignty." in gold smuggling and

to over US\$50 million. accused the Mohameds press Despite the sanctions, of orchestrating a smear out that the allegations journalist Travis Chase conference, Dr. Jagdeo Azruddin Mohamed has campaign to deflect came from Junior Baksh, for attempting to fuel pointed launched a presidential attention from their own a billionaire gold trader, the rumors, accusing Mohamed concerns that external the recent unfounded that and interests might influence democratic

Dr. Jagdeo His statement follows emphasised the gravity the situation, Affairs Minister Hugh particularly with the case that the Venezuelan between Guyana and Carlos Venezuela over Amador Perez Silva, Essequibo region, which was summoned to is currently before the clarify the purpose of International Court of the Mohameds' visa Justice. He warned, "Nazar Mohamed's must seriously, Mohamed, the leader especially given the connection (WIN) of Azruddin to the bribery regime. by the U.S. Treasury **This poses a direct** Department in 2024 threat to Guyana's

In addition to these distraction strategy.

upcoming tax evasion, amounting concerns, Dr. Jagdeo also heightening scandals. He criticised who

his



The Venzuelan embassy in Guyana

Mohamed Irfaan Ali, apology, clarifying that part of a deliberate President or his family.

allegations were based on hearsay. against President Dr. Baksh issued a public claiming they were he had never bribed the

Furthermore, Dr. Jagdeo pointed Dr. Jagdeo slammed later admitted him of trying to tarnish statements the President's image. "There's no evidence whatsoever that any money was paid. This is just another rumor being perpetrated by the Mohameds," he declared.

> The controversy surrounding the Mohamed family's ties to Venezuela, coupled with the bribery claims, raised public concern about potential interference foreign and tactics aimed at undermining Guyana's political stability ahead of the September 1 elections. Dr. Jagdeo called for heightened vigilance to prevent these distractions from derailing the nation's democratic process.

### **NEW TASK FORCE TO TACKLE GOLD SMUGGLING, SAFEGUARD LEGAL MINERS**

Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo has announced the creation of a multi-agency task force to strengthen oversight of Guyana's gold sector and combat ongoing smuggling that threatens state revenues and the livelihoods of small- and mediumscale miners.

Speaking on the 'Starting Point" podcast, Dr. Jagdeo explained that while authorities have made progress in curbing illegal gold trade, the operation has increasingly become complex, with foreign



Ongoing smuggling threatens state revenues and the livelihoods of small- and medium-scale miners

nationals, some from playing a role.

that many of these on them," he said. are foreign actors...

including **money** laundering China, charges. We now have to strengthen "The problem is the charges we place

The Vice President when you charge highlighted that in the **people for smuggling**, past, Canadian buyers **they get bail, and** had expressed concerns it's harder to pursue about "contaminated"

that current reports affecting being smuggled into scale miners. Brazil, which could cautioned.

A few individuals, Intelligence including Mohamed, have already Central Bank, Sanctions or stricter identified

gold entering the system, export conditions would initially routed from slow trade and create Venezuela to bypass administrative burdens, sanctions. He warned disproportionately legitimate show Guyanese gold small- and medium-

The newly expose the sector to established task force international sanctions. includes the Attorney-"If that happens, all General, Minister of of our miners would Finance, Commissionerbe at risk," Dr. Jagdeo General of the GRA, emphasised that the Head of the Financial coordinated approach is Azruddin Governor the and jeopardised the industry, representatives of the ensure that Guyana's underscoring the need Guyana Gold Board. resources are managed for tighter oversight. The group has already transparently



Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo on the 'Starting Point' podcast

weaknesses and working to implement stronger enforcement measures.

Dr. Jagdeo Unit, designed to protect the gold sector, safeguard lawful miners, regulatory responsibly.

### **AG NANDLALL SECURES DEFAULT** AGAINST MELISSA 'MELLY

Attorney General Affairs, Mohabir Anil Nandlall, SC, has secured profile libel case.

Speaking during a that he is now awaiting to final enforcement. a court date for the

judgment Mel" Atwell in a high- damages hearing to obtain," he said. take place," he stated.

The recent edition of Issues General emphasised that seeks \$100 million in claims in the News, Minister the case is being actively damages for alleged calling it a "glorious Nandlall confirmed the pursued and that he defamatory statements opportunity" development and noted intends to see it through made by Atwell on present evidence.

"I don't want According assessment of damages. people to think that documents,

"I have already I have dropped the separate and Minister of Legal obtained a default case. I am very much by Atwell were said against prosecuting this case to have her, and I am awaiting to the end and will and default judgment a date from the court enforce the judgment damaged" against Melissa "Melly for the assessment of that I will eventually Nandlall's reputation.

Attorney on November 22, 2024, Atwell to prove her her Facebook page. to

publications "seriously irreparably Minister

At the time, AG The lawsuit, filed Nandlall had invited in court,

He noted that she court has failed to provide any nine supporting material.



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

"She produced not scintilla of evidence implicating me or

has proving her claims," **a** the AG concluded.

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### TAMIKA JEFFREY BECOMES 50,000TH BENEFICIARY OF GOVT HOUSING PROGRAMME



received a call from the she got a wonderful Ministry of Housing surprise. Jeffrey, who had and Water, she expected long dreamed of owning

When Tamika Jeffrey application, but instead, update on her her own land to create

housing programme.

of overjoy. I don't think I can put into Resources that moment," Jeffrey Jeffrey **beginning.** When I waiting her turn. was informed, I was

a stable home for her the 50,000th allottee, rental to owning her own then run. If you can't family, learned she was there was a real sense home is a dream come run, then walk; if the 50,000th beneficiary of awe. It felt like I true for Jeffrey. She looks you can't walk, then of the government's became the face of forward to designing her crawl, but whatever the "There was a sense promise."

As a words the feeling at Administrative Manager, for her family. "My more views told the Department achievement as a symbol **melting pot for family** formalising of Public Information of the programme's vast **talks and a safe space** informal set (DPI). "**Receiving** impact. After receiving **for visitors**," she said. demonstrating the call that I was the call, she took time off **being allocated a** work to visit the ministry accomplishment, Jeffrey to house lot was just the in person, patiently recalled the words of addressing

**government's** space without worrying **you do, keep moving** about lease issues and **forward.**" Human to providing a safe, and welcoming environment government has allocated her home will be a house lots, including

Reflecting on her progress from Dr. Martin Luther King housing needs. Transitioning from a Jr.: "If you can't fly,

Since 2020, than many settlements, steady "idea community" Guyana's

### 110 HOMES NEAR COMPLETION I IN FIRST PHASE OF PROFESSIONALS' DEVELOPI

Construction moving swiftly, with 110 move in. three-bedroom homes nearing completion.

closets, built-in between \$27 million and ready for occupancy. \$35 million.

Simultaneously, 100 works,

of roads, drainage, and young professional flat electrical networks, are housing units at Silica progressing to ensure City, along the Soesdyke- the community is fully Linden Highway, is equipped when residents

Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal, Each unit features told the Department a of Public Information spacious kitchen, dining (DPI) that allocations area, and laundry room. have already been made Four categories of homes and most of the firstare available, priced phase units are almost

> "We have over houses in infrastructure various stages. Most including are on the verge of



First 110 homes nearing handover as part of President Ali's vision for a modern, sustainable urban centre

completion...

applicants must meet applicants

eligibility **and** standard that's just our first criteria, similar to other phase," Minister Croal housing programmes, with no special package He explained that offered. Once qualified,

are

approved by partnering fostering

The first phase of products. the Silica City project will deliver 400 "Young Professional" homes.

Silica conceptualised President Ali, urban centre complete homeownership speciality being, productivity, and country. sustainable living while

industries that produce innovative

The project forms part of the government's broader housing agenda, City, which includes its 2020 by manifesto commitment is to allocate envisioned as a modern house lots. By making with recreational parks, accessible to eligible community centres, an Guyanese, the initiative electricity grid, multi- is shaping an inclusive healthcare, urban economy and commercial spaces. setting new standards It aims to promote well- for modern living in the

### **TEN VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN BARAMITA TO RECEIVE NEW HOMES**

families from Baramita, living conditions. Region One, will soon government's Hinterland Imbotero, Housing Programme.

Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal, who recently inspected noted that beneficiaries 10 homes were handed region. will soon begin a new over to flood-affected

vulnerable chapter in improved families in Kokerite million

The initiative also new homes under the Arakaka, Canal Bank, through and Kaituma. To

Village.

Beneficiaries date, two-thirds of residents Seven, Eight, and Nine. 10 houses have been must agree on the final

More than

has been allocated the to are Hinterland Housing receive keys to their covers construction in selected transparently Project, targeting 400 community vulnerable families Port meetings where at least across Regions One,

In addition, completed in Kokerite, list. The programme also house lots have been Smith Creek, Warapoka, supports local economies allocated in Tract 'A' ongoing works, Savannah Blackwater, by sourcing building Mabaruma, part of a 55expressed satisfaction and Haimaruni. In materials locally and lot residential scheme with the progress and November 2023, the first creating jobs within the and the second major Croal housing development the



One of the houses that was handed over at Warapoka

Kokerite Hill. A new improving being developed in Port communities, demand.

M i n i s t e r but \$750 in Region One after commitment

ON MISSION

AFTER 30 YEARS, 72-YEAR-OLD ANGELA

EMMANUEL FINALLY OWNS HER HOME

housing housing area is also access in hinterland noting Kaituma to meet growing that these investments not only provide shelter also strengthen reaffirmed livelihoods government's community resilience.



Recipient, Angela Emmanuel and representatives from Men on Mission

three decades, 72-yearold Angela Emmanuel's long-held dream of owning her own home has finally come true, thanks to President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali's Men on Mission (MoM) initiative. Emmanue

received the keys to her brand-new house at Vigilance, East Coast Demerara.

Emmanuel originally applied for a house lot in 1992 but only received it in 2020. Financial difficulties, however, prevented her from building a home earlier. After waiting for "I wanted to build my home way back then. After a while, I decided I could no longer build because I didn't have the strength and stamina to go through the Department of Public **process**," she shared

Angela Emmanuel's

new home

in an interview with the Information.

the vears. Over Emmanuel faced several Mission obstacles. She initially Emmanuel complete her home.

THROUGH MEN

Before Men lived explored the option of her niece's apartment, but was still unable to my own space. I can Guyana. get up when I want to

on and do things at my intervened, own pace," she said in happily.

Emmanuel also plans a turnkey house and which lacked proper to use part of her yard was given documents ventilation. Now, with to plant crops. Since its to approach the New her new home, she launch in 2022, the Men Building Society, but feels independent and on Mission initiative has was later told no turnkey relieved to no longer pay helped many vulnerable houses were available. rent. "Having my own individuals like her by She then opted for a home means I am providing homes and cement and steel voucher independent. I have improving lives across <u>Guyanese diaspora digest</u> KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED

### LINDEN LEADERS RALLY BEHIND PRESIDENT ALI, REJECT OPPOSITION'S RACISM CLAIMS



Former A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) parliamentarian, now PPPC supporter, Jermaine Figueira

leaders in Linden Jermaine Progressive rejecting claims of racism and and regional elections.

Wismar, former the region's significant

C o m m u n i t y APNU parliamentarian Figueira have voiced strong delivered his first speech support for President as a PPP/C supporter. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan He expressed gratitude Ali and the People's for the warm reception Party/ and pride in joining the Civic (PPP/C), firmly party's mission. Figueira opposition directly challenged the opposition's narrative, discrimination ahead of saying that for decades. the September 1 general Region 10 residents have been misled by racial At a major rally rhetoric that ignores

development.

"Linden changing,' key government health reconstruction of the upgraded Soesdyke-Linden Highway, new food and toll-free bridges as clear evidence of progress. "This is development, not discrimination." Praising President Ali's leadership people-"engaging, oriented, reliable, responsive, compassionate, and humble," he urged voters to support the PPP/C's proven track record.

Other PPP/C candidates highlighted achievements.

Gregory Harris outlined significant increase in is advances in healthcare, trained nurses under the **changing, Guyana is** including telemedicine current administration. Figueira services for riverine declared. He pointed communities, a new Murray celebrated the centre projects such as the Blueberry Hill, and under President Ali's diagnostic "bold



PPP/C Candidate Nikita Roberts

also Hospital Complex. He and better access to urging residents to reject the also dispelled myths quality education across divisive g o v e r n m e n t's about nursing school Region 10. She praised Dr. closures, noting

Dr. Shurdon at town's transformation leadership," emphasising infrastructure investments that connect communities and enrich cultural life. "As a endorse young, vibrant leader behind the PPP/C. like myself," Murray vote for the PPP/C.

Teacher candidate highlighted leaders Roberts improvements education, such enhanced a the President's inclusive



PPP/C Candidate, Dr **Gregory Harris** 

young man, I proudly leadership and called on another all ethnic groups to unite

With major said, urging residents to government investments infrastructure, in and healthcare, Nikita education, these Linden expressed in confidence that President as Ali's administration teacher will continue driving facilities at the Linden training, new schools, progress in the region, opposition rhetoric at the polls.

### LINDENDESERVESTRUTH, NOTPOLITICAL MISINFORMATION GOVT COUNTERS OPPOSITION FALSE CLAIMS



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips

The political battle in about the Linden has taken a new electricity

fate of subsidies turn with Opposition and the Charles Roza Leader Aubrey Norton School of Nursing. making false claims The government has

responded exposing assertions as deliberate million, confusion residents.

Since the administration invested a staggering contrast billion \$13.8 from global fuel price schoolchildren. affordable remains

decisively, Guyana's largest solar burdensome taxes. these farm in Linden, a \$22.5 at sowing fear and reliable energy and progress: region.

Prime PPP/C Mark Phillips reminded to Brazil, homeownership has citizens of the stark opportunities, with in APNU+AFC era, which tangible improvements with falsehoods. The electricity subsidies for delivered only \$4.2 underscore a genuine government's message Linden and surrounding billion over five years to commitment to the is This Region 10 and cruelly people. unprecedented support stripped away subsidies has protected residents from pensioners and Dr Frank Anthony development continues hikes while ensuring PPP/C has invested over Norton's claim about the of Linden must choose power \$122 billion in Region nursing school closure, a future of progress, not reality. 10 in just this term, highlighting its growth political gamesmanship. Beyond subsidies, the restoring benefits and to 379 students and government is building removing hundreds of labeling the opposition

Minister crucial highway corridor workers. the new schools. These those who undermine

Minister of Health is The also firmly rebutted unabated. The people

leader's lies The government's "vindictive and evil." 15-megawatt record in Linden is He challenged Norton misinformation aimed project set to bring clean, one of action and to explain why the upgraded previous administration among economic stability to the roads, expanded energy dismantled subsidies and capacity, the start of a abandoned thousands of

> Linden and leaders who build, not clear: subsidies remain, health education expanding,

### PPP/C YOUTH LEADERS CHAMPION **RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

The Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) is placing strong emphasis on vouth leadership as it gears up for the 2025 elections. Young and emerging leaders are stepping into the spotlight, actively shaping the party's vision and defending achievements its nationwide.

At a recent public meeting in Enterprise on the East Coast of Demerara, passionate young voices energised



Suresh Singh delivering a fiery address at the Enterprise Public Meeting

a large crowd. Ceresti Bascom, a Melanie resident, highlighted the

commitment **every** to empowering youth to succeed," Bascom through initiatives like affirmed confidently. Guyana Online the new Enmore Regional Singh also addressed Hospital, staffed by the young trained under PPP/C administration's programmes, as clear progress evidence that the party's challenges investment in youth is faced under the former producing real results.

"The **young leaders have** its promises, citing new

opportunity

Member Academy of Learning Parliament and young (GOAL). He pointed to leader Pandit Suresh gathering, professionals contrasting the current with Guyanese APNU+AFC coalition. PPP/C Singh noted that the **continue** to PPP/C has not only ensure that our fulfilled, but exceeded

concrete roads, improved school facilities, and the **\*\$50,000** reinstated Because We Care" cash grant, which has injected over \$11 billion directly into families' pockets.

"Remember, the APNU took this away from you. We promised to restore and increase it, and we delivered," Singh reminded the audience.

With East Coast communities undergoing rapid transformation, Singh urged residents to see the tangible progress, especially in the housing upcoming election. sector.

"We will deliver



Melanie resident, Ceresti Bascom, addressing the gathering

again, but we need your support," he said, calling on residents of Enterprise surrounding areas to vote for the PPP/C in the **GUYANESE DIASPORA DIGEST** 

### PPP/C RECEIVES MASSIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT **ACROSS THE REGIONS**

### RECORD-BREAKING RALLY IN LINDEN HIGHLIGHTS PPP/C'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVE PROGRESS



crowd in Linden, 10, as the People's across Region 10. These Progressive Party/Civic include improvements (PPP/C)showcased commitment to inclusive infrastructure, development ahead of waste the upcoming elections.

the rally, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali detailed the government's extensive

record-breaking plans-shaped through gathered thorough consultations, Region to address priorities in security, healthcare, unwavering connectivity, agriculture, management. Key initiatives include completing regularisation the programme, expanding livestock and

crop farming using projects. modern technologies,

airstrip into a regional achievements Linden to the Lethem increasing and hub. importantly, support the PPP/C to Regional tape and deliver these special

Vice President and entrepreneurship. and redeveloping the PPP General Secretary Mackenzie and Wisroc Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo Mark Phillips noted an Markets. A large new praised the turnout as unprecedented \$122.6 farmers' hub will boost one of the largest ever billion investment in agricultural productivity. seen, attributing it to the Region 10 over five President Ali also party's vision of unity and years, 29 times more announced plans to respect for all Guyanese. than the previous upgrade the Linden He highlighted government. He pointed facility and build a as reinstating the projects modern highway linking Because We Care grant, the Soesdyke-Linden road, transforming the pensions, providing free roads in Kwakwani and area into a vital shipment tertiary education, and Ituni, the country's listen, roads that created over Linden, and a \$2.66 we hear, and most 700 jobs in the last two billion secondary school and fostering prosperity. we years. Dr. Jagdeo also under construction in act," he declared, announced a \$30 million Christianburg/Wismar. urging residents to upgrade for the Linden cut bureaucratic red and the creation of a described the PPP/C a brighter future.

bank to support youth

Prime such to key infrastructure including old-age Highway upgrade, new party

development as the most respected



nationally and internationally, emphasising transshipment investing \$18 billion in largest solar farm in commitment to lifting citizens out of poverty

> Together, leaders called on Linden Minister of Foreign residents to vote for Hospital Affairs Hugh Todd continued progress and

### PRESIDENT ALI PROMISES REAL CHANGE AND DIRECT **SUPPORT FOR REGION ONE FAMILIES**



At a large public at lowering through One.

A key announcement meeting in Port Kaituma, was a 30% reduction in President Ali unveiled electricity rates starting a comprehensive plan August 1, made possible increased living costs, boosting government subsidies. local industries, and The President also improving infrastructure committed to expanding for families in Region cocoa and coffee production, aiming to

establish Region One as the Caribbean hub for these crops. To support farmers, a new cold storage facility will be built in Port Kaituma, enhancing agroprocessing for export.

President Ali highlighted improved opportunities for Community Service Officers (CSOs) from Amerindian communities, including better salaries and training for permanent, well-paying jobs. The government aims to empower residents to become entrepreneurs logging, farming, in and mining, not just

labourers.

To ease transportation costs, tolls for small loggers and miners at Four Miles will be waived starting November, and a weekly ferry service connecting Region One to the coast will be introduced within the year. Additional include investments new markets, wharves, ferry services with the availability. water-treatment plants, new vessel MV Ma Lisha. and community spaces.

Prime Minister Phillips noted that over \$67 billion has been invested in supporting years, education, health, and infrastructure. He highlighted growth in scholarships, teacher training, and improved



drilled since 2020, and urged residents expanded telemedicine continue underway to drill 51 new wells this year to further boost clean water

President Minister of Housing concluded by affirming and Water Collin Croal that every village in the praised road network Matarkai sub-region improvements, potable will soon see better water access through education, health, and Region One over five more than 100 new wells essential services. He supporting healthcare. Plans are the PPP/C for real and lasting transformation.

### REGION ONE RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT PPP/C TO SECURE HINTERLAND PROGRESS



At a vibrant public government residents were of in the hinterland.

President outlined an ambitious applications. plan to bring essential

services meeting in Mabaruma, closer to the people Barima-Waini, encouraged to back the promising that residents PPP/C to maintain and will no longer need to accelerate development travel to Georgetown for vital services like licence Ali renewals and permit

"The future is

**possible level of** plant to add value. services," he said. Prim "Within the next Phillips year, every single the

increase incomes.

The President detailed hub, expanded coffee and cocoa cultivation, new cold storage and agro-

**about** you having processing facilities, and access to the best a crab meat processing

Prime Minister emphasised government's government service commitment to bridging will be available right the development gap here in Region One." between the coast and He also announced hinterland. He recalled plans to establish the area's previous banking facilities locally, isolation and noted the enabling residents to \$67 billion invested start businesses and despite challenges like COVID-19.

The meeting's investments attendees showed strong to transform Region support for the PPP/C's One into an agricultural vision of a prosperous, including connected Region One.





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Launched in 2010 by President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali and revived in 2022, the expo has become a national platform for innovation, showcasing green building technologies, 3D-printed homes, and launching major projects like Silica City.

Beyond the displays, the event delivered real impact: from house lot distribution to on-site financing and international trade partnerships. Expo 2025 wasn't just a show; it was a glimpse into Guyana's future.























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### PPP/C RECEIVES MASSIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT **ACROSS THE REGIONS**

### **LOWER COSTS AND IMPROVED SERVICES AHEAD FOR WAKENAAM**

President Ali reaffirmed his government's commitment to transformative investments for Wakenaam, promising a modern transport system to boost connectivity, reduce costs, and improve livelihoods.

Speaking hundreds of residents, he outlined a plan integrating river and road transport, storage facilities, and valueprocessing added to support farmers, families, and businesses.



"We're going President said.

> The plan

to includes direct invest in a transport subsidies, tax relief, and ecosystem that will duty-free agricultural lower costs and make machinery for farmers. life easier for you," the Infrastructure upgrades will focus on land also development for

diversification, crop improved drainage, and expanded healthcare and education services.

Targeted financial support will benefit residents through cash grants, increased pensions, and assistance for homeownership and home improvements.

"We want every family on this island to have the opportunity to own and upgrade their homes, to live with dignity, and build wealth for future generations," the President emphasised.









### 'REGION SEVEN'S NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL BE UP, UP, UP!' - PRESIDENT ALI

Thousands gathered in Bartica as President Ali promised continued growth and improved quality of life for Region Seven residents.

He announced plans to build bridges at Kurupukari and Puruni, replacing barges to reduce travel costs and improve accessibility.

"We committed to making Region more connected and development fund to and the installation of a **because of PPP/C** education. provide easier access to 1-megawatt solar farm **investments**," he said.



**Seven** low-interest capital.

Reflecting on servicing the town.

"Remember when prosperous," progress, President Bartica looked brown raising public servants
President said, Ali noted over 500 and lifeless? Now it salaries and improving announcing a special house lots delivered is alive and kicking healthcare

Vice President Jagdeo and Prime Minister Phillips joined the rally, praising the government's track record and contrasting it with the opposition's inexperience.

Prime Minister Phillips highlighted that over 50,000 house lots have been delivered nationwide, with Bartica directly benefiting from over 500. He also noted \$120 billion invested in

### PRESIDENT ALI VOWS TO MAKE REGION FIVE THE CARIBBEAN'S LIVESTOCK CAPITAL

in Bath, President Ali pastures. unveiled an ambitious "We will provide plan to transform Region farmers

has more than doubled the President said. under his administration. to increase livestock by new facilities

At a massive rally mills, and improved

access Five into the livestock subsidised feed, build capital of the Caribbean. modern abattoirs and He noted the Black cold storage to add value Belly Sheep population and extend shelf life,"

Agro-processing will The government aims be supported through have been removed and emphasising continued with over 2,000% through modern technology to investments in breeding, aid small- and mediumembryo transfers, feed scale farmers. Taxes



subsidies strengthen the

Prime community roads and economic opportunities. the government's flood relief efforts.

Region Chairman Ramphal improved healthcare, powerhouse. and infrastructure,

introduced development.

Youth advocates, agricultural ecosystem. educators, and leaders Minister at the rally praised Phillips praised the investments in construction of 1,000 education, training, and

President Ali urged residents to support the Five PPP/C in the September Vickchand 1 elections to continue lauded building Region Five as a agriculture's resurgence, livestock and agricultural





## 'Virtually impossible' for anyone to vote twice in September elections: GECOM boss

WITH just under two weeks to go before Guyanese head to the polls, Chief Elections Officer (CEO) Vishnu Persaud has declared that the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is fully prepared for the September 1, 2025 General and Regional Elections.

Speaking at the Commission's first press conference on Monday, Persaud sought to assure voters and political stakeholders that robust safeguards are in place to guarantee the credibility of the electoral process, emphasising that it is "virtually impossible" for anyone to cast more than one ballot, except in cases of collusion at polling places.

He noted, however, that the safeguards are stringent enough to detect and deter attempts at impersonation or repeat voting.

Persaud referenced the mandatory ink-marking of voters' fingers after they cast their ballots.

According to him, the ink, specially formulated for durability, cannot be removed without applying substances before voting; an unlikely scenario given the rigorous procedures.

He emphasised that election officials have also been instructed to ensure that voters' fingers are clean before the ink is applied, and that it is allowed to dry properly to minimise tampering.

"I recognise there was a comment about the potency of the ink. The manufacturers and suppliers have given assurance that it is not possible to remove the ink easily unless something was deliberately applied to the finger beforehand," Persaud said.

He outlined further safeguards in detail, including the requirement to present a valid identification card before receiving a ballot.

Persaud said that polling staff and party agents are equipped with folios containing the photograph of each elector assigned to that polling station. This system, he emphasised, makes impersonation extremely difficult.

Deputy CEO Aneal Giddings said that the official list of electors (OLE) contains 757,690 registered voters across all 10 electoral districts.

These voters are distributed across the ten electoral districts as follows: District One (Barima-Waini) has 24,453 registered voters, while District Two (Pomeroon-Supenaam) accounts for 42,596 voters.

In District Three (Essequibo Islands-West Demerara), there are 116,876 registered voters, and District Four (Demerara-Mahaica), the most populated district, has 323,436 voters. Moving further along the coast, District Five (Mahaica-Berbice) records 50,796 registered voters, while District Six (East Berbice-Corentyne) has 111,554 voters. In the interior regions, District Seven (Cuyuni-Mazaruni) has 17,846 voters, and District Eight (Potaro-Siparuni) accounts for 9,192 voters. The figures for District Nine (Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo) were not provided in the data, but District 10 (Upper Demerara-Berbice) has 38,460 registered voters.



Vishnu Persaud

Together, these numbers confirm the national total of 757,690 electors, who will be served by 2,790 polling stations across the country on Election Day. Out of

these, 62 are designated to private residences.

District One has 113 polling stations, while District Two has 158. District Three is allocated 407 polling stations, and District Four has the largest number, 1,018 stations. District Five has 193 polling stations, and District Six has 435. The interior regions have fewer polling stations, with District Seven at 99, District Eight at 58, and District Nine at 91. District 10 is assigned 148 polling stations.

Giddings underscored that the Commission has not issued any certificates of employment, meaning voters are expected to cast their votes only at their designated polling stations.

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### **PROGRESS IN**

Former Mayor Bartica, Gifford Marshall, has stood firm amid criticism after endorsing President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali for a second term. Speaking to thousands at a large rally, Marshall reaffirmed his commitment to working with the president for the advancement of Bartica and the wider Region Seven.

"We have suffered blessed." ethnic division for too long," Marshall and former Member of said, emphasising that Parliament Lee Williams the PPP/C is the only praised President Ali's party uniting Guyanese leadership, of all backgrounds. "It attendees is time we put our party's achievements **shoulders** to the from the coastland wheel and show the to the



Former Mayor of Bartica, Region Seven, Gifford Marshall

PPP/C reminding of the hinterland. is not cursed, it is reinstatement of vital nation's

programmes like the candidate Amerindian Community Service Officers (CSO) in a traditionally male initiative and the "Because We Care" cash her success to the grant for schoolchildren, government's vision for urging residents to creating opportunities "vote for the Cup" on for young people. September 1.

Educator world that Guyana He highlighted the Bess pointed to the praised the government's

Ali's leadership and Carbon called for continued support for the PPP/C.

Youth empowerment children. spotlighted 20-year-old candidate Minerva Williams, who shared her story as a female heavy-duty operator field. She attributed

Toshao of Batavia, Lorenzo Murphy Gomez, also economic developmental efforts.

growth under the current detailing a new nursery President Ali for five government, citing the school, an increase more years," Gomez creation of over 60,000 in trained teachers to new jobs in the past five 66.5%, and the provision vears. He credited this of a school bus and boat, voices, progress to President funded through the Low residents are ready to Strategy, safe transportation for growth, unity,

"This **progress** Seven. PPP/C is why I endorse

stated.

With these united Bartica's Development support the PPP/C's to ensure vision for continued prosperity in Region



Local Educator Lorenzo Bess

### **EAST COAST DEVELOPMENT TO ACCELERATE** WITH NEW FEED FACILITY AND INDUSTRIAL PARKS

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali a aimed at strengthening internal the region's agricultural concrete sector.

Speaking at a public enhancing meeting in Enterprise, through local farmers that the police stable, reliable source of law feed to boost livestock partnerships. production.

Alongside agricultural

Dr. President Ali outlined comprehensive has announced a \$200 development plan for million investment for a Enterprise and nearby new feed facility on the communities. The plan East Coast of Demerara, includes replacing all drains with structures, rebuilding roads, and security additional the President assured mobile units and new outposts facility will provide a strengthen communityenforcement

To address noise environmental this and boost, concerns from late-



The meeting at Enterprise

spray-paint shops, the neighbourhood government parks. These designated and children. areas will offer organised

night mechanics and workspaces, promoting peace intends and improving safety, to establish industrial especially for women

processing and supporting under zones, homeownership through promising and reducing taxes on healthcare access. utility vehicles to make them more affordable.

Looking President Ali announced development plans to explore the depends feasibility of a new making railway linking the East choice in the upcoming Bank and East Coast to elections, securing a ease traffic congestion.

Highlighting East Coast's growing Further initiatives economic importance.

include creating agro- he noted that six new hubs hotels and three private manufacturing hospitals are currently construction, thousands direct cash transfers, of jobs and improved

> President Ali emphasised that ahead, the success of these plans on voters the right prosperous and peaceful the future for Guyana.



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips delivering remarks at a public meeting on William Street, Kitty in Georgetown

PPP/C Candidate Steven Jacobs, alongside Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips and senior ministers, energised a packed crowd in Kitty, Georgetown, pledging to sustain progress and deliver transformative change over the next five years.

affirmed Jacobs

that the PPP/C remains the only party with a proven record of real change. "Five more years of progress



PPP/C Candidate and City Councillor, Steven Jacobs, speaking at a public meeting on William Street in Kitty, Georgetown

stand for oneness and **unity,**" he declared. He emphasised the party's grassroots approach, highlighting that PPP/C leaders are actively

empowerment, Jacobs President



Minister within the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, **Anand Persaud** 

commitments Ali. reminded the audience cautioned residents in of ongoing efforts to Subryanville empty promises from hinterland. opposition parties and expanded proven leadership.

Prime Minister Mark Kitty examine leaders' track "Your records "We have delivered for everything promised economic throughout Guyana," creation of 60,000 stressed. new jobs and major and infrastructure Government nationwide.

rather than confined to North Kitty, referencing of 2015-2020 with the PPP/C's unwavering made the PPP/C's dynamic commitment to every He livelihoods.

> including he farms, and assured Community residents Phillips echoed Jacobs' ongoing improvements call, urging voters to to roads and drainage. future plans involving vote carefully. **September 1 is a vote** grants, **development**, teacher and the defence of and affordable energy he said, citing the **democracy**," Phillips through

> > Minister Phillips Regional Development,

and prosperity... We engaged in communities upskill young people in contrasted the stagnation Anand Persaud, spoke of Highlighting youth earlier this year by growth and improved Guyanese, regardless of race or region. Reflecting He also highlighted on hardships under the against key developments in the previous administration, praised internet restoration of important urged them to vote for connectivity and solar programmes like the Service of Officers initiative.

Persaud outlined **on** increased school enhanced training, growth, improved healthcare, the gas-toproject. energy within urged voters to let their investments in education the Ministry of Local conscience guide their and choice on election day.

### PPP/C CANDIDATES AT KITTY RALLY PROMISE FIVE MORE YEARS

### **BARTICA STELLING COMMISSIONED AS GOVT UNVEILS PLANS FOR TOURISM MARINA**



A section of the new \$553 million Bartica Stelling

stelling has served as the strengthen Now, the hub has been connectivity. transformed into a

President commissioned Bartica describing it as a pivotal **integrate** investment in the **transport** 

generations, region's development. riverside He said the port will tourism. community's gateway to mining, agriculture, and the hinterland regions. trade, while enhancing

"This modern port facility investment that we designed to boost safety, **believe will help in** efficiency, and economic the transformation growth in Region Seven. of Region Seven," Dr President Ali said. "It Mohamed Irfaan Ali is part of a broader the vision to modernise upgraded \$553 million Guyana's waterfront Stelling, infrastructure, our systems,

**bring prosperity to** businesses everyone."

phase was awarded in opportunities. 2017, with concerns administration took ambitious plans for office in August 2020, a second phase of when works were waterfront development, advanced to meet the a based in Bartica, yachting and boating The commissioning of the stelling completed the project destination in Guyana's within budget. Minister growing of Public Works Bishop industry, complemented will feature improved the marina underway, Juan Edghill commended by a modern tourism docking, low ramps, Bartica's waterfront is the contractor's terminal. and dedicated berths on course to become performance, calling it "a job well done."

create noting the benefits for better location than commitment improved access, lower President said. The project faced transportation costs, delays after its first and expanded market

Alongside over quality. Progress commissioning, stalled until the PPP/C President Ali unveiled state-of-the-art required standards. Local tourism marina. The firm K&K Construction facility will position and Hardware Supplies, Bartica as a premier

the commissioning as a as part of our tourism the project aligns with transformation. "historic moment", product. There is no the

opportunities that farmers, miners, and Region Seven to have sustainable development through those facilities," the and integrated transport

Minister Edghill

systems.

With the stelling now



government's

tourism noted that the marina operational and plans for "As the economy for speedboats and a hub for commerce, **job well done." grows, more and** larger vessels, enhancing tourism, and investment, Mayor of Bartica **more people will be** safety and efficiency. opening a new chapter Anthony Murray hailed interested in boating He emphasised that in the region's economic

a proud achievement for

the nation, delivering

efficient, and

### **DEMERARA RIVER BRIDGE NEARS COMPLETION** - FINAL SLAB TO BE INSTALLED AUGUST 25

concrete to connect the **the weather and** capacity, new US\$262 million other according to Minister on that promise," the weigh around of Public Works Bishop minister assured. Juan Edghill.

Inspecting landmark project, Minister Edghill also confirmed that the last eight girders, each weighing 160 tonnes, will be installed between August 15 and 17. Final cable testing is currently underway.

"We have committed that this bridge will be completed by the end

The final slab of **of August. Despite** about the

**challenges**, dismissed claims that it said, is tested to meet Demerara River Bridge the contractor and cannot bear heavy loads. international standards. from East to West will be **project team are** He noted that cranes installed on August 25, working to deliver used in construction scare people. As a tonnes, while a fully things well, and we Addressing concerns loaded truck averages have been doing



Work ongoig on the bridge

Edghill section of the bridge. he

"Please don't country, we can do well," things emphasised.

The new bridge will operate 24/7, providing toll-free access for vehicles of all sizes and weights, with a maximum speed limit of 80 km/h. Designed to last 100 years, it will feature the Cacique Crown of Honour (CCH,) Guvana's second-highest national award, in its



Work ongoig on the bridge

structure.

Over commuters are expected to cross daily, saving should be proud that estimated \$3.5 billion annually through reduced travel time and fuel costs.

Edghill Minister described the project as

50,000 for generations.

"Every Guyanese we have been able to achieve this in such a short space of time,' he said.

six residents of Region land allocations and Five received steel and practical construction cement vouchers from subsidies. the Ministry of Housing and Water during a ensuring we inject the distribution held at the Regional **for** Democratic Council in Now,

West Coast Berbice. who was at the event, Croal said. emphasised that the

One hundred and plan, which prioritises

"We started by exercise resources required infrastructure. with that Fort Wellington Village, foundation, we can do more with the steel Minister of Housing and cement support and Water, Collin Croal, programme," Minister

The minister also initiative reflects the noted that prior to this government's ongoing latest distribution, the commitment to making ministry had already homeownership more provided 189 vouchers affordable and accessible. in the region. The steel He highlighted that the and cement subsidies programme is a key assist low- and middlecomponent of President income families building Ali's national housing homes for the first time

or renovating existing properties.

Recipients expressed deep appreciation for the support. Faizul Ishmail shared, "I feel happy because now I can make a start to building my home. This steel and cement will go a far way, thanks to the government. It's a great initiative."

Claud Ross Number 41 Village, West Coast Berbice, described



**106 REGION FIVE RESIDENTS RECEIVE** 

STEEL AND CEMENT VOUCHERS

Region Five beneficiaries of steel and cement vouchers

"great intervention", the and expressed his needed gratitude.

Michelle Mingo,

the programme as a the assistance gave her encouragement to begin construction.

The subsidy provides visibly emotional, said families with one sling of cement and steel to help build the foundation of homes valued at \$6 Million or less. Vouchers are redeemable hardware stores nationwide.

Since its launch, the steel and cement subsidy has supported many Guyanese and continues to grow, in line with the government's goal of providing house lots and promoting sustainable housing development.

### CAPE AT 91.9%, CSEC AT 66.76

### JAYDEN ADRIAN'S 21 GRADE ONES HEADLINES GUYANA'S 2025 EXAM SUCCESS

Guyana continues to shine academically, with strong performances in the 2025 Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) and Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) exams. The Ministry of Education announced a national pass rate of 91.9% for CAPE and 66.76% for CSEC during a formal ceremony at the Arthur Chung Centre.

Topping the CSEC achievers this year is Javden Adrian of made national headlines



Oueen's College student, Jayden Adrian is one of the top performers at the 2025 CSEC

Conference after sitting 27 subjects, securing 21 Grade One passes and 6 Grade Agricultural Twos. His exceptional performance places him performers the in

country's history.

At the CAPE level, while the pass rate reflects a slight dip Queen's College and from 2024's 92.57%, performance remains School commendable. This year, 650 candidates submitted 3,632 subject Leading the group entries, compared to 721 was Arthur Roberts of candidates and 3,906 Queen's College, who entries last year.

number of candidates, top achievers included Guyana achieved 100% Yunyi Zhou, Sara Khan, pass rates in several key David Sugrim, Abigail CAPE subjects, including Stephanas, and Michael Science, Henry. Science. Computer French, Spanish, 12,685 Queen's College, who among the top academic Environmental Science, made 80,556 subject Entrepreneurship, and entries, with notable

Mashabo

17,

Green Engineering.

Students from Anna Regina Secondary featured prominently among the top CAPE performers. earned 9 Grade Ones Despite the reduced and 4 Grade Twos. Other

> At the CSEC level, candidates

> > In Region One, the

will

commissioned

million

provide



Arthur Roberts (left) from Queen's College and Yunyi Zhou from the Anna Regina Secondary School

improvements subject Mathematics saw a progress in technical and modest increase performance, with a 875 students earned 27% in 2024. English A Qualification rate, while English B achieved 63.89%.

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in academics, the Ministry areas. highlighted continued in vocational education. 32% pass rate, up from Caribbean Vocational recorded a 71.2% pass certification, equipping them with regionally recognized, skills-based

The Government ceremony, continues to expand the quality access to education with a wave providing of new school openings and major construction equitable projects across both including regions.

In Region Seven, the infrastructure. community of Batavia has welcomed its first education dedicated school, a modern \$38.9 Region Two, million facility separates early learners were

Minister of Guvana, under the of Education Priva PPP/C administration, Manickchand reaffirmed government's commitment and riverine areas with coastal and hinterland teachers, cash grants, textbooks, and modern

Early has also nursery been strengthened in where that two nursery schools commissioned





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while the Tapakuma

both

The new Batavia Nursery School

overcrowded classrooms quality education to in primary schools.

Manickchand villages. highlighted that within with science, IT, and just three and a half years, home economics labs, the government has built the school offers both 67 new nursery schools, academic and vocational a record for any five- training. President Dr. year term, in addition Mohamed Irfaan Ali. to reconstructing 13 and at the inauguration, expanding 39 others emphasised nationwide.

students from 400 M i n i s t e r Waramuri and nearby Equipped the importance of accessible



Minister of Education, Priya Manickchand, alongside educational and regional officials at the turning of the sod for Karaudarnau Secondary School

secondary education classroom.

Region development, with sod schools' secondary construction: a \$300 million facility Karaudarnau and a for education.

Additionally, a \$30 in preparing students million primary school for success beyond the was opened in Meriwau Village, allowing 29 Nine is children to attend school seeing major locally. Since taking office, the government turned for two new has constructed 24 new primary schools, rebuilt 21, and expanded 36 in more.

With over 40 new \$350 million project in schools currently under **Shulinab.** Both schools construction, Guyana will include dormitories is steadily advancing and cafeterias, reducing its mission to provide the need for students to every child with access leave their communities to quality education, regardless of location.



An inside view of the Waramuri Secondary Schoo

from older students, in

Mashabo and Lake. who previously shared Tapakuma the Batavia Primary totaling \$49 million School. At the opening in investments. The

### 2025 CHINESE GOVT SCHOLARSHIPS

Six medical the prestigious 2025 Chinese Government Scholarship, strengthening the longstanding diplomatic educational and partnership Guyana and China.

The Keron Williams, Rambarran, Melissa Mickle, Robert Lee, and Yudesh Persaud, will pursue studies primarily hinterland community.

Guyanese in the medical field. Two Alleyne, professionals will attend China's top Ruimveldt, will study the have been awarded universities, Peking and medicine at Peking celebration of excellence Tsinghua.

At a ceremony the further hosted at the Chinese Embassy in Georgetown, honoured, gratitude Williams, Coast, between excitement. from Port Kaituma, electrical scholarship was pledged to return with academic access to healthcare in his growth.

from University, "grateful, the awardees expressed **empowered.**" Persaud, continued support for and from the Essequibo Guyana's will recipients, Region One, said the and automation at "**a** Tsinghua Makena Alleyne, Serena **surreal feeling**" and viewing cultural and differences

Chief Medical Officer scholars, noting

East Dr. Narine Singh called scholarships describing and ambition, urging opportunity as the recipients to return **humble**, and serve in all regions. and He praised China's healthcare pursue system, especially engineering through the Chinese Medical Brigade's University, specialist training for local professionals.

Chinese Ambassador skills that will expand as opportunities for to Guyana Yang Yang in their fields and acting congratulated the



Chief Medical Officer, Dr Narine Singh, Chinese Ambassador to Guyana, Yang Yang, and the 6 scholarship recipients

the programme is a cornerstone of China's covers and cultural exchange. Nearly 100 Guyanese have benefited from the initiative over the years, many returning to make significant contributions as "**bridges**" between that the two nations.

scholarship The tuition, international education accommodation, and living expenses, giving recipients the opportunity to gain world-class education while fostering crosscultural understanding, strengthening professional expertise and bilateral relations.

### **PUSH ON TO ACCELERATE CONSTRUCTION OF AUBREY BARKER FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY**

Minister of Public Works Bishop Juan Edghill has called for 24hour operations to speed up construction on the Aubrey Barker four-lane road expansion project.

During a site inspection, Minister Edghill expressed dissatisfaction with the uneven progress across various sections. The stretch from 'Blacka' to Ogle, managed by and CRBC, Aranco has seen significant rain. advancement with 1.5 upgraded, kilometres while work at 'Blacka' remains stalled due to but Premium Asphalt are



Ongoing construction works on the Aubrey Barker Road project

Contractor is expected to begin paving in two weeks, to the engineers

lags considerably behind R&B schedule.

"My instructions clear:

contractors work day and night traffic congestion and to meet deadlines," Minister Edghill said.

He warned that Housing Scheme. if progress does not improve, additional will be resources deployed to complete the project. "We cannot continue to have contractors falling behind and causing inconvenience to the public," he added.

Once finished, the Aubrey Barker four-lane highway will provide a crucial link between South Ruimveldt and **these** Ogle on the East Coast

**must** of Demerara, easing improving access to the new Cummings Lodge

The project includes thermoplastic markings, traffic signs, a centre median, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, walkways, government reserves, and four precast prestressed concrete bridges over drainage canals.



Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, leading a site inspection on the Aubrey Barker Road project

### PHASE ONE OF CARIFESTA AVENUE EXPA **NEARS COMPLETION, PHASE TWO UNDER**



Ongoing rehabilitation and expansion of Carifesta

rehabilitation and Carifesta Avenue Ministry of Georgetown progressing with phase one nearing phase, carried out by completion and phase Colin Talbot Contracting

The major expansion two already in full swing. According to the Public is Works, phase one is steadily, about 85% finished. This

side of the road by an been average of 4.8 metres to accommodate two travel It also includes installing a 962-metre reinforced concrete drain topped with a pedestrian walkway. Recently, an additional \$445 million was approved to extend work toward the Kitty Roundabout. which will add 350 metres of covered drains and a 375-metre reinforced concrete retaining wall.

Phase two began on November 18, 2024, with Quality Deliverer

Services at a cost of contracted for \$1.36 This phase focuses on wide reinforced concrete including 720 metres of more travel and parking drains and 300 metres lanes. It also involves

completed, 3.66 metres to add lanes and a parking lane. of road construction. building a 3.05-metre-



Ongoing rehabilitation and expansion of Carifesta Avenue

\$438.2 million, involves billion. So far, about widening the southern drain extending to the widening the northern 40% of the work has side by approximately Guyana Defence Force compound before transitioning into a retaining wall leading to Kitty Roundabout.

> Works are scheduled to be completed by January 17, 2026. Minister of Public Works Bishop Juan Edghill and his engineering team continue to closely monitor progress to ensure the project meets its goals of improved traffic flow, drainage, and enhanced commuter safety on this vital corridor.

### **SMOOTH TRAFFIC EXPECTED SOON AS LOWER EAST BANK ROADWORKS NEAR COMPLETION**

Motorists and commuters using the Lower East Bank corridor can expect smoother traffic flow as ongoing roadworks along the progress. The road minister assured the still seeking to work in nearing completion.

Edghill, announced route. that paving of the 1.6-kilometre eastern carriageway is expected to be finished soon. "The commitment is that the contractors are working every day and every night. We intend to.... have hard surfaces so that we can get two lanes of traffic flowing, Minister Edghill affirmed.

Minister Edghill conducted a site visit to the Diamond to Good Success stretch along the East Bank Demerara corridor to inspect

weather including

are being carried out by are making every effort Our



Works are currently underway along the Diamond to Good Success route

eastern carriageway are upgrade and expansion public that contractors a safe environment. Minister of Public five contractors working to complete the work remains, and we want Works, Bishop Juan along this important promptly and safely. to thank everybody We are battling for their patience. While inconsistent the weather; we are We want to assure conditions, battling the rain. The them that leadership rain, have trucks are battling is being provided at caused some delays, the the traffic, and we are the highest level," he said.

Minister Edghill's visits followed a meeting held involving President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, where strong commitments were made to fast-track the project. "We made some commitments and an undertaking that we will give to the people of Guyana by the end of this week distributed to households safety and convenience a hard, paved surface and businesses along the along this vital corridor. on this section of the corridor, apologising for



Works are currently underway along the Diamond to **Good Success route** 

carriageway, so that the inconvenience and rapidly," the minister works. explained.

Additionally, minister noted letters have

traffic could move thanking them for their more smoothly and cooperation during the

The government the remains committed that to ensuring that the been upgrade enhances travel

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### \$850M PARIKA WATER NT COMMISSIONED

More than 14,000 residents in Region Three now have roundthe-clock access to safe, treated water with the commissioning of the \$850 million Parika Water Treatment Plant by President Ali.

The state-of-theart facility, constructed Toshiba Water Solutions America Inc., can process 4.5 million litres daily, enough for 18 million cups of tea straight from the tap. It will serve Ruby, Bushy Park, Hydronie, Parika, Lookout, Salem, Hyde Park, Roed-en-Rust, Blake, Hubu, St Lawrence, and Lookabu.

President described the project as



President Ali delivering the keynote address at the commissioning ceremony of the Parika Water Treatment Plant

commitment comfort. household and communities

"another instalment have access to treated of delivery", reflecting water, something government's that speaks to dignity, to to health, to a higher improving public health, quality of life," he said.

The Parika plant and quality of life. is one of three new "Tens of thousands treatment facilities in of you in Parika Region Three, alongside **surrounding** those at Wales and La **now** Parfaite Harmonie.

Additional plants are under construction at Leguan and Vreeden-Hoop, upgrades are ongoing at Fellowship, Pouderoyen, and Vergenoegen.

Water for the Parika plant is sourced from two wells drilled in 2022 and 2025. Before treatment, iron levels in Region Three's water supply reached six to ten milligrams per litre, far exceeding the World Health Organisation's safe limit of 0.3 mg/L. The new system reduces this to less than 0.1 highmg/L, with pressure delivery and 24-hour availability.

Minister of Housing Collin Water,



Mahdia's new 0.65-megawatt solar farm

Croal, reaffirmed the Three residents. goal of ensuring every continuous supply.

Guyana Incorporated's

Since 2020, over \$65 household in the region billion has been invested enjoys treated water and in Guyana's water sector, with 98.3 per cent of Water the population now (GWI) accessing safe water. CEO, Shaik Baksh said Treated water access the facility is part of a along the coast has risen \$8.8 billion investment above 80 per cent, with that has brought treated the target set at 90 per water to 89,000 Region cent by the end of 2025.

### **FIRST 24-HOUR DAY AND NIGHT CARE CENTRE OPENS IN ANNA CATHERINA**

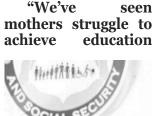


President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali addressing the gathering at the commissioning ceremony

Day and Night Care in Region Four at a cost and Early Childhood of \$94 million. Development Centre childcare access and empowering parents.

A new \$93.8 million with the next to be built

Commissioning the has been commissioned centre, President Dr Anna Catherina, Mohamed Irfaan Ali Region Three, marking a said such investments major step in expanding are central to the government's strategy working to reduce poverty and economic expand It is the first of opportunities,



to care for children.



Minister of Human Services and Social Security Dr Vindhya Persaud addresses the audience at the commissioning ceremonu

several 24-hour facilities particularly for women opportunity. Today's Security, Dr Vindhya invested to enhance opportunity and growth nationwide, who have stayed at home initiative is about Persaud, said the centre empowerment, will provide purposeful, education, reaffirming Region Three.

giving parents the seen chance to explore mothers struggle to professional education possibilities. It's building about in the system," the President said, adding that his administration aims to have such facilities in every Neighbourhood Democratic Council (NDC) across Guyana.

The modern facility offers a safe, nurturing space for children while their parents work or study. President Ali stressed that it will directly benefit residents, opening new pathways for self-reliance and financial stability.



The new \$93.8 million Day and Night Care and Early Childhood Development Centre

at care that is in life. purposeful, tangible, takes and needs of the world," she explained.

Minister of Human in Guyana's history, not if they ever had the Services and Social \$334 million has been but a foundation for early childhood for families across

flexible care tailored to the PPP/C government's the evolving needs of commitment to giving families. "It's looking every child a strong start

As the first children **into** enter its doors, the account the growing Anna Catherina Day and Night Care Centre stands as a symbol For the first time of progress, offering just

The Progressive Party/Civic security, (PPP/C) Government is **secure environment** set to establish a Small **for businesses** Business Development Complex in Georgetown, aimed at supporting local entrepreneurs and improving the quality of life for citizens. Announced by President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali during a public meeting in Alexander Village, the project will provide modern infrastructure organised and workspaces for small including businesses, mechanics and spray painters.

"The complex will

People's **offer proper utilities**, and



President Ali addressing the public meeting in Alexander Village

### IN GEORGETOWN President

grow," Ali said, emphasising that it will relocate these operations from narrow village roads, reducing congestion and improving safety.

The development, which is part of the broader transformation of Alexander Village, will also create a cleaner and more peaceful environment residents, offering them better living conditions while supporting local commerce.



**NEW HUB FOR SMALL BUSINESSES** 

Resident at the meeting in Alexander Village

President Ali further highlighted that the initiative will generate more employment opportunities, particularly for young people, in a rapidly developing region.

This initiative is part of the government's efforts to ongoing empower small businesses and boost economic growth through strategic infrastructure investments.

### **KAIETEUR AIRSTRIP EXTENDED** TO SUPPORT TOURISM AND AVIATION SAFETY

In into the "most iconic Force (GDF) and the the project. wonder of world," President Dr provided Mohamed Irfaan Ali while extended airstrip at the project. Kaieteur National Park.

to the existing runway, remove stone barriers significantly improving along the new runway's in them," he said. landing safety pilots. Constructed in one of Guyana's most commended remote and challenging GDF ranks for their aviation infrastructure, seamless coordination I really want to locations, the work dedication, noting that enhancing the national between

of a partnership between and women in uniform transforming Kaieteur the Guyana Defence successfully tourism Ministry of Public Works manpower, the MOPW

> To prepare the site, for path.

President was executed through despite doubts, the men park's value for tourism, agencies, describing the who worked on this

delivered

"Many people the (MOPW). The GDF doubted the decision as to who would've gotten this done. commissioned the newly financed and supervised But the men and women in uniform have never failed me The \$564.5 million workers used 6,800 **as Commander-in-**project added 1,000 feet sticks of dynamite to **Chief, and I have full Chief, and I have full** He also pledged to award given the conditions. trust and confidence medals to the GDF

president The Ali stressed that the project extends beyond Edghill



TWO NEW TECNAM AIRCRAFT JOIN

**GUYANA'S EXPANDING AVIATION FLEET** 

The extended Kaieteur airstrip

safety, and development. work as "unbelievable" personnel involved.

Minister of Public you've the Works Bishop Juan **instructed** the

" M i s t e r President, I'm happy already lauded the **medals be awarded.** two **congratulate** all

project," Minister Edghill stated.

Further upgrades to visitor facilities at Kaieteur National Park are underway, with contracts awarded through the National Parks Commission. These improvements are expected to be completed in the coming months to enhance the visitor experience.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by National Security Advisor Captain Gerry Gouveia, Chief Defence Staff Brigadier Omar Khan, National Intelligence Director Colonel Shildon Howell, and former minister Dr Jennifer Westford.



One of two newly arrived Tecnam 2012 getting the customary water salute at Eugene F. Correia International Airport

Jags Aviation has operating performance. commissioned two new Tecnam P2012 aircraft, P2012's design reduces among the most modern maintenance in their class, offering while delivering short superior comfort, avionics, and efficient protection systems, and

The Tecnam costs passenger take-off and landing cutting-edge capabilities, optional ice

### conditions. by twin engines and

equipped with advanced Works Bishop Juan and navigation systems, the Edghill congratulated the administration, for operations across parent Guyana's varied terrain, of especially in hinterland for regions.

The commissioning national economy. ceremony at Eugene F. Correia

enhanced performance Airport saw the new clear that Jags and BK Guyana has added 15 new challenging aircraft welcomed with a are putting another aircraft to its national

Minister of Public in Jags confidence in

"This kind of International investment makes it

Powered traditional water salute. vote of confidence registry, the the PPP/C aircraft are well-suited BK Group of Companies, Minister Edghill said, reaffirmed that the company assuring the company of government Aviation, continued government committed to working demonstrating support for expansion with operators to ensure the and efforts.

Since January 2021, and services.

**economy** sustained growth in the sector.

Minister Edghill remains modernisation continued progress in aviation infrastructure

## GUYANA RECORDS 18% RISE IN VISITOR ARRIVALS FOR

an 18 per cent increase the Caribbean (76,247), in visitor arrivals from Canada (17,783), and appeal globally. January to July 2025, Europe (14,079) ranking welcoming 242,655 as visitors compared to markets. 205,646 during the same period in 2024.

Ministry of Tourism, marketing show that this record- of

Guyana has recorded United States (100,331), tourism products that flights from Guyana the

The surge driven by enhanced air carriers such as Sky Cana, service from the United Statistics from the connectivity, targeted British Airways, Inter- Kingdom and Europe. in seven months, with the an expanding range of

are boosting Guyana's to

In the past five years, in top source Guyana has significantly British Airways followed expanded its was connections, key Caribbean Airways,

Barbados, Cuba, Jamaica, and Suriname February 2023. air in March 2023, offering adding a twice-weekly direct

The accommodation Industry and Commerce regions, a strong return JetBlue, Fly Always, sector has also expanded, diaspora travel, Suriname Airways, and with the opening of breaking growth was major cultural and most recently, KLM Aiden by Best Western access to a wider range with the growth trend across all sporting events, and Royal Dutch Airlines. and the Royal Hotel in of attractions and expected to continue in Fly Always began 2024, adding 400 new experiences



Visitors arriving at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport

rooms. Construction is the Inc. hotels, further positioned increasing capacity.

country. ongoing for the Pasha government's sustained Global, Sheraton Four investments and sound Points, and Blue Bridge tourism policies have as a leading travel Visitors now have destination in the region, across the coming years.

President Dr. Irfaan Ali conferred the Medal of Service on Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Mohamad Nezamudeen Aziz in recognition of his over five decades of exemplary service to Guyana's aviation sector and the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) Air Corps.

The ceremony took place at the GDF Hangar at Eugene F. Correia International Airport, Lt. following Col. Nezamudeen's piloting

### PRESIDENT ALI RECOGNISES LT. COL. NEZAMUDEEN'S **FIVE DECADES OF AVIATION EXCELLENCE**



Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Nezamudeen honoured for over 50 years of service to Guyana's aviation sector

of President Ali to and missions, maintaining committed to national from Mabaruma.

President Ali praised operations. Lt. Col. Nezamudeen's remarkable achievement distinguished accident-free flying has hours. Despite service, continues to contribute anti-piracy

an active role in national security.

Throughout his reconnaissance, search Guyana's retirement from military and rescue, medical history. Nezamudeen evacuations, missions, as a civilian pilot cementing his legacy supporting critical GDF as a dedicated aviator

Plans are currently his underway to formally career, document of an estimated 26,000 Lt. Čol. Nezamudeen preserve his significant undertaken contributions aviation

### PPP/C TO LAUNCH ZERO-INTEREST SMALL BUSINESS **DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**

Progressive Party/ Civic has announced a major new initiative to empower Guyana's youth: a zerointerest small business bank development that will provide young entrepreneurs with capital to start and grow their businesses without processing projects and committed the burden of highinterest repayments.

Vice President training. PPP/C General

Jagdeo shared details of your dreams," Dr. PPP/C Boom FM. He explained the part of the party's future broader youth economic "Whether empowerment strategy, business, education, scholarship co-investment in agro- skills, in education and skills **providing the tools to** infrastructure

"We to want

we succeed."

The Vice President

it's and expansion to position themselves to can expanded opportunities investing in you and benefit from upcoming start community projects.

> With a

People's Secretary Dr. Bharrat support you to fulfill also highlighted the history of delivering on government's commitments, the PPP/C the plan during a recent Jagdeo said, encouraging track record, citing is positioning itself as interview on HJ 94.1 young people to study the reinstatement of the party of choice for government's the 'Because We Care' young Guyanese seeking that the initiative is budgets to prepare for cash grant, removal economic growth and opportunities. of hundreds of taxes, a better quality of life. of Dr. Jagdeo affirmed and the party's dedication loan which also includes or acquiring new training programmes. to "creating a future is are He urged youth to where young people a own homes, toward businesses, the and and access worldclass education and proven **healthcare.**"



Dr Jagdeo engaging with young people at a recent

The zero-interest programme expected to significant step achieving government's goals of economic diversification and youth empowerment.



MP Lee Williams (R) presenting a certificate to a participant who completed the BIT programme

Serina Sammy, a mother of four from Kamarang/Warawatta in Region Seven, is breaking barriers in a traditionally male-dominated She recently completed a demanding two-week Tractor

### SERINA SAMMY BREAKS BARRIERS AS TOP PERFORM IN TRACTOR OPERATOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMM

Operator Maintenance programme and emerged as one of the highest scorers among her male peers.

Sammy was among 36 participants who successfully completed the technical training, organised by the Ministry of Labour's Board of Industrial Training (BIT) in collaboration with the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF). The programme aims to equip residents with



Serina Sammu and her husband, Wilkinson Sammy, completed the Tractor Operator Maintenance programme

practical skills to support local development and economic growth.

Information Sammy interesting empowering. "Despite Multipurpose Building. challenges, I persevered, and I am attracted very proud of this from achievement," an additional source of Quebenang, income for her family.

Her Wilkinson

Speaking with the also completed the their Department of Public programme alongside growth. (DPI), her, and both attended the training as both held last Thursday at the and

The she communities, including These efforts support said. She added that the Kamarang/Warawatta, the new skills will provide Paruima, Kako, Jawalla, Waramadong, all of through husband, whom gained practical education Sammy, skills to contribute to readiness.

communities'

Since 2020, BIT has described the graduation ceremony revolutionised Technical Vocational and Kamarang/Warawatta Education and Training (TVET) across Guyana, programme training over 82,000 participants individuals and creating several more than 60,000 jobs. government's commitment and empowering citizens accessible and job

### **NPW PROGRAMME CREATES 18,000 JOBS,** WITH 12,000 FOR WOMEN

2022, Guyana's National salary of Pathway (NPW) created parttime employment for receptionists nearly 18,000 citizens, various significantly livelihoods nationwide. smooth from the initiative.

The

Since its launch in offers workers a monthly public service delivery. \$40,000 Workers for 10 days of work, programme filling essential roles Regional Development, She also encouraged such as clerks and Sonia Parag, praised the workers boosting agencies to Women make up the Backed by a monthly individuals and easing majority, with 12,000 government investment the burden of the rising participants benefiting of \$611 million, the cost of living. "We want continued commitment NPW programme plays a **to uplift people out** tojobcreation and human

Minister of Local Government and across programme's operations. impact on empowering programme crucial role in supporting of poverty," she said, capital

that many participants transition will into permanent employment. to take success advantage of available government during the Starting Point technical and academic ensure Podcast, highlighting its training to improve their skills and career prospects.

Demonstrating development,



Serina Sammy and her husband, Wilkinson Sammy, completed the Tractor Operator Maintenance programme

the government has NPW and Community 2025 to support both the programmes.

allocated \$12.7 billion in Enhancement Workers

Minister Agriculture support

of along the Soesdyke-Zulfikar Linden Highway, Mustaphahasannounced fulfilling key promises a \$32 million investment to advance agricultural farmers development in the area.



Serina Sammy and her husband, Wilkinson Sammy, completed the Tractor Operator Maintenance programme

### \$32M IN LAND CLEARING, POULTRY SUPPORT **FOR SOESDYKE-LINDEN AREA**

farmers residents from Creek, Minister poultry support, two farming groups. vital components of the government's drive to Guvana boost productivity.

farmland,

During a meeting expanded cultivation for communities. This move modernising agriculture Adventure, this, essential farming farmers' incomes. Kairuni, and Silver Hill, inputs including tillers,

Development Authority activities. The ministry has (GLDA) will soon deliver signed three contracts 10,000 broiler chicks and demonstrate to clear 110 acres of feed, to be shared among government's

and small- and medium-scale is expected to increase by supporting farmers Loo farmers. To complement poultry production and with tools, technology,

Mustapha water tanks, watering also confirmed that a improved livelihoods in outlined progress made cans, and seeds were tractor with a trailer Soesdyke-Linden in land clearing and distributed to local and implements will beyond. be provided to assist In addition, the with land preparation Livestock and other agricultural

> These initiatives facilitating farmers in the four commitment

and resources, ensuring Minister Mustapha sustainable growth and



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**KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED** 

### 128 NEW PATIENT CARE ASSISTANTS AND 140 CLINICAL GRADUATES JOIN GUYANA'S HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE



Graduate, Daleth Hughes, receiving a trophy from Minister of Health Dr Frank Anthony

Guyana's healthcare sector received another major boost with the 128 graduation of Patient Care new (PCAs) Assistants and 140 Clinical and Technical Programme graduates, all trained under initiatives by the Ministry of Health.

The PCA graduation ceremony, featured 34 graduates from Region Three and 94 from Region Four. After completing four months of intensive theoretical and practical training,

they are now ready anybody can." to support registered nurses, assistants, and other nurse, medical professionals programme was the in delivering patient- perfect opportunity: "I individuals from Guyana centred care.

For many, programme transformative. Alesia Reddy, a single mother Dr.

said was **perfect experience.**"

Health Frank



Some of the graduates of the Clinical and Technical Training Programme

parenting

two, shared, "It praised the new PCAs, Medex graduate from was tough juggling urging them to serve Region Nine, reflected and with compassion and on overcoming personal studies, but I made uphold the values of challenges with the help it through, and I am their profession. "When of her classmates. She **proud** of myself. people come to us, we now plans to pursue a

get good service," he Similarly, Nichola said, reminding them of nursing Wilson, an aspiring their critical role in the the healthcare system.

Separately, was so happy when I and Belize also graduated the got through. It was a from the Ministry's Clinical and Technical Minister Training Programme, Anthony covering key areas such as pharmacy assistant, rehabilitation assistant, Medex, and medical laboratory technician.

Valedictorian Beyonce James thanked the government for its continued investment in health education. "You didn't just invest in us, you invested in the future health of our nation," she stated.

Kavika Moses, a



Nichola Wilson, a araduate of the Patient Care Assistant training programme

Anthony Dr. also addressed clinical graduates, Coursera the end. If you want to across the country. excel, keep studying



Alesia Reddy, a graduate of the PCA training programme

and improving your the **skills**," he said.

These training encouraging them to initiatives form part keep learning and take of the government's advantage of platforms broader efforts to expand and and upgrade healthcare available scholarships. infrastructure, services, "Graduating is not and workforce capacity



Some of the new Patient Care Assistants at the graduation ceremony

GPHC's Chief Executive Officer Robbie Rambarran

toward Guyana's Public Corporation (GPHC) has rolled out eCARE, an Executive

system that

GPHC's Chief

If I can do it, then want to ensure they medical degree.

### Rambarran, it is a transformation hospitals are announced the initiative **in how we deliver** built and equipped to personal data. during a recent social care, with greater deliver comprehensive

record accessible across emphasised.

The eCARE platform assisted This, he said, will supports every stage robotic surgery, and Phase one began at repeated of patient care, while enhanced connectivity improve other hospital systems workflow, and make are being upgraded to among complement the change.

The initiative disciplinary team more comes amid sweeping modernisation of

diagnostics, with imaging and lab services expand available 24/7.

To Data Protection Act was record-keeping. health recently enacted, setting **technology change,** sector. New regional strict measures against

being the misuse or theft of

Earlier this year, media broadcast, noting accountability, care nationwide. The the Ministry of Health that every patient will transparency, and government is also signed a US\$3.3 million now have an electronic efficiency," Rambarran investing in electronic contract with RioMed health records, AI- Limited to implement a national EHR system. GPHC and its satellite international clinics, with plans to nationwide, ensuring every health safeguard facility benefits from the patient privacy, the same secure, streamlined



In a major step electronic health record digitising (EHR) healthcare replaces paper charts sector, the Georgetown with secure, cloud-based Hospital patient files.

Officer,

### efficient. **"This isn't just a** Guyana's

multiple departments.

eliminate

paperwork,

collaboration

the hospital's multi-

### PHC AND GOLI SAVE 16 YOUNG

The Public Corporation (GPHC), in catheterisations collaboration with Gift open-heart surgeries. of Life International (GOLI), successfully mission, concluded its second completed 10 cardiac expected to return home future treatments, and paediatric for mission 2025, held from August 4 to 8. The initiative brought renewed hope to Guvanese children life-threatening with congenital heart conditions.

Led by Dr. Rodrigo Soto, a 25-member international GOLI team worked alongside local medical professionals to perform two types of

Georgetown life-saving procedures: open-heart surgeries, Hospital paediatric

the cardiac catheterisations and six in the coming days.

cardiac directly benefiting 16 conducted and young patients. Of these, cardiology screenings for Over the five-day been safely discharged, urgent teams with the remaining three intervention, planning



GPHC and Gift of Life International deliver life-saving cardiac care to 18 Guyanese children

The team paediatric 13 children have already 80 patients, identifying cases offering reassurance to others with less severe conditions.

Bevond patient care, the collaboration placed strong emphasis on capacity buildingproviding training, mentorship, and skills transfer for physicians, **GPHC** nurses, and support staff. This ongoing effort is enhancing Guyana's Paediatric Department. ability to deliver high-



GPHC and Gift of Life International deliver life-saving cardiac care to 18 Guyanese children

overseas treatment.

"The hands-on **GPHC** partnership continues transform while building local from December 6 to 16, **expertise,"** said Dr. continuing its life-saving Sara Singh, Head of the work in Guyana.

paediatric "Our goal is to ensure cardiac care locally and every child with a reducing reliance on heart condition can receive care right GOLI- here at home."

The GOLI team is **to** set to return for its third lives and final 2025 mission

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### **VP JAGDEO WARNS OF SMEAR CAMPAIGNS, URGES** STRONG VOTER TURNOUT AHEAD OF 2025 ELECTIONS

Party (PPP) General while promoting the returning to office. Secretary, Dr Bharrat opposition's minimal Jagdeo, is warning achievements. supporters that as the 2025 elections approach, spreading rumours," failures, and they the combined opposition he told the crowd, citing promote the other has intensified a smear recent media speculation **political parties**," he campaign in an attempt about the possibility said. to discredit the PPP/C of a PPP/C minority Government.

Repos, East Coast Demerara, Dr Jagdeo clear that the PPP/C will prevent the PPP/C from said opposition-aligned not shift its message, securing a parliamentary forces and sections of the which is rooted in its majority. media are deliberately record of delivery,

People's Progressive C's accomplishments transformation

government, a notion APNU Speaking at a he flatly rejected at his accepted defeat, but is public meeting in Mon earlier press conference. now hoping that low

downplaying the PPP/ development, and in 2011 and 2015, VP

"They constantly "They're back at characterise us as

argued that He has already VP Jagdeo made it voter turnout could

Citing past elections



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

not to be swayed by false especially electoral fraud. promises, those targeting

voter blocs such as sugar APNU's alliance with workers, rice farmers, controversial and fishermen.

take anything for Mohamed, granted," he stressed. out Opposition Leader to try to bring us despite down as a minority concerns just weeks government."

Reflecting on the polls. 2020 elections, VP Jagdeo praised voters joined by Attorney on the East Coast for General Anil Nandlall, standing strong during S.C., Director of Youth Jagdeo urged supporters a period of political Suresh Singh, and young pressure and attempts at PPP/C candidates.

He also criticised

figures, including US-sanctioned **"We must not** businessman Azruddin pointing **They're working** Aubrey Norton's silence mounting before the September 1

> VP Jagdeo was

### **100,000 ACRES OF FARMLAND** TO OPEN IN REGION SIX



Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service, Dr Ashni Singh

Vice President and agricultural expansion Moleson that will open more Orealla, which Six. Revealed at a public and the local economy.

Central to the project PPP/C General Secretary is the construction of Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo has high-level canals and announced a landmark a new road linking Creek than 100,000 acres of unlock vast tracts of new farmland in Region fertile land for farming agro-processing. meeting in Corriverton, Plans also include a the initiative aims to new wharf to facilitate create thousands of direct exports from jobs, boost agricultural the Corentyne, better production, and diversify integrating the region international

markets.

Dr. Jagdeo also feeding Amsterdam, currently home construction. under construction and River is underway, the activity region.

In infrastructure, social focus. The government with Responsibility for to plans transportation grant for Amsterdam. He outlined

the national school programme. highlighted other major Housing projects are developments, including also set to ensure every a \$500 million four- eligible citizen receives lane highway from a house lot along with Moleson Creek to New financial support for

"When expected to be completed PPP says it will within two- and -a- half do something, we years. A new toll-free **deliver**," Dr. Jagdeo bridge over the Berbice affirmed, underscoring government's improving connectivity commitment to these and boosting economic transformative projects across the designed to promote growth and prosperity addition to for all residents.

Senior Minister in initiatives are a key the Office of the President expand Finance and the Public programmes such as Service, Dr. Ashni Singh, the 'Because We Care' echoed this vision at a cash grant, introduce a public meeting in New students, and enhance infrastructure projects



Some of the individuals who gathered for the public meeting

River, and the four-

the construction of a world-class hospital in New Amsterdam that generate nearly 800 healthcare jobs. A new nursing school will also train local health professionals, supporting sustained employment.

B e v o n d vears lie ahead.

including two new infrastructure, Dr. Singh bridges, over the Berbice noted improvements River and the Corentyne in public amenities such as concrete lane highway, all set to roads, streetlights, and unlock tens of thousands security cameras, all of acres of farmland and enhancing quality of create jobs. enhancing quality of life. He also pointed to Dr. Singhhighlighted tourism boosts from projects like the Palmyra stadium and commercial developments, will bring visitors and business opportunities.

> encouraged residents to support the PPP/C government, confident that Region Six's best



thousands of residents at a public meeting in New Amsterdam

President Mohamed plans to replace New the large gathering. Amsterdam's decadesold market with a to modern, state-of-the-art **market**," facility, bringing vendors Ali declared, adding that and shoppers a cleaner, the current structure safer, and more vibrant will be dismantled to space.

The announcement development. made before was

Dr nearby communities in Irfaan Region Six, earning a announced roar of applause from

"We are going develop **President** make way for the new

The president thousands of residents outlined a broader vision from the town and for New Amsterdam's

### **NEW AMSTERDAM** TO GET STATE-OF-THE-ART MARKET

growth over the next People's Party/Civic (PPP/C) Planned government. works include concrete drains, improved garbage disposal, treated water systems, upgraded roads, community and new recreational facilities.

President Ali said government families live more affordably. opportunities to own homes and cars, while continued services.

five years under the **choose unity.** This development, Progressive is a time to choose prosperity. **selfless service**," he told residents.

pledged future. He investment continued in education, infrastructure, and tax reduction, as well as measures to increase disposable income. The part-time job is programme, he said, will committed to helping expand the income base and create pathways to full-time employment.

Appealing for trust, benefiting from better the president urged infrastructure and public residents to support a **future** 

"This is a time to that focuses on unity,

of you is a beautiful modern facilities and

you," he said.

The new market will stand as a symbol of "What is ahead that future, delivering **but that** boosting commercial life



The gathering at the PPPC public meeting in New Amsterdam

must **be** in New Amsterdam for "bold PPP/C future" embraced by all of generations to come.



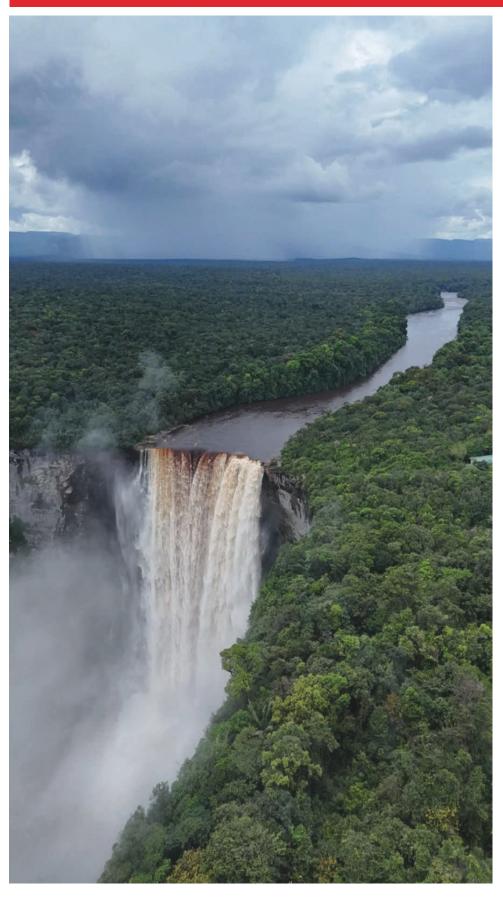
## ROAR OF THE FALLS, CALM OF THE LEADER

Amid a demanding campaign season, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali took a rare yet powerful pause, journeying deep into the heart of Guyana's pristine rainforest to stand before one of the nation's most iconic treasures: Kaieteur Falls.

Soaring 741 feet, the world's tallest single-drop waterfall offered more than a breathtaking view. It became a place of reflection, where the roar of the water met the quiet strength of leadership. As mist rose into the air and thunder echoed through the jungle, President Ali stood grounded in the grandeur of Guyana's natural heritage.

But this was more than a symbolic visit. It was a message to the world: that as Guyana climbs the global stage, economically, diplomatically, and socially, it remains rooted in protecting its greatest inheritance.

At the edge of Kaieteur, one truth rang clear: progress and preservation must move together, and there is always time to honour both.







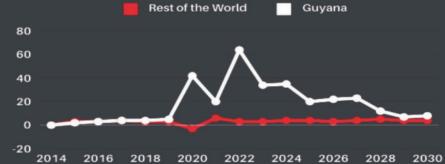


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### WHY BUY GUYANA STOCK?

1 GY 43.60% -2024 REAL GDP GROWTH

Source - International Monetary Fund - Statista



Storing 19.5 Gigatons of



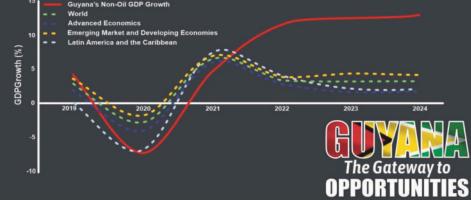
Access to free Education **BIT Training** Housing Development



TOURISM INDUSTRY



GUYANA: GROWTH NON-OIL ECONOMY VS. GROWTH IN OTHER REGIONS Sources: Bureau of Statistics and IMF WEO Database, October 2024



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