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Guyana Warriors take GSL crown vs Rangpur

A batting show headlined by three innings that were very different from one another, and a combined bowling effort where all the key men contributed something of note took Guyana Amazon Warriors, the hosts, to the Global Super League title in Providence on Friday night. The GSL is a league started by the government of Guyana to attract sports tourists to the country.

They vanquished Rangpur Riders, who had won the title in its inaugural season, and a target of 197 might have seemed achievable, but not after a powerplay of 32 for 3.

After Amazon Warriors had opted to bat, a partnership of 121 runs in 70 balls between opener Johnson Charles and No. 3 Rahmanullah Gurbaz set them on their way. The two got together in the fourth over after Evin Lewis had been felled by Khaled, and batted through to the end of the 15th before Charles retired out on 67 from 48, with 11 fours and a six. Gurbaz fell almost immediately after for a 38-ball 66, studded with six fours and four sixes, and the finishing kick came from Romario Shepherd, who slammed three sixes and a four in scoring 28 not out from nine balls. Dwaine Pretorius (pictured above being congratulated) picked up 3 wickets for 37 runs, sealing the GAW win.



Farmers to get free crop insurance

PRESIDENT Dr. Irfaan Ali, on Tuesday, officially launched a groundbreaking crop insurance programme aimed at benefitting more than 6,000 rice farmers across Guyana.

The initiative, introduced in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, UPL Costa Rica, Philip Morris International, and the Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB)—marks a major step toward strengthening the nation's agricultural resilience.

Speaking before thousands of farmers from Regions Two, Three, Five, and Six at the Anna Regina Secondary School, President Ali described the launch as a clear reflection of the government's commitment to safeguarding livelihoods and fortifying the rice sector.

"This launch signifies not only a bold step in climate resilience but also a demonstration of the government's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the livelihoods of our farmers and strengthening the foundation of our national food security," the President said.

He emphasised that the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) is determined to ensure rice remains a staple in Guyana's food system and a central pillar of the agricultural economy. Under the agreement, over 6,000 rice farmers will now receive free agricultural insurance coverage for a period of three years, with no premiums required. The insurance is designed to cover losses from extreme weather events such as flooding and drought, two of the most pressing threats in recent years. "When rice farmers go to the bank now, they can go with the insurance. And with the insurance, the risk is reduced—and so is the cost at the bank," the President explained.

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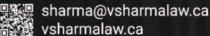
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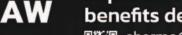


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Slip & fall? Income disability
benefits denied?























PRESIDENT ALI DECLARES 'WINNING LIST' AS PPP/C FILES CANDIDATE SLATE FOR SEPTEMBER POLLS



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TSUNAMI OF RED - 20,000 STRONG AS PPP/C



PPP/C's General Secretary, Dr Bharrat Jagdeo, addressing supporters

red t-shirts engulfed reinforcing the party's Alexander Street in commitment to tangible Kitty, Georgetown, as progress over empty over 20,000 supporters rhetoric. He pointed gathered to witness the to the allocation of People's Party/Civic officially launch its a testament to their campaign for the 2025 dedication to providing general and regional homes for Guyanese elections.

Ali and Vice President returns of 10% to 12%. Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo promises.

President highlighted

A vibrant sea of President Ali asserted, Progressive over 50,000 house (PPP/C) lots nationwide families, and promised The event, marked future increases in by fervent cheers and workers' salaries and declarations of a brighter opportunities for citizens future, saw President to invest in Guvanese Dr. Mohamed Irfaan projects with substantial

The President also outline the party's vision committed to bolstering transformative small and medium-sized development, enterprises with zeroemphasising a track interest financing and record of delivered reforming the financial sector to alleviate Ali, banking burdens and addressing the jubilant bureaucratic hurdles. pledged "Over the next five PPP/C's "transformative years, we will reform track record, including made, development on a and modernise our the creation of over delivered", scale never seen financial sector, so 60,000 before" if granted that you can have training a second term. He **greater ease in doing** 40,000 the **business in the banks**



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips addressing the large gathering

significant achievements and of the past five years, **country**," he stated. prompting euphoric **years!**" from the mass address, of supporters.

"We promise to We build schools, accusing hospitals, jobs and

chants of "five more Jagdeo, in a powerful with the remaining contrasted majority the don't performance with the streams, emphasising PPP/C administration. **build** previous castles in the sky. administration's tenure, management as the true 2020, them roads, diverting resources for **homes.** self-serving interests, examples We don't say things including a 50% salary government's to win elections... increase for ministers. responsibility and salaries have seen a we do what we say," He proudly declared that public-focused spending, cumulative increase of

promises outlined in its that were Guyanese people.

"Instead **not about how much** with money you have, it commissioned

the PPP/C has fulfilled all billion in fuel subsidies 2025, while old-age with broad 2020-2025 manifesto, preventing higher costs doubled from \$20,500 to backgrounds, which Dr. demonstrating a strong for water and electricity. \$41,000. The "Because Jagdeo declared as the commitment to the The education budget We Care" cash grant was "only true national dramatically increased reinstated and expanded political party." He of from \$53 billion in 2019 to \$55,000 per child, noted that over 25 roads, bridges, and to a projected \$185 benefiting farm-to-market billion in 2025. Billions students nationwide in list are under 25 years two

roads, they spent have been invested in 2025 with an allocated old, affirming, "Our millions of dollars healthcare, including \$11 billion. Additionally, list will look like on buying vehicles the construction of 12 a \$100,000 cash grant Guyana, it will feel for ministers...So it is new regional hospitals, was distributed last like Guyana." already year to every Guyanese at 18 year and older, with featured is about what you Diamond and Enmore. promises of more to

President Ali and Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips at the campaign

make water, **priority,**" Dr. Jagdeo across various sectors. asserted to resounding applause.

He highlighted the Phillips jobs, the the and monumental ten investments infrastructure, promises to **benefited under the** highways. **PPP/C,**" he affirmed.

Addressing common criticism, Dr. the Jagdeo firmly refuted of due to oil revenues. 30,000 He explained that oil through this revenues President 2025 national budget, tertiary education. of drivers of progress.

> of including over \$80 over 46% from 2021-

use the money for, Furthermore, over \$100 come. and we have chosen billion has been spent health, annually to mitigate the Phillips also proudly delivering on promises education, housing, impact of the high cost announced children of living, with tax relief and everybody, our measures implemented

Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark underscored impressive the theme of "Promises promises detailing transformative of nearly development individuals, witnessed across all administrative in regions. He cited social major infrastructure support, and education. projects such as the "We've kept our new Demerara River **the** Bridge, the Mackenzie**children.** Every group Wismar Bridge, and the emergence of Guyanese has reconstruction of key number one nation regional elections slated

In a he numerous new to the notion that Guyana's secondary schools with agriculture sector and tangible improvements recent success is solely modern technology, over supporting the nation's evident across scholarships farmers. programmes accounted like GOAL, and the a"multifaceted party" for only 37% of the implementation of free

Financial relief generated measures have also been PPP/C's from other revenue a cornerstone of the APNU+AFC prudent leadership and Since taking office in approximately 200 taxes imposed by He cited specific the previous coalition the government fiscal removed. Public servant

Prime

waived, pensions more than across different ethnic 205,000 candidates on the party's

> The compelling speeches from youthful leaders and supporters, including former cricketer and City Councillor Steven Jacobs, and former PNC/R supporter Thandi McAllister, who expressed her excitement for her "new political home." Indigenous leader Lennox Shuman credited the PPP/C's visionary leadership for progress in the South Rupununi, while Sarah Browne highlighted the party's legacy of young people achieving Minister homeownership Guyana's to Indigenous peoples.



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali addressing

as the in the revitalising

With general and Caribbean for September 1, the education, Community (CARICOM) PPP/C leadership urged highlighted for food production, Guyanese to judge the construction attributing this success party not by words, but the by its actions and the country, promising a The rally showcased future of unity, progress, and love for all Guyanese.



Thousands of supporters gathered at the Kitty Market to witness the launch of the PPP's 2025 elections campaign

ALI DECLARES 'WINNI



The incumbent PPP/C submits its list of candidates to GECOM

Dr President Mohamed Irfaan Ali proudly declared the **winning** Progressive People's Party/Civic's (PPP/C) official slate for the submission. General and Regional all Elections "winning describing forward momentum.

Flanked by Prime like." Minister Brigadier

procession including vibrant from Freedom House teachers, to the Umana Yana engineers, in where party formally submitted its **together** nomination documents with Thousands of energised being given space to for itself. display of solidarity.

"This is list," President Ali told after the Guyana." the press "In this upcoming September 1 list, we represent the party's continued Guyanese." of the every region, every the next list", profession, it as a race and religion, includes 27 candidates blueprint for continued reflection of Guyana's **every age group. This** under the age of 25, with development diversity, unity, and is what inclusive some as young as 19, stability. leadership

(Ret'd) Mark Phillips includes a deliberate mix mentorship. Vice President of youth and experience, Bharrat Jagdeo, with candidates drawn Bharrat Jagdeo, who Our candidates are future of Guyana," President Ali led a from all walks of life, serves as the party's **ready to lead and** the president stated. farmers, General Georgetown, community leaders.

> "We've experience

He also highlighted **vision** for Guyana, focus on preparing generation Phillips looks signalling the PPP/C's commitment to youth ready to govern. It transformation, not that will deliver for The list, he said, inclusion and political represents Growth rhetoric. Our plan all of Guyana."

Vice Secretary, doctors, emphasised that the and PPP/C has not only laid out transformative plans. **brought** but has consistently **people** delivered on them.

"We're not just to the Guyana Elections and energy, young about promises. Our Commission (GECOM). leaders who are track record speaks We've supporters lined the grow, and seasoned implemented what route in a powerful professionals who've we said we would, already delivered and now we're taking the results," the president it to the next level," Dr noted. "This is how we Jagdeo said. "This list build a future-ready reflects capability, was made, President Ali across communities, the inclusivity, and our every

Prime Minister described every of leaders. The slate the candidate list as a

2.0, President 2.0, and Victory 2.0. it's about shaping the ready to serve," he

Development goes beyond politics,



Thousands of PPP/C supporters lined the streets as the party submitted its lists of candidates to GECOM

said.

As the submission widespread to vote for policies and of confidence unity, not division.

"Compare our

momentum and support encouraged citizens to PPP/C is positioning look closely at what each its diverse and dynamic political party offers and slate as a signal and leadership that foster continuity heading into the September 1 polls.

ready." "Ŵe're and **list and our track** President Ali declared. record to the rest. "This is the winning "This is a team What we offer is list, and it's the list

GECOM CLARIFIES ELECTION NIGHT TIMELINE AND REAFFIRMS VOTER RIGHTS TO TIME-OFF FOR SEPTEMBER 1 ELECTIONS

response In widespread surrounding the timeline Vishnu following the September **a** 1, 2025 polls, while also concerned at the level that the publication of not be in a position to Employers are prohibited employees to prepare in reminding employers of of GECOM (at the inaccurate reports in officially declare results from deducting pay advance to ensure that their legal obligation to district level), we are a politically sensitive on the same night of the or penalising staff for every eligible person can

issued, addressed misreporting after elections." by some media outlets regarding the expected media

reports Election Officer (CEO) Persaud declaration is allow staff time to vote. earmarked to have environment In a statement **declarations done by** erode public trust. GECOM the night of the day

However,

the inaccurately reported close, including the Under Section 81 of the with an employee's right GECOM stressed that recounts

The

confusion and anxiety. website, and potential employees reasonable upon election results stated, "Insofar as such misinformation is by political parties. regular lunch break, misleading and warned As such, GECOM will to cast their vote. all could election.

GECOM also Commission reminded the public is an election offence. day. explained that statutory of legal provisions Section 82 of ROPA certain processes must be requiring employers to states that any employer

requested time, beyond their conviction. exercising this right.

entities followed after the polls allow time off for voting. who refuses or interferes

public declaration of election that the results would be tabulation of votes, Representation of the to vote may face a fine of confusion, GECOM has results. The Commission declared on election night uploading of Statements People Act (ROPA), all \$65,000 and up to six moved swiftly to clarify clarified that Chief itself, prompting public of Poll to GECOM's employers must permit months' imprisonment summary

> GECOM urges employers and exercise their democratic Failure to comply right to vote on election



Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mohabir Anil Nandlall

to return to the polls on September 1, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mohabir Anil Nandlall, SC, is urging citizens to remain alert to any attempts to undermine the electoral process.

The caution comes as the 2020 election fraud trial, one of national importance, continues to make its

WATCHFULNESS NEEDED AHEAD OF 2025 POLLS.

way through the courts. **recurrence.** Several with the alleged attempt **perpetrators** elections are still before said. the courts, with hearings scheduled into the latter charged in the case are officers, half of 2025.

Speaking the News programme, Lawrence, Minister stressed that the threat Keith to democracy has not Deputy CEO Roxanne October, and November. disappeared.

facing **another** Officer election. There is a Mingo. likelihood that we include misconduct in that the delays should can have attempts at public office, uttering not be blamed on the

individuals why we must remain conspiracy to defraud charged in connection **vigilant.** The **same** the electorate. are to subvert the results around, and that's all began in 2024 after a

Among Mvers, and former The charges "travesty,"

That's forged documents, and

The trial, which of the March 2020 they know to do," he nine-month delay, has already seen testimony those from senior police government PNC/R activist Carol officials, and elections during Smith-Joseph, former observers. Hearings are his weekly Issues in Health Minister Volda ongoing, with upcoming former dates set for July 28–30, Nandlall Chief Elections Officer and further sessions Lowenfield, expected in September,

Nandlall Minister "We are now Region Four Returning described the drawn-Clairmont out proceedings as a noting



Guyanese return to the polls on September 1

prosecution. "You have General emphasised that **came from,**" he added. free and fair elections.

been following the public vigilance remains trials, and you have crucial to protecting **seen where the delay** democracy and ensuring

The Attorney

expansion

The

sized

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party

enterprises,

zero-interest

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small

ensure that Guvanese

businesses, especially

small and medium-

benefit directly from the

to

businesses is proposed.

to reduce commercial

bank interest rates

significantly, boosting

access to capital for

initiative aims

To ease financing

petroleum sector.

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growth.

entrepreneurs,

development

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laying out an ambitious **industry** roadmap for development over the next five years as it prepares for the September 1, 2025, elections.

Central to this vision penalise them. are policies designed to ease the financial burden complements previous communities on citizens, expand home harness ownership, digital technology, and foster sustainable economic growth that benefits all Guyanese.

During manifesto consultations, President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali and Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo engaged wide spectrum stakeholders of including private sector representatives, religious organisations, including the removal youth, women's groups, of VAT on new electric and the media. The vehicles in 2023 and a consultations part of the PPP/C's newer motor vehicles, efforts to shape a reflecting a clear priority comprehensive inclusive agenda for affordable transport. 2025-2030.

LOWERING TAXES TO EMPOWER GUYANESE FAMILIES

promises from President PPP/C's pickup trucks, a move of designed to vehicle ownership more professional affordable for workingat the consultation, the Authority vehicles, noting that easing this burden is **committed** part of a broader strategy innovative ways to transparency. to increase disposable make owning your income and stimulate own home easier, strategy will remove wealth creation.

"We're to have a special incentives, subsidies, productivity, billion in grants for focusing mechanism through and which vehicles will come said. "We want every President explained. established a state-of- to at lower taxes," single Guyanese "It will President Ali announced family to own a home opportunities to enthusiastic applause. within the next five rural communities, disabilities in Palmyra, climate resilience. pursuing years." "We're a taxation system The government and that lowers the tax plans to enhance its and compliance, and puts programmes to assist advancement." more money back in low-income families in your pockets."

this, emphasising that of national prosperity. a reformed tax system would economic activities to

mechanism," said, stressing that tax flooding,

initiative This



Scene from the consultation

efforts, government formed reduction in duties on and on boosting access to

EXPANDING HOME OWNERSHIP AND BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Housing One of the standout a cornerstone of the FOR AN INCLUSIVE manifesto. Ali is the reduction President Ali pledged to of taxes on four-door accelerate the processing Guyana as a forwardapplications make house lots and young advanced nation, the through the Central emphasises class families. Speaking Housing and Planning President highlighted the making home ownership plans for a national widespread challenges accessible to thousands electronic identification

> "We with interest rate biases, going reductions, financial and

improves cement and steel subsidy Guyana's constructing

tax system Beyond housing, management, will be to increase youth This includes opening and prosp incentivise President Ali committed a priority, reflecting employment, support 100,000 acres of Guyanese. strengthening the

People's across key sectors c o m m u n i t y commitment Progressive Party/Ĉivic such as agriculture, infrastructure to create innovation-driven housing access. Guyana's fisheries, mining, and safer and healthier development. party, is poultry farming. "Every environments of the safet support of the from a fair taxation in concrete drainage he systems to combat recreational policies should reward facilities to promote hard work and wealth healthy living, and video creation rather than surveillance systems to enhance security.

" S a f e includes about security, opportunity," fostering neighborhoods. plans bolster community development.

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE GROUPS AND STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SAFETY NETS

Addressing social are programmes to protect health, women, children, and persons with disabilities, the and youth. President Ali President remarked. He announced the rollout also highlighted the role of a digital panic button of religious organisations system to assist victims Jagdeo safer of domestic violence that with by enabling them to support quickly alert authorities sustainable policies and financially to and receive emergency assistance.

funding initiative will

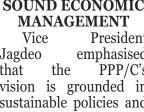
affordable and to improve

"This philosophy supporting sectors such of inclusion guides as creative industries everything we do, and services. from job creation to expanding economic plans to expand local opportunities to content legislation to involving young people fully in the new economy we are equity, the manifesto **building**," President targeted Ali said.

PREPARING FOR **GROWTH WITH SOUND ECONOMIC**

Vice President emphasised the PPP/C's vision is grounded in sound macroeconomic management, a stark Moreover, a special contrast to opponents' reliance on slogans and empty promises.

"Ťĥe country's future depends on a stable economy, and our manifesto is built on that foundation," recalled the challenges faced when the PPP/C 1992, including massive high interest debt, rates, and inflation, and



PREPARING FOR **RESPONSIBLE LABOUR MIGRATION**

As Guyana's Dr Jagdeo said. He economy expands, so does the need for labour. The government is first came to power in reviewing foreign laws to design a modern labour importation framework, President but emphasised that local workforce development remains a priority.

"We will ensure the local that workforce is fully utilised before bringing in foreign **labour,**" he said.



Scene from the consultation

DIGITAL remains TRANSFORMATION **GUYANA**

Scene from the consultation

Aiming to position for looking, technologically homes PPP/C manifesto building "a digital Guyana." (CHPA), President Ali outlined **are** reduce bureaucratic with **to** delays and

"This tax leakages, especially women Berbice. children, accelerate will

durable technology to improve education, education, and traffic proposes

be launched to provide highlighted how sound easier access to capital fiscal policies helped citizens face in affording more Guyanese families. (e-ID) system that will for women and people Guyana achieve one consultations increase ensuring their greater profiles in the region. participation in the digital economy.

Over the past five the **create** the-art business centre growth, **for** for persons living with development,

Youth development also **global** strong focus, with plans to enhance incentives beyond

term vision builds on submitting fund Amerindian

CREATING JOBS receive **AND DIVERSIFYING** he said. THE ECONOMY

Harnessing opportunities in sports, transforming Guyana's will be officially launched housing, economy, the PPP/C later this month, setting Vice President homes, underscoring public services, and civic engagement. plans to accelerate efforts the stage for a campaign Jagdeo expanded on housing as a key driver particularly in health, The manifesto to diversify growth grounded in sustainable youth This includes opening and prosperity for all government's entrepreneurship, and farmland for industrial

INCLUSIVE CONSULTATIONS SHAPE THE MANIFESTO

manifesto The disabilities, of the best economic been marked by strong participation, The party's long-thousands of citizens landmark Low online and in person. reduce years, the government Carbon Development Vice President Jagdeo improve has invested nearly \$1 Strategy (LCDS) 2030, assured that these on using contributions are being boost children and adults Guyana's rich natural carefully considered and four-door support," the President competitiveness," the with disabilities and resources sustainably reflect the real concerns inclusive of Guyanese.

> policies "Our and are long-term and designed to create lasting wealth and opportunity for all,"

The PPP/C's full With oil wealth manifesto for 2025-2030 petroleum. development, inclusion,

GUYANA STANDS FIRM IN COMMITMENT

On CARICOM Day, July 7, 2025, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali reaffirmed Guyana's steadfast commitment to the unity and integration of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), highlighting the region's rich cultural heritage and the enduring spirit of cooperation that has defined the community for over fifty years.

In a message shared on his official Facebook page, President Ali praised CARICOM as a "towering symbol of unity and cooperation," emphasising that the organization remains essential to addressing



President Ali attending the 49th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM

the shared challenges future, as Caribbean and aspirations Caribbean peoples.

committed to regional common cause." integration, a principled commitment from which acknowledged

of **peoples**, depends on our ability to "Guyana remains **bravely and wisely** unequivocally work together in a

The President the government will vulnerabilities facing the not rescind, resile, or region, including climate recede." President Ali change, natural disasters. stated. "Our collective economic volatility, and

transnational Despite these challenges, urged the region to stressed CARICOM serves as both partners while forging a "collective shield new strategic alliances and moral compass," to protect the economic guiding member states sovereignty of small and through difficult times.

on Caribbean leaders to deepen partnerships, the strengthen protections. highlighted Guyana's role in supporting these decades, CARICOM initiatives through its has stood proudly growing food production and consistently tall," and emerging energy President Ali said. "Let Minister Dr. the Most resources.

crime. concerns, the President that engage traditional vulnerable states against President Ali called rising protectionism.

He also underscored importance intra- safeguarding democratic regional trade, and values, noting that the advance food security, success of the regional resilient energy systems, project relies on the Conference of Heads environmental integrity of democracy He within member states.

"For over five us, as one Caribbean Honourable Addressing economic people, move forward Holness.



President Ali attending the 49th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of **CARICOM**

with unshakeable determination, clear and unflinching solidarity."

The 49th Regular Meeting of of Government of CARICOM was held from July 6-8, 2025, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, under the chairmanship of Jamaican Prime Andrew



Low attendance at the Opposition rally

Attorney General he said. and Minister of Legal Affairs, Anil Nandlall, SC, is performance, questioning the financial Nandlall recalled that the viability of A Partnership coalition failed to deliver for National Unity's 11 of the 21 promises it (APNU) promises, warning that days in office after the could endanger Guyana's highlighted economy.

Speaking on his pensioner weekly Issues in the News, the Because We Care Nandlall described the cash grant, and the proposals by APNU introduction of over 200 Presidential Candidate new taxes. AubreyNortonandPrime Ministerial Juretha unsustainable. failed to deliver; "Delivering on these promised reduced promises could push university fees but the country to the raised them instead," **brink of bankruptcy** the AG noted. within six months,

Reflecting Mohabir APNU+AFC's past campaign made during its first 100 implementation 2015 elections. He also measures such as the removal of subsidies, programme the discontinuation of

> "They promised Candidate taxcuts, but increased Fernandes taxes; pledged youth dangerously **employment**

AG, DR JAGDEO QUESTION FEASIBILITY OF APNU'S CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS

He also to the visibly low \$10,000 turnout campaign calling it **"appreciably years,"** he stressed. **smaller"** than previous Among APN the PPP/C's fundraising events across the country, supporters.

Echoing concerns, PPP General 35% would push public Secretary and Vice spending to \$1.1 trillion President Dr Bharrat by 2030. Jagdeo criticised the APNU campaign launch **spending** as lacking substance and **the** credibility. "Only Jesus on can multiply loaves, leaving nothing for but they tried to health, education, or multiply their crowd infrastructure," with fake sites," he warned. said at a Freedom House press briefing.

Norton for failing to focused distance himself from such as the Guyana generation. Norton smart. Sustainability the coalition's failed Online Academy of just doesn't get it." record, including job Learning

of declining support. is a proposed \$1 million **benefitted**," he said. In contrast, he cited annual cash grant to He added the drawing thousands of He also noted APNU's outdated thinking. "You infrastructure these servants' salaries by thinking on a digital to be generous, but

"You'll be twice revenue oil wages alone,

Jagdeo Dr also rebuked Norton's Dr. Jagdeo criticised dismissal of youthinitiatives (GOAL),

pointed and the removal of the scholarships to over in APNU's messaging, at APNU's cash grant. "People young people are positions on building APNU's through GOAL, even

children's 39,000 Guyanese. "Our including contradictory launch, remember those five not beggars. They're industry closures and **futures** marijuana cultivation.

In contrast, he said events and indicative controversial promises opposition MPs have the PPP/C has created over 60,000 new jobs, added that upgraded more than large every citizen. Dr Jagdeo Norton's criticism of 100 schools, expanded argued this would exceed President Ali's Digital youth training, and the country's oil revenue. School project reflects invested in critical pledge to increase public can't impose colonial housing. "We're going



Low attendance at the Opposition rally

Dr. Jagdeo also **prosperity**," losses, tax increases, which has provided flagged inconsistencies

is key to long-term affirmed.

AMERINDIAN VILLAGES ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY — AG REMINDS PUBLIC OF ENTRY LAWS

SC, has reminded the the law. public that Amerindian villages are considered weekly private Amerindian Act of 2006. Nandlall entering these villages communities

Speaking on his Unauthorised televised into communal programme Issues in constitutes a criminal offence under the reportedly denied entry property under the *the News*, Minister offence and may result **Act**," he stated. He emphasised that that most Amerindian

Attorney General and without the explicit communal land titles, without permission, historical roots, dating requirement to enter Minister of Legal Affairs, permission of the Village granting them legal **you co** Mohabir Anil Nandlall, Councils is a violation of authority over access **criminal** these explained in prosecution.

hold **Amerindian village** legal protection has

commit entry before a magistrate. former

"If you enter an also noted that this campaign.

a back to colonial times. these communities. **offence** He referenced a similar to their territories. and can be charged situation in 2015 when reinforces the respect for villages This is a summary Donald Ramotar was of Amerindian villages, Minister Nandlall Nine during an election legal protocols when

Attorney

General clarified that only government performing officials official duties are exempt from the permission

reminder This President the rights and autonomy underscoring into a village in Region importance of following accessing these areas.

KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED

GDF'S \$711.6M AIRCRAFT COMMISSIONED TO SUPPORT INTERLAND OPERATIONS AND HUMA

The Guyana Defence Force (GDF) is transforming from a military, long reliant on repairing outdated equipment to one that is consistently advanced acquiring technology. This shift was underscored with the commissioning of a \$711.6 million (€2.9 million) Tecnam P2012 aircraft at the GDF hangar at Eugene F. Correia International Airport.

Delivering feature address at the ceremony, Commanderin-Chief of the Armed Forces and President of Guyana, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, emphasised that the GDF's progress reflects the strong



The \$711.6 million (€2.9M) Tecnam P2012 aircraft at the GDF hangar at the Eugene F. Correia International Airport

commitment of his a footnote of our administration.

maintenance Ali declared. modernisation, from patching up to administration resourcing. recapitalisation compared the

administration, it is "We have moved a headline," President

Since the PPP/C took powering up, from office in 2020, the stretching resources defence budget has strategically increased more than **The** three -and- a -half times Guyana marking an optimistic **Defence Force is not** era for the military

ranks.

time to be in the **Defence** Guyana Force. You now true have opportunities to pursue degrees, postgraduate studies, or master's programmes, knowing that the GDF supports your aspirations," the President added.

The newly commissioned Tecnam P2012, registered to Mabaruma represent township, is a multirole aircraft designed for military operations platform and assistance, particularly and Its ability to navigate **The** challenging skies and formidable," President

land on narrow airstrips Ali said. "It's an exciting makes it ideal for remote areas.

multi-role



GDF commissions \$711M aircraft as defence modernisation accelerates

for humanitarian **military** operations in hinterland regions. a s s i s t a n c e . senior military officials. **Tecnam**

Chief of Defence Staff Brigadier Omar Khan "It will be a noted that this aircraft is the sixth added to the GDF fleet since 2020. He emphasised that under the President's strategic guidance, the acquisition enhances operational awareness, adaptability, and agility, enabling rapid deployment to remote areas.

The commissioning ceremony was also by Prime attended Brigadier Minister (Ret'd) Mark Phillips, Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn, National Security Advisor Captain humanitarian Gerry Gouveia, and other

'WE ARE LISTENING, WE ARE WORKING' POLICE FORCE PLEDGES SAFER GUYANA

Deputy (Law of the Guyana Police Blanhum, has reaffirmed crime has secure Guyana for all still high—largely shaped citizens.

Speaking Safeguarding Nation, while said that significant to address them.

We are working, and these

Crime Chief and we will not stop until Blanhum stressed that Commissioner every Guyanese feels even one violent crime is Enforcement) **safe**," he declared.

acknowledged He declined by lived experiences, during viral incidents, and the latest episode of high-profile crimes that violence, Our tend to dominate public Blanhum discourse.

From 2015 to 2020, crime statistics show serious crimes and progress, gun-related robberies the GPF recognises the dropped by 88 per cent, concerns of the public while burglaries and and is actively working larceny declined by 93 the GPF has adopted a strengthened. per cent, and murders **We are listening.** by 63 per cent. Despite achievements, in

one too many.

Blanhum noted that Force (GPF), Wendell that although serious current crime patterns are driven by a range the Force's commitment substantially over the of issues, including to building a safer, more past decade, public fear is property-related offences, alcohol abuse, drug trafficking along border areas, domestic cybercrime, and murders. Most crimes, he said, are committed by a small group of repeat offenders operating in well-known targeted hotspots.

data-driven approach areas. of vulnerable



Members from the Guyana Police Force engaging residents during a community outreach

AVIATION TRAINING TAKES OFF

visibility. Police and

He also urged the and ramped up patrols public to resist the spread the GPF's

operations, data. He encouraged community citizens to verify reports To address this, outreach have all been through official police said. "It's through channels.

strategy misinformation, based on the "Three

pointing out that "when Cs"-Crime Prevention, it bleeds, it leads" Collaboration, continues to influence Community Presence, headlines more than emphasising that genuine security comes from working together.

The Force has been engaging residents directly, especially youths, through sporting events, school outreach, and community programmes, such as the recent soccer tournaments initiated by Commissioner of Police Clifton Hicken.

"Youth crime concerns us all, and we're not just speaking to young people, we're listening," Blanhum that partnership that Blanhum outlined we will truly create a safer Guyana."



Some of the beneficiaries of the BIT training

Twenty residents Two are set to benefit Engineering Maintenance Caribbean Aircraft Foundation training launched Esseguibo Technical Institute between the Ministry careers. of Labour's Board of Industrial Training Joseph (BIT) and the Art underscored

Region Wendt Skills Qualification the aircraft maintenance.

Anna includes 14 males and transportation, oil and as a strategic investment her one step closer to develop its human Regina. The nine-month six females, highlighting gas, tourism, logistics, in Guyana's aviation to her dream career capital, this initiative initiative, introduced growing interest among and national security future. "This is not in aviation. Maria represents a major leap through a partnership young women in aviation sectors.

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national **"Whether you choose** said. "We to advance to higher

programme's importance. are taking programme young Williams and Harry every region, every engineering license, testament to the power maintenance Aeronautical community, School, every from a groundbreaking marks the region's first institute ready to right here." Vocational meet the challenge," (CVQ) he stated, adding that of the Aeronautical programme, Level One training in aviation maintenance Engineering is a future-oriented Nalini The first cohort career vital to Guyana's described the initiative the programme brings

Encouraging the Minister Hamilton said, **professionals**," she government's

this levels or pursue your Maughn

General

BIT CEO Richard Region Two. highlighted to aircraft maintenance the programme as a training covers aircraft and the sky is the limit. of partnership, noting its ground operations, safety technical Your journey begins role in expanding access protocols, and technical to technical training and communication, Manager empowering youth.

Seventeen-year-old innovation, School, Cynthia Paul expressed excellence rooted in Chanderban, her gratitude, saying vocational education. the **the start of new** welding and fabrication skilled, aviation-ready Minister of Labour, participants to embrace careers and a new student, shared similar workforce Hamilton, the journey ahead, **generation of skilled** sentiments, praising the Georgetown.

to expand training to

The CVQ-aligned fostering discipline,

As Guyana continues

POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE GET MAJOR FACILITY UPGRADES IN

Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn, accompanied by Permanent Secretary Andre Ally and Commissioner Deputy (Operations) Errol officially Watts, commissioned five major security infrastructure projects in Region Two.

These new facilities include the Anna Regina Divisional Headquarters, Charity Fire Station, Anna Regina Command the fully Centre, rebuilt Charity Police Station, and the newly Charity established Boathouse. Together, these projects represent an investment of over G\$481 million aimed at enhancing public safety, strengthening enforcement capabilities, and bringing essential services closer



Newly commissioned Charity fire station

to the people.

as male and female and strategic planning. interview lockups, child-friendly refurbished rooms, and domestic violence Station, that cost G\$62.7 units, traffic and CID million, offers upgraded offices, a conference lockups for men, women, room, and an IT-enabled and juveniles, a witness command

Command Centre, built The Anna Regina for G\$32.4 million, Divisional Headquarters, includes an operations completed at a cost of room and administrative G\$215.1 million, features offices designed for modern amenities such emergency coordination

Charity, the In Police centre. and ID parade room, Nearby, the Anna Regina marine and immigration offices, as well as CID and traffic departments. It also includes a childfriendly area and a domestic violence unit, making it one of the region's most modern and responsive stations.

The Charity Fire Station, valued at G\$144.8 million, is equipped to meet a broad range of operational needs, including offices, training rooms, a gym, and living quarters. Additionally, the new Charity Boathouse, that cost G\$26.9 million, strengthens marine patrol and riverine response with features such as a secure watchtower and floating walkways for police vessels.

Minister described these developments as both

REGION THREE COMMAND CENTRE LAUNCHED

symbolic and strategic, the nation's birthplace Commissioner and the foundation of its Watts stressed that peace and security are essential to law affirmed and commitment to building with a safer, more resilient and care. Guyana.

improvements these highlighting Essequibo's with an 18% reduction historical significance as in serious crime. Deputy underscored multicultural society. He that these projects are part of a nationwide enforcement sustained development modernisation strategy, the urging personnel to government's maintain the facilities professionalism

The commissioning



Newly commissioned Divisional Headquarters in Anna Regina

Ally noted the dramatic milestone increase in security government's investment in Region for since 2020, crediting

Permanent Secretary marks a significant in vision professional, Two, from G\$25 million community-focused in the previous five years policing and continued to over G\$1.5 billion progress across Guyana.

A new Command Centre valued at \$30.1 million was officially commissioned in Region Three, marking a major milestone in the government's "Safe City to Safe Country" initiative.

represents a significant Home Affairs Robeson investment in modern surveillance, emergency response, and interagency coordination for the region, reinforcing government's commitment enhancing national security infrastructure.

The new Command Centre embodies the government's vision for 24/7 operations, the a safer, smarter Guyana Command through

SUPPORT 24/7 SECURITY OPERATIO policing and cutting-

edge technology. iative. At the unveiling This strategic facility ceremony, Minister of Benn highlighted the importance of the centre in advancing public safety. He noted, "This facility ensures our communities are better protected through modern tools and coordinated efforts."

Designed for Centre modernised features a public lobby



Region Three gets new \$30.1M Command Centre to boost surveillance, emergency response

for visitor management, equipment room to for maintain lunchroom surveillance staff welfare, and an and communication

tools. The heart of the swiftly to emergencies, facility is a centralised and and coordination.

Officer-in-Charge and security network. Second-in-Command, equipped room for agency briefings.

enhance the region's proactive monitor ability to public spaces, respond

coordinate operations room that responses during highserves as the nerve centre risk incidents. It is for real-time monitoring a key component in transitioning from city-The centre also level safety systems to a includes offices for the unified national public

Minister Benn along with a fully announced that similar conference command centres will strategic be established in other planning and multi- regions soon, as the government continues This facility will to prioritise innovative, security solutions.

LOGY

The Den Amstel by Police Station in Region including policing, and community safety.

The commissioned facility, Kevin Das. officially now features specialised spaces as Station part of the government's under campaign.

ceremony, accompanied alongside

senior improving Regional Commander its functionality. public service delivery, Assistant Commissioner enhancing Mahendra Siwnarine, community-sensitive within the newly Senior Superintendent enforcement,

Previously, modern amenities and Den Amstel Police a domestic violence government's inadequate regional modernisation conditions that limited effective policing. The designed to improve law Minister of Home upgraded station now public interaction. Affairs, Robeson Benn, includes male, female,

officials operational Permanent such as a Witness and ID in-Charge, Three has received a Secretary Andre Ally, Parade Room, Armoury, I n v e s t i g a t i o n emergency \$170.9 million facelift, Deputy Commissioner of and Evidence Room, Department (CID), and aimed at strengthening Operations Errol Watts, significantly enhancing Traffic Department.

Reflecting the friendly interview area, underscoring operated interview and waiting commitment enquiries

Operational led the commissioning and juvenile lockups, efficiency is further new residential quarters critical boosted with dedicated for senior and junior

facilities offices for the Officer- ranks

A key addition is the a ZARA Computer School station, and Deputy Commander approach to law an initiative aimed at the promoting digital literacy station features a child- and youth engagement, space, and a general integrating community section development within enforcement infrastructure.

To support officers,

have been Criminal added, ensuring swift response and fostering a cohesive policing team.

This upgrade is

part of a nationwide initiative by the PPP/C Administration, supported by a \$49.9 billion allocation in Budget 2025 to national strengthen security, enhance public safety, and improve critical services in line with government priorities.



New \$170.9M Den Amstel Police Station commissioned

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HICKEN'S APPOINTMENT AS TOP COP AT 55 LAWFUL - CHIEF JUSTICE RULES

Chief Justice (ag) Roxane George-Wiltshire has ruled that President Dr. Irfaan Ali acted within the law in confirming Clifton Hicken as Commissioner of Police after he turned 55 years. The judgment settles a legal challenge filed by Troy Garraway, who argued that a police commissioner cannot be confirmed beyond the retirement age of 55.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Anil Nandlall, welcomed the decision, stating it affirms the President's



Newly-confirmed Commissioner of Police, Clifton Hicken, taking the Oath of Office before President Dr Irfaan Ali (2024)

constitutional authority. explained Speaking programme Issues in the President,

that the on his Constitution allows after the News, AG Nandlall consulting the Police

extend a commissioner's service up to age 60, applicable to both acting and substantive appointments.

"They couldn't point to a single provision in the Constitution or any law prohibiting the appointment, if something is not prohibited by law, then it is legal," he

President Ali had appointed Hicken to act as Commissioner in March 2022, before he turned 55. After

Service Commission, to reaching that age in tenure was extended Constitution (Prescribed under Article 211 of the acting or confirmed. Constitution.

> The Chief Justice ordered found no constitutional GY\$500,000 in costs, or legal basis to GY\$200,000 to the disqualify Hicken based State and GY\$300,000 on age, noting that to Hicken, by August 29, acting appointments 2025. can be made in special circumstances-such as the absence of a Leader of the Opposition.

> Nandlall July 2023, Hicken's emphasised that the defines under the Constitution the Commissioner of Matters) Police as the officer in Act. His confirmation command of the Guyana substantive Police Force, "however Commissioner followed **styled**" meaning the in December 2024 same rules apply whether

Garraway

GUYANA-US SECURITY TIES STRONGER THAN EVER AMID VENEZUELA THREATS

Guyana-US enhanced **Security ties stronger** support than ever Venezuela threats

between partnership States (US) has reached **understand** as both nations deepen Guyana and collaboration in the face region face from gold Venezuela.

In an interview with Information Foreign proposed US legislation Guyana's

security proxies. deter to toward The strategic security sovereign territory.

> "Both the White Maduro the to and regime exclusive **proxies**," Persaud noted. the said. He added that (DPI), psychological Secretary geopolitical

"They're amid Venezuelan aggression aware of an active Venezuelan attack. Guyana's campaign by Caracas to breed dictator Guyana and the United House and Congress in other countries to threaten Guyana, perpetuate its strongest point yet, gravity of the threats regime defined by must work the narco-trafficking, Guyana to deter such smuggling, of growing threats from the illegal Maduro terrorism, and naked his dictatorial action," he

Department of Public the US recognises the Bennet's legislation will that Venezuela has 2020, the ICJ ruled refusal to enter bilateral and require the US Secretary long contested. Guyana it had jurisdiction. In negotiations and called tactics of Defence to report took the matter to the 2023, the Court issued on Venezuela to respect Robert Persaud praised being used to destabilise on the current state of International Court of provisional economy Guyana-US Senator Michael and security, including cooperation and assess Although

assistance is necessary **fully** to deter a potential

"As Venezuelan Nicolás proxies Maduro continues a the United States aggression," Senator Bennet stated.

The dispute stems from an proceedings. If passed, Senator 1899 Arbitral Award security Justice (ICJ) in 2018. following Bennet that calls for crime facilitated by local whether additional US disputes the Court's referendum on creating

GUYANA BOOSTS NATIONAI



Foreign Secretary Robert Persaud at a security briefing with US officials in 2023

jurisdiction, it territorial participated in

In Venezuela's Venezuela controversial

RITY THROUGH SMART TECH



US Senator Michael Bennett (CNN photo)

a state called "Guayana has Esequiba" in the disputed area.

On May 2, 2025, December Guyana reaffirmed its measures international law.

Guyana's strategic



Director of the National **Intelligence and Security** Agency (NISA) Colonel Sheldon Howell

security remains safeguarding sovereignty, protecting piece of equipment is citizens, and maintaining logged and audited. peace. According to There is no access Colonel Sheldon Howell, to footage without Director of the National traceability." Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA), national accountability, within the framework of representatives, Guyana's laws.

the latest episode of Safeguarding Our Nation, Col. Howell stressed that the use of technology, CCTV, drones, satellite imagery, and AI, is not about limiting freedoms, but Howell enhancing protection.

on

Appearing

to take away people's freedom, we want to **protect it**," he stated. "We stick rigidly to the laws that govern the laws us."

surveillance media. All approach systems, he said, are anchored monitored with strict its oversight: "Every

initiatives oversight boardare executed strictly including civil society will soon be established.

Among initiatives, the introduction of a and

"These are not threats," surveillance. he affirmed. "Used intercepted with discipline and smuggling purpose, they will and earn the public's dredging, especially near our borders," he said.

Highlighting To further strengthen Guyana's rich human threats, including illegal patrimony, Col. Howell trafficking, noted increasing threats now employs coastal regions from illicit for real-time sea space of this."

new operations between the Col. Guyana Defence Force, announced Forestry Commission, Geology "We do not want National Alert System to Mines Commission are respond more effectively using drones, satellite to missing persons, imaging, and community especially children. The intelligence to detect and TVs, radios, and social Regions 7, 8, and 9.

Guvana's waterways **tools** are also under constant "We've gold operations unregulated our borders," he said.

actors. In response, joint monitoring. Patrols have



Security Camera System in place in the city

particularly increased, offshore near installations, bolstered **something**," he added. by support from the U.S. "Security is not living and regional allies.

Col. Howell urged freedom, Guyana hinterland, whether play." you wear a uniform the hinterland radars and AIS systems or not, we are all part

you "If hear oil something, in fear, it is living in knowing To combat maritime citizens to play their your country has part: "Whether you your back, and you environmental fishing, arms and drug live in the city or have your part to <u>Guyanese diaspora digest</u> KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED



Guyana and Blumberg Grain to market Yarrowkabra

Blumberg Grain, a United Irfaan Ali. agricultural reduce losses.

signing markets. The ceremony, held at the Ministry of Agriculture's Agriculture main boardroom in Mustapha highlighted Georgetown, marks a the significant progress major step forward in made since 2020, noting Guyana's food security that Guyana has become

The Government and President Dr. Mohamed

This partnership company, have signed will implement modern Memorandum of marketing and branding Understanding (MoU) to strategies to enhance market the Yarrowkabra Guyana's agricultural food hub, a project set exports, minimise postto boost the country's harvest losses, and agricultural exports and strengthen the country's post-harvest presence in CARICOM and South American

Minister Zulfikar strategy championed by the only country in the is

GUYANA AND BLUMBERG GRAIN TO MARKET YARROWKABRA FOOD HUB

its entire population.

"When **competitive edge in** explained. CARICOM. Today, security agenda," Minister Mustapha said.

Philip Blumberg, Chairman of Blumberg Grain, emphasised that the partnership aims maximise export potential by minimising losses throughout the supply chain.

"Guyana is selfsufficient in food production, but reducing postharvest losses essential to

world capable of feeding expanding exports. reaching benefits for the opportunities This will increase region. incomes, we farmers' began in 2020, the boost marketable to witness this region," Ambassador agricultural sector volumes, and open partnership between Theriot said. was struggling, and greater access to Blumberg Grain and Senior Minister in Guyana had lost its regional markets," he the Government the Office of the President

under President Ali's Guyana, Her Excellency top priority for Service, Dr. Ashni Singh, visionary leadership, Nicole Theriot, President Ali, and reaffirmed agriculture's Guyana is leading described the MoU this collaboration vital role in Guyana's the regional food as a transformative extends development with far- CARICOM, offering

"I'm

to improve lives thrilled throughout

of Guyana. Food with responsibility for US Ambassador to **security** is a Finance and the Public **beyond** development.

> "Since 2020, President Ali has prioritised building a globally competitive, non-oil economy, with agriculture as a cornerstone of this vision," Dr. Singh noted.

> This MoU marks a bold step toward sustainable, agricultureled growth for Guyana and the wider Caribbean region.



Guyana and Blumberg Grain to market Yarrowkabra Food Hub

government this issue. The remains hopeful that and exporters.

Minister Agriculture Mustapha recently been revealed ongoing with communication

the long-standing ban shortly we can have September 2017 because in on catfish exports to the **the ban lifted so that** Guyana's inspection requirements. United States (US) will Guyana can once system did not meet Mustapha said.

United the regarding progress on behind the ban. The highlighting

"I hope very the restriction in and diligent collaborating billion annually.

United States imposed country's receptiveness meeting

"This be lifted soon, bringing again export catfish USDA standards at been a long-term relief to local fish farmers to the US," Minister the time. Prior to the negotiation. Guyana ban, catfish exports has taken every step Since August 2020, to the US were valued we have asked of Zulfikar the government has at approximately \$1.8 them. It is a lengthy is near. I am actively become Ambassador Theriot "However, I can tell make this happen." making compliance more with States Department of acknowledged Guyana's you it is progressing the US Ambassador to Agriculture (USDA) strong commitment to well. I am hopeful, as regulations for catfish aiming to ensure the Guyana, Nicole Theriot, to address the reasons resolving the matter, is the minister, that and other seafood highest quality the **a positive resolution** products into the US have safety standards.



Minister of Agriculture Zulfikar Mustapha and the US Ambassador to Guyana, Nicole Theriot

The

significantly process," she said. pushing on my end to stricter in recent years, import rigorous but ultimately



President Ali engaging South Rupununi Toshaos

President National Food Hub in cooperation. Region Nine's South Brazil.

This South Rupununi's the

Dr vast agricultural Mohamed Irfaan Ali has potential and foster unveiled an ambitious sustainable development plan to establish a through cross-border

The announcement Rupununi, aimed at was made during a twinning the region's community engagement collaboration. agricultural production in Aishalton Village, system with that of where President Ali Roraima in northern met with villagers and in key infrastructure Amerindian leaders strategic (Toshaos) from the South facilities, cold storage, initiative seeks to unlock Rupununi. Emphasising government's

promote sustainable expand agro-production in the region.

to twin your food in the region. production system Roraima's with in sustainable a way," President Ali said, highlighting the importance of regional

The government has already begun investing such as agro-processing and transportation

commitment to working networks to improve agriculture sector has alongside plans for a and in tourism, university farming facilities to enhance efforts "We are working opportunities for youth experiments

Region

closely with the people farmers' access to benefited from PPP/C cassava mill in Nappi of Region Nine, the local and cross-border support through the village. President shared that markets. Additionally, provision of chemicals, this partnership will plans are underway to ant bait, and seedlings Ali investments to encourage sustainable government's dedication strengthen food security education, and sports Livestock development in the region: "You different breeds of cattle with Nine's and black belly sheep, and you can trust the

affirmed practices. to continuous investment include have demonstrated with readiness to excel investment, People's Progressive Party to support your

President

The National Food Hub initiative aligns with Guyana's broader goal of achieving national food security, ensuring all citizens have access to safe, nutritious, and affordable food, regardless of location.

growth."



NEW FOOD HUB PLAN TO TWIN SOUTH

RUPUNUNI'S AGRO-PRODUCTION WITH BRAZIL

A resident listening attentively to President Ali's vision for the region

Minister

accommodating

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MARAD COMMISSIONS \$790M TUG TO



New \$790M Motor tug Arau commissioned

efficiency.

The Ministry of ceremony took place Public Works' Maritime at the Transport and Administration Harbours Department's Department (MARAD) Goods Wharf on Water commissioned Street, Kingston, led its newest vessel, the by Minister of Public acquired by MARAD \$790 million Motor Works, Bishop Juan Tug 'Arau', a major Edghill. The contract for investment aimed at the tug's construction boosting trade, ensuring was signed in December maritime safety, and 2023. Built by Dutch enhancing operational company Damen in collaboration with Farm the occasion to highlight The commissioning Supplies Limited, the the

was to Guyana aboard the transforming 2, 2025.

The 16-metre-6-metre-wide long, is designed to tug and manoeuvre tow ships weighing between 10,000 and 20,000 tonnes. Before deployment, its assigned crew underwent a twoweek familiarisation training.

The Arau is the second new vessel in the last years, following the commissioning of the \$535 million pilot boat 'Arapaima' in 2023.

Minister Edghill used government's

delivered commitment Vertom Joy and handed maritime sector. He over to MARAD on June recalled the state of the industry in 2020

to the



New \$790M Motor tug Arau commissioned

targeted investments refurbishment of the General, have modernised MV Kimbia and plans to operations, Guyana in line with international standards.

"Had we not

made those initial Berbice, and Pomerooninvestments. the Supenaam Rivers. maritime sector would have been also noted that the new catch- Demerara River Bridge playing maybe has been designed to up considered allow uninterrupted 24even inoperable by some hour access to the port, **operators**," he noted.

O n g o i n g maritime and vehicular

across the Demerara,

traffic. These interventions intentional purposeand driven," he said. development "The in Guyana is not happening by chance, it is the result of careful planning

leadership." delivering Also remarks at the event and underscored how upgrades include the were MARAD's Director Captain Thomas. Stephen bringing acquire three additional and Director of Legal vessels by year-end to Services, Thandi improve cargo transport McAllister.

visionary

and

BRIDGE TOLLS TO BE REMOVED **BY AUGUST 1**

the Demerara Harbour to approximately \$3.5 Bridge, Berbice River billion in annual savings, Bridge, and Wismar as outlined in Budget fulfilling Bridge, made promise President Dr. Mohamed Babu Jaan, Corentyne.

to coincide with the paying 90% complete and set to charges \$60 for cars. be opened by August 31.

This initiative is **reflects** expected to financial

50,000 daily Starting August 1, over tolls will be abolished on commuters, amounting a 2025.

Currently, tolls on Irfaan Ali on March 23 the Demerara Harbour during his address at Bridge range from \$40 for motorcycles to \$700 The toll removal for motor lorries, with was initially intended cars and minibuses \$200. commissioning of the Berbice Bridge toll for new Demerara River cars stands at \$1,900, Bridge, which is now while the Wismar Bridge

"This initiative provide government's to dedication to making

more reducing time, and facilitating greater integration,"

soon-to-be-The commissioned four-lane 31 opening

budget presentation.

daily transportation hour accessibility and affordable, significantly increased travel capacity.

According economic Project Engineer Siddiq activity and regional Khan, the new bridge said represents a major leap Senior Minister Dr. Ashni forward in modernising Singh during the 2025 Guyana's transportation infrastructure.

As the August nears, Demerara River Bridge excitement continues will serve as a vital link to grow. The removal of between Regions Three tolls is set to immediately and Four, offering 24- benefit thousands



A flagship project under the PPP/C Administration, this new modern, four-lane new Demerara Harbour Bridge that is set to be commissioned by August

households, freeing up for citizens across the disposable income and country. improving daily life

SUGAR INDUSTRY'S REVIVAL UNDER PPP/C CONTRASTS WITH **APNU'S DEVASTATING ESTATE CLOSURES**

Minister of Agriculture, Zulfikar Mustapha has issued a strong rebuttal to Opposition Leader Aubrey Norton's recent statements on the future of the Guyana Sugar Corporation (ĞUYSUCO), highlighting the stark difference between the PPP/C government's ongoing revival efforts and the APNU/AFC coalition's destructive past policies.

administration.

"It was the APNU/



Investment in mechanisation, recapitalisation, and diversification are aimed at restoring the sugar industry's profitability and relevance

Minister Mustapha now led by Mr. socio-economic condemned Mr. Norton's Norton, that callously crisis," remarks as a misleading **shut down the Rose** Mustapha stated. attempt to rewrite Hall, Skeldon, Wales, history and insult the and Enmore sugar comprehensive including the United emphasised. sacrifices of thousands of estates between 2015 Commission of Inquiry Nations sugar workers adversely and 2020, throwing report, commissioned Labour affected by the previous over 7,500 workers by APNU/AFC itself, (ILO),

government, and sparking a major

Despite

long-term consequences, proceeded, ignoring the advice and dismissed Mr. **profitability** the plight of Guyanese Norton's promises of relevance." families.

highlighted the former rhetoric government's many to seek justice AFC's policies. through the courts. It full severance payments Mohamed Minister sustained legal public pressure.

closures, citing increased mechanisation,

the affected communities.

Minister Mustapha **sugar** and modernisation The Minister also diversification as hollow aimed failure political survival, noting that

"In was only after the PPP/C under the leadership them. returned to power that of President Dr. were secured, following Ali and the PPP/C leadership, and government, empty **GUYSUCO** documented **employed workers**, Minister Mustapha said. into unemployment warning against the the social fallout of the and invested in

closures due to their rates of suicide, crime, recapitalisation, negative and alcohol abuse in and diversification restore industry's

Minister The at concluded by affirming Guyanese, to pay full severance to these claims stand on especially sugar workers, affected workers, forcing the ruins left by APNU/ remember who stood by them during hardship contrast, and who abandoned

"The sugar Irfaan industry needs not rhetoric, is and that leadership International bodies, being rebuilt," he is firmly in place "We under President Dr. International have reopened the Irfaan Ali and the Organization Rose Hall Estate, re- PPP/C government,"

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ONE GUYANA WORSHIP EXPERIENCE DRAWS THOUSANDS IN POWERFUL NIGHT OF PRAISE

Thousands Stadium in Providence Williams, on Monday, July 7, 2025, Duesbury, Cheryln The concert's mix for the ONE GUYANA Maloney, and Prince Saj. of stirring music and Worship Experience, a and praise.

Ôver stadium from 6 p.m. diverse backgrounds. local time, experiencing including the artists Apostle Sean Sobers, Government's ongoing

The event, free heartfelt and spiritual connection, unity, and celebration. 20,000 strengthening attendees filled the community bonds across Worship

Prime uplifting performances Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark continues to play in by acclaimed gospel Phillips, who joined Guyana's social fabric, Chandler Moore, Todd spoke on the unifying together in praise and Dulaney, Faith Corrica, power of faith and the solidarity.

of Timothy Roberts, Jousha support for initiatives worshippers gathered Joe, Saiku Andrews, that nurture spiritual at the Guyana National Samuel Medas, Mariam togetherness and uphold Renwick religious freedom.

messages stirring gospel concert and open to the public, resonated deeply with that united the nation aimed to bring Guyanese attendees, creating an in a shared night of faith together through music atmosphere of hope,

The ONE GUYANA Experience demonstrated Minister, significant role faith congregation, inspiring many to come

















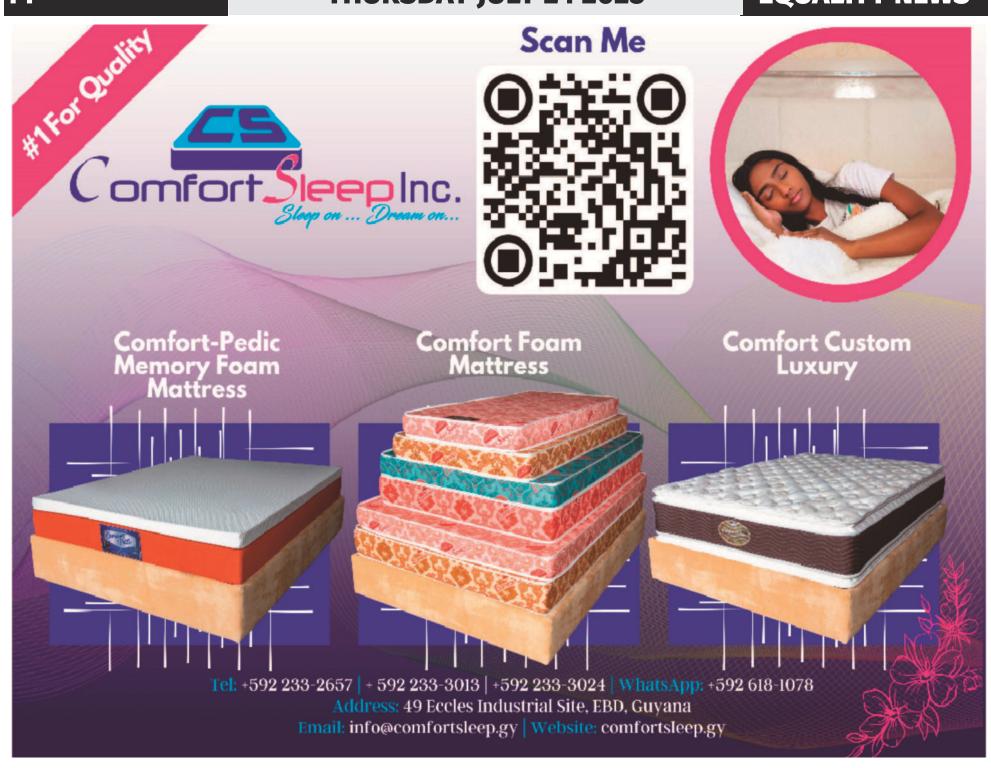
















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FIRED UP THE PEOPLE POWE

With flags waving, music pumping, and spirits high, the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) officially ignited its 2025 campaign, and the response was electric. From the campaign launch to Nomination Day, massive crowds flooded the streets in a passionate show of support, united by a shared vision for continued progress and prosperity.

PPP/C'S CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

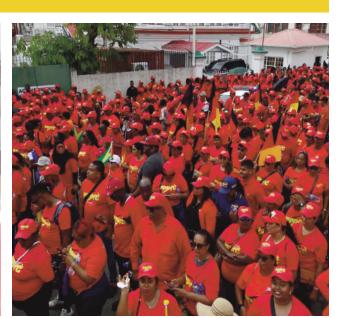


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THOUSANDS IN REGION TEN RECEIVE HOUSE OTS IN "DREAM REALISED" DR



Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal handing over steel and cement voucher

Data Entry/Veterinary Greavesande house lots during the him closer to his dream Ministry of Housing and of homeownership. Water's "Dream Realised Housing Drive 2025" and held at the Watooka Croal, Guest House in Linden.

vital step toward her housing family's stability. "Land is an asset. It does the not depreciate, and surrounding start the process," she start said.

Also 33-year-old soldier Jose 2020, pointing

Twenty-seven-year- Greavesande of Lot 810 old Delica Piggott, a South Amelia's Ward. shared Technician from Lot 1140 his relief after a long Central Amelia's Ward, wait since submitting Linden, was among his application in 2008, the many residents in crediting the government Region Ten who received initiative with bringing

Minister of Housing Water, Collin congratulated all beneficiaries and A mother to a two-reassured the public of the month-old baby, Piggott ministry's commitment expressed her joy at to addressing pending finally receiving her applications in line lot, describing it as a with the government's policy. "We understand anxieties wait I advise everyone to times, but we had to somewhere," he explained. Minister benefiting Croal highlighted the from the drive was progress made since

with more than 4,000 under the 4 and Wismar Phase 1 **applicants**," she said. housing developments.

that before the current allocations since 2020, administration, only 435 with an additional 1,000 house lots were allocated, lots to be distributed current applications still pending initiative. "We aim by the end of 2024. to bring allocations This backlog prompted up to date and the establishment of continue expanding Amelia's Ward Phase available land for all

In line with these



Minister within the Ministry of Housing and Water, Susan Rodrigues handing over steel and cement

Minister within the efforts, Ministry of Housing and families beyond simply allocating purchasing Region Ten has seen 1,600 land

Linden recently Water, Susan Rodrigues, benefited from steel and materials. emphasised that the cement vouchers worth ministry's mandate from \$225,000 each. These President Irfaan Ali goes vouchers assist with essential 50,000 house lots by building materials for 2025. It also includes homes valued up to clearing the backlog \$6 million, with larger across all regions to projects eligible for applicants additional support. receive their lots in a Recipients have six timely manner. Minister months to redeem their Rodrigues noted that vouchers at designated alone suppliers in Linden.

This initiative is part



Beneficiary Delica Piggott

homeownership supportive measures of include increased (VAT) on building

In terested owning a home a reality.

of President Ali's broader applicants for the steel strategy to increase and cement subsidy and must provide improve living standards Taxpayer Identification across Guyana. Other Number (TIN), proof identification, reduced marriage certificates mortgage interest rates where applicable, and now as low as 4-5%, approved house plans mortgage from relevant municipal ceilings for low-income authorities. These steps earners, and the removal ensure the programme of Value Added Tax continues to empower families. Guyanese making the dream of



Residents being guided through allocation process

Minister within the Ministry of Public Works, Deodat Indar, representatives from Men on Mission handing over a home to Dhanraji Guradai

continues to citizens through home deteriorating conditions, completed. construction and social exposed to the elements. support. Three more in families became Three the latest beneficiaries of this transformative programme.

Elayne Danraj and Dhanraji Guradai of Cornelia Ida, along with Sham Persaud Murley of Hague, each received newly constructed homes designed to offer safety, comfort, and dignity.

Fifty-nine-yearold Danraj expressed

initiative for herself, her son, and was engaged by MoM.

"I feel Region This is far better Guradai,

came. My mother had to patch the house with whatever she could. Now, we Danraj shared. She had appealed to President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali The Men on Mission receiving a new home outreach, after which she during a community

a



Sham Persaud Murley and his family



than the one I had before. I used to get sick when the rain comfortably,"

Similarly, 69-yeargreat. old pensioner Dhanraji widow

Dhanraji Guradai's old home uplift her 90-year-old mother. Within a few months, living with a physical the the lives of vulnerable Previously, they lived in her new home was impairment, is now in they a secure home after everybody across the can live with dignity and years of hardship. She **country**," he stated.

> during heavy rainfall. "I feel very nice. My president, Dr Irfaan Ali, gave me a beautiful house and I must thank him," she said.

> previously lived in a zinc

Sixty-seven-year-old Sham Murley, who faced tough living conditions, also received a new home. "Life was rough in my old house. want to thank

government— families are

Minister within structure that leaked the Ministry of Public

Works Deodat Indar, who participated in the handover ceremony, said the homes are fully outfitted and built with support from the private sector.

To date, over 73 families have received homes through MoM. An additional \$350 million has been allocated to construct more than 50 newhomesforvulnerable nationwide, helping ensuring more Guyanese stability.



Dhanraji Guradai and her family in front of their new

home

Guyana rises as global leader in biodiversity conservation, President Ali declares

PRESIDENT Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has declared Guyana a global powerhouse in biodiversity, highlighting the country's vast and intact ecosystems that rival those of much larger nations.

President Ali emphasised that while the world struggles with biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, Guyana continues to preserve over 85 per cent of its forested lands, supporting vibrant and connected ecosystems across its landscape.

"Guyana's biodiversity punches above its weight on the global stage," the President said, noting the country's rich variety of species including over 1,200 bird species, approximately 225 mammal species such as jaguars and giant river otters, and nearly 8,000 plant species, many endemic to the ancient Guiana Shield.

This ecological success is attributed to deliberate policies under the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030, which integrates sustainability into national development plans.

President Ali stressed that nature is not a constraint to development but a foundation for it, with Guyana's rainforests, wetlands, rivers, and savannahs serving as working landscapes that benefit both people and the planet.

Looking ahead, Guyana is pioneering innovative biodiversity finance models, including plans to develop biodiversity credits, tradable units that quantify conservation outcomes to generate new income streams for forest communities and incentivise broader conservation efforts.

"Our commitment is bold," said President Ali, outlining Guyana's pledge to double protected and conserved areas by 2025 and achieve the global "30 by 30" target of protecting 30 per cent of land and marine ecosystems by 2030. This commitment is supported by science, legislation, community engagement, and international partnerships.

Guyana's leadership in biodiversity conservation is bolstered by collaborations with major global institutions and organisations including Yale Center for Biodiversity and Global Change, Conservation International, the World Bank, and the Governments of Brazil and other states, alongside Indigenous communities and private sector partners



Guyana is a powerhouse in biodiversity

in green finance.

As Guyana prepares to host the inaugural Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit, President Ali invited the world to learn from Guyana's

experience, emphasising that economic development, social inclusion, and ecological integrity can go hand in hand.

"This is Guyana's story, but it

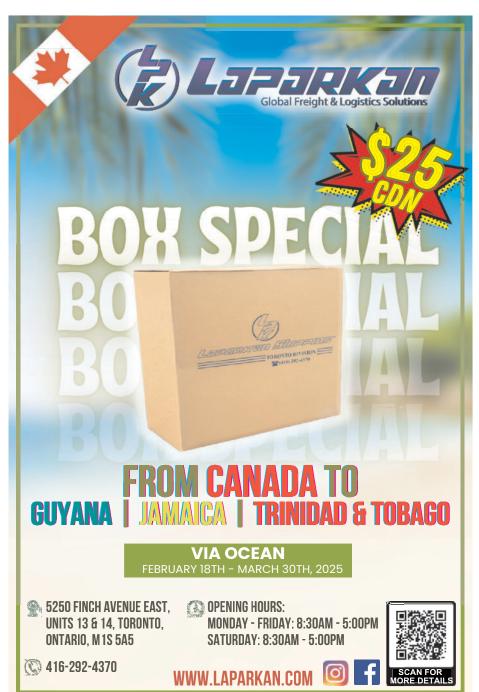
is also the world's future," he concluded, urging global partners to think differently, act boldly, and join in building a resilient, biodiverse, and equitable planet.

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of a state-of-the-art skills. Practical Instruction Department at Bartica Secondary Manickchand,

Ministry of Skills Development and years, a clear reflection a US\$14.04 Education continues Employability Project of the government's partnership between the to modernise Guyana's (GSDEP), a key initiative commitment education sector with aimed at equipping expanding Technical and Bank (CDB) and the commissioning students with job-ready Vocational Education Government of Guyana.

Minister (PID) Education, who



Minister of Education, Priya Manickchand, unveiling the plaque for the \$360M Practical Instruction Department at Bartica Secondary School

School. Valued at over commissioned \$360

and Training (TVET) despite posed by the COVID-19 workshops for a range pandemic.

Similar have already been preparation commissioned Fellowship, Hopetown, small engine workshop Beterverwagting, and St with hydraulic lifts and Ignatius. These centres diagnostic tools, welding serve as vital hubs for bays for arc, MIG, and skills training and youth acetylene welding, a empowerment across fully equipped furniture-Guvana.

PID cost \$273 million, digital learning tools the with an additional \$87 million, the facility, highlighted that million allocated for Manickchand facility was completed it is the fifth PID she has tools and equipment. The the growing

to Caribbean Development

The facility challenges outfitted with modern of disciplines, including facilities a commercial food kitchen, in a motor vehicle and making workshop, Constructed by KP masonry and plumbing Thomas and Sons and training rooms, and a supervised by CEMCO smart classroom with boys Engineering, the Bartica Starlink internet and arts.

Minister noted global the Guyana opened in under three project is funded through recognition of skills-



Students in the welding workshop

degrees. She praised career options. students for defying

should be about its goal of a modern, exposure, creativity, inclusive, and futurechoice, empowerment," she said, noting that

based education and its technical skills offer equal value to academic students real, fulfilling

This latest addition outdated gender norms, in Bartica strengthens with girls excelling the nationwide TVET in traditionally male- network, which now dominated trades and spans Regions One, boys exploring culinary Three, Four, Five, and Nine, bringing the "Education government closer to **and** ready education system.

GOVT BEGINS REIMBURSING PARENTS FOR 2025 CXC EXAM FEES

reimbursing parents for both public and private scheduled for July 19. Caribbean Examinations schools. Council (CXC) fees

cost of up to eight Distribution began school. Today, I writing CSEC, and families. subjects for students on July 15 in Regions received \$35,900, the refund was This writing the Caribbean Three, Four, Five, and it was like I didn't necessary. Secondary Education Ten, followed by Regions pay anything. I was thankful Certificate (CSEC) and One, Six, Seven, Eight, excited and thankful government." Caribbean Advanced and Nine on July 16. to our government," Proficiency Examination Region Two received said a mother from the from \$9,400 for one commitment to easing

Government (CAPE). This initiative on July 17, and District Canadian

Recognising paid for the May/June some parents had already low- and middle- very much to all who 2025 sitting, fulfilling a paid these fees before income households, made this possible. commitment made by the announcement, the have expressed heartfelt It will definitely help President Dr. Mohamed President later expanded gratitude Irfaan Ali earlier this the programme to initiative. include reimbursements. On April 9, 2025, That promise is now daughter had to write of Essequibo Islands subject to over \$46,500 the cost of education would fully cover the out across the country.

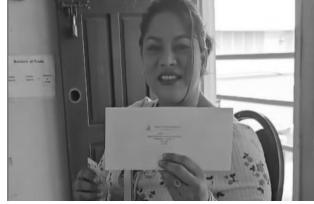
Many for

"When

has officially begun applies to students from 11 (Georgetown) was Sciences in Region Four.

A single parent from parents, Golden Grove Secondary that especially those from added, "Thank you the **me.**"

In Region Three, my the PTA President tuition for the private a child of mine is burden



Minister of Education, Priya Manickchand, unveiling the plaque for the \$360M Practical Instruction Department at Bartica Secondary School

for

the million underscores CSEC fees range government's

President Ali announced being delivered, with CSEC, I agreed to pay, Secondary remarked, for eight, representing and supporting equal that the government reimbursements rolling but couldn't afford "It's the first time a significant financial opportunities for all many students.

> As President Ali has initiative, consistently affirmed, I'm amounting to a \$700 investing in education is investment, investing in the future of the Guyana.



President Ali with Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport Charles Ramson Jr, during an engagement with members of the International Karate Organisation Academy Guyana

President Irfaan at Mohamed Ali the government's commitment sports sector during a Jr.,

organisations Dr sports House, State reaffirmed Georgetown.

Joined by Minister the series of meetings with engaged representatives karate with strong Guyana Karate College ground in Durban Park.

AS GOVT EXPANDS SPORTS REACH

from the International government backing. Karate Organisation fraternity to discuss programme the future of sports in at Hope Guyana.

The the country. Since its development. establishment in 2020,

President Academy Guyana (IKO- reiterated this support Technical Headquarters National Budget's sports AG), Archery Guyana by providing funding in Liliendaal in 2024 as development agenda, Inc., and the hockey for training mats and major milestones. upgrades government Coast of Demerara. He emphasised aims to partner with IKO- also announced plans government's

and the International Ali Karate

In Secondary with Archery Guyana with sports bodies and School on the East Inc., President Ali clubs to nurture talent broader for youth. AG and Archery Guyana to upgrade the school's mission to promote a Inc. to integrate karate tarmac with basketball, variety of sports across reiterated that sports and archery programmes badminton, and tennis all levels. He later met remain a vital pillar in into schools across facilities to foster youth with national hockey national development, players and committed youth Highlighting recent to constructing an and to of Culture, Youth and IKO-AG has focused achievements in karate, international-standard empowerment. strengthening Guyana's Sport, Charles Ramson on promoting and the President noted hockey facility at the new President preserving traditional the opening of the New Saints Stanislaus College

These initiatives Daigaku are part of the 2025 which prioritises discussions strategic partnerships the and create opportunities

President engagement, community

\$1.4B INVESTED IN KWAKWANI HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE - RESIDENTS TO BEGIN HOME CONSTRUCTION IN NEW SCHEME

Allottees in new Kwakwani housing scheme, Region Ten, will soon be able to begin construction, as the government pushes forward with billion in infrastructure development Phase One of the project.

Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal, provided the update during a recent virtual housing tour. He noted that the contractual deadline for completing infrastructure works is November 2025.



Minister of Housing and Water Collin Croal during the

scheme will feature 352 support residential house lots, community. along with key amenities such as a health centre, individuals, police outpost, and residents from The new housing recreational space to Kwakwani

growing

In March, including the waterfront

area, were allocated lands in this development.

Meanwhile, government's infrastructure Development One in Linden are about 50 per cent complete, and tenders have been opened for Phase Two.

Region Ten has seen significant housing growth under current administration, with over 2,800 house lots distributed in the past four years and more than \$6 billion invested to establish four new housing schemes.

PRESIDENT ALI'S HOUSING RECO

homeownership, at Wismar Housing programme has made region. Phase construction

To further support affordable. Over \$50 the million in vouchers have steel already been issued works and cement subsidy to beneficiaries in the



Works are ongoing at Kwakwani Housing Development



The PPP/C Administration has developed 95 new housing schemes since 2020

Guyana's sector experience the to that the continues launching attacks against one of Party/Civic most a government's praised initiatives.

At a recent political communities. rally, Opposition the

housing Leader Aubrey Norton continues attempted to downplay government's unprecedented growth achievements in housing, under the leadership of ignoring the fact that President Dr. Mohamed over 50,000 house lots Irfaan Ali, a reality have been allocated Opposition since 2020, surpassing to deny, the PPP/C's own 2020 baseless manifesto target.

But this achievement the People's Progressive is more than just (PPP/C) numbers. It reflects people-centered impactful and widely housing policy that is transforming lives and From plains

STANDS TALL AMIDST hinterland, and 9. In Region 10, an while 90% of allocations back from Berbice the is APNU stronghold, major have been directed and saw it from the becoming a reality for housing developments toward thousands of Guyanese are being rolled out in households.

homeownership PPP/C, housing means Ward, opportunity.

Responding to of Housing and Water The the Opposition's weak construction track record. During affordable. office, the APNU+AFC more underway.

The government has assistance. not only delivered in such as Regions 1, 7, 8, lots have gone to women, in development. "I flew

families. Under the Wismar and Amelia's dignity, stability, and over 4,000 pending President Dr. Bharrat applications.

The support doesn't criticisms Collin Croal highlighted actively making home lots. Yes, 14,000 titles since taking Linden alone, over 40 like," he stated. office, with thousands families recently received direct

Importantly, across traditional strongholds, housing policy under the especially along the every Guyanese but also in regions PPP/C prioritises equity. East Coast, historically neglected, Nearly 50% of all house thousands of homes are

low-income sky,

addressing conference, Through **swampland**, titles. In contrast, the on building materials, hospital, and a police We still have 86% current government has thousands of families station. That's what forest cover." already processed over are building homes. In transformation looks

> D. construction pointed to the extensive Jagdeo work being done the

bulldozers, trucks, excavators, At a recent press all clearing land for Vice **new communities.**"

He noted Jagdeo addressed the areas once overgrown, head-on. like those behind the Norton's claims, Minister stop at allocation. "They gave nothing. Diamond Scheme, are government is We're giving house now being developed for some housing. "We had to more of the areas were clear tall trees and but even spotted a jaguar. their five years in the Steel and Cement so was Diamond. Someone asked if Support Programme, Today, Diamond has we're taking away the administration managed low-interest mortgages, over 5,000 houses, habitat, but we need to process just 7,730 land and VAT exemptions schools, banks, a land for people too.

> Calling the Opposition's rhetoric Jagdeo also "out of touch", Dr. reaffirmed government's the country, commitment to ensuring where access to housing.

HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY'S YOUNG INFLUENCERS PROGRAMME NURTURES FUTURE LEADERS

Human Services and international Social Security's Young events. Influencers Programme also actively support the campaign lives of young men engage with the public open conversations. across Guyana through through social media. advocacy, community work, and emotional leader empowerment.

Thus far, it has impacted changing, giving them a platform strengthening

The Ministry of Guyana in regional and was leading a suicide Participants health

is 19-year- MAN-HUB old Aaron St Hill, an which Launched in 2021, aspiring Attorney-at- emotional his

youth prevention and mental report awareness

Aaron also co-hosted contribute to One such young a seminar under the initiative. promotes wellbeing the programme brings Law and former student and healthy masculinity together youths aged of The Bishops' High among young men. 15 to 25 to help address School. Aaron described MAN-HUB was founded pressing social issues. his experience as life- by Nicholas Sagadaya, crediting a teacher at New over 120 young people by the programme for Amsterdam Secondary his School, in response to to advocate for change, advocacy skills and rising social issues like community deepening his interest substance abuse and projects, and represent in public policy. Among emotional suppression contributions among young men.

2024 found that "performative targeting toughness" and the is helping shape the ministry's initiatives and stigma and encouraging pressure on young men to suppress vulnerability poor



Nicholas Sagadaya engaging with students during the MAN-HUB Initiative



Guest Speaker, Stephon Gabriel, engaging with students at the MAN-HUB Initiative

mental health and risky behaviours. MAN-HUB works to counter these norms by fostering honest dialogue and selfawareness.

Aaron is encouraging



Aaron St Hill, a previous member of the Young Influencer Programme

more young men to join the Young Influencers Programme and be part of this national conversation. "It's a space that helps us grow while making a real difference," he said.

GUYANESE DIASPORA DIGEST

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165 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ENROLL IN GOVERNI FIRST ONLINE HEALTHCARE SCIENCE PROGRAMME



Minister of Health, Dr Frank Anthony

Region Three is poised for an economic with transformation, government's the landmark Gas-to-**Energy project** set to growth strategy. deliver cheaper, more reliable electricity, laying the foundation reliable energy will investments is for the region to unlock a new wave ongoing become Guyana's new industrial capital. This was the bold vision

at the Region Three President Ali stated. Chamber of Commerce Business event.

The and heavy industry, driven growth. making Region Three a central pillar of the transformation, nation's

"Access **cheaper and more** Key of manufacturing, of the at the

Dr. Mohamed Irfaan **Guyana's energy-led** services, and people. Ali during his address transformation,"

Traditionally known importance Networking and agriculture, Region development, noting region's Three is now being that "without the base. President positioned as a hub infrastructure... emphasised that the for industrial and there will be little or foundation for industry, 3 0 0 - m e g a w a t t commercial activity, no investment." **project** will fuel a new thanks to a coordinated era of **manufacturing**, push in infrastructure, agro-processing, energy, and population-

To support this the energy-led government has been investing heavily to in infrastructure. these among construction four-lane agro-processing, Demerara River and heavy industry, Bridge, a critical link G\$19.2 billion has remains committed to outlined by President placing this area that will support faster been invested in road preserving Region

President emphasised

Since 2020, over that the government

Ali more than G\$673 sugar, and fisheries. the million in farm-to- He also highlighted the of market roads, which importance of zoning and Industry's (R3CCI) for its rice production infrastructure in driving continue to support the and agricultural

While laying the the President assured urged



Nurses in the health sector

heart of movement of goods, construction

across Three's agricultural

Region Three, alongside **roots**, including rice, structured planning to prevent congestion and ensure long-term sustainability.

> President the private sector to work closely with the government, stressing that structured expansion must be guided by proper land use policies and smart infrastructure planning.

> With Region population Three's surging past Region **Six**, according preliminary census data, the government sees the region's growing workforce as a critical driver of investment and productivity.



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali

A m e r i n d i a n participation in nursing and healthcare training is rapidly increasing, highlighting government's efforts to opportunities expand across all communities.

More than 60 those percent enrolling in the Nursing Mohamed Irfaan Ali

backgrounds, milestone significant in ensuring inclusive access to vital healthcare education.

President



Trainee nurse under the Ministry of Health's Professional Nursing programme, Anastasia Bonaparte

and Nursing Assistant made this announcement programmes during an address to are from Amerindian hundreds of residents

OVER 60% OF NURSING

in Moraikobai, Region **scholarships** many communities reside.

beneficiary, One Anastasia graduate from Professional Nursing programme in 2026, "I'm

targeted outreach and to be part of this in the scholarships aimed at nursing programme, nursing riverine, remote, and and I am eager to with hundreds more hinterland areas, where **serve my community** expected to join this Amerindian in Moraikobai," she year. said.

> Bonaparte, training aligns with the the Ministry of Health's the plan to strengthen training. Guyana's healthcare **provided** to train at least 3,000 commissioned

programme, Meanwhile, over 900 students are weeks earlier. This surge in nursing nearing completion of

These efforts directly workforce. In April 2023, support the expansion of hospitals in Bath, De expressed her gratitude. Minister of Health Dr. healthcare infrastructure so thankful Frank Anthony revealed across Guyana. Just government an ambitious target recently, the government also be commissioned.

for nurses over three years. new Enmore Regional Five, on July 12. He Amerindian people To date, more than 1,000 Hospital on the East credited the success to like us. It's inspiring individuals have enrolled Coast of Demerara, professional the second of six stateof-the-art regional hospitals. The Diamond Regional Hospital was the first to open a few

President Ali who is on track to government's broader hybrid Nursing Assistant announced that before the end of August, additional regional Kindren, Number 75 Village, and Lima will

OPPOSITION MISLEADS ON MAT **FACTS SHOW MAJOR HEALTH GAINS UNDER**

Opposition Leader Aubrev Norton's recent claim that maternal deaths in Guyana are increasing is not only false, it is reckless and deeply misleading. Made at the launch of APNU+AFC's campaign at the Square of the Revolution, the disregards statement data from the Ministry of Health and discredits the tireless work of healthcare professionals and the government in improving maternal and neonatal outcomes.

Contrary Norton's remarks, the latest statistics from Ministry show encouraging progress.



Inside the new Enmore Regional Hospital

Maternal deaths due to postpartum hemorrhage are the to 14 in 2024. Neonatal interventions by deaths also declined PPP/C falling from 68 to 28.

These improvements result dropped from 23 in 2019 deliberate and sustained Government significantly, by 60%, in under the leadership of the first nine months of President Dr. Mohamed 2024 compared to the Irfaan Ali and Minister same period in 2023, of Health Dr. Frank Anthony. Maternal and

child health have been Intensive Care Units prioritised as central (NICUs). pillars development.

While of five countries in to support high-risk America Latin Caribbean the expected to miss the are connecting remote 2030 Development (SDG) for maternal life-saving care. survival, Guyana is on track to meet it, standing \$100,000 focused progress.

by strategic investments not healthcare early infrastructure, also personnel, technology. hospitals now house expecting mothers. fully equipped Neonatal

Maternal national waiting homes have been established four out hinterland communities and pregnancies. And over are 80 telemedicine hubs Sustainable health centres Goal specialists for timely,

Additionally, the Newborn out in the region for its Cash Grant has already benefitted over 2,000 This success is driven families. This initiative only supports childcare but encourages and greater antenatal care Nine engagement among

flagship



the People's Progressive Party (PPP) and Vice President, Dr Bharrat Jagdeo, showcasing the conditions of the Enmore Polyclinic that is now transformed

the government's commitment is the \$12.4 billion Paediatric and Maternal Hospital currently under construction at Ogle. With 256 beds and medical advanced technology, it will be Guvana's premier facility for maternal and paediatric healthcare.

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KWAKWANI NURSERY STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM NEW \$73.7M MODERN SCHOOL



New \$73.7M Kwakwani nursery school transforms early childhood education

View Nursery School.

The purposebuilt facility promises facility improved accessibility safe, and learning conditions environment for 31 transforming education stated. for the community's students, replacing the in every corner of Mir youngest

education in Kwakwani, possible through the Region Ten, has taken a Ministry of Finance's systems. major step forward with Basic Needs Trust Fund the commissioning of the in collaboration with the Works Bishop new \$73.7 million River Caribbean Development Edghill, Bank.

> The provides a the learners. previous school that Guyana.

was often affected by flooding. It features two **just** spacious classrooms with and office, room, bay, sanitary sick block, and a storage area. Importantly, it includes disabilityfriendly features such as ramps and accessible washrooms. The building childhood The project was made is fully furnished and equipped with fire safety

Minister of Public Juan who was present for the ribbonmodern cutting, emphasised government's comfortable commitment

"This about mortar; capacity for 48 children, **about investing in** that children, regardless headmistress's **education**, **one of** of where they live or the key pillars for their family's income, **building the new,** are given the tools to

brick universal access it's education. ensuring



Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, students, teachers and parents cut the ribbon to open the New nursery school

to **modern Guyana**," he succeed.

Minister reaffirmed

"No matter how Edghill poor a family is or the **where** they live,

hinterland, riverine, or coastland, once that child gets an education, the sky is the limit," he added.

To ease the financial burden on families, he highlighted a number of support measures, including the \$100,000 Newborn Grant, and the "Because We Care" cash grant, and uniform vouchers for all enrolled students.

The government has also expanded its hot meals programme to support children's health and learning outcomes, and introduced measures such as payment of CSEC and CAPE exam fees for students, starting in 2025.

Since 2020, more than 5,000 teachers have benefitted from online professional training, part of a wider drive to improve education delivery and access across Guyana.

TUCVILLE SECONDARY TO GET SIX NEW CLASSROOMS

180 students will soon of Education Priya they live. This is one works are ongoing at benefit from six new Manickchand spacious at Tucville Secondary noted that the project **new schools**, **but** Stanislaus School in Georgetown, as forms part of the extending the schools and Queen's College to construction continues government's broader we currently have," on a new school block. commitment to ensure the Minister stated. Each classroom will every child has access accommodate students, helping to overcrowding reduce and improve the learning make environment.

The update was **solid**

Approximately shared by Minister education wherever upgrades. classrooms a recent site visit. She **only about building** St Rose's 30 to quality secondary Tucville Secondary is also being rebuilt. education.

sure every child has a

during **of the efforts. It is not** Campbellville Secondary,

project The being executed by Kaiveri "Our aim is to Procurement Logistics the that and Investments Inc.

High, St College, accommodate growing populations. student at Houston Secondary is

Just recently, commissioned Georgetown schools newly rebuilt Christ students. secondary are seeing widespread Church Secondary and



Works ongoing on the new block at Tucville Secondary

the St George's School Ruimveldt Secondary, government be commissioned soon, easing

> In recent years, new wings were added to East

PARENTS PRAISE "BECAUSE WE CARE"

of Sciences. Brickdam The Bishop's High, Secondary (formerly St Queen's College, and Mary's) is expected to St Stanislaus College, overcrowding the with space for over 600 and enhancing learning conditions.



Lynette George, a grandmother who was able to benefit from the initiative

From the busy streets of Georgetown to the peaceful savannahs of the Hinterland, parents across Guyana are breathing easier thanks to the government's "Because We Care" cash grant.

Reintroduced by the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) in 2021 after being discontinued under the previous APNU+AFC administration, the steadily grant has increased from \$15,000

to \$50,000 today, with a recent \$5,000 addition school uniforms



Trevlon Pyle is excited about the cash grant

bringing the total to \$55,000 per child.

While the increase might seem modest, for many families it means new shoes, textbooks, backpacks, and much-needed ease of financial stress. This year's national budget allocated over \$11 billion for the grant, which now benefits more than ways the money can be

GRANT AS LIFELINE FOR SCHOOL EXPENSES



tonya Lupe is happy to receive the grant

Bacchus, a father of five, calls it "very helpful, especially for single mothers or fathers," emphasising the many

"It's coming in real parents like himself." and responds to the describing how the Lynette George, the grant

both public and private **help**," she shared. schools. Trevlon Pyle reach.

Rajnie expressed gratitude, urging the government to Priya continue the programme. emphasised 205,000 children across used. For Tonya Lupe, **Keep it coming!**" demonstrate

the grant arrived at she said. Similarly, taxi the Because We Care Parents are quick to the perfect time as she driver Damani Moffatt initiative is more than share how meaningful prepares her children for described the grant as a a slogan, it is proof of a the grant has been for milestone graduations. "saviour" for struggling government that listens

she said, For grandmother needs of its people.

care about all the Jeronimo recalled when children in Guyana, the grant was removed, you would include leaving many children all of them," praising without basic school the programme's broad supplies. "I'm so glad Yougnath **now**," she said.

With over \$27 billion financial support helps has been a lifeline as she distributed since its cover essential expenses. raises her granddaughter revival, the grant is a Others praise the alone. "I'm so thankful continuing commitment grant's inclusivity, which for the government to easing the financial supports students in because I'm getting burdens on Guyanese families. It complements Reflecting on past recent initiatives like highlighted that "if you hardships, Jacqueline free tertiary education, further supporting parents and students from nursery all the way through university.

Mother Lisa Baldeo that we have it back expressed her relief: "It's such a great help. MinisterofEducation They're supporting Manickchand from nursery all the that way to university. "Ya'll don't stop! these personal stories It's a great relief for how parents."

FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION **NOW A RIGHT IN GU**



Emanuel Assanah

Across the world, the cost of higher education remains a major barrier. In countries like the United States and the United Kingdom, student loan debt has soared due to steep tuition fees. In developing nations, the challenge is even more severe, with the World Bank noting in a 2025 report that tertiary



Gayendra Baijnauth

Caribbean.

But Guyana is taking Germany, Sweden, and have to spend here were at the University of explained.

education remains "out Guyana, a move made of reach" for much of official in January 2025 Latin America and the following a promise by President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali in October 2024.

landmark This decision has been hailed as visionary by students and educators alike.

Law student Akiela David said the initiative is life-changing. "We would have to find a lot of money to go to law school after we finished our law degree here, and I



Krystelle Harris

International Relations student Annastaysha Marcano recalled the difficulty of paying tuition during the pandemic. "When think making UG free I started, it was in a bold new direction. would help us save the middle of the Joining countries like the money we would pandemic... people unable Norway, Guyana now so that we can use survive on the little offers free education it in the future," she that they had, much less afford tertiary

benefit backgrounds."

Medical



Nikhil Sankar

go to school supplies, including and more food on Institute our table."

Krystelle Harris, a Home Economics.

education," she said. former beneficiary of the "This initiative will student loan programme, persons had her loans cleared from all different and can now continue her studies debt-free. student "Many students I Nikhil Sankar, from a know gave up on their single-parent household, dreams because they emphasized the relief it feared the debt. Free university changes that," she said.

Final-year Economics student Emanuel Assanah added, "The impact will be far-reaching. We'll have a more educated society and better human resource development."

Additionally, some 3,000 students brings: "This move has expected to benefit practically alleviated from the government's a significant financial abolition of enrolment burden off my mum. fees at technical and That money can now vocational institutions, the medical equipment, Government Technical and the Carnegie School of



Some of the individuals who graduates at the GOAL graduation in May 2024

Guyanese take bold launch, steps toward personal the advancement Guyana Online as Academy of Learning statement (GOAL), the initiative drawn trivialised the efforts of through education. students working toward higher education.

As thousands of APNU's 2025 campaign dismissed transformative through scholarship programme Online as "**goal-less**," a that has widespread has come under fire criticism and revealed a from Opposition Leader troubling disregard for Aubrey Norton, whose the thousands who are comments reshaping their futures

Since its inception under the People's Norton, speaking at Progressive Party/Civic

Government, (PPP/C) GOAL has delivered 30,000 over fully funded scholarships to Guyanese across the country. Many of these recipients are women, more than 70 percent, and they represent every region, from hinterland villages in Region One to the riverine communities of Region Ten. The programme has opened the doors internationally accredited certificates, diplomas, and degrees, right up to the PhD level, without the need to leave home.

Norton's mockery pursuing those doctorates exposes a deeper contradiction. While APNU now campaigns on promises

OPPOSITION TRIES TO UNDERMINE EMPOWERMENT OF THOUSANDS

more accessible but historic GOAL initiative, with all \$12.5 billion invested institutions. so far, has not only met doubled it, surpassing broader, evidence-based in 39,000 awarded by mid-2025.

commitment there. In 2024, it wrote percent

of free education, it was off \$18 billion in student and nearly 98 percent imposed VAT on private Guyana students. Then, reports. education. They had five on January 1, 2025, years to make education it delivered another clear, education under did the opposite. By completely eliminating reimagined not as a contrast, the PPP/C's tuition fees at UG and

This focus to the to Guyanese youth remains but as national priorities. education did not stop exceptionally high, 98 for women

their administration that loan debt for more for men, according to raised tuition fees at the than 13,000 past and Ministry of Education University of Guyana and current University of data and international

The facts promise, the PPP/C is being privilege, but as a right. public technical While some continue to rely on punchlines on and political jabs, the its original target but education is part of a government is investing people, building scholarships policy strategy. Contrary institutions, and treating opposition's the hopes of Guvanese The government's claims, literacy among not as campaign tools,

LINDEN, WAKENAAM GRADUATES READ TO WORK AFTER BIT TECHNICAL TRAINING

residents from Linden national standards. and 40 from Wakenaam are now equipped with the technical skills after offering Training (BIT).

practical both electrical installation, forward," she urged. vehicle and motor repairs. also received monthly training

initiative Ministry of Labour's Forty-five-year-old Gale qualifications. Board of Industrial Jerry, a welding and fabrication The training covered encouraged more women Public Works, Bishop welding and fabrication, and to take up technical Juan Edghill, urged and 9 in auto mechanics. theoretical aspects in trades. "Don't let age graduates to seize the Maughn told graduates: areas such as welding and or doubt hold you opportunities fabrication, heavy-duty back. Take the first available. "The skills changing equipment operation, step-that's the path and

Participants 20, shared how the decent wages and strengthen gave stipends, safety gear, and direction. "I've always opportunities,"

E i g h t y - f o u r certification aligned with enjoyed fixing things, said, noting the demand and this training helped for Graduates praised me understand machines in Guyana's growing for better," he said, thanking economy. a second the government for successfully completing chance at personal and creating opportunities graduation, programmes under the professional growth, for youth without formal by BIT CEO Richard

At the graduate, ceremony, Minister of engineering, now "**In** you've Quacy Thompson, position you to earn drive

skilled workers

The Wakenaam attended Maughn, saw 18 persons Linden trained in electrical rapidly a world, certification what you can do earned matters most. Skills innovation, the him access emerging job economy, and uplift he **communities.**"



40 Wakenaam youth graduate from BIT programme

sector to support services individuals. construction. like work.

With experiencing rapid the development, Ministry of Labour and a skilled,

He noted that while closing workforce gaps. many trained individuals From 2020 to 2025. are entering the oil and \$24.1 million has been gas sector, others are invested in Region Three needed in the domestic alone, benefiting 243

Nationally, welding, and electrical 13,000 people have been trained, 60% of them Guyana women, demonstrating government's the commitment to building inclusive BIT have committed to workforce.

GUYANESE DIASPORA DIGEST

KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED

67 SMALL CONTRACTORS IN BARTICA AWARDED \$132.5M FOR DRAINAGE

A total of 67 small contractors in Bartica, Region Seven, have been awarded contracts valued at \$132.5 million for the cleaning of drains, culverts, and road shoulders, part of the government's ongoing efforts to reduce flooding and enhance community infrastructure.

The contracts, are expected to improve living conditions while stimulating local economic activity and empowering small-scale contractors.

the At signing ceremony, several contractors shared how the initiative would awarded the lease for brothers, transform their lives. Adrian Bradford, a young



Small contractors at the drainage and irrigation signing ceremony

father of three, expressed **our home. I can only** gratitude, noting that **hope for more**," he the income will allow said. him to begin building a home for his family. single mother supporting our land, so this will income will help launch involvement means Region Seven. Over focused initiatives. be a great help for us her small business. "I'm you are partners in 60 small contractors to start constructing currently

Ashanti King, "We were recently two children and two said the

on a small business, development and this is going to the

John Campbell of government works in projects, strength working for us and costs without delay. **our town,**" he said.

Works Bishop Juan trucks to remove and reiterated Edghill, who attended the dispose of waste. Strict government's ceremony, revealed that penalties will be enforced all 67 awardees are first- against contractors who time beneficiaries. He dump waste along road encouraged contractors shoulders. to treat their roles seriously, saying: "Your such investment in inclusive, community-

government, help me get it off the ground," she shared. working to enhance living standards."

To support the Mora Camp said past smooth execution of contractors his area inspired him will receive up to 50% to join the initiative. of their contract sum as "This gives me more a mobilisation advance, **knowing** allowing them to cover the government is wages and operational

The government Minister of Public will also fund the use of



A small contractor from Bartica signing a drainage and irrigation contract

received similar opportunities last year.

Minister Edghill the ongoing commitment to creating economic opportunities and improving livelihoods This is not the first for all Guyanese through

MODERN BARTICA WHARF TO BE

Water transportation 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 confirmed Edghill, the timeline during site inspection, stating, "Works will be completed for the stelling to be fully operational by August 1."

operational. Once



Bartica stelling rails are being painted

the modern stelling will is its roll-on/roll-off ferry significantly logistics,

improve capability, which will safety, streamline operations and accessibility for and better accommodate passengers and cargo. A the region's growing key feature of the facility transportation demands.

Edghill Minister 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

MAHDIA GETS FIRST DEEDS AND

COMMERCIAL REGISTRY OFFICE



Minister of Public Works Bishop Juan Edghill inspecting the Bartica Stelling

the **government**," Minister high standards. Edghill stated. "We had it is today."

Following and Hardware Supplies, communities. who have since worked

APNU/AFC to deliver the project to

The completion of to start from scratch the stelling will be a and bring it to where major asset for residents, businesses, and regional the development, providing retendering process, the a safer and more efficient contract was awarded transportation hub for to K&K Construction Bartica and surrounding



Minister of Public Works Bishop Juan Edghill inspecting the Bartica Stelling

Residents of Region Nandlall, S.C., essential services, thanks to the Administration Authority (DCRA) office within two weeks. in Mahdia.

was made during a powers of simple ceremony at the and name where Attorney General Registry Affairs, Mohabir Anil incorporations,

told Eight will no longer have residents that local staff to travel long distances will be hired, ensuring to Georgetown or the the community benefits Essequibo Coast for directly. The office, to be government located at the Regional launch of a Deeds and building, is expected Commercial Registries to become operational

The Deeds Registry The announcement manages land titles, attorney, changes, Campbelltown Benab, while the Commercial handles and Minister of Legal business registrations, and

mortgages. development offices

Senior of Princeville, Lorrmel Williams, \$24,000 in travel and with the convenience. food expenses. "I feel happy about this... It emphasised has saved us a lot of the business.

to home.

This Hussain, welcomed the **the transformation** will open in Linden, fulfils outreach, saying the new **in Mahdia. You never** Region Ten, by the end a promise made by office will help bridge had this service. Now of July. President Ali to establish the gap between the you are getting it in hinterland and coastal **right here**," he said. all outlying regions, regions. She urged bringing services closer residents to utilise the have been established Pauline Sukhai, CEO services now at their in Mabaruma and Port of GWI Shaik Baksh, Councillor doorstep.

Rosanna to travel to Georgetown, spot. "It was very sometimes paying over **good**," she said, pleased

Minister Nandlall that government money," she said, after committed to ensuring registering her grocery all Guyanese, regardless of location, have access Mayor of Mahdia, to quality public services. Romascindo- "You are witnessing

Kaituma (Region One), Registrar of the Deeds George Suddie (Region Two), Registry Azeena Baksh, expressed from Micobie shared her Bartica (Region Seven), and Regional Executive gratitude, noting how experience of registering and Lethem (Region Officer Peter Ramotar. costly it was for residents her snackette on the Nine). A similar office

Also present at the launch were Minister To date, DCRA offices of Amerindian Affairs



Residents at the launch of the Deeds and Commercial Registries Authority office in Mahdia, Region Eight

KUMU HYDROPOWER PROJECT COMPLETED UNDER BUDGET, ON SCHEDULE



PM Phillips commissions 1.5-megawatt Kumu Hydropower Station in Lethem

Hydropower Kumu in Lethem, Project Region Nine, delivering Hydropower the renewable energy forms a critical part of facilityontime and within Guyana's energy strategy, Nine." the allocated budget. which aims to increase commissioning renewable ceremony was Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark all ten administrative photovoltaic farm to Kumu Phillips, marking a regions. Since 2020, provide a combined was

efforts.

The significant milestone in the Government has renewable

introduced 14.5 MW capacity of 3.2 MW of renewable energy to the Lethem grid. this growing portfolio.

"This exemplifies commitment the region. to delivering sustainable under infrastructure million efficiently responsibly," **budget reflects strong** 2022, Station and dedication to station's progress in Region and

energy the existing 0.7 MW infrastructure,

solar and Together, these projects hydropower projects, recently supplied 100% with Kumu adding to of Lethem's electricity needs for a full day using **project** hydropower alone, a **our** historic achievement for

Constructed a US\$12.85 Engineering, and Procurement and Prime Construction (EPC) The Government has the country's renewable Minister Phillips said. contract awarded to successfully completed energy expansion and "Completing it on Vidullanka PLC of Sri the 1.5-megawatt (MW) hinterland development schedule and under Lanka in November the project Kumu **project management** included both the Kumu construction rehabilitation of the Moco Moco The facility joins plant. Complementary such led capacity and improve Moco Moco Hydropower as a 16.84-kilometer Prime Minister, energy security across Plant and a 1 MW solar transmission line linking to Lethem. completed by energy Cummings Electrical



PM Phillips commissions 1.5-megawatt Kumu Hydropower Station in Lethem

under a US\$1.27 million contract.

The Prime Minister highlighted the project's broader impact on the c o m p l e t i o n community, including job creation for 20 local residents during construction and the anticipated economic growth enabled by reliable. renewable power.

Plans are underway

from the new capacity.

to extend electricity

distribution directly to Kumu Village homes and

businesses, ensuring the

This successful demonstrates the Government's commitment ongoing sustainable to development, energy security, and improving the quality of life in Guyana's hinterland regions.

\$1.5B IN CONTRACTS SIGNED TO BOOST INFRASTRUCTURE IN **MAHDIA AND**

Residents Eight Region benefit from Amerindian set to upgrades following the signing of 110 contracts projects, contractors, cover the have been construction of five affected by kilometres of concrete weather. roads and the upgrade of 25 bridges across contractors,

of signing ceremony are alongside Minister of Affairs, infrastructure Pauline Sukhai.

In addition to these emergency valued at \$1.5 billion. roadworks will begin in The contracts, by 45 Tiger Hill, where roads severely extreme

Addressing the Minister Edghill, led the contract in Region Eight, our Added to



The ministers engaging the contractors in Mahdia

Mahdia, Campbelltown, Edghill urged timely current engagement approximately five stating, Minister of Public explained the scale of the to Konawaruk and roads in the Mahdia culverts.

of work."

the government's **years** in communities across **completed**, hinterland.

Minister Sukhai underscored administration's the transformation of commitment hinterland development, contributing Brian Sucre Junction, and high-quality will see us doing 10 kilometres of rigid, infrastructure— accessibility, and quality Murwa, and Konawaruk. delivery of all works. He bridges on the road pavement, concrete roads, bridges, of life for residents. airstrips. Works, Bishop Juan initiative: "Right now, 15 bridges to Murwa. area. That is a has been a key that, tremendous amount priority. We have

track record The initiative is part over the past five showing strategy to significant progress. enhance infrastructure **Some projects are** Guyana, including the are ongoing or about to begin."

These latest the investments continue to Mahdia's infrastructure, "Hinterland improved connectivity,

GETS NEW CT SCA

Healthcare delivery highlighting in Region Six has received a major boost with the installation of a stateof-the-art computerised tomography (ČT) scan machine at the New Amsterdam Hospital. The new 128-slice CT scanner will significantly enhance diagnostic capabilities, allowing for the detection of injuries, diseases, and abnormalities in organs, vessels, blood and tissues.

Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony led commissioning ceremony on Tuesday, importance of the upgrade. He noted that the hospital urgently

the become non-functional. CT scan. Prior to this, patients had to travel to Anamayah at different organs Memorial Hospital on needed a new scanner the Corentyne or all the as the previous unit had way to Georgetown for a



The new computerised tomography (CT) scan machine at New Amsterdam Hospital in Region Six

"We can now look and see what is going on with those specific heart. organs, vessels, and muscles. I am sure the doctors effort here will utilise it in health a more specialised in the way," Minister Anthony hospital stated.

Rather than spend to better serve residents of Region Six.

This



Minister of Health Dr Frank Anthony observing a patient's test results

been outfitted with a theatres, a delivery ward, modern digital X-ray \$15 million to repair machine, a mobile unit, the old machine, the and a mammography imaging suite with CT government opted for a machine. It also houses scan, digital X-ray, new, advanced scanner three operating theatres.

Looking ahead, Anthony Minister addition reminded residents is part of a broader that a new, state-of-the-

improve art hospital is under infrastructure construction at Number region. The 75 Village. The facility has already will have two operating a 75-bed inpatient unit, and a fully equipped ultrasound, and 24hour emergency and lab services.

<u>Guyanese diaspora digest</u>

KEEPING THE DIASPORA INFORMED

SILICA CITY TO FEATURE WORLD-CLASS HOSPITAL AS GOVT <u>EXPANDS DEVELOPMENT ON SOESDYKE-LINDEN HIGHWAY</u>

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali **will** has announced that **an** interest in constructing services for health an international hospital in Silica City, a major tourism, medical tourism," President Ali component of the revealed. government's vision to Medic build a modern, climate- involves resilient city inland. nationals This facility is expected to access high-quality to support health and healthcare services. The

PPP/C rally in Kuru Kuru this growing industry. on the Linden-Soesdyke Highway, the president Ali's described Silica City as being a hub for innovation, accommodate

Dr for Silica City who be building international investors have expressed **hospital** to **provide**

Medical tourism foreign travelling medical tourism in hospital, the president Guyana. explained, will position Speaking at a massive Guyana to benefit from

Silica City, President brainchild, is designed to over economic activity, and 15,000 families, with healthcare. "Already, future plans including a we have investors world-class indoor arena



A section of the crowd at the massive public meeting

to attract international also events and support his sports tourism. "These commitment create jobs, expand communities provide opportunities everyone," he said.

The

reaffirmed government's developments will transforming along the economy, and the Linden-Soesdyke **better** Highway. He announced **for** that every community benefit will from president structured housing schemes equipped with improvement initiative schools.

"In will build housing accessible. schemes with proper told residents.

Already, government has warned citizens not launched 500 homestead to risk reversing the housing projects for country's progress at the single mothers along September 1 elections. the corridor, blending community development party of experience, with agriculture and renewable energy. and capability, and integrity," he declared.

To further support residents, a home

develop and promote

investment-ready

world-class eco-lodges

and trails, community-

led hospitality services,

including

projects,

water, electricity, and is in the pipeline. The project will involve the next co-financing five years, in every commercial banks and single community government subsidies on this highway, we to make loans more

President infrastructure so that emphasized that the you can own a home PPP/C's development with real value," he efforts are part of a well-planned strategy, the not guesswork, and

> "We are the

SOUTH RUPUNUNI POSITION AS BIODIVERSITY HOTSP

President Mohamed Irfaan Ali Conference. visited Aishalton Village in Region Nine, where emphasised that the he announced plans South to position the South pristine ecosystems, rich Rupununi as a global biodiversity, and low model for biodiversity deforestation rates make and development.

Addressing a large gathering of residents world speaks about and leaders the President said the **South** government is working as the home of best on a strategic plan to practices; as the home ensure both economic of sustainability," he environmental stated. empowerment for the This follows Indigenous region. recent representatives during the 2025 National and

Dr Toshaos Council (NTC)

President Rupununi's sustainable it an ideal candidate for global recognition.

"When Indigenous biodiversity ... they (Toshaos), must all point to the Rupununi

He praised the people consultations for their generational community leadership in protecting forests, rivers, wildlife, noting



President Ali interacting with the First People during his visit to Aishalton Village

Highlighting the region's natural potential, the Guyana "This beauty, from the rolling Tourism Authority and will be guided by Kanuku to

that these efforts have traditions, the President helped safeguard one of said it has the potential the world's most intact to become a premier ecosystems, the Guiana destination for authentic ecotourism experiences.

unlock To vibrant cultural with communities to and

agro-processing ventures, educational, cultural, and biodiversity-based this tourism.

savannahs and towering the Guyana Office for traditional values, led Mountains Investment will work by the community, managed

sustainably," President Ali said. "We will support you in this."

He added that as global awareness grows, Indigenous peoples are increasingly seen as the best stewards of the environment, playing a critical role in the fight against climate change.

President Ali also pointed to the over \$110 billion invested in Region Nine, which has led to more Indigenous professionals emerging in fields such as nursing, engineering, medicine, and the military. Many of these young leaders have benefited from scholarships and training under the GOAL programme and other initiatives.

President The was accompanied by Minister Sonia Parag and Regional Executive Officer Karl Singh during the outreach.

President has reaffirmed his agricultural produce government's commitment to the markets via the Kamuni development of Santa Creek. This move aims Mission and surrounding to cut transportation communities, unveiling receive better prices for a comprehensive plan to their produce. transform the area into a thriving agro-tourism all the pineapples, and agricultural hub.

"This is about about you," the president President Ali explained. told residents during a

initiatives is

Dr provision of a dedicated Mohamed Irfaan Ali cargo boat to transport deep from Santa Mission to Three costs and ensure farmers

"You can produce but how are we not going to get them to seasonal the market? We're handouts. We are going to invest in a continuous cargo boat to take support for your your produce to development. We are the market, right about empowering through the creek,"

To ensure no farmer community engagement. incurs losses, the Guyana Key among the Marketing Corporation the will purchase any surplus

O-TOURISM AND DIGITAL



President Ali interacting with the First People during his visit to Aishalton Village

the president announced gear. expansion of production programme, we including brood boxes, economic

produce. Additionally, brushes, and protective

"This is not village's honey just about honey, want every with 12 new participants woman and young receiving equipment person engaged in activity hives, wax sheets, bee that generates wealth

for their families," he announced plans to

agricultural land clearing, maintenance creek to improve resilience study hub to be a tool challenges. Chainsaws, he noted, reaffirming brush cutters, and the other emergency tools commitment were also distributed expanding opportunities to enhance disaster for youth and ensuring preparedness.

On the education entire community. front, the president

convert the community In support of the library into a state-ofdrive, the-art digital study hub the government has with high-speed internet, invested over \$1.25 allowing residents to million per household in pursue diplomas and drainage and irrigation, degrees without leaving and home.

"We want the against climate-related of empowerment," government's long-term success for the

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PRESIDENT ALI CHEERS ON GUYANA AMAZON **WARRIORS AT GLOBAL SUPER LEAGUE**

Cricket is thriving in Guyana, and President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali is leading the charge in showing his enthusiasm for the sport. The President joined thousands of fans at the National Stadium in Providence to witness opening matches of the Global Super League T20 tournament.

His Excellency was present for the high-energy clash between the home team, the Guyana Warriors, Amazon the defending and champions, the Rangpur Riders. The atmosphere was electric as fans cheered passionately, highlighting cricket's vital role in uniting communities across the also inspiring young country.

attended the Warriors' sent a strong message and foster national pride. about the government's commitment promoting particularly cricket, as fans. This growing a key part of national enthusiasm for cricket culture and youth underlines the sport's development.

League's matches offer local players an opportunity to compete on an international stage, while



Guyanese to pursue President Ali's visible sports as a viable career support continued as he path. President Ali's engagement at the event second match against reflects a broader vision New Zealand's Central of harnessing sports to Stags. His presence empower communities

The President's to attendance was warmly sports, welcomed by cricket significance as a unifying The Global Super force and a platform for exciting Guyana's rising sporting talent.

















People gathered to purchase lemonade at Zayd's lemonade sale

during his second-ever the festive atmosphere. lemonade sale, with the to eight animal welfare encouragement organisations Guyana.

The event was held their support. on the lawns of State House, where hundreds gathered for

First Son Zavd Ali interacted with animals, has raised \$9 million while families enjoyed

During a brief proceeds going directly ceremony, Zayd, with from across First Lady Arya Ali, thanked everyone for

"This is my an lemonade stand and I afternoon of sunshine, really need money for fun activities, and a the animals...thank

FIRST SON ZAYD ALI'S LEMONADE SALE RAISES \$9M FOR ANIMAL SH

supported," he said.

and praised her son's announced.



First Son Zayd Ali (right) with one of the patrons at the lemonade sale

compassion and drive.

nine million dollars. to Animals, and Furball also praised the initiative. **to support.**" shared cause. Children you to everyone that We have eight animal and Friends Foundation "It's a great idea. The

organisations, First Lady Arya it worked out well. Ali commended the Each one will receive generosity of supporters a million dollars," she

In addition to the cash donations, each organisation will also receive cat and dog chow, as well as bags of rice to support their ongoing work.

"I'm so proud of Zayd and everyone who came out today," said Mrs. Ali. "We Inc. gave a voice to the voiceless."

The recipients were: Foundation Foundation, We have raised Prevention of Cruelty



Children petting one of the animals

Anita Narine Furball and Friends (Linden) Hope for Animals, Tails expressed her gratitude: of Hope, Rosewood "This donation will Ravina's **help offset expenses** Rescue, Paws for Cause, for spay and neuter Pawsome Oasis Inc., services. I'm grateful Guyana Society for the for the opportunity."

timing was perfect, kids are on vacation, and they get to enjoy the activities," said Natasha Alli. phenomenal initiative," added Aasfa Mohabir, who attended with her son. "Pets mean so much to Patrons at the event kids, and I'm happy



A NEW GATEWAY AT PARIKA

From trade routes to tourist trails, Parika's upcoming international port is set to change the game. With world-class facilities, cold storage, a cruise terminal, and access to the majestic Essequibo River, this \$4B development is opening new doors for Guyana.



























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