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World-class eco-tourism resort for Region One

Tourism and cultural development have been outlined by the Guyana government as part of its plan to diversify and develop the nation, and Region One is also integrally involved in this drive.

President Irfaan Ali (above) told Region One residents that the government will establish a world-class eco-tourism facility within the region, and ensure that residents are trained to manage and benefit from these ventures.

This is just one plan outlined by the President as he met with residents in Region One earlier this week.

President Ali assured the residents of continued support with social programmes and policies that will result in ownership of homes and farms: “You will get more grants; you will get more cash transfers. It is a People’s Progressive Party/Civic that has given you that, and you can be guaranteed once we’re in office, you will get more of that, and more and more and more... We’re talking to you about a future that is much more exciting; a future in which you can realise your full potential, a future in which you can own things you want.”

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New bank coming for young entrepreneurs

Guyana Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo on Monday urged young people to begin assessing avenues for economic and social advancement offered by the People’s Progressive Party Civic government.

During an interview on HJ’s 94.1 Boom FM, Dr Jagdeo said that young people should consider looking at the opportunities being provided by the government, including through co-investing mechanisms.

Already, the government has co-invested in an agro-processing facility with UMAMI in Black Bush Polder. Also on the cards through this program is the construction of a cassava mill facility in Region Three.

These opportunities abound, the vice president said, and all it takes is a careful look at the yearly budgets.


“If you want to know how to plan as a young businessman, you have to...take the budget every year. The estimates would have every project that we are funding for the year in that. So...if I am an IT specialist, I see ten IT projects here, how am I going to get ready?” he explained.

On the infrastructure side, the vice president pointed out that young people can also think ahead to determine how they can benefit from spending on community-based projects that will occur in the future.

To continue to provide opportunities for young people, Dr Jagdeo reaffirmed his party’s commitment to developing a zero-rated small business development bank. This bank will offer loans to young entrepreneurs without the need for repayment of any interest on the loan. He said that while other political parties are preaching victimisation and discrimination, his party preaches unity and opportunity.

Above, Vice President Jagdeo is seen engaging with young people at a recent event.

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GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY ALLIANCE BORN IN GUYANA WITH SUMMIT TO SAFEGUARD EARTH'S NATURAL HERITAGE



President Ali addressing the Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre

In a groundbreaking gathering of global leaders, scientists, Indigenous representatives, and environmental advocates, the first-ever Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit was held for three-days in Georgetown, Guyana. The event launched a historic coalition designed to unite nations and organisations in a shared mission: to safeguard biodiversity and ensure the resilience of ecosystems critical to life on Earth.

Convened under the visionary leadership of President Irfaan Ali and hosted by the Government of Guyana, the Summit brought together over 140 countries and organisations.

WORLD LEADERS AND INDIGENOUS VOICES UNITE TO END BIODIVERSITY LOSS

The Summit established the GBA as a voluntary, inclusive platform committed to scalable financing, shared implementation, and cutting-edge knowledge exchange to protect and restore vital ecosystems. Central to this was the adoption of the Georgetown Declaration, endorsed by Heads of State, Indigenous leaders, academics, NGOs, and the private sector. The Declaration recognises biodiversity as a global public good, pledging

integration into national development plans, climate strategies, and financial frameworks. With 140 countries and organisations pledging their support, it signals a unified commitment to safeguarding the planet's natural heritage.

Highlighting the event's global significance was H.E. Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago,



Former Colombian President Ivan Duque speaking at the summit

President of COP30, who emphasised biodiversity's critical role in climate negotiations and urged alignment between the GBA and the upcoming COP30 conference in Belém, Brazil. He also praised Guyana's leadership and President Ali's stewardship of the biodiversity agenda on the world stage, underscoring the Alliance's role in delivering biodiversity and climate targets.



Advisor to the Office of the President of Guyana, Kevin Hogan

Guyana and Yale University Partner to Develop Groundbreaking Biodiversity Monitoring System

A major achievement was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Guyana and the Yale Center for Biodiversity and Global Change. This partnership will co-develop Guyana's National Biodiversity Information System (NBIS), a pioneering digital backbone supporting the country's new National Biodiversity Monitoring Strategy. Designed to be the world's first fully standardised, national-scale biodiversity tracking framework, the NBIS is founded on science, transparency, and sovereignty and offers a replicable model for other nations.

A ROADMAP BUILT ON FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS

The Alliance unveiled an ambitious roadmap focused on:

Achieving the global 30x30 target - protecting 30% of land and sea by 2030

Mainstreaming biodiversity into national policies, corporate strategies, and development agendas

Three Days of Dynamic Global to Local Action

Day One set the political and strategic tone, featuring high-level plenaries led by President Ali alongside leaders from the Dominican Republic, Barbados, Ecuador, and Colombia. Discussions focused on aligning global ambitions and affirming biodiversity as essential to sustainable development. The day culminated in the Alliance launch, Declaration adoption, and a keynote by Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, who highlighted Guyana's transition from carbon leadership to biodiversity finance: **"Guyana's progress, anchored in the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS), is a practical example of how countries can lead on climate, forests, and nature while advancing inclusive development,"** Dr Jagdeo said.

Day Two focused on solutions and regional actions, covering global partnerships, innovative finance, bioeconomic transformation, advanced technologies, and investment opportunities. Key speakers included COP30 President Corrêa do Lago, representatives



H.E. Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, President of COP30, delivering his address at the summit

Unlocking innovative finance through biodiversity credits, green bonds, and debt-for-nature swaps

Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) through governance, recognition, and equitable financing

Building robust monitoring, accountability systems, and data sovereignty, including the Gross Biodiversity Power Index

of the World Bank, Conservation International, FAO, McKinsey & Company, UNDP-BIOFIN, and Oxford University. President Ali described the Summit as a breakthrough in multilateralism: **"The Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit 2025 has established a new model of multilateralism, grounded in equity, data, and**



Global leaders, conservationists, scientists, and financial partners gathered at the ACCC for the Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit

collaboration. It sets the stage for a future where biodiversity is a core pillar of climate stability, economic progress, and global wellbeing."

Concurrent sessions spotlighted gender, youth, traditional knowledge, community-led conservation, compliance standards, and closing the

emphasised. The Alliance affirmed commitments to IPLC governance, recognition, equitable financing, and data sovereignty, ensuring biodiversity monitoring respects local ownership, transparency, and national sovereignty.

The Summit closed with a communiqué outlining next steps: operationalising



Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo addressing a session of the Global Biodiversity Alliance (GBA) Summit

biodiversity finance gap, featuring voices from Indigenous organisations like the National Toshias Council and South Rupununi Conservation Society.

Day Three took delegates to Guyana's extraordinary natural landscapes with field visits to the Mahaica River system and Iwokrama Forest Reserve, offering firsthand experience of biodiversity conservation, Indigenous stewardship, and sustainable livelihoods rooted in nature.

Throughout the Summit, the vital role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities was

Guyana's NBIS, scaling biodiversity finance tools, finalising a unified Alliance position for COP30, and globally disseminating the GBA's action plan and technical models.

In his closing remarks, President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, confirmed as the inaugural Chair of the Global Biodiversity Alliance, declared: **"Let this Summit be remembered not just as a gathering of ideas, but as the beginning of implementation. With vision, science, and unity, we now walk the path from commitment to measurable action."**



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PPP/C GOV'T DELIVERS \$6.6B HEALTH INVESTMENT WITH NEW BATH HOSPITAL



President Ali delivering the feature address at the commissioning of the \$6.6 billion Bath Regional Hospital in Region Five



Minister of Health Dr Frank Anthony delivering remarks at the commissioning of the new Bath Regional Hospital

The Government of Guyana has delivered a major milestone in its health sector transformation with the commissioning of the \$6.6 billion Bath Regional Hospital in Region Five. The facility, officially opened by President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, is one of the most modern regional

hospitals in the country and marks a significant leapforward in delivering quality healthcare closer to home. Replacing the decades-old Fort Wellington Hospital, the new 75-bed facility features three fully equipped operating theatres, two dialysis units, a 24/7 diagnostic

and laboratory centre, and a brand-new CT scanner, upgrading the outdated machine in use for more than 25 years. Nearly 1,000 staff have been employed to operate the facility, which is designed to meet both emergency and routine healthcare needs across the Mahaica-Berbice region. Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, President Ali said the hospital reflects the government's bold investment in the health sector, particularly in infrastructure and human capital. **"In the last five years, we have trained more healthcare professionals than at any other time in our country's history,"** the president said, referencing free training

initiatives and the steady rise in healthcare salaries. **"We've invested in people and in facilities. Now, I'm asking our healthcare workers to deliver excellence,"** he urged, noting that workers now have access to free education and better wages. **Despite the progress, President Ali acknowledged ongoing human resource shortages. He revealed that the government will temporarily import critical healthcare professionals to ensure every facility, including Bath Regional, is fully operational.** Minister of Health Dr Frank Anthony, also addressing the ceremony,

said the new hospital replaces two outdated and overstretched regional facilities. He noted that the Fort Wellington Hospital will be repurposed, while residents will no

care, greater access, and stronger health outcomes for Region Five," Minister Anthony said. The Bath Regional Hospital follows the recent commissioning



Inside the new hospital

longer need to travel long distances to access essential services. **"This \$6.6 billion investment is not just a building, it's a promise of better**

of the modern hospitals at Enmore and Diamond in Region Four, as part of the government's nationwide healthcare expansion drive.



Ranks reacting to the announcement

More than 2,000 members of the Guyana Police Force (GPF) will receive long-awaited promotions beginning August 1, 2025. The announcement was made by President Ali during a visit to GPF Headquarters at

Eve Leary, marking a significant milestone in the government's commitment to supporting law enforcement officers. **A d d r e s s i n g** hundreds of officers, President Ali said the promotions are a reward

PRESIDENT ALI ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS FOR MORE THAN 2,000 POLICE RANKS

for years of dedicated service, good conduct, and professionalism. Promotions will be granted across several ranks, including Constable to Lance Corporal, Lance Corporal to Corporal, Corporal to Sergeant, and Sergeant to Inspector. The news was met with applause, cheers, and visible emotion from officers gathered for the announcement. Commissioner of Police Clifton Hicken, along with Deputy

C o m m i s s i o n e r s Ravindradat Budhram and Wendell Blanhum, were also in attendance. President Ali described the initiative as part of a broader effort to uplift the morale and working conditions of police officers. He pledged further support for the Force through continued investments in facilities, equipment, and training opportunities. **"This is not just about promotions. It's about restoring**

pride and dignity to your profession," President Ali told the ranks. **"A police officer recently told me he had to chase after a vehicle to beg for water. That is unacceptable, and it will end."** He called for greater accountability across the Force, warning that police stations and divisions would now be collectively assessed based on how well they manage government assets and deliver

services to the public. **"If your station fails to take care of equipment or to function professionally, it will impact everyone's evaluation, not just one individual,"** he said. President Ali also encouraged officers to pursue further education and professional development, revealing that new scholarships and training programmes will soon be rolled out.

GUYANA ADVANCES LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WITH NEW BIODIVERSITY FINANCE PACT

Guyana has taken a major step forward in its environmental leadership by signing a landmark biodiversity finance agreement with Sylvania, a global natural capital investment platform. The Letter of Intent (LOI), signed at the Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit in Georgetown, reinforces Guyana's commitment to expanding its Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) beyond forest carbon to include comprehensive ecosystem valuation. Since launching the world's first LCDS in

2009, Guyana has been a pioneer in climate and forest finance, earning significant results-based payments and pioneering jurisdictional REDD+ carbon credits under the ART-TREES standard. These credits have attracted major international buyers such as Apple and Hess Corporation. Under President Ali's expanded LCDS 2030, the government aims to incorporate biodiversity and freshwater ecosystem services into its sustainable development agenda. The new pact

with Sylvania, backed by \$500 million in private capital and expertise, will accelerate this vision by developing innovative financial instruments that reward biodiversity conservation. Key priorities of the agreement include creating methodologies to quantify biodiversity value, designing biodiversity-linked finance tools, sharing knowledge globally, and supporting other developing countries in establishing similar systems. A joint working group will be formed within 60 days to identify

pilot projects and draft an implementation roadmap. Kemraj Parsram, Executive Director of Guyana's Environmental Protection Agency, described the pact as a crucial advancement in designing economic models that incentivise nature protection. Sylvania's Head of Origination, James Cooper, praised Guyana's visionary leadership and commitment to inclusive, impactful nature finance. The partnership also underscores respect for national sovereignty,



The signing of the letter of intent

Indigenous Peoples' free, prior, and informed consent, transparency, and integrity, ensuring

a sustainable and equitable path forward for Guyana and the global community.

PRESIDENT ALI PLEDGES CONTINUED EXPANSION OF POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES



President Irfaan Ali addressing Guyanese during live broadcast

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has unveiled a comprehensive national strategy aimed at reducing the cost of living while building long-term wealth for Guyanese families. The plan, announced during a live national address, focuses

on driving inclusive economic growth, expanding access to essential services, and creating real, sustainable opportunities for citizens.

President Ali underscored that the government's approach to addressing poverty goes beyond temporary relief. **"If we are to address poverty and the cost of living, we must look at how we build and expand the economy while creating opportunities for the vulnerable,"** he explained.

Over the past five years, the government has removed more than

200 taxes, without introducing any new ones, ensuring that disposable income remains in the hands of citizens. This policy will



continue, with upcoming tax reforms aimed at further simplifying the

system for households and small businesses.

The President outlined several key pillars of the strategy: A 50% reduction in electricity bills, made possible by the upcoming Gas-to-Energy project; cooking gas prices set to decline significantly; no planned increases in healthcare, water, dialysis, MRIs, cancer treatment, or maternity services; expansion of the part-time job programme with integrated training and upskilling, especially for single mothers and low-income earners; establishment of a Development Bank to finance small

and medium-sized enterprises, along with co-investment grants and matching fund initiatives. There will also be enhanced support for vulnerable families, particularly women, children, persons with disabilities, and single-parent households. Assistance will cover dental, vision, and transport services.

"These measures are not short-term fixes," President Ali stated. **"They are designed to strengthen families, reduce monthly expenses, and create community wealth across Guyana."**

The new national

strategy is part of the government's broader vision of building a resilient, inclusive economy that leaves no one behind. The combined impact of these interventions will allow families to spend less on necessities and earn more through improved jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities.

"Improving the quality of life means putting more disposable income in people's pockets, and building a future where every Guyanese can thrive," the President affirmed.

GUYANA PROVIDES NEW RESIDENCE FOR CARICOM SECRETARY-GENERAL

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali officially handed over the new residence of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary-General, Dr. Carla Barnett, at Pradoville, East Coast Demerara. This milestone highlights Guyana's enduring commitment to CARICOM and regional integration.

The construction of the residence began on August 13, 2021, to provide the Secretary-General with a home closer to the CARICOM Secretariat. Reflecting on CARICOM's history, President Ali expressed pride in Guyana as one of the original signatories



The new official residence of CARICOM Secretary-General

to the Treaty of Chaguaramas, signed on July 4, 1973, by Guyana, Barbados, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago. This treaty established CARICOM, symbolising a shared destiny rooted in history, geography, and common goals.

President Ali emphasised the importance of regional integration for small

states facing a volatile global environment. **"Guyana is honoured to provide the facilities to house the CARICOM Secretariat, fulfilling our treaty obligations,"** he said. He recalled that the CARICOM headquarters was established in Guyana two decades ago and praised the new

residence for meeting high standards while easing the Secretary-General's commute and supporting the office's effective functioning.

The residence offers comfort, security, and a conducive space for reflection as Dr. Barnett continues leading the community forward. President Ali expressed gratitude for her leadership and reiterated Guyana's unwavering support for regional integration, highlighting shared vulnerabilities like economic shocks, climate change, and shifting markets. **"Integration is essential for our survival and**

prosperity," he added.

Dr. Barnett welcomed attendees to the new residence, calling it a fitting place for collaboration. She thanked the Government of Guyana for its support and outlined plans to beautify the grounds with fruit trees and flowers representing each CARICOM member

state. **"It is a pleasant place to live, and I look forward to calling it home,"** she said.

Also attending were Permanent Secretaries Ambassador Elizabeth Harper and Bishram Kuppen, alongside other government and CARICOM officials.



Inside the official residence of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary-General

COLOMBIAN EMBASSY REOPENS IN GEORGETOWN AS BILATERAL COOPERATION EXPANDS

The Republic of Colombia officially reopened its Embassy in Georgetown, marking a major milestone in strengthening diplomatic and economic ties between Guyana and Colombia. The reopening ceremony was held alongside celebrations for Colombia's 215th Independence anniversary and attended by dignitaries, including Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Phillips highlighted the deep-

rooted relationship between the two countries, which have maintained diplomatic relations since 1970. He emphasized that the reopening of the embassy signals a renewed commitment to expanding bilateral cooperation in vital areas such as language training, disaster risk management, agriculture, and capacity building. **"Colombia and Guyana, as continental neighbours, share long-standing diplomatic relations,**



Colombia reopens Embassy in Guyana after years of absence

and this renewed presence will further strengthen our partnership," he said.

The Prime Minister also welcomed Avianca's new direct flights between Georgetown and Bogotá, describing the air service as a significant

boost to people-to-people connections and economic exchange. **"This agreement facilitates greater cultural, tourism, and business opportunities between our nations,"** he noted.

Earlier in the day, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Guyana Office for Investment (GO-Invest) and Procolombia, the Colombian agency responsible for promoting tourism and foreign investment. The MoU aims to deepen economic relations and encourage Colombian investment in Guyana.

GO-Invest Chief Investment Officer, Dr. Peter Ramsaroop, expressed optimism about the partnership, citing recent Colombian companies setting up operations in Guyana. **"Guyana is a business-friendly country, and we look forward to long-**

term partnerships with the Colombian private sector," he said.

Colombia's Ambassador to Guyana, Graybern Livingston Forbes, praised the agreement as a way to build confidence and collaboration. **"We have the expertise; they have the needs. Together, we can advance as one,"** he remarked, highlighting the countries' shared geography and history.

The reopening of the Colombian Embassy and the new MoU mark a promising chapter for Guyana-Colombia relations, paving the way for expanded diplomatic, economic, and cultural cooperation.

6,000 RICE FARMERS TO BENEFIT FROM FREE CROP INSURANCE



President Ali addressing the gathering during the launch of the crop insurance programme for rice farmers

More than 6,000 rice farmers across Guyana will now benefit from free crop insurance coverage for the next three years, an unprecedented move launched recently by President Dr. Mohamed



Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha

Irfaan Ali at the Anna Regina Secondary School.

Describing the initiative as a “lifeline” for farmers, President Ali made it clear that this is more than a relief effort, it’s a transformative step towards protecting

livelihoods and securing food production in the face of climate challenges.

“This is what makes today so historic. For those who feed our nation, we are providing the security they need should misfortune strike. This is not just a safety net, it’s a lifeline,” the President told a packed audience.

Under this initiative, farmers will pay no premiums, but will receive full insurance coverage for their rice crops. It marks the first time such a service is being offered in the Caribbean—

positioning Guyana once again as a regional trailblazer in agricultural development.

Highlighting its role in climate resilience, President Ali said the programme sends a powerful message that Guyana is taking real, tangible action to build a greener, more secure future.

“It’s one thing to talk about a methane-free world, but it’s another to give farmers the incentives to help us get there,” he stated.

The President also called on commercial banks to step up in support of the

agriculture sector. With the risk now significantly reduced by the insurance programme, he said, the cost of borrowing for farmers must also come down.

Minister of Agriculture Zulfikar

country in the region to implement such a far-reaching service.

Agriculture remains a top priority for the government, with 8% of the national budget dedicated to the sector, far exceeding the global average of 1.5%.

Backed by billions in investment, from farm-to-market roads to drainage, irrigation, and fertiliser subsidies, the PPP/C Government



The launch of the programme

Mustapha hailed the project as historic, noting that Guyana is the first

continues to deliver on its promise to strengthen food security and empower farmers.

GUYANA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PARTNER TO LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE COCOA AND COFFEE PROJECT IN REGION ONE

A major agricultural transformation is on the horizon for Region One as Guyana and the Dominican Republic partner to launch a large-scale cocoa and coffee cultivation project. Covering a combined 400 acres; 200 acres each of cocoa and coffee, the initiative is set to create thousands of jobs, boost rural livelihoods, and position Guyana as a significant player in the regional high-value crop market.

The agreement, signed through Guyana’s Ministry of Agriculture, forms part of the government’s broader strategy to promote

sustainable agriculture, enhance economic diversification, and expand regional trade.

In addition to cultivation, the partnership will facilitate deeper technical cooperation between the two nations. This includes joint research and development, value-added production, and the processing and marketing of cocoa and coffee. Trade facilitation mechanisms will also be explored to support long-term success.

At full capacity, the project’s cocoa component alone is expected to yield approximately 8,000



Guyana and Dominican Republic sign agreement to launch large-scale cocoa and coffee cultivation in Region One

metric tonnes. Nearly 3,000 Guyanese are projected to benefit both directly and indirectly through employment and related economic opportunities across the value chain.

This initiative aligns with President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali’s vision to revitalize agriculture in Region One. During a 2024 outreach to Waramuri Village in Barima-Waini,

the President highlighted the region’s vast agricultural potential and announced plans to develop a 10,000-acre coffee plantation featuring premium Arabica and Liberica

varieties.

He reaffirmed the government’s commitment to transforming Region One into a leading coffee-producing area through targeted investment and the distribution of thousands of cocoa plants.

With this latest partnership, the Government of Guyana is advancing its goal of transforming the agriculture sector, creating new economic frontiers, and delivering real opportunities to residents in hinterland and rural communities.

IDB APPROVES US\$30M CREDIT LINE TO BOOST WATER AND SANITATION

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has approved a US\$30 million Conditional Credit Line for Investment Projects (CCLIP) to support Guyana’s efforts to upgrade its water and sanitation infrastructure.

The CCLIP aims to improve the resilience, quality, and sustainability of services provided by the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI), including drinking water and sewerage systems. Approximately 151,560

residents will benefit from enhanced access to safe and reliable water services through this initiative.

A key component of the programme is the construction of a new water treatment plant at Diamond, along with about 15 kilometres of transmission pipelines and interconnections to link the new facility with existing distribution networks. The project also supports efforts to reduce Non-Revenue Water by advancing leak detection, repairs, and public awareness

campaigns.

GWI will undergo a digital transformation, adopting modern technologies and tools to improve operational management, lower costs, and increase revenue. Upgrades are also underway across systems on the East Bank of Demerara, East Coast Demerara, and Cummings Lodge, focusing on improved metering, integration of management information systems, and operational efficiency.

In addition to the

CCLIP, the IDB approved a Specific Investment Loan of US\$15.57 million to further enhance water and sanitation infrastructure nationwide.

These investments support the government’s push to expand potable water coverage, which increased from 38 percent in 2020 to over 90 percent in 2025, with the goal of achieving 100 percent coverage by the end of the year.

The credit line carries a 25-year repayment term with a 5.5-year grace period and



Several water treatment plants have been completed in the last 5 years

an interest rate linked to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). The project will also receive co-financing of US\$36.33 million from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Over the past five years, Guyana has made

significant strides in the water sector by building new treatment plants, installing transmission mains, and drilling wells in coastal and hinterland communities to expand access to safe drinking water for its citizens.

PPP/C WILL NOT BE DERAILED
BY RACE-BAITING POLITICS – DR. JAGDEO



General Secretary of the People’s Progressive Party/ Civic (PPP/C), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo

General Secretary of the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, has strongly condemned what he described as a divisive and desperate attempt by opposition elements to inject race into the political discourse ahead of the 2025 General and Regional Elections. Speaking at a press conference at Freedom House, Dr. Jagdeo said

the PPP/C remains firmly focused on development, equity, and the empowerment of all Guyanese, regardless of race or background, even as it faces attacks for welcoming a new generation of young Afro-Guyanese leaders. “We will not be derailed by race-baiting politics,” Dr. Jagdeo declared. “The PPP/C stands firm on its record

of delivering for every Guyanese and building a future where opportunity is defined by merit and inclusion, not race.” Dr. Jagdeo expressed concern over the rising tide of online attacks targeting Afro-Guyanese professionals who have joined the PPP/C slate, saying these attacks are designed to intimidate and shame them for breaking with traditional political expectations. “These young people are embracing a future built on unity, progress, and results,” he said. “The attacks on them are not just political, they’re racist and aimed at preserving a broken status quo. But they will not back down, and neither will we.” He reaffirmed that under President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali’s leadership, the PPP/C Government has invested heavily in all communities, urban and rural, Afro- and Indo-Guyanese alike, with tangible benefits in housing, jobs, education, and infrastructure. Dr. Jagdeo also accused the opposition of spreading misinformation and engaging in “gutter politics” due to their lack of a credible development agenda. “The people of Guyana are not buying it. They see through the noise. We are witnessing growing support across the country, from young professionals, from Afro-Guyanese, from every region. And that’s what scares the opposition.”

As Guyana prepares for national elections, Dr. Jagdeo urged citizens to reject division and remain focused on building a united and prosperous nation. **On the WIN Party and OFAC Sanctions** Dr. Jagdeo also addressed recent developments involving the We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) political outfit, led by US-sanctioned businessman Azruddin Mohamed. He reiterated his warnings following confirmation that Citizens Bank has joined several other financial institutions in severing ties with individuals associated with the WIN party. “We have been warning people,” Dr. Jagdeo said, referencing the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions issued in June 2024. According to Dr. Jagdeo, the OFAC sanctions clearly state that financial institutions risk penalties or loss of corresponding banking relationships if they conduct business with the Mohameds or their associates. “It even warns that ordinary people who continue to do business with him can face law enforcement action,” Dr. Jagdeo stressed. The Vice President criticized WIN for promoting a misleading narrative of political victimhood while ignoring the gravity of the corruption allegations tied to its leadership. “They have a clever campaign, ‘Oh, we’re going to get the sanctions lifted.’ How?” he asked. “They refuse to confront the real issue, which is serious, documented wrongdoing.”

The government continues to make bold strides in early childhood education with the commissioning of two new nursery school facilities, Early Learners Nursery in Tuschen, Region Three, and a newly completed nursery block at Yarrowkabra Nursery in Region Four. Both schools were officially commissioned by Minister of Education, Priya Manickchand,, as part of the administration’s broader

90 LEARNERS, 2 NEW SCHOOLS
GOV'T DRIVES NURSERY EDUCATION FORWARD

effort to expand access to quality education from the earliest stages. The Tuschen-based Early Learners Nursery, constructed at a cost of \$51 million, has seen rapid growth in enrollment since it opened in April 2025. Initially serving 40 children, the school



New block at Yarrowkabra Nursery School commissioned

now accommodates 90 learners, a reflection of growing parental confidence in the public education system. Staffed by five teachers, four of whom are trained and one currently in training, the facility offers structured, nurturing environments that support learners during their critical early development years. At Yarrowkabra, the newly commissioned nursery block also caters to 90 learners and is staffed by nine teachers, eight of whom are trained. The expansion ensures that more children in the area

have access to improved classroom spaces and qualified educators. These schools are part of a nationwide transformation of nursery education infrastructure. Over the past four and a half years, the Ministry of Education has constructed 54 new nursery schools, reconstructed 13 existing nursery schools, and extended 39 others, including Yarrowkabra.



New block at Yarrowkabra Nursery School commissioned



Early Learners Nursery at Tuschen commissioned

REGGAE ICON MAXI PRIEST, PRESIDENT ALI
DISCUSS MAKING GUYANA A MUSIC HUB

British-born reggae star Maxi Priest met with President Dr. Irfaan Ali at State House to discuss Guyana’s potential as a regional centre for music and entertainment. Priest, known for international hits like “Wild World” and “Just a Little Bit Longer,” was

in Guyana to headline the African Cultural and Development Association’s (ACDA) E m a n c i p a t i o n Celebrations at the National Park. During their meeting, President Ali and the reggae legend exchanged ideas on boosting the

Caribbean’s music industry and ensuring its sustainability. They also explored opportunities to position Guyana as a premier destination for music festivals and production, an initiative that could further diversify the local economy and create

platforms for regional and international artists. The conversation aligns with the Government’s broader vision of investing in the creative sector as part of Guyana’s cultural and economic transformation.



President Ali met with renowned British vocalist Maxi Priest

US RAISES RED FLAGS OVER SANCTIONED BUSINESSMAN'S POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS; AG WARNS OF ECONOMIC FALLOUT

The United States government has expressed serious concern over the political ambitions of US-sanctioned businessman Azruddin Mohamed, warning that his entry into national politics could strain US-Guyana relations and undermine investor confidence.

US Ambassador to Guyana, Nicole Theriot, speaking at the Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre, described Mohamed's candidacy in the upcoming General and Regional Elections as **"problematic in multiple ways."**

Mohamed was sanctioned by the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) on June 11, 2024. Ambassador Theriot stressed that US law prohibits official



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

engagement with sanctioned individuals, which would complicate diplomatic and operational dealings should Mohamed be elected to public office.

"If he were to become a member of a parliamentary committee, we would have to be very careful in working with that committee," she said. **"We would have to make sure that we**

didn't work with him specifically. So, that's a bit of an issue."

She further warned that the presence of a sanctioned figure in government could deter US companies from doing business in Guyana. **"In other countries, we've seen US companies de-risk or even pull out when sanctioned individuals**

are involved in governance," Theriot noted.

Echoing those concerns, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Anil Nandlall, SC, warned that Mohamed's political involvement could destabilise Guyana's financial system. Speaking at a public meeting on the East Coast of Demerara, AG Nandlall cautioned that local banks, including Demerara Bank, have already begun distancing themselves from persons associated with Mohamed.

"If Mohamed ever gets close, not even to government, just to Parliament, all your bank accounts could be revoked," the Attorney General said. **"The banking system is like an organism. Once infected, the entire system is**

compromised."

He urged voters not to gamble with Guyana's economic future, pointing to the

it by empowering those who bring international baggage and local chaos."



United States Ambassador to Guyana, Nicole Theriot

country's status as the world's fastest-growing economy, with a 47% growth rate.

"We built that momentum on trust and credibility," AG Nandlall stated. **"We cannot risk**

Both Ambassador Theriot and AG Nandlall stressed that Guyana remains a key ally of the United States, but urged vigilance to protect the nation's democratic and financial integrity as elections approach.

STOLEN IDEAS, NO SUBSTANCE - DR RAMSAROOP SLAMS WIN'S POLICY PLANS

Head of the Guyana Office for Investment, Dr. Peter Ramsaroop, has criticised the We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) party's recently launched manifesto, accusing it of **"significant plagiarism"** from the policy documents of other political parties, particularly the governing PPP/C.

Speaking on the 'On the Record' television programme, Dr. Ramsaroop said it was clear that WIN's leader Azruddin Mohamed had no original manifesto, despite claiming earlier

that one would soon be unveiled.

"What happened [at the manifesto launch] was simply a combination of other people's ideas," Dr. Ramsaroop stated. He pointed out that several proposals in the WIN document mirrored PPP/C initiatives already being implemented.

One such example, he noted, was the digital economy plan. **"The digital economy initiative they outlined is essentially a replica of what the PPP/C has been**

advancing through its national ICT and digitisation agenda," Ramsaroop said.

He also cited WIN's proposal to establish a business incubator via a development bank, an idea that has already been rolled out under President Dr. Irfaan Ali and Vice President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo.

What's more troubling, Ramsaroop added, is Mohamed's lack of capacity to understand or execute such ambitious projects. **"To copy something of that magnitude**

without the technical requirements is alarming. It's not just about ideas, it's about competence," he stressed.

The Chief Investment Officer warned that voters should not be swayed by flashy presentations that lack substance, noting that governance demands both vision and the capability to deliver.



Chief Investment Officer, Dr. Peter Ramsaroop

ELECTIONS TO PROCEED AS COURT DISMISSES LEGAL CHALLENGES

The 2025 General and Regional Elections will go ahead as planned after the High Court dismissed two election-related cases filed by Christopher Ram and Vishnu Bandhu. The challenges, brought earlier this year, claimed that certain sections of

the Representation of the People Act (ROPA) violated constitutional rights by restricting independent candidates, allegedly breaching Articles 147 and 160 of the Constitution.

Chief Justice (ag) Roxane George found the applications to

be without merit and dismissed both cases. Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mohabir Anil Nandlall, labelled the lawsuits as **"frivolous"** and suggested they were likely filed to delay the electoral process.

"This one was

clearly intended to delay the elections," AG Nandlall stated. **"But once they read our submissions, they must have realised they couldn't succeed. We're grateful the Chief Justice ruled promptly so the**

elections wouldn't be overshadowed by pending litigation."

The Court ruled the cases as frivolous, vexatious, and lacking merit, awarding costs against both applicants. Ram and Bandhu have each been ordered to pay \$500,000 — \$250,000

to the Attorney General's Office and \$250,000 to the Guyana Elections Commission.

With the cases dismissed, preparations for the 2025 elections will move forward without legal obstacles.

MODEC LAUNCHES GUYANA OFFICE, CREATING OVER 160 NEW LOCAL JOBS IN OIL AND GAS SECTOR



Minister Oneidge Walrond delivering the feature address at MODEC's ceremony

Guyana's booming oil and gas sector has received a major lift with the official opening of a local office by Mitsui Ocean Development & Engineering Company Inc. (MODEC), a move that promises more than 160 long-term local jobs and new opportunities



US Senator Michael Bennett (CNN photo)

for skills development. The global offshore engineering giant, headquartered in Japan, officially launched its Georgetown operations at the Pegasus Corporate Suites, reinforcing its commitment to Guyana's energy future. The investment marks another milestone in

the government's drive to ensure that energy sector growth directly benefits the Guyanese people through local content and job creation. Delivering remarks on behalf of President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce Oneidge Walrond welcomed MODEC's entry, calling it a "serious and meaningful commitment" to Guyana's long-term development. "This is not a company testing the waters," Minister

Walrond said. "MODEC has come with purpose, promise, and a proven record. They're here to build, hire, train, and help develop our national capacity." MODEC's operations are expected to support hundreds of jobs during the startup phase, with over 160 sustained local positions once production is underway. The investment also aligns with Guyana's groundbreaking local content legislation, which has so far seen over \$1.5 billion in contracts awarded to more than

1,100 local businesses across sectors like transportation, logistics, accommodation, and engineering. MODEC Group President and COO Katsuyuki Imaizumi reaffirmed the company's long-term outlook for Guyana, stating, "We are 100% committed to contributing to Guyana's rapid growth through local content. We view Guyana's human capital as one of our greatest assets." Earlier this year, MODEC secured a

major contract from ExxonMobil Guyana to build a Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading (FPSO) vessel for the Hammerhead project. This will be its second FPSO for Guyana, following the Errea Wittu, now under construction for the Uaru development. The Hammerhead FPSO, the most advanced of its kind in Guyana, will produce 150,000 barrels of oil per day and include next-generation technologies for energy efficiency and reduced environmental impact.

GUYANA STRENGTHENS REGIONAL AIR TRAVEL WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW TECNAM AIRCRAFT

Guyana's aviation sector received a major boost with the addition of two state-of-the-art Tecnam P2012 Traveller aircraft, furthering the government's push to modernise and expand national air transport. Manufactured in Italy, the twin-engine aircraft are designed to provide safe, efficient, and comfortable regional air travel. Each aircraft accommodates up to 11 passengers and is equipped with advanced avionics, short take-off and landing capabilities, and optional ice protection, making them ideal for Guyana's varied terrain and hinterland



The new Tecnam Aircraft

conditions. At the official launch, Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, lauded the acquisition as another major stride in aviation advancement under the leadership of President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali. "This is part

of a broader strategy, modernising legislation, building aviation capacity, and acquiring top-tier aircraft, to position Guyana as a leader in regional aviation," he stated. Since 2021, 13

new aircraft have been added to the national registry, signalling growing confidence in the country's aviation potential. Minister Edghill also revealed that new airstrips are under construction to support aircraft like the P2012 and helicopters, noting: "We're not just buying planes; we're investing in the full ecosystem, runways, regulation, training, and safety." Captain Gerry Gouveia, Chairman of Roraima Airways, said the project goes far beyond aircraft procurement. "It's about raising



Inside the aircraft

standards, improving safety, and strengthening our ability to serve Guyana and the wider Caribbean," he emphasised. The launch was also welcomed by EU Ambassador René Van Nes, GCAA Director General Lt. Col. Egbert Field, and GO-Invest's Chief Investment Officer Dr. Peter Ramsaroop,

who described the arrival of the air-conditioned, Wi-Fi-enabled aircraft as a milestone for Guyana's aviation development. More Tecnam aircraft are expected to arrive soon, with the government having granted no-objection to additional purchases, solidifying its commitment to building a resilient, world-class aviation sector.



The new upgraded \$314.4 million Karisparu Airstrip

Air travel to the remote Amerindian village of Karisparu in Region Eight is now significantly safer and more reliable following a \$314.4 million upgrade to the community's airstrip. The transformation replaced the once uneven sand-gravel runway, which was often waterlogged during

the rainy season and inefficient during dry spells, with a durable, all-weather concrete surface. The rehabilitated airstrip retains its original alignment and now measures 720 metres long and 15.24 metres wide, complete with a 125mm thick concrete surface and a 30 x 30 metre aircraft apron for safe servicing and flight

preparations. The rehabilitation, executed by Ideal Engineering Services and completed by the June 4, 2025 deadline, included comprehensive topographic and engineering surveys, a 150mm sand-gravel levelling course, a 150mm base course, and the final concrete layer. This upgrade marks a major leap forward for the community, improving connectivity, lowering transportation costs, and opening up new avenues for economic growth and tourism in the North Pakaraimas. With improved access

to Karisparu's scenic mountains, waterfalls, and cultural heritage, the region is now poised for increased visitor activity. In a similar effort, the neighbouring community of Paramakatoi is also set to benefit from a \$799 million investment for the complete reconstruction of its airstrip. The new structure will span 2,500 feet by 50 feet and feature a six-inch rigid concrete surface, reinforced with BRC mesh and steel joints for long-term durability. A 100 x 100 feet tarmac will accommodate aircraft



The new upgraded \$314.4 million Karisparu Airstrip

parking. These upgrades are part of a wider government initiative to improve hinterland connectivity. A total of \$2.5 billion has been earmarked for airstrip

development, ensuring safer, more dependable air travel for remote communities across Guyana.



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali addressing the audience

Guyana is setting sail toward a new era of trade and economic opportunity with plans to construct a state-of-the-art deep -water port in Region Six. The transformative initiative, announced by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, will directly link Berbice to Brazil, South America, and Caribbean markets, positioning the region as a major international

trade corridor. The President made the announcement during his address at the Shipping Association of Guyana’s Business Mixer in Georgetown. He highlighted that the Berbice port will be a critical component of the PPP/C Government’s broader strategy to improve logistics, boost competitiveness, and stimulate economic growth across the country.

“This project will redefine Berbice’s role in international trade. It will provide direct maritime access for cargo moving between Brazil and the Caribbean, making Guyana a vital connector in regional commerce,” President Ali stated. The deep-water

BERBICE DEEP - WATER PORT TO OPEN NEW TRADE CORRIDORS

facility will allow larger vessels to dock, lower shipping costs, and attract more regional and global trade. At the same time, the government is advancing plans to deepen the Demerara Harbour and expand other ports to support rising import and export volumes driven by Guyana’s rapid economic growth.

A modern Port Act is also in development to govern the operations of these facilities. This new legal framework will introduce international best practices in efficiency, safety, transparency, and oversight, supported by the creation of an



Part of the gathering

independent port authority.

President Ali further announced plans for major investments in maritime infrastructure, including waterfront upgrades at Vreed-en-Hoop and Stabroek, a cold-storage packaging

facility in Charity, and a modern port at Parika to support farmers exporting to the region.

Additionally, new ferries and road links are being developed to connect hinterland farmers to key markets. In Region One, a new

ferry will be introduced within months, along with infrastructure to move goods from Moruca to Charity.

Looking ahead, the government plans to train at least 2,000 workers to meet the growing demand in the maritime sector. Investments in port security—in partnership with the United States, will also ensure Guyana’s ports meet global trust standards.

“We are building a globally competitive maritime economy,” the President affirmed. **“One that will benefit every region of our country.”**

NEW FERRIES TO DOUBLE VEHICLE CAPACITY ON KEY RIVER CROSSINGS

Guyana’s maritime transport is set for a major upgrade with the imminent arrival of four new multimillion-dollar vessels, promising enhanced efficiency, safety, and capacity for trade and commerce.

Two state-of-the-art pilot boats, built by French shipbuilder OCEA, have been completed and are preparing to sail to Port Georgetown. These vessels mark the first of

several new additions to the country’s marine fleet.

Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, also announced that two new ferries purchased from Greece will soon join the Transport and Harbours Department. **“... one vessel will arrive to bolster the Supenaam/Parika route. Additionally, another ocean-going ferry is being**

finalised to serve the Georgetown to Region One route,” he revealed.

The ferry for the Essequibo crossing can carry up to 86 caravan-type vehicles, nearly doubling the current capacity of the MV Sabanto and MV Canawan, which carry just over 50 vehicles. This increased capacity will reduce delays and support commercial and agricultural activities.

The Georgetown-Region One ferry will accommodate 55 caravans or 19 trucks per trip, potentially increasing cargo and vehicle movement sixfold.

“ T h e s e investments are part of a broader strategy to improve water transport and bolster key sectors like agriculture, tourism, and hinterland development ,”



The MV MA Lisha's on one of its journey from Georgetown in Region 4 to Kumuka in Region 1

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Additionally, further enhancing three boats are under construction to transport farmers and supporting agricultural goods along national productivity goals. the Demerara, Berbice,



The Demerara Harbour bridge

For over 40 years, the Demerara Harbour Bridge (DHB) has served as a critical lifeline, connecting Region Three to Georgetown and facilitating daily travel, trade, and national development.

As of midnight on July 31, 2025, that connection became more affordable for thousands of commuters as the

bridge, along with the Berbice River Bridge and the McKenzie/Wismar Bridge in Linden, became toll-free, a major policy shift under the leadership of President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

Commuters shared their excitement moments after midnight, with many highlighting the significant savings. One man, who crosses

DEMERARA HARBOUR BRIDGE GOES TOLL-FREE AS GOV'T ADVANCES MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDA

the bridge five times a day, estimated his monthly savings would now amount to thousands of dollars.

Since its opening in 1978, the toll for passenger vehicles gradually increased, from \$5 to \$200 by 2017. The removal of the toll is now putting real money back into the pockets of Guyanese families while enhancing economic activity between regions.

Initially designed to last only 10 years, the 1.85-kilometre floating bridge continues to serve the public 47 years later, thanks to \$4.8 billion in maintenance investments made by the PPP/C Government since 2020.

Key rehabilitation works include 106 pontoons rehabilitated (\$2.04B,) span 9 replacement and span 10 works (\$1.27B,) 2,150 deck plates fabricated (\$777M,) high span rehab (\$83.7M,) 204 anchor blocks installed (\$253M,) 410 junction posts restored (\$226M,) 350 buoys repaired (\$39.3M,) and tarmac expansion, wire ropes, and bridge dredge upgrades

More than \$1.07 billion was also spent on repairing damage from vessel collisions, and a bridge zone patrol boat was added to ensure safety and monitoring.

Despite these efforts, maintaining the aging structure remains costly. As such,

the Government has launched construction of a new Demerara River Bridge, a landmark project expected to benefit over 50,000 daily commuters, save \$3.5 billion annually, and support higher traffic volumes at speeds up to 80 km/h.

Designed to last 100 years and operate toll-free, the new bridge will feature the Cacique Crown of Honour, symbolising its national significance and Guyana’s leap toward a modern, connected future.



NEARLY 500 STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW BRICKDAM SECONDARY SCHOOL

Close to 500 learners from the city and surrounding areas will soon return to a state-of-the-art facility as President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali officially commissioned the newly rebuilt Brickdam Secondary School. The school, which had been unusable since 2016, now stands proudly at the historic corner of Camp Street and Brickdam, replacing the former St. Mary's Secondary site with a modern, three-storey building designed to meet the needs of today's students.

This new facility boasts 22 spacious classrooms, three dedicated staff rooms, a counselling office, a sick bay, and a fully equipped integrated science laboratory, offering students a nurturing and



The newly constructed Brickdam Secondary School

well-resourced learning environment.

Addressing a packed auditorium of students, educators, and parents, President Ali reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to education, stating that the sector is firmly **"in safe hands"** under the People's Progressive Party/Civic administration.

He described the school's reconstruction as a critical part of a broader national vision: transforming access to quality education from a promise into reality.

"This new Brickdam Secondary School is another milestone in our efforts to enhance educational access, improve academic

achievement, and raise quality standards throughout Guyana," President Ali declared.

Since assuming office in 2020, the PPP/C government has embarked on the largest secondary school construction and renovation campaign in the country's history, spanning both coastal and hinterland communities. The goal: to guarantee universal secondary education for every child by 2026, regardless of location.

President Ali emphasised, **"We are ending the outdated practice of primary top schools and ensuring all children have access to comprehensive secondary education immediately, not eventually. Quality education is no longer a distant dream for Guyanese children; it is a present reality."**

Brickdam Secondary's Headmistress, Yvette McBean-Hawker, warmly welcomed the reopening, and highlighted the importance of comfortable, well-equipped spaces for learning. **"Your presence here today signals the nation's commitment to education as a top priority and reaffirms that our young people are the foundation of Guyana's future,"** she said.

Minister of Education Priya Manickchand underscored plans to fully staff the school

with trained teachers by next year, reflecting the government's dedication to high teaching standards.

The construction project was carefully divided into six lots to accelerate completion, part of a wider strategy to modernise education facilities nationwide.

Just weeks earlier, President Ali commissioned the new Christ Church Secondary School and the cutting-edge St. George's School of Sciences, further exemplifying the PPP/C's vision to transform Guyana into a new model of educational excellence.

Through these sustained efforts, the PPP/C government continues its pledge to make universal secondary education a reality by mid-2026, empowering generations of Guyanese children to learn, grow, and succe.

The East Bank corridor now boasts its first sixth form facility, marking a major step forward for students pursuing Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exams (CAPE).

Minister of Education Priya Manickchand officially commissioned a new \$95 million sixth form block and administrative wing at Diamond Secondary School. The previous administrative building was destroyed by fire in 2018.

The new sixth form facility includes six fully furnished classrooms, each accommodating up to 30 students. The adjoining administrative block now houses a modern staff room, a fully equipped library,

and an Information Technology lab with 40 computer stations.

The new wing will offer 16 CAPE subjects, saving students time, transportation costs, and providing easier access to advanced education closer to home.

"The entire auditorium was being used as classrooms, which is not optimal. That's why we took the decision to build a new block," Minister Manickchand said during the commissioning ceremony. She added that this is the fourth such facility built in the last five years, following similar projects in Anna Regina, Rosignol, and West Bank Demerara.

"You need to

DIAMOND SECONDARY LAUNCHES SIXTH FORM BLOCK



Student cutting the ribbon to the new wing of the Diamond Secondary, flanked by Minister of Education Priya Manickchand and HM Lesmine Collins and other officials

have a desire to help children, and you need people who will drive the programme," the Minister emphasised.

Students are already eager to begin classes in September. Renola Joordan, a former student of Diamond Secondary, expressed her enthusiasm: **"My friends and I are interested in doing CAPE here because of the closeness to where we live, and we are more comfortable with the teachers here."**

The project is part of the Ministry's broader push to expand access to advanced secondary education. New schools are under construction at Kaneville and Prospect, while expansion works are ongoing at Yarrowkabra and Soesdyke.

Nationwide, 42 secondary schools have been constructed over the past five years. These developments are aligned with the government's commitment to delivering quality education to every child in Guyana.

FRIDAYS TO BECOME SPORTS DAYS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Starting soon, all public schools in Guyana will dedicate Fridays to sports and physical education, under a new initiative announced by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles and holistic education.

Speaking at the commissioning of the new Brickdam Secondary School, President Ali noted that while academic learning

remains critical, the modern world demands well-rounded individuals equipped with life skills, discipline, and strong values.

"I believe strongly that if we are to shift from a device-led world to a human-led world, we need to make important changes. One such change is making Friday afternoons fully focused on physical education,

recreation, and sports," the President told the gathering.

He urged parents, communities, and faith-based organisations to support this shift, helping to instill discipline, respect, and character in children through these structured sessions.

To support this initiative, the government will invest in creating more recreational spaces near

schools over the next five years.

Education continues to be a top priority for the PPP/C Administration, with over \$600 billion invested in the sector over the past five years. In 2025 alone, \$175 billion was allocated for the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of schools nationwide.

The results are already evident: National Grade Six Assessment



Friday afternoons will be fully focused on physical education

pass rates in English and Mathematics have climbed to 69.2% and 55.5% respectively.

President Ali described these investments as **"an investment in the brains, hearts, and hands of our children."**

RED WAVE OF SUPPORT GROWS STRONGER

1,000 HEALTH JOBS, IMPROVED EDUCATION, AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ON THE WAY FOR REGION ONE

1,000 health jobs, improved education, and major infrastructure upgrades on the way for Region One

The PPP/C Government is delivering transformative changes in Region One, with President Ali announcing a series of bold initiatives to improve healthcare, education, and infrastructure across Barima-Waini.

Addressing a packed rally at the Moruca Community Ground, President Ali declared an end to empty promises. **“We are done with waiting. The PPP/C is delivering real jobs, real training, and real opportunities for the people of Region One,”** he said.

A major highlight of the announcement was the creation of 1,000 new jobs in the health sector, part of a broader effort to strengthen frontline services. Community Support Officers (CSOs) will also benefit from increased stipends and regular monthly payments to support their growth and stability.

Youth development remains central to the PPP/C’s agenda. The President pledged to upgrade recreational facilities across the region to give young people safe spaces to pursue sports and personal development. In education, ongoing investments

include the construction of secondary schools, the establishment of study hubs, and expanded access to the GOAL scholarship programme. Plans are also underway to set up study centres in every village, complete with transportation support to make learning more accessible.

Backed by more than \$1.5 billion already invested in water infrastructure, Region One has seen a leap in clean water access, from under 40% to over 80%, with the government targeting full coverage by year-end.

President Ali also took aim at the opposition, urging residents not to be



The rally at the Moruca Community Ground



The rally at the Moruca Community Ground

misled by those who have neglected hinterland development in the past. **“Only the PPP/C has consistently delivered for you, with real action, real investment, and real results,”** he stated.

The message was clear: Region One is no longer being overlooked. Its time has come.



The rally at the Moruca Community Ground

REGION SEVEN TO RISE AS ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE



The event at Tiperu Falls, Bartica



The event at Tiperu Falls, Bartica

President Ali announced an ambitious five-year plan to transform Region Seven (Cuyuni-Mazaruni) from its mining roots into a diversified economic hub. Speaking at a PPP/C family fun day at Tiperu Falls, Bartica, the President outlined a strategy to develop agriculture, tourism, infrastructure, and financial services, delivering real opportunities for residents long neglected by past administrations.

“Mining will no longer be your only destiny,” President Ali declared. **“We’re**

building a future where Region Seven thrives in every sector.”

To empower miners, farmers, and hinterland communities, the government will remove all taxes on ATVs and outboard engines, essential tools for many residents. **“These are lifelines, not luxuries,”** he emphasised.

A 10-acre integrated agricultural project will be launched in Bartica to boost local food production, providing fresh produce and livestock to mining camps and surrounding villages, creating jobs and strengthening food security.

The government also plans to elevate Bartica’s Regatta into a world-class tourism event with tax incentives and marketing support, positioning the region as a vibrant destination for tourism and entertainment.

President Ali reaffirmed the government’s commitment to empowering small and medium-scale miners by granting access to equipment, financing, and international markets. **“Our goal is to move miners from renters to owners,”** he said, pointing to a forthcoming large gold mine set to open in Region Seven by 2027.

Reinforcing a Made-in-Guyana policy, the President announced that quarry materials from Region Seven will supply infrastructure projects across the country, including roads from Sand Hill to Bartica and Lethem.

The plan also includes building a new regional hospital, housing subsidies, and programmes to empower youth and women while reducing living costs.

“This is about unity, equity, and opportunity for all Guyanese,” President Ali concluded, urging continued trust in the PPP/C’s transformative vision for Region Seven.

FOOD SECURITY, LAND TITLES, AND BANKING ACCESS COMING TO MAHDIA AND BEYOND

Region Eight is poised for long-awaited progress as President Ali unveiled a bold five-year development strategy tailored to the region’s needs. Speaking to a large crowd in Mahdia, the President outlined a plan to tackle food insecurity, lack of services, and economic stagnation.

“Region Eight is not an afterthought, it’s a priority,” he affirmed. The plan includes major investments in agriculture to transform Mahdia into a food production hub. With

government support in the form of funding, cold storage, and technical training, residents will be empowered to grow and distribute their own food, reducing dependence on costly air transport.

President Ali also pledged support for women and youth through co-investment in agriculture, eco-tourism, and small business ventures. **“We’re giving you the tools to build something lasting,”** he said.

In a landmark announcement,

families who have lived in Mahdia for over a decade will finally receive land titles. New housing developments are also planned to further improve living conditions.

Essential government services such as birth registration, NIS, and business licensing, will soon be available locally through a digital one-stop terminal, ending the need for costly travel to Georgetown.

Access to banking will be addressed with a commercial bank setting up a representative



The rally in Mahdia



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REGION TWO BACKS PRESIDENT ALI FOR ANOTHER TERM

CITIZENS, YOUTH, FARMERS AND WOMEN APPLAUD PPP/C’S TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Candidate Ranjiv Singh

The people of Region Two (Pomeroon–Supenaam) have made their voices clear: **they want five more years of President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali’s leadership and the continued stewardship of the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C).**

At a massive rally held at the Anna Regina Car Park, thousands of energised supporters, dressed in vibrant red, chanted in unison, *“Second term! Second term for our President!”* Their message was echoed by community leaders, youth candidates, and farmers alike, all praising the government’s track record of inclusive development.

A RECORD OF REAL RESULTS

Vice Chair of the National Toshaoos Council, Sonia Latchman, fired up the crowd, citing five years

of undeniable progress. **“Over the last five years, we have seen transformation, and that is why we are here today,”** she declared.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN ACTION

Young PPP/C candidate Kareena Persaud, a beneficiary of the GOAL scholarship programme, passionately defended the government’s investments in education and youth leadership.

“I’ve benefitted from it personally. Comrades, this is what love looks like. This is what the PPP/C is all about,” she said. Persaud urged young people to seize the opportunities available under the PPP/C and vote to **“defend development and protect our progress.”**

She is one of 27 candidates under 25 years of age on the

party’s list, a symbol of the government’s commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders.

LIFTING FAMILIES AND BUILDING DREAMS

Candidate Ranjiv Singh, who once struggled to afford CSEC exams, highlighted how the PPP/C now pays exam fees for up to eight subjects, giving

PPP/C’s unwavering dedication to women’s empowerment.

“I am proud of the results of His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali,” she said. **“This region is fully prepared and committed to his leadership for another five years.”**

AMERINDIAN VOICES REJECT MISINFORMATION

Former Member of



PPPC's Candidate Azizi Christiani

all students a fair shot. Today, Singh is studying medicine through a government scholarship.

“I’m not living in a dream, it’s reality, thanks to the PPP/C,” he said, urging supporters to rally for five more years of visionary leadership.

WOMEN LEADING THE WAY

Regional Chairperson Vilma Da Silva, the only female regional chair in Guyana, celebrated the

Parliament and toshao, Yvonne Pearson made an impassioned plea to Amerindian leaders not to be misled by false narratives.

“In all this development, Amerindian villages are not left behind,” she stated, pointing to benefits from carbon credit funds and expanded decision-making for village councils under the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS).

FARMERS PROTECTED, FUTURES SECURED

Long-time farmer and candidate Gaitree Bharrat praised the government for launching free crop insurance. **“It’s not just insurance; it’s security for our future,”** she said, noting the policy has already saved over **70,000 bags of paddy** and rescued hundreds of farmers from ruin.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SHARE THEIR JOURNEY

Teacher and GOAL scholar Varshani Dyal proudly declared that she had earned her

Essequibo Coast,” she said.

Azizi Christiani, a teacher, journalist, and youth advocate, echoed this sentiment, crediting the PPP/C for supporting his professional growth and community service.

THE VERDICT FROM REGION TWO

From scholarships to insurance, road upgrades to modern healthcare, Region Two has felt the full weight of PPP/C’s investment, and they’re not ready to stop now.

With a sea of red surrounding him, President Ali’s message rang loud and clear: **“We’re not here to talk, we’re here to**



Regional Chairperson Vilma Da Silva

bachelor’s degree thanks to the PPP/C. **“These are not empty promises. These are real opportunities that are changing lives across the**

build.” And Region Two agrees: **they’re ready to build for five more years.**



A batch of nurses graduating from the New Amsterdam School of Nursing

Opposition leaders are again facing backlash for spreading misinformation, this time about Guyana’s healthcare infrastructure and Amerindian land rights, two areas where the current PPP/C administration has made significant and measurable progress.

During a public meeting in Bagotville, APNU leader Aubrey Norton claimed there was a lack of public health infrastructure under the PPP/C. But the facts paint a different picture. Since taking office in 2020, the PPP/C government has invested billions in modernising

Guyana’s healthcare system, building hospitals, equipping facilities, and expanding access to care across the country.

Among the most notable achievements is the commissioning of the \$6.6 billion Diamond Regional Hospital. Additionally, six new regional hospitals, costing a total of \$38 billion, have been constructed and staffed. Major hospitals, including Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC), Lethem, and New Amsterdam, are now equipped with MRI machines, CT scanners,

mammogram machines, and operating theatres, making vital services accessible to citizens, even in remote regions.

Over 400 health facilities have been upgraded, 26 new health



The \$6.6 billion Diamond Regional Hospital was commissioned, another project conceptualised and realised under the current administration

centres built, and new training institutions are in development, including two nursing schools and three simulation centres. Human resource capacity has also expanded, with over 100 new doctors and 390 community

health workers deployed, and plans to hire over 6,000 new employees in the coming years.

Contrary to Norton’s claims, the PPP/C administration has restored integrity and

capacity to a sector that was plagued by drug shortages and mismanagement under APNU/AFC’s tenure.

Meanwhile, the AFC’s Prime Ministerial Candidate Laura George falsely alleged that Indigenous

communities are being denied land rights. This, too, is contradicted by evidence. Under the Amerindian Land Titling (ALT) Project, funded by the Guyana-Norway Agreement, over 33,000 Amerindians now legally own land, with more than 13,000 square miles titled.

Since 2020, 15 villages have been

the APNU/AFC coalition, which completely neglected this agenda during its term.

Rather than offer solutions, the opposition continues to peddle falsehoods, attempting to discredit transformative progress. Guyanese deserve leadership grounded in truth, action, and a clear vision, not revisionist history



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demarcated, and 10 have received Certificates of Title. The current administration has restarted land titling initiatives stalled under

and political theatrics. The record shows that the PPP/C is delivering on its promises, for all Guyanese.

NEW POLICE FACILITIES COMMISSIONED ACROSS REGION 4B AND GEORGETOWN



The commissioning of the facilities in the GPF HQ

Guyana’s push to modernize its security infrastructure continues with the opening of newly constructed and rehabilitated police stations. The facilities are equipped with improved resources and technology to better serve communities and enhance crime prevention efforts.

FOUR NEW POLICE FACILITIES COMMISSIONED IN REGION 4B

Four major police facilities were officially opened in Regional Division 4B: the Diamond Divisional Headquarters, the Providence Police Station, the Herstelling/Farm Police Station, and the Diamond Police Training Facility.

These facilities aim to strengthen policing services, improve public trust, and create safer communities along the rapidly expanding East Bank Demerara corridor.

The flagship of these developments, the Diamond Divisional Headquarters, was constructed at a cost of

G\$195.8 million. It now serves as the central command for the region, equipped with holding cells, interview and witness rooms, as well as specialized units for the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and Traffic Division. Child-friendly interview spaces and dedicated rooms for handling domestic violence cases reflect the



The newly commissioned facilities in Region 4B

government’s focus on protecting vulnerable populations.

Nearby, the Providence Police Station was reconstructed at G\$65.2 million and features upgraded facilities including secure lockups for men, women, and juveniles. The station is

also outfitted with rooms for ID parades, witness interviews, and domestic violence reporting. Modern storage for evidence and improved living quarters aim to support both justice delivery and officer wellbeing.

The Herstelling/Farm Police Station, constructed at G\$82.47 million, addresses the need for greater police visibility and coverage in one of the region’s fastest-growing communities. Built to national standards, it will relieve pressure on surrounding precincts and enhance emergency response.

Complementing the infrastructure push is the Diamond Police Training Facility, a G\$98.5 million investment that will support

community development programmes. The centre offers vocational training in areas such as computer literacy, sewing, and home economics, particularly targeting youth and at-risk populations.

MAJOR UPGRADES AT GPF HEADQUARTERS IN

EVE LEARY
Simultaneously, the Government has completed four new key facilities at the GPF Headquarters in Eve Leary: the Tactical Services Unit (TSU), the Transport Workshop, newly rehabilitated Barracks at the Police Academy, and the Mounted Branch’s Blacksmith Shop.

The Tactical Services Unit, completed in 2025 at a cost of over G\$276 million, will serve as the base for specialized operations such as the Anti-Terrorism and SWAT units. The facility is a central component of Guyana’s strategy to respond to high-risk threats and strengthen national security.

Supporting the Force’s logistics, the Transport Workshop, rebuilt in 2024 at a cost of G\$157 million, will provide critical servicing and repairs for the national police fleet, ensuring consistent operational readiness.

The Western Barracks at the Police Academy, upgraded for G\$398 million, now provides enhanced

living quarters and amenities for recruits and instructors. The refurbished barracks are designed to foster a more disciplined and supportive training environment.

Meanwhile, the Blacksmith Shop in the Mounted Branch Compound, constructed

of improvements, the Kitty Police Station in central Georgetown was officially reopened after a complete reconstruction costing G\$191.9 million. A landmark investment in community policing, the station now includes gender-sensitive detention areas, interview rooms,



The new state of the art police station

for just over G\$10 million, will ensure the ongoing functionality of mounted patrols and repair of saddles and horseshoes.

KITTY POLICE STATION RECOMMISSIONED IN GEORGETOWN

Adding to the wave

ID parade chambers, and domestic violence support units.

With dedicated spaces for enquiries, CID, traffic enforcement, and the Integrated Crime Information System (ICIS), the facility is built to improve transparency, efficiency, and public interaction. New living quarters also aim to boost morale and working conditions for police officers.

Together, these developments underscore the government’s holistic approach to public security, combining infrastructure, human resource development, and community engagement to build a safer Guyana for all.



The newly commissioned facilities in Region 4B

FASTER POLICE RESPONSE AHEAD WITH LAUNCH OF ‘SECURE EYE’ REPORTING APP

The Ministry of Home Affairs has launched an innovative new mobile application, ‘Secure Eye,’ designed to accelerate police response times by enabling citizens to report criminal and traffic incidents in real time.

Unveiled during the National Road Safety Stakeholders Forum, the app aims to enhance coordination between the public and the Guyana Police Force, ultimately strengthening

public safety across the country.

Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn first proposed the idea two years ago, and since then, the ministry has worked diligently to develop and refine the platform to ensure its effectiveness and accuracy.

“Many lives can be saved not by luck, but by faster reporting and faster response, and this is the goal of Secure Eye,” said Systems Analyst Priya Seepaul, who helped

design the app.

With just a few taps, users can transmit precise location details and incident information directly to the police force’s central operations room. The app automatically routes reports to the nearest police stations and divisions, triggering swift and targeted responses.

In addition to text reports, Secure Eye allows users to submit photos, videos, and even voice-to-text messages, providing



Secure Eye’s systems analyst, Priya Seepau

a comprehensive tool for detailed incident reporting.

The Ministry of Home Affairs encourages the public to use the app

responsibly to maximise its benefits and cautions against misuse, emphasising that Secure Eye is a powerful tool to improve safety and



Secure Eye app launched to boost real-time crime, traffic reporting

community policing. With ‘Secure Eye,’ faster police response and improved public safety are now within the reach of every Guyanese.





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HOPE TOWN LIGHTS THE WAY FOR EMANCIPATION 2025

Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret'd) the Honourable Mark Phillips, along with his wife Mrs. Mignon Bowen-Phillips, officially ushered in this year's Emancipation celebrations at the annual Candlelight Parade in Hope Town, West Coast Berbice.

Held at the Fort Wellington Secondary School, the event launched a three-day festival that celebrates African heritage, freedom, and resilience. The evening featured vibrant displays of African-inspired fashion, song, and storytelling, all honouring the journey from bondage to liberation.



“LET FREEDOM RING ACROSS GUYANA” – PRESIDENT ALI

At the 187th Emancipation Anniversary celebration in New Amsterdam, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali paid heartfelt tribute to African ancestors and urged Guyanese to embrace national unity and shared prosperity.

The ceremony, hosted at the New Amsterdam Multilateral School, was rich with drumming, poetry, and dance, coordinated by OSHAG in collaboration with the Regional Democratic Council.

In his address, President Ali announced plans for a US\$200 million development bank to empower young families and small businesses in Region Six, alongside cash support for home ownership and improvement. He underscored that these investments reflect the struggles and dreams of the African ancestors.

Dignitaries in attendance included UK Foreign Secretary Dr. David Lammy, India's High Commissioner Dr. Amit Telang, and several senior government officials.



D IN FREEDOM: EMANCIPATION 2025

CULTURAL PRIDE ON FULL DISPLAY AT NATIONAL PARK

Guyanese gathered at the National Park for the African Cultural and Development Association’s (ACDA) Emancipation Festival 2025, an explosion of colour, music, cuisine, and heritage.

From traditional dress and live drumming to African dishes like fufu, metemgee, and cook-up rice, the event offered a full cultural experience. Among the headline performers was international reggae star Maxi Priest, who delivered a soulful performance celebrating freedom and unity.



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PPP/C ANNOUNCES DIALYSIS CENTRE, MEDICAL SCHOOL, IMPROVED ROADS, AND SPECIAL INVESTMENT ZONE FOR REGION TWO



The rally at the Anna Regina Market Square

Region Two is on the cusp of a major transformation as President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali unveiled an ambitious five-year development plan to significantly improve healthcare, education, infrastructure, and economic opportunities across the Essequibo Coast.

Speaking to thousands of energised supporters at the Anna Regina Market Square, President Ali announced the establishment of a dialysis centre in Region Two, bringing critical relief to patients suffering from kidney disease. The new facility will complement the government's

current programme, which provides each dialysis patient with a GY\$600,000 annual grant.

"This is about quality of life and access to essential services, right here in Essequibo,"



The rally at the Anna Regina Market Square

the President said, underscoring the PPP/C's commitment to delivering on the region's needs.

The development plan also includes the construction of a four-lane concrete road and a new port at Charity, outfitted with cold storage facilities to help farmers preserve and export produce across the Caribbean. The

government will co-invest with farmers in the coconut and coffee industries to boost productivity and income.

In education, Region Two will see the establishment of a medical school and an engineering faculty, allowing youths from the coast and riverine communities to pursue professional careers without leaving their region. Investments will also go into performing arts, tourism, drainage and irrigation, and recreational facilities.

To stimulate private sector growth, President

Ali announced that Region Two will be designated a special investment zone with preferential tax incentives to attract businesses and generate employment.

Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo echoed the government's pledge to eradicate poverty, promising expanded cash grants, free education, higher pensions, and reduced electricity costs through renewable energy projects.

Prime Minister Mark Phillips emphasised the government's inclusive approach, rejecting divisive politics and reaffirming that PPP/C policies are designed to uplift all Guyanese, regardless of race or background.

"This is development for the long-term," President Ali affirmed. **"Region Two will no longer be left behind, it will rise with the rest of Guyana."**



The rally at the Anna Regina Market Square



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REGION SIX TO BECOME CARIBBEAN TECHNICAL TRAINING HUB



The rally in Albion



The rally in Albion



The rally at the Albion

Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali announced bold plans to position Region Six as the premier technical training hub in the Caribbean. Speaking to over 35,000 supporters at a public rally in Albion, the President unveiled a comprehensive vision to transform the region into a centre of excellence for technical education and skills development.

"This is not just about education; it's about preparing our people for the jobs of the future," President Ali said. "Region Six will host the most sophisticated, state-of-the-art technical school in the Caribbean and Latin America."

Already, the government has established the Guyana Technical Training College at Port Mourant, Corentyne, which is training thousands of Guyanese in fields aligned with the booming oil and gas sector. The college is

expected to expand further, providing opportunities for high-paying, sustainable careers.

In addition to this, a Tourism and Hospitality Training Institute is under construction in the region to support growth in those key industries

The President's announcement highlights the PPP/C administration's commitment to investing in human capital as a foundation for economic growth and social development.

Alongside education, Region Six will benefit from major infrastructure projects, including the rapid construction of a modern stadium at Palmyra and plans for a new Berbice River Bridge. Agricultural initiatives, such as over 6,000 acres of new pasture lands and two new feed plants, are also set to enhance farming productivity.



The rally at the Albion



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General Secretary Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo echoed the President's message, criticising the previous APNU+AFC government for neglecting Region Six during its tenure, while highlighting the ongoing progress under the

current administration. With these developments, Region Six is poised not only to become a centre for technical excellence but also a model for regional growth, innovation, and opportunity in Guyana.



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13.99 ea	2/\$7.00	15.99 ea	2.99 ea	6.99 ea	8.99 ea
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NEW \$55.4M SKILLS CENTRE COMMISSIONED IN REGION SIX

The Government of Guyana continues to expand opportunities in education and job creation with the commissioning of a new \$55.4 million Skills Development and Certification Centre in Corriverton, Region Six. This modern facility is the second of its kind opened in the region this year, following the commissioning of a \$44.8 million centre earlier in February. It forms part of a broader strategy to strengthen technical and vocational education and training (TVET) nationwide.

Since assuming office in August 2020, the President Irfaan Ali-led administration has trained more than 82,000 individuals and created over 60,000 jobs, with a clear focus

on upskilling citizens to meet the demands of the growing economy. The 2025 national budget has earmarked \$175 billion for the continued improvement of education delivery across the country.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service, Dr. Ashni Singh, highlighted Guyana's unprecedented growth. **"We are seeing more investments in every single sector of the economy than at any other time in our history. And with that, more skills are in demand, more jobs are being created, and more people are employed."**

He echoed President Ali's declaration that Guyana is in an **"era of opportunities,"** pointing to the government's removal of tuition fees at public universities and training institutions, the provision of free education from nursery to university, and expanded access to entrepreneurship and digital services. Dr. Singh encouraged attendees to take advantage of these opportunities, not just to seek jobs, but to start businesses, particularly in areas like food preparation, cosmetology, and digital marketing.

Minister of Labour Joseph Hamilton also addressed the gathering, noting the transformation of the Board of Industrial

Training (BIT). **"Under the previous government, 6,000**

or is constructing facilities in several



BIT skills development and certification centre commissioned in Region Six

persons were trained in five years. Under the PPP/C, that number has jumped to 15,000, with 60 percent being women, and we've moved into non-traditional areas."

locations including New Amsterdam, Unity, Tuschen, Mahdia, Port Kaituma, Lethem, and Region Seven, where 2,400 persons are being trained to support a major gold mining operation.

Among other major educational initiatives, the government has made tuition at the University of Guyana free for all students and launched a student loan write-off programme. It is also covering the cost of up to eight CSEC and CAPE subjects per student. Phase One of the Guyana Technical Training College (G TTC) at Port Mourant has been completed, and the second student cohort has already graduated.

The government's investments reflect a clear commitment to building a skilled workforce for the new economy and ensuring all Guyanese have access to meaningful opportunities for advancement.

Corporal Chrishaunda Wills of the Guyana Police Force has been recognised for her outstanding performance after completing the Heavy-Duty Equipment Operation Course offered through the Ministry of Labour's Board of Industrial Training (BIT).

She was among 141 graduates, 120 males and 21 females, who successfully completed training in Heavy-Duty Equipment Operation and Fibre Optic Installation at the Police Force's Training Centre on Camp Road.



Woman Corporal Chrishaunda Wills

BIT GRADUATES 141 POLICE OFFICERS IN HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT AND FIBRE OPTICS

The training programmes, funded by the government at a cost of \$12 million, aim to upskill law enforcement personnel in areas critical to Guyana's development.

Corporal Wills described the course as physically and mentally demanding, but said the achievement was empowering, especially in a traditionally male-dominated field. **"This is a great achievement and an extra boost to**

serve the force and the country," she said.

Also recognised was Corporal Jatson George, who highlighted the initial difficulties of the course, but praised its long-term value. **"With constant practice, the training got easier. This initiative is timely and necessary given the transformation Guyana is witnessing,"** he stated.

BIT's Chief Executive Officer, Richard



Chief Executive Officer Richard Maughn hands over a certificate to one of the graduates

Maughn, congratulated them to continue leading the graduates and urged by example.

GPF REFORMS DELIVER RESULTS



Traffic Chief, Assistant Commissioner Mahendra Singh

The Guyana Police Force (GPF) is undergoing a comprehensive transformation to modernise law enforcement, build public trust, and deliver more professional and accountable policing. From upgraded training to cutting-edge technology and deeper community engagement,

these reforms are already making a measurable impact.

Speaking on Episode Six of the public affairs programme Safeguarding Our Nation, Deputy Commissioner of Police Ravindratat Budhram highlighted the remarkable progress made within the Force. **"Thirty years ago, when I joined the Force, we didn't have the training that the present recruits are having,"** he noted. Today's officers benefit from specialised training in ethics, gender-based violence, conflict resolution, and computer literacy, training once unavailable to earlier

generations.

Over 600 officers have now benefitted from international training, while domestic improvements have significantly enhanced officer welfare. These include scholarships, mental health support, and upgraded housing at police stations. Diversity has also become a priority, with more than 380 Indigenous officers deployed to interior regions and a growing number of female recruits joining the Force.

Community policing is playing a major role in the GPF's reform efforts. Budhram pointed to 455 active Community Policing Groups and

more than 85 youth clubs that are helping to build safer communities and foster stronger relationships between police and the public.

On the issue of road safety, Assistant Commissioner and Traffic Chief Mahendra Singh reaffirmed the GPF's commitment to saving lives. **"One life lost on the road is one too many,"** he said. Singh outlined key measures, including the rollout of speed cameras, e-ticketing, and the distribution of over 5,000 body cameras to reduce bias and improve transparency.

Since the introduction of the Safe Road Intelligence



Deputy Police Commissioner, Ravindratat Budhram

System in April, more than 4,300 speeding tickets have been issued. The GPF has also stepped up enforcement targeting trucks and minibuses, with 24-hour patrols and intensified vehicle inspections. These efforts have helped reduce minibus-related fatalities from eight in 2024 to just one in 2025.

The Force is also partnering with the Ministry of Public

Works to identify and fix accident-prone **"black spots"** through road safety audits and infrastructure improvements.

While challenges persist, Budhram and Singh underscored the Force's deepening commitment to professionalism, community outreach, and safer roads. **"We must all do our part to save lives on our roads,"** Singh urged.

NEW TWO-LANE ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES COMING TO ECD

A major \$14.4 billion project to upgrade key access roads along the East Coast of Demerara (ECD) corridor is set to begin immediately, promising safer, smoother, and more efficient travel for residents and commuters.

The government's comprehensive plan will transform narrow, congested roads into modern two-lane thoroughfares designed to handle increased traffic flow. These upgrades will include covered concrete drains, pedestrian crossings, and designated parking areas to improve safety



Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, engaging residents in Nabacalis, ECD

and accessibility.

Communities slated for these significant improvements include La Bonne Intention (LBI), Beterverwagting, Mon Repos, Lusignan, Annandale, Coldingen, Enterprise, and Nabacalis.

Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan

Edghill, engaged local residents and authorities in Nabacalis, emphasising the importance of the project. **"This upgrade will enhance traffic movement and modernise Guyana's infrastructure,"** he said.

In LBI, the road

rehabilitation will extend from the public roadway to the railway embankment, with JKP Construction handling rigid pavement concrete works and R&B Investment Inc., focusing on asphaltic concrete.

Meanwhile, Beterverwagting will see the entire corridor from its access road to the Rupert Craig Highway resurfaced with asphaltic concrete by International Imports.

Additional upgrades will cover the Agriculture Road leading to the railway embankment and the Guyana Livestock Development



Road to be upgraded

Authority (GLDA), with works divided between Probuild Construction Service and Associated Construction Services.

Similar improvements will be made in Lusignan, Annandale, Coldingen, Enterprise, and Nabacalis, easing travel

for thousands daily. Construction timelines range from six to 12 months.

Minister Edghill assured that temporary

access routes will minimize disruption, while project details have been shared with local councils to keep communities informed and involved throughout the process.

\$702M UPGRADE TRANSFORMS ROADS IN PORT KAITUMA



Ongoing road works in Port Kaituma, Region One

The government has injected an additional \$702 million to upgrade critical infrastructure in Port Kaituma, Region One, advancing efforts to improve hinterland connectivity and economic opportunity.

The project involves

converting 2.4 kilometres of laterite roads into durable concrete surfaces, enhancing safety and access to essential services such as healthcare and education. Among the roads under

rehabilitation are the

Magistrate's Court Road, Fitzburg Playground Road, Kaituma Hospital Road, and the Port Kaituma Airstrip Road, which will include new parking facilities.

According to a Ministry of Public Works

report, construction has reached the halfway point. Once complete, these roads will integrate with recently upgraded routes like Telegraph Hill Road, Ranch Road, and Teacher's Quarters Road, creating a



Road to be upgraded

seamless network.

Thirty-five local contractors are executing the works under fixed-rate contracts signed in June 2025, which ensure price certainty and boost efficiency. The initiative also supports local businesses by providing additional income and promoting entrepreneurship in the region.

Residents and community leaders

have praised the transformation, noting improved mobility, service access, and growing economic confidence. The government reaffirmed its commitment to bridging the infrastructure gap between coastal and hinterland areas, ensuring inclusive national development.



Residents of 57 miles

The PPP/C Government remains unwavering in its mission to deliver prosperity for all Guyanese, regardless of background or political affiliation.

This commitment was reaffirmed by Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, during a series of community engagements across

Region Ten. Speaking to residents of 57 and 47 Miles, Rockstone, and Wisroc, the minister highlighted the visible transformation taking place across communities.

"You are looking better, living better, and eating better. Your surroundings are improving, because the

PPP/C DELIVERING PROSPERITY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION - MINISTER EDGHILL

PPP/C has created opportunities for young lives to thrive," Minister Edghill stated.

Reflecting on the hardships faced under the previous administration, a period he described as **"marked by depression"**, the minister thanked citizens for their renewed confidence in the PPP/C government. He assured them that the administration has not only fulfilled its manifesto promises, but exceeded expectations.

"There is not a Guyanese at home or abroad who can honestly say they



Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill delivering remarks in the village of 57 Miles, Region Ten

haven't benefitted under the People's Progressive Party/Civic," he said.

The minister pointed to several key initiatives, and emphasised that these benefits are being delivered fairly,

regardless of political allegiance.

Economic empowerment is also advancing, through tax removal on essential items and increased contracts for local contractors. He credited

these achievements to the visionary leadership of President Ali and his Cabinet, not just oil revenues.

"This is not about oil money; it's about sound management," Minister Edghill said. Of the \$1.1 trillion national budget, only 37% is funded by oil revenues, the rest is driven by prudent planning and people-centered governance.

The minister concluded by reaffirming the PPP/C government's commitment to continued development and prosperity for all Guyanese.

GUYANA'S OIL PRODUCTION TO INCREASE NEXT WEEK AS YELLOWTAIL PROJECT STARTS

Guyana's daily oil production is set to increase by 37% with the imminent startup of its fourth offshore development, the Yellowtail project, operated by ExxonMobil. The project will add 250,000 barrels per day (bpd) to national output, raising production from June's estimate of 664,000 bpd to over 900,000 bpd.

ExxonMobil CEO Darren Woods made the announcement during the company's second-quarter earnings call on August 1, confirming that the Yellowtail development is on track to achieve first oil next week. **"Our fourth development is the largest to date. Yellowtail is next in line and anticipated to achieve first oil next week, delivered four months ahead of schedule and under budget,"** Woods said.

The project is being brought online through the ONE GUYANA floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel, which was built by SBM Offshore. The Dutch company has now delivered multiple FPSOs for Guyana's offshore developments, consistently ahead of schedule.

Yellowtail will mark a major milestone not only for Guyana but also for the region. With its startup, Guyana will become the world's largest oil producer per capita.

ExxonMobil operates the Stabroek Block with a 45% stake, while Chevron, following its acquisition of Hess, holds 30%, and CNOOC owns 25%. Together, the consortium has driven a rapid scale-up of oil production offshore Guyana since first oil in 2019.

Yellowtail is the fourth project in this series. Three prior developments, Liza Phase 1, Liza Phase 2, and Payara, are currently producing. Two more 250,000 bpd developments are expected to begin production between 2026 and 2028, while another two are undergoing the application process with potential startup between 2029 and 2030. These future projects are expected to broaden the production space beyond oil, to include natural gas and condensate.

ExxonMobil Guyana has been a notable contributor to global oil supply growth in recent years. With the addition of Yellowtail, CEO Darren Woods said the company remains on track to help bring production in Guyana to 1.7 million bpd by 2030.

Production Capacity for Guyana Oil Projects (barrels per day)



30% ELECTRICITY TARIFF CUT FOR MAHDIA AS SOLAR POWER COMES ONLINE



Mahdia's new 0.65-megawatt solar farm

Residents served by Mahdia Power and Light Company Inc., are now benefiting from a 30% reduction in electricity tariffs, following an announcement by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali. The reduction took effect on July 1, 2025, and marks a major milestone in the government's efforts to expand access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

The cut was made possible by the commissioning of Mahdia's new 0.65-megawatt solar farm, part of a broader national strategy to transform energy access in hinterland, riverain, and coastal regions.

"This decision to reduce tariffs was taken following the introduction of renewable power in Mahdia," President Ali explained. He added that further incentives will be announced later this year to lower electricity costs in other remote communities.

This development complements the government's flagship 300-megawatt Gas-to-Energy (GTE) project, expected to come online by late 2025. The GTE project will use associated gas from offshore fields to slash energy costs countrywide by up to 50%.

Since 2020, the government has taken bold steps to close the electricity gap in underserved areas. Over 26,000 solar home systems have been distributed under a 30,000-unit rollout. 21 solar mini-grids now serve remote hinterland villages. Hybrid hydro and solar systems are being introduced in Lethem, Bartica, Mabaruma, and other isolated grids. Renewables are expected to supply over 50% of regional electricity needs by 2027.

These efforts align with Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030 and have attracted over US\$600 million in investments, supported by international financing.

The removal of fuel taxes since 2022 and additional incentives for renewable energy have also helped shield consumers from global price shocks.

President Ali reaffirmed the administration's commitment: **"By year's end, Guyana will take yet another step forward in ensuring affordable, reliable, and clean electricity for all citizens."**

More announcements on hinterland and riverain incentives are expected soon.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPERTISE GROWS AS 27 TECHNICIANS GRADUATE FROM GEA TRAINING

The Guyana Energy Agency (GEA) recently celebrated the successful completion of its fourth Electric Vehicle (EV) Maintenance and Repairs training programme, held from July 14 to July 25, 2025, at the Mahaicony Technical and Vocational Training Centre. Twenty-seven auto electricians and mechanical technicians joined the growing skilled workforce ready to support Guyana's expanding electric mobility sector.

Supported by the European Union's Global Gateway strategy and facilitated under the Euroclima Programme, this initiative aligns with Guyana's national goals under the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030. It aims to equip local technicians with the skills needed to maintain and repair hybrid and electric vehicles, fostering sustainable transportation and energy use across the country.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, Dr. Alfred King, praised the programme's role in building national capacity and boosting confidence in electric vehicles. **"Electric mobility is no longer a future concept, it is happening now. You have gained specialised skills that are in high demand and stand at the forefront of a critical energy transition,"** he said, encouraging participants to explore entrepreneurial opportunities within the sector.

With this latest cohort, a total of 77 technicians have now been trained, supporting over 200 electric vehicles on Guyana's roads. The government has complemented these efforts by removing all taxes on EVs and increasing the depreciation allowance to 50%, while six public EV charging stations operate in Regions 3, 4, and 6. Plans are underway to add 17 more charging stations across the country this year.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer of GEA, Shevon Wood, reaffirmed the agency's commitment to sustainable energy initiatives and expanding technical capacity. The training included classroom and practical lessons on high- and low-voltage systems, routine maintenance, and EV component repairs. Graduates will receive internationally recognised certification from the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), strengthening Guyana's workforce for a low-carbon future.



27 auto electricians and mechanical technicians benefit from training on Electric Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs



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\$7.6B PLEDGED FOR NEWBORN SUPPORT IN NEXT TERM

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has pledged a bold expansion of support for Guyanese families, announcing that the PPP/C Government will inject \$7.6 billion over the next five years into direct cash support for newborns.

Speaking to thousands at the largest public meeting ever held at Industry Market Square, President Ali reaffirmed his administration's u n w a v e r i n g commitment to building a stronger, more secure future for every child, beginning from birth.

Currently, the Government provides a one-off \$100,000 grant to mothers of children born after

January 1, 2025. With an estimated \$1.5 billion already invested in this initiative, the President emphasised that this support is just the beginning. **“In the next five years, if we use that estimate on the newborn initiative alone, we will be giving the first day-old Guyanese \$7.6 billion,”** he declared.

Dr. Ali underscored that this investment is part of a broader strategy to grow Guyana's population and ensure that every child is equipped for success from day one. **“We are not only investing in the past and the present, we are investing in the future, and we want you to double that.**

You double that, and we can back that up,” he urged the crowd.

This newborn initiative complements other impactful programmes, including the \$100,000 National Cash Grant and the \$50,000 ‘Because We Care’ cash grant for schoolchildren, both of which are set to increase in the PPP/C's next term.



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Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony addressing the gathering at the launch of the National Suicide Surveillance System

NATIONAL SUICIDE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM LAUNCHED TO BOLSTER MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE

Water transportation to Bartica, Region Seven, is set for a major upgrade as the new \$553 million stelling nears completion, with operations expected to begin by August 1.

Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, confirmed the timeline during a site inspection, stating, **“Works will be completed for the stelling to be fully operational by August 1.”**

Once operational,

the modern stelling will significantly improve logistics, safety, and accessibility for passengers and cargo. A key feature of the facility is its roll-on/roll-off ferry capability, which will streamline operations and better accommodate the region's growing transportation demands.

Minister Edghill noted that the project had stalled under the previous administration, despite the contractor at the time receiving nearly 90% of the contract sum.

Upon resuming office in August 2020, the PPP/C Government took decisive action to revive and retender the project to ensure accountability and quality.

“The modern wharf that we are about to open very, very soon was a failed project under the APNU/AFC government,” Minister Edghill stated. **“We had to start from scratch and bring it to where it is today.”**

Following the

retendering process, the contract was awarded to K&K Construction and Hardware Supplies, who have since worked to deliver the project to high standards.

The completion of the stelling will be a major asset for residents, businesses, and regional development, providing a safer and more efficient transportation hub for Bartica and surrounding communities.

BERBICE DOCTORS TRAINED IN LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY CARE

Fifteen doctors in Berbice have completed intensive Basic Emergency Medicine training, equipping them with critical skills to improve emergency response and save lives.

The five-day programme was led by Northwell Emergency Medicine specialists in partnership with local experts from the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC), and supported by the Ministry of Health.

Through rigorous lectures and hands-on simulations, participants were trained in trauma care, resuscitation, and urgent care protocols, skills essential for doctors working in

Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments.

Health Minister Dr. Frank Anthony, who presented certificates to the graduates, said the training is part of a wider plan to modernise Guyana's healthcare system and ensure equitable access to emergency services across all regions.

“This initiative ensures no region is left behind when it comes to life-saving interventions,” the ministry noted.

Similar emergency medicine training sessions are set to roll out across other regional hospitals nationwide.



Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony presenting a certificate to one of the participants

OVER 200 GUYANESE BEGIN DOCTORAL STUDIES UNDER GOAL-INDIA PARTNERSHIP

A new chapter in Guyana's academic transformation was marked as 202 Guyanese students officially embarked on PhD programmes through the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), in partnership with ARKA JAIN University in India.

This cohort represents one of the largest groups of doctoral candidates in Guyana's history - signalling a bold step forward in building a highly skilled and research-driven workforce to support national development.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Senior Minister in the Office of the President with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service, Dr. Ashni Singh, underscored the Government's

unwavering commitment to education as a pillar of transformation.

“We want every Guyanese, regardless of geography or background, to access world-class education and contribute meaningfully to our country's future,” Dr. Singh stated.

Since its launch

in 2021, GOAL has awarded nearly 39,000 scholarships, far exceeding its original target of 20,000 over five years. This milestone underscores the Government's commitment to equity and opportunity in education.

GOAL Director Professor Jacob Opadeyi noted that ARKA JAIN University was carefully

selected to ensure quality delivery and encouraged students to remain focused and resilient throughout their academic journey.

The three-year PhD programmes span critical fields including education, psychology, business, engineering, b i o t e c h n o l o g y , pharmacy, public administration, and mass communication,

areas vital to Guyana's evolving needs.

This initiative not only strengthens the country's intellectual capital, but also aligns with the Government's strategy to empower future leaders and innovators through inclusive, high-level education.

FIRST LADY ARYA ALI EXPANDS 'ADOPT-AN-ORPHANAGE' INITIATIVE

First Lady Arya Ali's transformative 'Adopt-an-Orphanage' initiative has entered its fourth phase, now providing critical support to 11 orphanages across Guyana through committed partnerships with corporate sponsors and international allies.

Launched in 2021 and inspired by a conversation between the First Lady and Guyanese-American rapper SAINT JHN, the initiative has already seen close to \$100 million invested to uplift the lives of orphaned

and vulnerable children. At a recent ceremony held at State House in Georgetown, new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between sponsors and orphanage representatives, formalising financial commitments to cover utilities and essential monthly expenses.

Among the supported homes are Hauraruni Girls Home, A Sanctuary Children's Home, Ruimveldt Children's Home and Care Centre, Bless the Children Home, Hope

Children's Home, Joshua's Children Home, Prabhu Sharan Orphanage, Red Cross Convalescent Home, Shaheed's Girls and Boys Orphanages, and St. John's Bosco Orphanage.

Key sponsors include the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Guyana, Amara Hope Foundation, IB Construction, Premier Construction, Guyana Shore Base Inc., Comfort Sleep, and J's Supermarket.

"This initiative has changed lives,"

First Lady Arya Ali said. **"Through your generous support, we have improved conditions and given these children the care and opportunities they deserve."**

Beyond financial aid, the initiative also delivers holistic support, including medical check-ups, dental and eye care, free spectacles, and counselling services, ensuring a nurturing environment for each child.

First Lady Ali reaffirmed that



First Lady Arya Ali presents a token to the Chinese Ambassador to Guyana Yang Yang

government support would continue alongside the private sponsorships. **"We are working to expand subventions and improve facilities to ensure every child has a safe and supportive home,"** she stated.

Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Dr Vindhya Persaud, praised the initiative, describing it as **"a compassionate and focused effort to reach those who need it most."**

Chinese Ambassador Yang Yang lauded the programme, calling it **"a powerful reflection of compassion, care, and long-term commitment to Guyana's children."**



The cutting of the ribbon to open the BRAVE space

The Ministry of Human Services and Social Security (MHSSS) officially opened Guyana's first BRAVE Centre at West Central Mall, Leonora, West Coast Demerara. The initiative marks a bold move to support men's mental health, promote accountability, and engage them in the fight against gender-based violence (GBV).

BRAVE — Build your legacy, Reclaim manhood, Activate goals, Visualise success, Execute fearlessly, is more than an acronym; it's a call to action. The centre offers a safe, judgement-free space for men and boys to express emotions, access counselling, and reshape their identity as

FIRST BRAVE CENTRE OPENS TO SUPPORT, EMPOWER AND HEAL MEN

positive agents of change in their families and communities.

Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Dr. Vindhya Persaud, described the centre's launch as historic, noting that it fills a long-standing gap in the response to domestic and gender-based violence. **"This space is born out of compassion, and with it we are bridging the gap between emotional well-being and violence prevention for men,"** she stated.

Since 2020, the ministry has tackled various forms of violence; domestic, gender-based, and family-related. Dr. Persaud stressed that addressing these challenges goes beyond legislation. **"Violence cannot be fixed with paper alone. It takes structure, consistency, commitment and vision,"** she said.

Far from stereotyping men, the BRAVE Centre aims to uplift and empower them to reclaim a healthier, more compassionate

version of manhood, one grounded in emotional strength and responsibility.

A key moment of the launch was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the MHSSS and the Region Three Chamber of Commerce and Industry, affirming a public-private partnership to support men's wellness and transformation.

President of the Chamber and Managing Director of West Central Mall, Bhabita Albert, underscored the

importance of mental health in helping men fulfill roles as fathers, leaders and community builders. **"BRAVE gives them the space to reflect, heal and grow,"** she said.

The BRAVE Policy, launched in June 2025, challenges outdated gender roles and reframes men not just as perpetrators, but as powerful allies in eradicating GBV and fostering national progress.

GBV AND GENDER MAINSTREAMING TRAINING ROLLED OUT IN TWO REGIONS

The Ministry of Human Services and Social Security, through its Gender Affairs Bureau, recently wrapped up targeted training sessions in Regions Three and Six to enhance local capacity in addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and promote inclusive development.

The initiative engaged staff from both the Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (NDCs) and Regional Democratic Councils (RDCs), focusing on integrating gender perspectives into local

governance and service delivery.

Participants received training in key areas including gender mainstreaming, GBV prevention, inclusive budgeting, and policy development. The sessions also helped reinforce the importance of recognising roles

and responsibilities in creating safer, more equitable communities.

Minister Dr Vindhya Persaud emphasised that such training forms part of a broader national strategy to empower regional officers to respond more effectively to gender-related issues.



Participants at the training in Region Three

The ministry has committed to continuing these sessions across other administrative regions, alongside follow-up monitoring to

Leaders from five administrative regions have completed Focal Point Training aimed at boosting national awareness and resistance to human trafficking in Guyana.

The training, led by the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security's Counter-Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Unit, brought together participants from Regions One, Seven, Eight, Nine, and Ten. The sessions focused on legislation, policies, and support



Participants listening attentively

Seven, Eight, Nine, and Ten. The sessions focused on legislation, policies, and support

REGIONAL LEADERS TRAINED TO STRENGTHEN FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

programmes related to trafficking in persons.

Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Dr. Vindhya Persaud, in an address to the participants, highlighted the importance of the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Act, which

targets not only traffickers, but also enablers and bystanders. She emphasised the need for vigilance, especially in remote and hinterland regions where trafficking often goes unnoticed.

Through the training, participants were empowered to serve

as trusted community leaders, becoming the first point of contact for reporting, identifying, and helping to prevent trafficking. This proactive, community-led approach promotes early detection and stronger support for survivors.

As Guyana continues to enhance its protection systems, the initiative lays the groundwork for lasting change by reminding us that the strongest defence against human trafficking lies within empowered and watchful communities.

UPL EXECUTIVE PRAISES PRESIDENT ALI'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO FOOD SECURITY

Jaidev Rajnikant Shroff, Executive of UPL India, lauded President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali for his steadfast dedication to advancing food security in Guyana. Speaking at the launch of the much-anticipated crop insurance programme for rice farmers, Shroff highlighted the president's exceptional focus on agriculture. **"There are very few politicians globally who are relentlessly committed to farmers and food security as President Ali,"** Shroff remarked. **"Since our last meeting, we've had over 200 calls, an indication of his hands-on approach and dedication."** UPL, a global leader in sustainable agricultural solutions, including crop protection, seeds, and insurance, is partnering with Guyana to bolster farmer resilience. Shroff emphasised that crop insurance is a critical step toward financial inclusion for smallholder farmers, often overlooked by traditional banking systems. **"In many countries like Africa and India, small farmers struggle to access financial services. This initiative will encourage banks, which usually focus on wealthy clients, to start lending to farmers,"** he explained. Under the PPP/C government, billions have been invested in vital infrastructure such as drainage, irrigation, and farm-to-market roads, alongside subsidies like the fertiliser programme, which have significantly uplifted Guyana's agricultural sector. Shroff's praise underscores the administration's ongoing efforts to secure a prosperous and resilient future for the country's farmers and food supply.



UPL Executive Jaidev Rajnikant Shroff



Members of the disability community and other stakeholders at the summit

Key government and private sector stakeholders came together with adults and children living with disabilities at the Unleash Ability Summit, held at the Pegasus Suites and Corporate Centre. The event, a joint initiative by the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security, the Ministry

UNLEASH ABILITY SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUSION AND SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

of Health, and UNICEF, aimed to celebrate the achievements of persons with disabilities while addressing the challenges they face. The summit promoted greater awareness and engagement, with the goal of shaping inclusive policies that create equal opportunities and improve quality of life for persons with disabilities. Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Dr. Vindhya Persaud reaffirmed her ministry's commitment to improving lives through transformative initiatives. **"We have implemented many significant changes to uplift persons living with disabilities,"** she noted. A sensitisation session on the Disability Act of 2010 was also held to educate participants on their rights and entitlements. Among recent advances are increased public assistance, now at \$22,000, and a newly introduced \$35,000 cash grant for persons living with disabilities. The ministry has also partnered with various organisations to provide training in areas such as agriculture, garment construction, and information technology, supporting greater economic independence. Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony also addressed the summit, revealing findings from a national survey indicating that approximately 24,524 people in Guyana live with disabilities, including over 6,000 with visual impairments. To support those with low vision, the government has established a Low Vision Centre and offers assistance through its spectacle voucher programme.

KWEBANNA SECONDARY SET TO OPEN DOORS SOON

An estimated 700 students in Region One will soon have improved access to quality secondary education as the construction of the modern Kwebanna Secondary School nears completion. The facility is part of the government's broader plan to provide universal secondary education across the hinterland. Once operational, the new school will allow for the closure of several 'primary tops', temporary secondary-level classes within primary schools, in communities such as Warapoka, Santa Cruz, Chinese Landing, and Kariako. It will serve students from Kwebanna, Assakata, Santa Cruz, Kariako, Waikrebi, Chinese Landing, Kokerite, Unity Grant, and Warapoka. Minister of Education Priya Manickchand, during a site visit, reaffirmed the government's commitment to creating equitable access to secondary education. **"This school is going to help bring universal secondary education to this part of the Moruca subdistrict,"** she stated. The school will feature over 30 classrooms, laboratories for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Information Technology, Home Economics, Industrial Technology, and TVET. It will also include an auditorium, staff room, fire alarm systems, and will be powered by solar energy. A dormitory is being constructed to accommodate over 300 students, along with duplexes to house more than 20 teachers. The project is being executed under six contracts totalling \$2.017 billion, signed in July 2023. In addition to Kwebanna, schools are also under construction in Waramuri, Matthews Ridge, and Hosororo, set to benefit more than 900 students. The newly rebuilt Northwest Secondary School, commissioned in November 2024, is already serving 575 students.



Ongoing works on Kwebanna Secondary School in Region One

Guyana's rich biodiversity expanded further with the discovery of several new fish species in the Acarai-Corentyne Corridor, revealed during a rapid scientific inventory conducted in 2024. This remote, largely unexplored region yielded remarkable findings that highlight Guyana's global importance as a biodiversity hotspot. Dr. Lesley de Souza, Senior Conservation Ecologist at the Chicago Field Museum, shared insights during the Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit. **"Because this area was previously underexplored scientifically, we added 40 new fish records to Guyana's list,"** she noted. Among the new species discovered are Potamotrygon boesemani, Pseudoplatystoma cf. reticulatum, and Cichla ocellaris. The expedition,



Dr. Lesley de Souza, Senior Conservation Ecologist, Chicago Field Museum

NEW FISH SPECIES DISCOVERED IN GUYANA'S ACARAI-CORENTYNE

involving over 50 experts from the Protected Areas Commission, the Field Museum, the University of Guyana, and other institutions, also uncovered two new amphibian species and documented the Speckled Spinetail, a new bird record for Guyana. Dr. de Souza emphasised the region's ecological significance, estimating about 400 jaguars inhabit the corridor, marking it as a vital area for mammalian biodiversity. She praised collaboration with local experts, whose knowledge was instrumental in the expedition's success. The findings bolster Guyana's commitment to sustaining ecosystem services, enhancing climate resilience, and developing scalable conservation models.



PPP/C VOWS TO EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION

PRESIDENT ALI OUTLINES FREE EDUCATION, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP AT REGION SIX MEETING



The meeting in Rose Hall

President Ali outlines free education, job opportunities, and inclusive leadership at Region Six meeting

The People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) is reaffirming its commitment to empowering Guyana's next generation through

free education, job opportunities, and inclusive leadership, with President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali declaring that no young Guyanese will be left behind.

Addressing a massive crowd at a public meeting in Rose Hall, Region Six, President Ali promised continued investments to uplift youth and ensure they are fully equipped to shape the future of Guyana.

"The next generation will not have to pay a single cent for education at any level," he declared to thunderous applause. **"Any person who wants to become a**

nurse, we will train you free of cost, give you a stipend, and guarantee you a job."

The president pointed to the success of major youth-focused programmes already in place. Over 40,000 young Guyanese have received scholarships through the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), while more than 70,000 have been trained in fields ranging from health and ICT to business and agriculture.

"We are creating a future where a cane cutter's child has the



The meeting in Rose Hall

same opportunity as the child of a CEO," President Ali said.

He also praised the rise of young women in leadership, describing their presence on the PPP/C's candidate list as **"bold, progressive and refreshing."** Sharing the stage with several youth candidates, he expressed pride in their determination to lead with integrity and vision.

Among them was attorney-at-law Sufeena Supaul, a candidate from Auchlyne, who urged voters to choose leadership with a proven track record. **"Under the PPP/C, we have only prospered,"** she said. **"Now is not the**

time to be swayed by empty promises."

Candidates Trudy Sinclair and Mark Lyte echoed the call for inclusion and progress, highlighting the PPP/C's focus on education, gender equality, and sustainable development.

"This government is not thinking just five years ahead," Lyte noted. **"We are laying the foundation for generations to come."**

The message was clear, the PPP/C is building a Guyana where young people are not only included, but empowered to lead.



The meeting in Industry

Addressing thousands of supporters at Industry Market Square, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali called on Guyanese to back the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) in the upcoming September 1 elections, highlighting the party's proven track record of delivering on its 2020 manifesto promises.

President Ali emphasised that while

PRESIDENT ALI URGES SUPPORTERS TO BACK PROVEN MANIFESTO DELIVERY ON SEPTEMBER 1

political rivals may copy the PPP/C's policies, they lack the leadership and capacity to turn those ideas into real progress. **"Promises on paper mean nothing without the ability to understand and manage the economy,"** he said, underscoring the PPP/C's success in transforming campaign pledges into tangible projects.

The President reminded the crowd of key achievements under his leadership, including the introduction and expansion of cash grants before the country's oil and gas boom, a programme later cut

by the government that succeeded the PPP/C despite growing revenues.

As the election approaches, President Ali urged voters not to treat the democratic process as a game but to support a team with a solid record of accomplishment. **"When you back a team, it must be backed by its track record,"** he stressed.

PPP/C candidate Kofi Dalrymple echoed the President's message, pointing to major infrastructure developments and social programs now benefiting Guyanese communities. **"From the Ogle to**

Eccles highway and the new Demerara Harbour Bridge to free education at



The meeting in Industry

the University of Guyana, progress is real and happening now," Dalrymple told the crowd.

Vanessa Benn, Acting Chairperson of the Industry/Plaisance Neighbourhood Democratic Council,

Ali's re-election. She urged residents to vote to ensure continued services and sustainable development.

PPP/C candidate Shyam Nokta reminded supporters of the party's longstanding commitment to communities like Industry and highlighted the fulfillment of every promise made in the 2020 manifesto. **"The transformation you see, roads, bridges, hospitals, and schools, is proof that promises made are promises delivered,"** Nokta said.

LINDENERS GAIN LOCAL ACCESS TO CRUCIAL REGISTRY SERVICES

Residents of Linden and the wider Region 10 can now access vital registry services locally, thanks to the official

launch of the Deeds and Commercial Registries Authority (DCRA) office in the township. This historic development,

led by the Attorney General's Chambers and Ministry of Legal Affairs in collaboration with the DCRA, marks the first time these essential services are available outside Georgetown for the region.

The new office, located conveniently within Linden, will provide residents with direct access to services such as deed registration, commercial records, and other legal documentation, eliminating the costly and time-consuming

need to travel to the capital.

Attorney General Mohabir Anil Nandlall SC, who spearheaded the launch, emphasised the government's commitment to decentralising services and improving citizens' quality of life. **"One of our core objectives is to extend all urban services to every region of Guyana, ensuring better access and convenience for all,"** he said.

The establishment



The registry outreach in Linden

of this office fulfills a key promise made by President Ali to expand the reach of the DCRA into outlying regions. Recruitment efforts are underway, with Region 10 residents invited to apply for positions at the new facility.

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The registry outreach in Linden



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**MARRIOTT NEAR CJIA
NEARS OPENING**

The warm Guyanese welcome is about to get even better! Just steps away from the Cheddi Jagan International Airport, the new Marriott Hotel at Timehri is nearing completion, offering travelers a luxurious gateway into the heart of South America.

Rising six stories high on 2.5 acres of government-leased land, this US\$20 million development brings 150 elegant rooms to Guyana’s growing hospitality sector. Whether you’re arriving for business, leisure, or adventure, the Marriott promises comfort, convenience, and style from the moment you land.

More than just a hotel, the Marriott at CJIA is a symbol of Guyana’s emergence as a world-class travel destination, a reflection of the country’s commitment to delivering high-quality tourism experiences.



THE JOURNEY TO PROSPERITY FOR ALL

Five Years of Unprecedented Progress
under the Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali PPP/C Government (2020–2025)

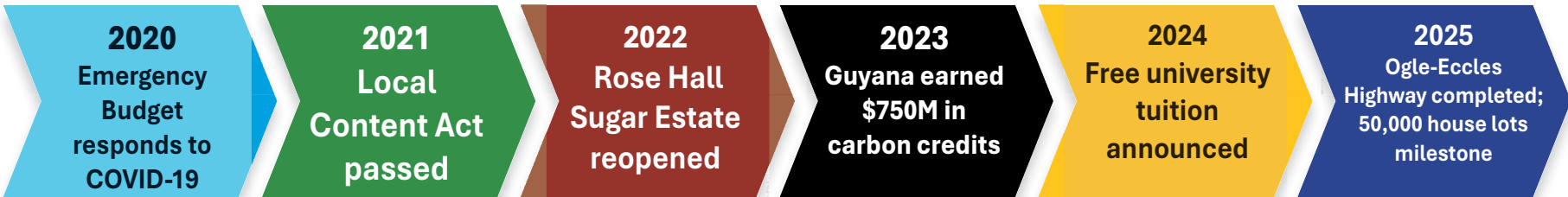
A NATION IN TRANSFORMATION. A FUTURE SECURED.

In just five years, Guyana has moved from promise to progress, rebounding from crisis to become the world’s fastest-growing economy and a global model of inclusive development. Under the leadership of President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and the PPP/C Government, the transformation is undeniable: more jobs, better infrastructure, stronger healthcare, free university education, and the One Guyana vision uniting citizens across every region.

“We are a party for the people, with the people, and by the people. We are not just a party of power. We are a party of promise and performance. Every single promise we made to you, we have kept; every single commitment we made to you, we have fulfilled.”
— PRESIDENT DR. MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI



GUYANA’S JOURNEY TO PROSPERITY: KEY MOMENTS (2020–2025)



INSIDE THIS SPECIAL EDITION

Step inside Guyana’s transformation story.
Discover how five years of bold, people-driven leadership have delivered tangible improvements to every region, every sector, and every Guyanese life.



ECONOMIC GROWTH: FROM CRISIS TO CONFIDENCE

Guyana has transitioned from economic uncertainty to global powerhouse. National budgets surged from G\$330B in 2020 to a record-breaking G\$1.469T in 2025, fueling transformative investments in infrastructure, education, jobs, and healthcare.

SIX BUDGETS. ONE VISION: A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL.

Each national budget, carefully designed and people-centred, brought direct relief, opportunity, and empowerment.

YEAR	BUDGET	THEME	IMPACT
2020	G\$330B	Emergency Foundation	COVID-19 relief, household support
2021	G\$383.1B	Recovery & Rebuilding	Jobs restored, education expanded
2022	G\$552.9B	Accelerated Development	Strengthened healthcare, boosted food security
2023	G\$781.9B	Equity & Opportunity	Income growth, cost-of-living support
2024	G\$1.146T	Consolidation & Sustainability	Guyana's first trillion-dollar budget
2025	G\$1.469T	Transformation for All	Sustained growth, long-term prosperity

HISTORIC CASH TRANSFERS: MONEY IN THE HANDS OF PEOPLE

From school grants to pensions and household support, government cash transfers have empowered families and boosted local economies. The \$100,000 adult cash grant alone injected over G\$60B into communities, strengthening spending power and easing financial burdens for thousands.



INVESTMENT POWERHOUSE: CATALYSING JOBS, GROWTH, EMPOWERMENT

More than G\$1 trillion in investments and 180+ strategic deals have turned Guyana into a hub of opportunity, driving job creation, private-sector confidence, and national pride.



- A Hospitality Boom: Tourisms Takes Off** - International hotel brands are racing to invest, adding over 1,400 new hotel rooms and creating more than 4,000 direct jobs. From Marriott to Hilton, Guyana’s tourism potential is being realised, fueling a vibrant, fast-growing sector.
- Agriculture Expansion: Feeding the Nation, Fueling Growth** - With G\$3B in private investment, projects like the Demerara Dairy Farm and the US\$40M Tacama Gold Corn & Soya venture are reshaping agriculture. These investments are reducing feed imports, strengthening food security, and creating hundreds of jobs.
- Mining Resurgence: Golden Opportunities** - Over G\$70B has revitalised the mining sector through projects like Avalon Gold and Aurous Guyana, set to deliver over 1,000 new jobs by 2027. This boom strengthens rural livelihoods and contributes to long-term economic resilience.
- Guyana Rises as a Global Business Processing Outsourcing (BPO) Leader** - With new hubs launched across seven regions, over 800 BPO jobs have been created, backed by national job fairs and training. Guyana’s recognition as a **Top 10 BPO Destination (Nearshore Americas 2023–2024)** marks a new era of digital competitiveness.
- Pro-Business Policies Fuel Confidence** - From 0% petroleum excise tax saving G\$90B annually to 13 regional trade agreements and freight cost relief totalling G\$22.8B, investor-friendly policies are igniting growth and building a globally competitive economy.



FROM NATIONAL STRATEGY TO LOCAL SOLUTIONS: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Guyana’s growth is not just measured in big numbers, but in everyday gains for small businesses, families, and communities. National progress is reaching the grassroots, empowering citizens across the country.

EMPOWERING GROWTH & INNOVATION: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Over G\$1.2B in financing and G\$985M in direct grants have boosted nearly 4,000 small businesses, including targeted support for persons with disabilities. GreenTech grants totaling G\$42M empowered 43 eco-startups, while more than 13,000 entrepreneurs received training, supported by G\$62M in capacity-building programmes. This is how inclusive prosperity takes root.

RAISING NATIONAL STANDARDS: BUILDING QUALITY FROM THE GROUND UP

A new G\$2.3B GNBS headquarters and regional offices are strengthening national quality systems. Over 60 “Made in Guyana” certifications, many for women-led businesses, have already been awarded. GNBS approved 160+ national standards and trained over 5,500 people in ISO systems, while outreach now spans six Caribbean nations, showcasing Guyana’s growing leadership.

STRATEGIC INDUSTRIAL ZONES: LOCAL BUSINESS, NATIONAL IMPACT

Across the country, industrial development zones are sparking local enterprise. Belvedere (Region 6) has 13 business-ready plots; York Estate (Region 10) developed 21 acres; Onderneeming (Region 2) opened 71 plots for SMEs. A new Business Incubator in Lethem (Region 9) is nurturing grassroots innovation and entrepreneurship.

PRIORITISING CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT

More than 2,500 consumer complaints were addressed; 90% resolved, with G\$682M refunded. Over 4,500 market inspections and 471 product certifications ensure compliance and safety. New digital tools like an AI WhatsApp Assistant and the Homebuilder’s Roadmap, along with school outreach to 2,000+ students, are raising public awareness and protecting consumer rights.

GUYANESE FIRST IN OIL & GAS A TRANSPARENT, EMPOWERING ENERGY SECTOR

In just five years, Guyana’s oil and gas industry has become a global benchmark for transparency and local empowerment. The **Local Content Act (2021)** transformed promises into action, certifying 1,278 local companies, employing more than 6,000 Guyanese, and awarding G\$129B in contracts to local businesses. The new US\$13M Port Mourant training centre is developing a skilled workforce for the future.



FROM SECRECY TO OVERSIGHT: A SECTOR RESHAPED

The transformation is clear. Guyana’s oil sector shifted from backroom deals to full accountability.

BEFORE (2015–2020)	NOW (2020–2025)
<div><div>☒ No local content law</div><div>☒ Hidden contracts, secret bonuses</div><div>☒ No audits</div><div>☒ Weak regulatory oversight</div></div>	<div><div>✓ Local content law empowers Guyanese firms</div><div>✓ Oil laws, permits, and data fully public</div><div>✓ G\$279M in questionable costs flagged through audits</div><div>✓ Strong environmental safeguards and insurance coverage</div></div>

SMART LAWS, STRONG SAFEGUARDS: MAXIMISING NATIONAL VALUE

Guyana has implemented modern legislation to secure maximum value for its people. The **Petroleum Activities Act (2023)** tightened regulations. The **Natural Resource Fund (2021)** ensures full transparency. Reformed oil contracts now guarantee a **10% royalty, 65% cost recovery cap, and 10% corporate tax**, a dramatic improvement from earlier deals offering just 2% royalty and no taxes. The first public licensing round brought new players and better terms.

REAL OVERSIGHT, REAL RESULTS

Three independent audits of the Stabroek Block (1999–2023) uncovered more than **US\$279M in questionable costs**, proving that Guyana’s accountability systems are working.

ZERO COMPROMISE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Guyana enforces world-class environmental standards. All permits undergo rigorous review. A US\$50 per tonne flaring fee deters waste, while emissions are capped and waste tightly managed. Spill coverage includes **US\$600M per incident in insurance and a US\$2B parent company guarantee**. The Oil Pollution Act mandates swift responses and penalties for any environmental harm.

TRANSPARENCY IN REAL-TIME

Through **petroleum.gov.gy**, the public now has real-time access to production data, laws, contracts, and live offshore activity. The Guyana National Bureau of Standards has tracked over 700 FPSO oil lifts, ensuring quality and safety through advanced systems.

ENERGY DIPLOMACY: STRATEGIC GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

From Brazil to Qatar, Guyana is building smart energy alliances. Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Brazil, India, Ghana, and others are advancing technology transfer, training, and national energy security, strengthening Guyana’s position as a rising energy leader.



MINING POWERING PROGRESS: JOBS, GROWTH, AND OWNERSHIP

Guyana’s mining sector is now more inclusive, regulated, and productive. Smart tax reforms and infrastructure expansion have unlocked new prosperity—especially for small miners and hinterland communities.

Real Gains for Miners

- 0% VAT on mining machinery and fuel
- Tributor’s tax abolished
- Income tax reduced to 2.5%
- Excise tax removed on fuel

These changes have boosted incomes, reduced costs, and expanded ownership. Over **750 small miners** received land, while over **1,000 new jobs** were created in bauxite as output tripled.

Roads to Opportunity

Over **2,500 km of hinterland roads** have been built or maintained, opening up access, improving safety, and supporting economic activity. Occupational Health and Safety (OSH) training and standards have been upgraded, protecting workers and communities.

Surging Mineral Output (2024)

- **Bauxite:** 1.7M tonnes (183% growth)
- **Sand:** 12M+ tonnes (500% growth)
- **Stone:** 3.3M tonnes (371% growth)



AGRICULTURE REIMAGINED: FOOD SECURITY, FARMER EMPOWERMENT, EXPORT GROWTH

Guyana is rewriting its agricultural story, empowering farmers, expanding exports, and ensuring regional food security. Through smart investments and local innovation, agriculture is now a driver of prosperity and self-reliance.

FROM ROOT TO MARKET: DELIVERING BIG RESULTS

Guyana’s fields are flourishing. The reopening of Rose Hall Sugar Estate restored 1,219 jobs, while the 2024 rice harvest hit a **record 725,282 tonnes**, thanks to high-yield varieties. Over **G\$3.6B** in seed and fertiliser support supercharged productivity, expanding corn and soya acreage from 115 to **12,000+ acres**, and saving G\$30M annually in feed imports. More than 103,000 coconut seed nuts were planted, and 52 **youth shade houses** generated over G\$32M, proof that farmers are thriving.

LIVELIHOODS ON THE RISE: BOOSTING FARMERS’ PRODUCTIVITY

Support is reaching the grassroots. Over **167,000 hatching eggs** were provided to 5,566 poultry farmers, while 64 elite bulls sired 220 calves across six regions, strengthening livestock genetics. Honey production soared from **2,600 to 18,000 gallons**, benefitting over 1,300 beekeepers and rural communities.

SHRIMP & AQUACULTURE BOOM: EXPANDING FISHERIES

Guyana’s fisheries are surging, with **1.1 million kg of shrimp harvested**, generating G\$1.6B in earnings. More than G\$300M has been invested in fishing infrastructure, 100 vessels are GPS-equipped, and marine cage farming is unlocking new high-value exports.

SPICES, SMART FARMS & AGRO-PROCESSING

Innovation is powering results. Region 1 is now a major ginger and turmeric producer, with 48,000 kg and 28,000 kg harvested, respectively. The Hosororo dryer cut drying time from seven days to eight hours, while the Caribbean’s largest hydroponic farm (100,000 seedlings) and a **G\$100M soil lab** offering 14 free tests are supporting precision agriculture. Fifteen agro-processing centres (e.g. Fort Wellington, Bartica) were built or upgraded, and a cassava hub launched, benefiting 200+ farmers and opening new markets.

PROTECTING FARMLANDS & SECURING HARVESTS

Farmers are better protected than ever. Drainage and irrigation fees were cut from **G\$15,000 to G\$3,500**, saving **22,000+ farmers over G\$1.3B** yearly. Over **G\$18B** has been invested in flood protection, safeguarding more than **513,000 acres** through nine new pump stations, 19 installed high-capacity pumps (seven more underway), and 8,600+ miles of cleaned canals. Additionally, **167 miles of farm-to-market roads** and the **G\$2.5B Pomeroon rescue project** are securing land and livelihoods.

YOUTH-LED INNOVATION: FUELLING AGRICULTURE’S FUTURE

Young Guyanese are driving agriculture forward. Over 100 youths were trained in hydroponics and agri-marketing, with new seedling hubs launched in five regions under Agriculture Innovative and Entrepreneurship Programme (AIEP) Phase III. The Guyana School of Agriculture (GSA) Centre of Excellence is pushing agri-tech research and digital farming, ensuring the next generation leads with knowledge and innovation.

REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY: LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

As the lead for **CARICOM’s 25 by 2030 food import reduction agenda**, Guyana is championing smarter trade, logistics, and innovation. Hosting the **2023 Agri-Investment Forum** and chairing the **2024 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Conference**, Guyana is shaping a food-secure Caribbean.





TURNING GYANA'S NATURAL BEAUTY INTO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Guyana is emerging as a world-class tourism destination, where eco-adventures, cultural heritage, and global recognition meet. The transformation is guided by sustainability, community ownership, and international acclaim.

LICENSING & REGULATION: HIGH STANDARDS, BIG POTENTIAL

Tourism is now better regulated, safer, and growing fast. Over **521 licenses** have been issued to hotels, lodges, guides, and operators. The new **Tourism Business Licensing Portal** enabled the conditional approval of **76 Bed & Breakfasts (2023–2024)**. A national B&B Programme is coming soon, bringing quality assurance and new income streams.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT: INSPIRING NEW EXPERIENCES, GROWING DEMAND

Guyana launched **64 new tourism experiences** in five years, from the “Singing Chef Curry Tour” to “Jungle Survival Rockstone.” Heritage sites like Mangrove Heritage and New Amsterdam have been upgraded, while **up to G\$1M in product development grants** is helping innovators turn ideas into must-see destinations.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION: GUYANA SHINES ON THE WORLD STAGE

The world is taking notice. Guyana earned **Destination of the Year and Tourism Minister of the Year (PATWA 2025)**, plus nominations at the **2024 World Travel & Caribbean Green Awards**. Karanambu was named a **Top 100 Green Destination**, affirming Guyana’s sustainable appeal.

MARKETING & EXPANSION: SHARING OUR STORY GLOBALLY

Since 2020, Guyana has participated in over **120 expos, trade shows, and media trips**, spreading awareness and driving interest. Major marketing campaigns, partnerships with influencers, and the appointment of cricketer **Gudakesh Motie as Tourism Ambassador** have strengthened brand visibility worldwide.

SUSTAINABLE & COMMUNITY TOURISM: POWERED BY PEOPLE

Guyana is proving that tourism can uplift communities and protect nature. The **Region 1 Tourism Circuit** was launched, while **Iwokrama and Rewa** earned Green Destinations certifications. GMCS-led training and homestay programmes are delivering benefits directly to residents, linking livelihoods with conservation.

BUILDING A WORLD-CLASS TOURISM WORKFORCE

More than 9,000 Guyanese have been trained in hospitality skills, from culinary arts to digital marketing. Community tourism training now reaches all ten regions, and **22 businesses** have graduated from the **ElevateAll programme**, ensuring that Guyana’s people remain at the heart of its tourism success.



POWERING A NEW ERA: CLEAN, RELIABLE ENERGY FOR EVERY GUYANESE

In just five years, Guyana has laid the foundation for a reliable, affordable, and modern energy future. From solar-powered hinterland homes to mega projects like Gas-to-Energy, the country is closing the energy gap, improving lives and fuelling opportunity.

GAS-TO-ENERGY: A NATIONAL GAME-CHANGER

The **Wales Gas-to-Energy Project**, Guyana’s largest infrastructure initiative, will cut electricity costs in half and reduce emissions by 70%. Construction is underway, backed by a **US\$526M loan from the U.S. EXIM Bank**, a resounding vote of confidence in Guyana’s future.

EXPANDING THE GRID: POWER TO THE PEOPLE

In 2024 alone, **124 MW** of new capacity was added through powerships, upgraded substations, transmission lines, and battery systems. The Demerara–Berbice grid now delivers **267 MW**, ensuring wider, more reliable coverage. More than **1,000 households** were newly connected in 2024.

HINTERLAND ELECTRIFICATION: LIGHTING UP EVERY REGION

A once-distant dream is now a reality. Over **30,000 off-grid solar systems** have been deployed in **245 hinterland communities**, electrifying **90% of households** and slashing fuel use. Regions like Mahdia, Lethem, and Port Kaituma now enjoy **24/7 power**, through the largest-ever rollout of off-grid solar and renewable energy projects including hydropower plants.



GUYANA'S GREEN FUTURE: LEADING LOW-CARBON INNOVATION

Guyana is setting the global standard for climate-smart development. Through its **Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030**, the country balances economic growth with environmental protection, earning global recognition and climate revenue.

JURISDICTIONAL CARBON CREDITS: FIRST IN THE WORLD

Guyana became the **first country globally** to issue jurisdictional carbon credits under ART-TREES, earning **US\$237.5M** from sales. A **US\$75M deal with Hess Corporation** and recognition under CORSIA cement Guyana’s leadership in climate finance.

INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIP: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, PROTECTING FORESTS

Indigenous communities are full partners in Guyana’s climate success. **G\$14B in carbon revenues** has been distributed to **242 Amerindian villages**, exceeding the promised 15% with a **21% revenue share**. These funds support eco-tourism, education, sustainable farming, and village enterprise, fueling pride and prosperity.

SCIENCE & STEWARDSHIP: SMART CONSERVATION, WORLD-CLASS IMPACT

Guyana keeps deforestation below **0.05%**, among the world’s lowest. Initiatives include **50,000 new urban trees**, the **Sophia Point Research Centre** (partnering with Yale, Oxford, and Harvard), and founding the **Global Biodiversity Alliance (2025)**. Innovations in bamboo cultivation, upgraded national parks, and restored mangroves showcase a full-spectrum conservation strategy.



GUYANA'S GREEN ENGINE: FORESTS FUELING PROSPERITY CLIMATE POWER

Forestry is now a dynamic engine of wealth, inclusion, and climate leadership. From job creation to international certification, Guyana’s forest sector is driving green growth with local and global benefits.

DRIVING GROWTH & LIVELIHOODS

Timber output jumped **40%**, from 344,000 m³ in 2020 to **483,000 m³ in 2024**, supporting **25,000+ jobs** (up from 15,000) and **US\$27M in exports**. Over **205 small concessions and 65 Community Forestry Organisations (CFOs)** now manage **1.2M acres**, generating stable income for **3,000+ members**. A **G\$900M Forest Revolving Fund** and **G\$20B in private investment** are modernising the sector with sawmills, roads, and equipment.

VALUE-ADDED & MARKET EXPANSION

More than **50 new processing facilities**, including prefab housing projects, are helping Guyana shift toward value-added exports. Guyana School of Agriculture (GSA) certification (2024) and the EU FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement) (2023) unlock premium markets.

ROBUST GOVERNANCE & GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Guyana is raising the bar. Annual inspections and a new **GFC office in Mahdia** are improving oversight. Internationally, Guyana is deepening partnerships like the **€5M EU Forest Partnership**, reinforcing its role as a leader in forest governance and climate action.



INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CONNECTS: BUILDING THE BACKBONE OF A MODERN GUYANA

Under President Ali’s leadership, Guyana has launched its most ambitious infrastructure transformation in decades. From major highways to hinterland roads, modernised ports to upgraded airports, this sweeping progress is connecting communities, cutting travel times, and opening up new pathways to national growth.

GAME-CHANGING PROJECTS RESHAPING GUYANA

Strategic investments are redrawing Guyana’s landscape. The **US\$190M Linden-Mabura Hill Road** (121 km) opens direct trade with Brazil. The **US\$133M Ogle–Eccles Highway** (commissioned July 2025) now links the East Coast to the East Bank. The **US\$75.9M East Bank Road Upgrade**, including the Diamond–Grove bypass, eases congestion. Upgraded East Coast and Corentyne Highways boost safety and commerce, while the **US\$161.4M Soesdyke–Linden Highway** introduces nine new bridges and multiple roundabouts to enhance traffic flow.

ROADS TO PROSPERITY: CONNECTING EVERY REGION

Over **6,000 road projects** have been completed, benefiting more than 4,000 local contractors. These include 1,333 km of new community roads, 2,716 km of hinterland roads, 45 km of farm access roads, and 50 km of upgraded urban main roads. These connections are helping to unite the coast and hinterland while driving prosperity in every region.

MODERN ASPHALT PLANT: FUELING THE ROAD BOOM

Asphalt production has surged from 9,362 MT (Aug–Dec 2020) to 119,808 MT in 2024, propelling Guyana’s infrastructure drive. This leap is powered by a new barge landing, upgraded Benninghoven ECO-2000 (160 MT/hr) plant, and additional regional and mobile plants, lowering costs and accelerating delivery.

BRIDGE BY BRIDGE: STRENGTHENING NATIONAL LINKS

The **US\$262M new Demerara River Crossing**, a four-lane hybrid bridge, will ease congestion and streamline vehicle and marine movement. The upgraded **US\$36.2M Wismar–Mackenzie Bridge** reinforces connectivity and economic integration across regions.

DEMERARA HARBOUR BRIDGE: A STRONGER LIFELINE

Rehabilitation of 106 pontoons (G\$2.04B), Span 9 replacement, and 2,150 new deck plates (G\$777M) are extending the bridge’s life.

TOLL-FREE TRAVEL, BIGGER SAVINGS

As of midnight on July 31, 2025, tolls were abolished on the Demerara, Berbice, and **Wismar bridges**, saving over 50,000 commuters more than G\$3.5 billion annually.

NATIONWIDE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Across the country, **150 bridges** have been rehabilitated and **66** maintained. **Forty-five** new bridges along the Lethem corridor are unlocking inland trade routes. Durable concrete structures in Regions 1, 7, 8, and 9 now offer safer, long-lasting access.

AIR TRAVEL MODERNISED: CJIA, GUYANA’S GLOBAL GATEWAY

Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA) has been transformed into a thriving regional hub. Passenger traffic soared from **182,736 (2020) to 856,831 (2024)**, with projections of 1 million in 2025. International access has tripled, from **5 to 15 airlines** and from **6 to 17 destinations**, including London and Amsterdam. Cargo capacity nearly doubled. Key upgrades include an extended 11,023-ft runway, six jet bridges, G\$560M baggage system, and e-gates reducing wait times to 20–30 seconds.

GLOBAL STANDARDS & SMARTER SKIES: ELEVATING AVIATION

CJIA is now ranked **#1 in Operations** and **#2 in Air Navigation in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Americas**, with a 2024 audit score above the regional average. Technologies like Instrumental Landing System (ILS), Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B), and Automatic Weather Observation System (AWOS) improve safety and reduce diversions. Guyana leads International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) climate action targeting net-zero aviation by 2050. The GCAA school is internationally certified, and aviation laws modernised, including a digital drone registry, affirming Guyana’s leadership in air travel.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL: FASTER, SAFER, MORE ACCESSIBLE

With G\$4.5B invested, **19 domestic airstrips** have been rehabilitated. VAT removal on hinterland flights and improved medevac services are making domestic travel safer and more affordable.

SEA & RIVER TRANSPORT: STRENGTHENING VITAL LIFELINES

Over G\$2.8B was spent on **new vessels like the MV MA Lisha**, featuring cold storage. **G\$3.1B upgraded stellings**, including Bartica and Supenaam. Phase 1 of the **G\$4.5B Parika Port** is underway, integrating cold storage and agro-processing. The new FerryPass system has improved operations, with passenger numbers rising from 187,122 to 441,131, vehicle traffic doubling, and cargo movement climbing from 173,307 to 241,235 tonnes (2020–2024).

COASTAL PROTECTION: SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITIES

Since 2020, **25.78 km of sea defences have been built**, with 8.25 km underway. Backed by G\$26.2B in capital works and G\$7.1B in maintenance, these efforts protect homes and livelihoods from rising tides.

BEAUTIFICATION, COMMUNITY PRIDE & TOURISM APPEAL

Public spaces are now vibrant community hubs and tourism assets. The **Kingston Seawall Esplanade, Lamaha Promenade, Independence Boulevard, and National Park Playground** are among the many transformed areas. Parks in New Amsterdam, Corriverton, La Jalousie, Brothers, Lonsdale, and Anna Regina reflect a G\$8.3B investment in beautification and G\$2.6B in waterfront revitalisation.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES MODERNISED

The new **G\$15.87B Government Complex**, four 12-floor towers with space for 6,000 staff, a helipad, and utility centre, will centralise public services, increase efficiency, and improve citizen access.

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: REAL RELIEF, REAL RESULTS

Guyana’s transformation is more than statistics, it’s about improving lives. Under President Ali’s leadership, citizens are experiencing real, meaningful benefits in healthcare, education, housing, and water. Every initiative puts people first, building a foundation for lasting well-being.



HEALTHCARE FOR ALL: MORE FACILITIES, MORE LIVES SAVED

With over **G\$139B invested since 2020**, Guyana’s healthcare system is stronger than ever. **Twelve new hospitals and 27 health facilities** under construction, plus 26 completed health centres and six regional hospitals, are expanding access. An additional G\$95.5B is committed to upgrading over 1,200 facilities nationwide, with major projects like the New Amsterdam Hospital and the state-of-the-art Paediatric & Maternal Hospital leading the way.

A GROWING WORKFORCE, BETTER CARE

Healthcare staffing has surged, **1700+ nurses hired, training for 1,750 more**, alongside 390 community health workers and over 200 doctors. **New nursing schools**, simulation centres, and a revitalised Medex programme support this growth. Emergency care has also expanded with **130+ ambulances** and **G\$2.1B in evacuation** investments. Telemedicine now reaches 80 sites, with 200 more planned, alongside improved ophthalmology services and drug availability now above 85%.

SAFER MOTHERS, HEALTHIER BABIES

Maternal deaths have dropped from **24 (2021) to 14 (2024)**, supported by eight new maternity homes (169 beds). Relief measures bring tangible support: **G\$7.5B in healthcare vouchers**, **G\$4.2B for dialysis and cardiac patients**, and **G\$1.6B in newborn cash grants**.

SMART SYSTEMS, GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Digitisation is elevating care, Electronic Medical Records and 61 digital ultrasounds improve diagnosis and treatment. Partnerships with Mt. Sinai, Harvard, Cuba, China, and India are positioning Guyana as a future regional leader in biotech and healthcare delivery.



EDUCATION THAT EMPOWERS: OPPORTUNITY FROM THE CLASSROOM UP

Guyana is building a future of equal opportunity with **79 new schools built or underway, 27 expanded, and 18 new secondary schools in the hinterland**. Over 65 school buses and boats now ensure students get to class safely.

SUPPORT FOR EVERY STUDENT

The restored “**Because We Care**” cash grant has increased to **G\$55,000** per student, up from **G\$19,000 in 2021**, delivering **G\$11.28 billion** in 2025 alone. Today, **99,800 students** receive daily school meals, while **2.86 million textbooks** have been distributed nationwide. Digital transformation is underway with **158 Smart Classrooms**, the **EdYou FM radio station**, and the **EdPal app**, all expanding access to learning. New digital platforms for Grades 10 and 11 now offer **flexible, self-paced learning** aligned with national exams. In the hinterland, library access has surged from just **5% to 70% coverage**, significantly closing the education gap.

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

Dormitories and school facilities are upgraded. Arts, culture, and sports now reach hinterland regions. Special needs education expanded with Guyana’s first School for the Deaf and doubled SEND classrooms. **b**



TRAINING THAT TRANSFORMS: SKILLS FOR TODAY, CAREERS FOR TOMORROW

Expanded **CVQ centres in Regions 1, 4, 7, and 9** now offer job-ready training in agriculture, trades, and business. Designed to meet real market demand, these programmes are opening doors for the next generation of workers.

BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (BIT): BUILDING A SKILLED WORKFORCE

Over **30,000 Guyanese** have gained skills through BIT since 2020. Women (17,768) lead in catering and cosmetology, while men excel in trades. Training in solar installation reflects BIT’s modern edge. Annual enrolment grew from 3,184 (2020) to 4,439 (2023), with training in every region. Region 4 alone trained 4,290 people. A new G\$44M Skills Development Centre in New Amsterdam leads the way, with more coming in Regions 1, 3, and 7.

HIGHER EDUCATION & ACCESS FOR ALL

Over **39,000 scholarships** have been awarded through the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), including 3,037 to hinterland students. Tuition at the University of Guyana has been abolished. More than **5,000 Coursera courses** are now available, **G\$1.8B** in student loans have been forgiven, and **CSEC exam fees are now covered** for up to eight subjects, removing financial barriers to learning.



HISTORIC HOUSING DELIVERY: 50,000+ DREAMS REALISED

Guyana has reached a milestone, **50,200 house lots** allocated and nearly **19,000 land titles** processed by May 2025. Over G\$250B in housing and infrastructure connects **40,000+ households to electricity**. G\$35B went to road upgrades, and **4,000+ streetlights now enhance community safety**.

COMMUNITIES BUILT, LIVES IMPROVED

More than G\$190B has been invested in over **100 housing schemes**. 3,884 turnkey homes are built or in progress, including dedicated hinterland housing. New highways like Eccles–Great Diamond and Mandela–Eccles open access to residential zones. Formalising 1,690 lots across 20+ informal communities strengthens security of tenure.

SMART CITIES & DIGITAL HOUSING SERVICES

Silica City, a futuristic 3,000-acre smart city, is taking shape with digital infrastructure and civic hubs. The Single Window System (launched 2024) under the 2023 Planning & Development Act streamlines the housing application and permitting process.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Low- and middle-income families receive up to G\$6M in building materials under the Steel & Cement Grant. In Lethem, G\$1M grants plus low-interest loans benefit **600 families**. In Laing Avenue, households receive G\$250,000 in grants and G\$100,000 in labour assistance, helping over 60 families build dignified homes.

SAFE, TREATED WATER FOR ALL

By the end of 2025, **90% of Guyana** will have access to treated water, a historic leap for public health. **Over 350,000 residents** now receive safe, treated water, including thousands in hinterland communities for the first time.

Coastal & Hinterland Coverage Grows

Coastal coverage surged from **52% to 80%, benefitting 180,000+ people**, thanks to seven new treatment plants, 200+ km of mains, and nine new wells. Hinterland access rose from **46% to 82%**, powered by 170+ solar systems serving 140,000+ residents. With 28,000 water meters installed and G\$5.7B invested in sustainable water systems, Guyana is securing water access for all.



JOBS & WAGES: A LABOUR MARKET THAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE

Guyana’s labour market is thriving. Under President Ali, workers enjoy fairer pay, safer workplaces, and better job access than ever before.

DIGITAL TOOLS, FASTER SERVICE

The re-established Ministry of Labour uses tech to support workers. **Job Bank and Skills Connect apps** match workers to opportunities. The **Digital Complaints & Inspection System (DCIS)** ensures faster resolution of workplace issues. Guyana’s commitment to the Decent Work Country Programme aligns national policies with global standards.

HIGHER WAGES, MORE RELIEF

The **national minimum wage rose 36%**, and **public sector salaries increased 46%**, expanding the wage bill by 66%. Over 18,000 workers benefit from new allowances; housing, education, uniforms, and remote-area support. Income tax relief and the doubled threshold (from G\$65,000 to G\$130,000) ease the burden. Multi-year wage agreements lock in salary progress for teachers and university staff. **Over G\$6B in bonuses** went to frontline workers, the Discipline Service, plus a one-off G\$25,000 grant for 67,000 public employees in 2023.

EMPOWERING WORKERS, REVIVING UNIONS

More than **100** collective agreements strengthen worker rights. Over 56 cooperatives and friendly societies have been revitalised, promoting community-led economic empowerment.

SAFE WORKPLACES FOR ALL

The Occupational Safety and Health team expanded from **9 to 32 officers**. Inspections now cover **27,000+ workers**. Offshore and FPSO safety standards are in place. Training reached 1,200+ committee members, with 69 sessions held. Investigations into 1,676 incidents and 74 fatalities have driven ongoing improvements.

EFFICIENT JOB MATCHING

CRMA registered 4,104 workers and placed 843 (2020–2024). The National Job Bank registered 9,598 and placed 527 (2022–2025), reflecting growing efficiency in job matching.

PART-TIME JOBS, FULL-TIME IMPACT

Launched in 2022, the Part-Time Job Programme offers G\$40,000 monthly for 10 days of public sector work. Generating G\$600M monthly across households, the programme strengthens job-readiness while providing meaningful income. G\$11B is allocated for 2025 to expand its reach.



BUILDING EQUITY: A PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR ALL

The PPP/C Government’s vision for inclusive growth is powered by compassion and a firm commitment to fairness. By investing in those most in need; children, women, seniors, persons with disabilities, and vulnerable communities; Government is ensuring opportunity reaches every corner of society.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Children are at the heart of Guyana’s development. With Child Advocacy Centres increasing from 5 to 13 and G\$103M invested, young lives are being safeguarded. Outreach and education have expanded, with parenting support for hundreds of families and critical awareness programmes reaching street children and teens nationwide.

NURTURING EARLY CHILDHOOD

Access to affordable, quality childcare is improving lives. **Fifty new daycares** were launched, and 235 upgraded, allowing over 2,000 families to benefit from childcare subsidies that support working parents and boost early childhood development.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

The Women’s Innovation and Investment Network (WIIN) is transforming lives. More than 17,000 women have been trained, with over 2,500 receiving support to launch businesses. The WE LIFT Expo has grown fivefold, opening doors in fashion, elder care, and more, while campaigns and training continue to promote gender equality and challenge stereotypes.

HONOURING OUR ELDERS & SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE

Support for seniors has never been stronger. The Old Age Pension doubled to G\$42,000, aiding 78,000 pensioners with digital payments and utility relief. Public Assistance rose to G\$22,000 monthly, reaching 18,000 people, ensuring no one is left behind.

INCLUSION & EMPOWERMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Over 20,000 persons with disabilities now access streamlined support. The National Disability Centre, opened in 2023, provides services to over 650 people, while mobility aids and spectacles have reached thousands. A G\$300M crisis relief fund underpins the government’s commitment to dignity and inclusion.

NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME (NIS): STRONGER, SMARTER, FASTER

The NIS has undergone a digital transformation. Backlogged claims dropped from 20,000 to 3,000; over 1.1 million records were updated. More than 11,000 pensioners receive e-payments, and 52,000 can now access records online. Reforms have boosted incomes for over 27,000 pensioners, while 103,000 claims have been processed since 2020, delivering timely support to 60,000+ people. Additionally, a one-off payment of \$260,000 to \$650,000 was issued to insured persons aged 60 and over (as of December 31, 2024) who made 500–749 contributions but did not qualify for a pension.

JUSTICE & PROTECTION: DEFENDING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Guyana remains a global leader in combatting trafficking and domestic violence. With a new Family Violence Act and expanded legal aid, more survivors are protected. National hotlines, digital tools like the IMatter app, and Hope & Justice Centres have supported thousands. Over 2,300 police officers have been trained to respond to gender-based violence, reinforcing a zero-tolerance approach.

A FIRST LADY OF ACTION

First Lady Arya Ali leads impactful programmes supporting over 30,000 girls annually with free sanitary pads and building inclusive spaces such as the Disability Business Centre. From startup grants for hinterland women to scholarships and animal welfare, these efforts are shaping lives with care and vision.



EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS FUTURES: TRANSFORMING AMERINDIAN COMMUNITIES

Amerindian villages are thriving, with investments focused on empowerment, sustainability, and cultural pride.

AMERINDIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

More than **G\$16.7B funded over 800 village projects**, improving infrastructure in **253 villages and creating 6,540 jobs**. From tourism and agro-processing to youth and women-led ventures, over 107,000 residents have benefitted from improved transport, enterprise development, and expanded opportunity.

PRESIDENTIAL GRANTS & LOCAL EMPOWERMENT

With **G\$2.17B in Presidential Grants**, a 128% increase, communities have the power to set their priorities. These investments strengthen grassroots leadership and promote self-reliance.

LAND SECURITY & LEADERSHIP

Support for the National Toshias Council reached **G\$841.8M**, while land rights advanced through **15 demarcations and 10 new titles**, benefiting over 16,000 Amerindians. National consultations continue on the Amerindian Act in a participatory and rights-based manner.

EDUCATION & YOUTH INVESTMENT

Indigenous youth are thriving through the **G\$415.5M Hinterland Scholarship Programme** and **G\$5.43B CSO initiative**, training 2,759 young people in ICT, tourism, and technical skills, building a generation equipped to lead.

CULTURAL TOURISM & HERITAGE

From Surama to Santa Mission, eco-tourism is flourishing. Training in hospitality, business, and heritage ensures that Amerindian traditions remain central to Guyana’s tourism growth.



A CULTURAL RENAISSANCE: POWERING IDENTITY AND CREATIVITY

Culture, heritage, and creative enterprise are being revitalised as engines of pride and progress.

FUELING THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Over **G\$9.8B** has energised Guyana’s arts sector. From Emancipation Grants and talent competitions to nationwide music education and fashion expos, the creative economy is flourishing with over 6,600 artists paid for national events.

RESTORING NATIONAL ICONS

Cultural spaces are being restored and reimagined. **Fort Nassau, Castellani House, and the National Cultural Centre** have been revitalised. Literary awards and document digitisation ensure Guyana’s rich legacy is preserved and promoted.

STRENGTHENING THE CREATIVE ECOSYSTEM

Support for **Afro-Guyanese projects (G\$300M)**, new music studios, and heritage monuments reinforces inclusion. From storytelling to sculpture, the arts are thriving as a key part of national development.

YOUTH RISING: BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

With **G\$5.39B invested**, young Guyanese are gaining the skills, confidence, and tools to succeed.

DRIVING INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

From tech and maritime training to business startups and robotics, **over 6,000 youth** are equipped with 21st-century skills. CVQ-certified graduates and award-winning tech teams highlight a bright, future-ready generation.

LEADERSHIP & LEARNING

Programmes like President’s Youth Award Guyana (PYARG) and Youth Night School are building discipline, literacy, and leadership among thousands. Volunteer initiatives have clocked nearly 90,000 hours, cultivating civic pride and job readiness.

INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS

Modern youth centres, digital tools, and youth-led events, attended by over 68,000, are creating inclusive spaces for expression, learning, and growth

SPORT GUYANA: ELEVATING EXCELLENCE, UNITING THE NATION

Sport is now a pillar of pride, performance, and national unity.

FACILITIES THAT INSPIRE

With **G\$15.6B invested**, new multi-sport halls, stadiums, and upgraded community grounds are transforming access to quality facilities across the country.

ATHLETES REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

The National Sports Academy’s medal haul has grown 400%. Olympic champions now mentor young athletes, while over 16,000 have learned to swim through inclusive programmes.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Guyana’s success at Carifta, Commonwealth, and world championships is cementing its place on the global stage. Sports laws and international hosting rights such as CPL, further expand Guyana’s influence and opportunities.



JUSTICE & GOVERNANCE: POWERING PROGRESS THROUGH LAW

The legal and governance landscape has undergone a transformation grounded in transparency, accountability, and inclusion.

A LEGAL RENAISSANCE

Guyana leads CARICOM in enacted laws, **110+ since 2020**, strengthening digital governance, resource management, and family protections. Constitutional reform is being driven by citizen engagement.

COURTS CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE

New courts in Bartica, Port Kaituma, and elsewhere bring justice to more communities. Virtual courts and increased judicial appointments have enhanced access and efficiency.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & EQUITY

New centres and training are promoting healing and second chances, embodying a justice system that supports rehabilitation and community peace.

LOCAL POWER, NATIONAL GROWTH

Strengthened local governance is improving services, infrastructure, and livelihoods.

EMPOWERED LOCAL AUTHORITIES

With subventions more than doubling, local councils have more tools to serve. G\$3.7B in support and new equipment has expanded their reach and responsiveness.

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES, GREENER SYSTEMS

Waste management infrastructure has been modernised in all 10 regions. Restored landfills and better access roads have improved sanitation and public health.

REVIVING MARKETS, ROADS & SPACES

From new bridges to modernised markets, over G\$2B has revitalised everyday infrastructure, while the Community Infrastructure Improvement Project (CIIP) continues to stimulate local economies and employment.

JOBS, GROWTH, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Decentralised employment and heritage projects are improving lives.

JOB CREATION THAT MATTERS

More than 15,000 jobs, in the local communities were created under the Pathway Workers Project. Other regional programmes have benefited tens of thousands with real income and purpose.

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

The restoration of City Hall (G\$779.7M) reflects the government’s dedication to safeguarding Guyana’s iconic heritage.

DIGITAL GUYANA: CONNECTED, MODERN, EMPOWERED

Guyana’s digital revolution is connecting citizens and streamlining governance.

EXPANDING DIGITAL ACCESS

Over **200 Free ICT Hubs** and training in 167 communities are transforming access to skills, jobs, and services. Coursera and coding programmes are building a modern workforce.

SMARTER PUBLIC SERVICES

G\$209.5B in e-payments shows success in modernising revenue collection. The upcoming national eID system will unify service access, bringing convenience to every citizen.

MODERNISING MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Post and broadcast systems are going digital. NCN, GPOC, and liberalised telecoms are boosting access and resilience. Bandwidth costs have fallen 95%, unlocking ICT expansion and BPO growth.

DEFENDING PRESS FREEDOM

With improved media access and training via the Media and Communications Academy, Guyana’s press remains free, responsible, and vital.



GUARDIANS OF PROGRESS: SAFER COMMUNITIES, STRONGER SECURITY

Security reform is reshaping safety and trust.

MODERN EQUIPMENT, FASTER RESPONSE

The police force is equipped with thousands of new tools, from drones to bodycams, and 813 new vehicles. Infrastructure upgrades are expanding capacity and coverage.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, LOCAL PRESENCE

Training for over 10,000 officers and expanded scholarships are raising standards across the board, while new police stations bring services closer to communities.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT & SMART SURVEILLANCE

Victim care is expanding, with transitional shelters and digital services for trafficking survivors. The Safe Country Initiative’s IVS network is enabling real-time, regionally decentralised responses.



GUYANA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE: LEADERSHIP WITH PURPOSE

Diplomacy under President Ali has elevated Guyana’s international standing and forged powerful alliances.

HIGH-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

Bilateral meetings with leaders from China to Ghana, visits to India and Qatar, and hosting world-class events have strengthened Guyana’s global presence.

AGREEMENTS THAT DELIVER

MOUs and partnerships across defence, energy, and trade are diversifying the economy and securing opportunity. New ties with Rwanda, Uzbekistan, and others deepen global integration.

BORDER SECURITY & INTERNATIONAL LAW

Guyana’s firm, lawful stance on the Essequibo remains resolute. Backed by CARICOM, the Commonwealth, and the ICJ, sovereignty is being vigorously protected.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Guyana’s presidency of the UN Security Council advanced global discussions on poverty, peace, and child protection, showing leadership with vision and heart.



FROM VISION TO VICTORY:
GUYANA'S PROSPERITY IS JUST BEGINNING

The past five years have laid the foundation for a Guyana where every citizen can thrive. With progress reaching from the hinterland to the coast, this is a journey powered by unity, driven by results, and rooted in dignity.

THE NEXT CHAPTER IS ALREADY BEING WRITTEN, BY EVERY GUYANESE.



LET'S
EXPLORE MORE!



GUYANA 2025 SCHEDULE

FRI 15 AUG | 7:00 PM
ST KITTS



SAT 6 SEP | 7:00 PM
GUYANA



FRI 22 AUG | 7:00 PM
ANTIGUA



SUN 7 SEP | 7:00 PM
GUYANA



TUE 26 AUG | 7:00 PM
ST LUCIA



WED 10 SEP | 7:00 PM
GUYANA



SAT 30 AUG | 7:00 PM
TRINIDAD



SAT 13 SEP | 11:00 AM
GUYANA



THU 4 SEP | 7:00 PM
BARBADOS



SUN 14 SEP | 7:00 PM
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