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Official results still pending but incumbent looks at big victory in Guyana

Majority projected for PPP/C

THE People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) is on course to secure the presidency and also a larger parliamentary majority than in 2020, party General Secretary Dr Bharrat Jagdeo has disclosed

During an interview shared on his Facebook page on Tuesday, he said that the Statements of Polls (SoPs), which are publicly available on the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM)'s website, show the PPP/C's undeniable and "substantial margin" of victory over the other parties.

"The PPP will go into the National Assembly with a bigger majority than it did in 2020, that's very clear from the trend you're seeing and from the gap between our total votes and that of WIN, APNU and all the other small parties combined. There's a substantial difference between the votes we garnered at the elections and what they [got] combined," he said.

Dr Jagdeo said the SoPs tabulated so far show a large margin of victory over the combined votes of the opposition A Partnership for National Unity (APNU), the U.S.-sanctioned Azruddin Mohamed's political outfit We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) party, and other smaller political groups.

With the release SoPs by GECOM, Dr Jagdeo urged the public to verify the results themselves.

"Every Guyanese by now who is just a bit proficient with a calculator could sit down and calculate the results of the elections, and they would see, based on those results, who the victorious party was or is and by a substantial margin too," he stated.

He said the PPP/C completed the



President Dr Irfaan Ali casting his vote on Monday

internal tabulation and was able to see the results around 05:00hrs, on Tuesday morning.

On the conduct of the polls, the PPP General Secretary said that he is extremely pleased with the process and stated that the elections were peacefully organised and people were allowed to vote "freely."

He also thanked the party's supporters and activists for securing the party's victory.

Addressing those who did not vote for the PPP/C, Dr Jagdeo said the party works for the entire Guyana and assured

them: "Their futures are also secured."

He also dismissed the claims of irregularities by opposition parties and those aligned, including allegations that there were issues with foreign nationals voting.

"Not a single person who is not eligible to vote voted on election day," he said.

APNU's presidential candidate Aubrey Norton, on Tuesday in a brief interview, said that he still sees a pathway to victory, although the party is projected to lose in its strongholds.

Dr Jagdeo spoke about the WIN

party wiping out APNU's base and attributed it to several factors: several former APNU members have now aligned with the new party; the alleged financial inducements by WIN and them running a misleading social media campaign that appealed to young voters.

Meanwhile, based on an analysis of the results of the Statements of Poll (SoPs) that have been posted on the Guyana Elections Commission's (GECOM) website, is projected to win Region Four (Demerara-Mahaica) for the first time in history.

The Region, which has traditionally been won by the People's National Congress-Reform (PNC-R)/A Partnership for National Unity (APNU), is the district with the most voters— meaning it a big factor in determining the winner of the General and Regional Elections.

Up to press time, there were declarations in Regions Eight and Nine. In Region Eight, with the PPP/C winning all.

Up to press time, WIN stood second in polls and is projected to outpace A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) in several areas, siphoning off significant votes.

This could mean WIN leader Azruddin Mohamed will be the new Opposition leader.

Meanwhile, the Caribbean Community's (CARICOM) Election Observer Mission (CEOM) to Guyana's 2025 general and regional elections has reported an incident-free polling day on September 1.

The mission's chief observer, Josephine Tamai, said that the group of electoral experts from across the region visited over 300 polling stations.




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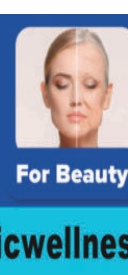
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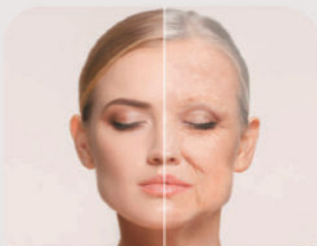
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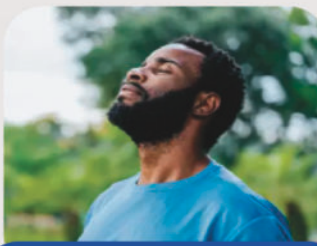
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Thousands turned out in a sea of red at the PPP/C's final rally in Lusignan, where President Ali assured supporters that victory is within reach and promised that no Guyanese will be left behind



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PRESIDENT ALI UNVEILS BOLD TOURISM AND AVIATION
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PPP/C PROMISES ACTION, NOT GIMMICKS, IN NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali speaking at the launch of the People's Progressive Party Civic's (PPP/C) Manifesto

The People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) launched its 2025–2030 manifesto, pledging decisive action to advance national development and assuring citizens that the plan is rooted in reality, not political gimmicks.

The launch, hosted at the Pegasus Suites and Corporate Centre in Kingston, Georgetown, brought together farmers, business leaders, civil society representatives, and government officials.

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali stressed that the manifesto is the product of five years of nationwide consultations.

“This is not a wish list or empty rhetoric. This is a declaration of intent. It is a blueprint for development, and importantly, it is a pact with the people,” the President said.

He explained that the plan was designed with the global environment in mind, enabling the government to anticipate challenges and respond effectively. At its core, he noted, are citizens, ensuring household prosperity, business expansion, and community development.

Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips reinforced this point, highlighting the wide-ranging consultations prior to the plan's creation.

“The farmers, the fisherfolk, the public servants, the private sector, you name it, we consulted with everyone,” he said. The Prime Minister pointed to the government's proven record of

strategic investments in infrastructure, which have strengthened communities, attracted foreign capital, and boosted the private sector.

“We have delivered, and now we are moving forward and moving together for a better Guyana,” he affirmed.

PPP/C General Secretary Dr Bharrat Jagdeo also underscored the party's track record of delivery, noting that commitments made during the 2020 elections were fulfilled.

“We're a trustworthy party. Whatever we say we will do...that's why we believe that we will win these elections,” Dr Jagdeo declared.

The manifesto, themed **“Forward Together for a Better Guyana,”** outlines priorities for inclusive growth, bridging the gap between hinterland and coastal regions, and creating opportunities for households, businesses, youth, and vulnerable groups.

PPP/C'S MANIFESTO CHARTS GUYANA'S NEXT CHAPTER

The People's Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C) has launched its 2025–2030 manifesto, unveiling a sweeping plan to propel the nation forward economically, socially, and culturally. At its heart is a strategy to harness the country's booming oil and gas sector while ensuring that growth benefits every Guyanese citizen.

Oil production set to reach 1.7 million barrels per day by 2030

The manifesto envisions oil production reaching 1.7 million barrels per day by 2030, supported by eight major developments. To reach this target, the government plans to accelerate exploration, finalise new Production Sharing Agreements, and host international block auctions. Central to the plan is the Wales gas-to-energy project, featuring a 300-megawatt power plant and a Natural Gas

Traditional sectors such as sugar and rice will be modernised, while livestock and aquaculture will benefit from enhanced breeding programmes, new production facilities, and tax relief measures. The establishment of a regional food hub at Yarrowkabra and an agri-tech and agro-industrial complex will foster value-added food products, unlocking new markets for farmers

Corentyne Rivers, will further integrate Guyana with its neighbours, facilitating trade and mobility.

Air and marine transport are set for a major boost. A new aviation school and an expanded CJIA terminal will train professionals and handle increased passenger traffic. Municipal airports in Lethem and Rose Hall/Canje, as well as upgraded hinterland airstrips, will enhance domestic connectivity. On the water, a deepwater port in Berbice and new ports at Charity, Parika, and Port Kaituma will support agricultural exports. River mouths will be dredged, and a new marina will encourage recreational activities.

12 new hospitals already delivered; more upgrades ahead

Healthcare reform

are equally ambitious. Families will receive an annual \$100,000 “Because We Care” cash grant per child, supplemented by a transportation grant of the same amount. Scholarships under the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL) will be unlimited, ensuring universal access to education. The manifesto also highlights expanded school feeding programmes, textbook distribution, teacher salary improvements, and facility modernisation. These initiatives complement past achievements, such as abolishing tuition fees at the University of Guyana, forgiving student loans, and funding CSEC and CAPE subjects.

Old-age pension to increase to \$60,000

The manifesto



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

Liquids (NGL) facility to supply domestic cooking gas. A second 300-megawatt plant and a ship-loading terminal for oil exports are also planned, ensuring that Guyana maximises the economic potential of its natural resources while creating jobs and skills development opportunities for citizens.

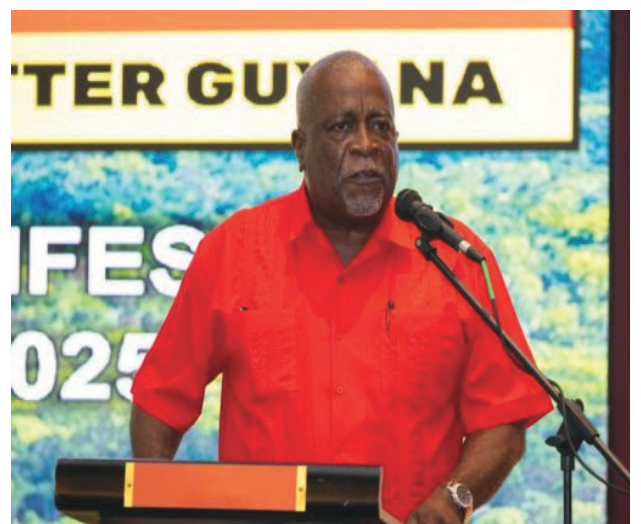
100,000 acres of new farmland to be opened

Beyond oil, the government aims to establish Guyana as the Caribbean's food-producing capital by 2030. Its strategy is multi-layered: opening 100,000 new acres of arable land, upgrading farm-to-market roads, and creating permanent farmers' markets.

and positioning Guyana as a regional leader in agricultural innovation.

Highways linking Lethem, CJIA, and Berbice to drive trade

Infrastructure development also takes centre stage in the manifesto. The government is committed to connecting communities, expanding markets, and improving trade corridors. Projects include upgrading the Linden to Lethem highway, completing the four-lane highway from East Bank Demerara to the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA), and extending the four-lane highway from Palmyra to Moleson Creek. Ambitious bridge projects, such as new four-lane crossings over the Berbice and



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips speaking at the launch of the People's Progressive Party Civic's (PPP/C) manifesto

is central to the government's vision. Building on the 12 new hospitals constructed in the previous term, the PPP/C plans to modernise health infrastructure, recruit and train professionals, and ensure a reliable supply of medical supplies. Digital health systems and a fully integrated Emergency Medical Services network will be deployed, while preventative care, specialised women's and children's services, prosthetic provision, and advanced tertiary care will ensure better health outcomes for all Guyanese.

\$100,000 annual “Because We Care” and transport grants per child

Education initiatives

includes a significant boost for senior citizens, with the old-age pension increasing to \$60,000 per month. In addition, every pensioner will receive a new \$50,000 annual grant to assist with transportation.

Persons with disabilities will also benefit from early intervention programmes, expanded access to assistive devices, housing support, and inclusive employment opportunities, ensuring no one is left behind.

40,000 new homes planned; Silica City advanced

Housing remains a top priority. Over the next five years, 40,000 new homes will be built, alongside expanded support for



The manifesto is themed Forward Together For A Better Guyana

LET PEACE AND UNITY GUIDE THE ELECTIONS, PRESIDENT ALI URGES IN ADDRESS TO THE NATION

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has reminded the nation that the strength of democracy lies not only in voting but also in the conduct of citizens before and after the polls. In his national address, he urged political leaders, activists, and voters alike to avoid inflammatory rhetoric, respect the rules of the process, and put country above partisanship.

ADDRESS TO THE NATION

My Fellow Guyanese, On Monday, the 1st of September, the people of our beloved country will once again journey to the polls to exercise their sacred right to vote in national and regional elections. The right to freely and fairly elect a government of one's choice is the very lifeblood of democracy. It is the solemn instrument through which we, the people, give direction to our nation's course and determine the leadership that will, over the next five years, guide our destiny. This right to elect our government and representatives of our National Assembly and Regional Democratic Councils was not handed down without cost. It was earned through the sacrifice of those who struggled



President Dr Moahmed Irfaan Ali making an address to the nation ahead of the General and Regional Elections

for our Independence, who laboured for our freedoms, and who, in times past, stood firm against efforts to deny our voice. To neglect this right is to dishonour their sacrifice. To surrender it carelessly is to imperil our sovereignty. Therefore, I urge every Guyanese, wherever you reside, whomever you support, whatever your station in life, to go forth on Monday and cast your ballot. Do so with confidence, do so with dignity, and do so in a manner befitting a proud and free people. Vote free from fear. Vote free from intimidation. Vote with the assurance that your

choice is yours alone, and that the right of your neighbour to make his or her choice is to be respected as zealously as your own. It is our solemn duty to respect each other's choices, but even more so to respect the collective will of the people. Elections should not be a contest to divide us, but a mechanism to unify us under the banner of democratic sovereignty. When the ballots are counted and the results declared, let us not allow bitterness, enmity or disappointment to stain the process. Let us not allow divisiveness, hatred, or suspicion to corrode the bonds of

fraternity that bind us as one nation. Instead, let peace and good order characterize these elections, as they must characterize the life of our Republic. And when the results are known, and the nation turns its face towards the future, we must be prepared to set aside narrow partisan differences and join hands in the service of the common good. The conduct of these elections must set the tone for what is to follow: a spirit of collaboration, a willingness to compromise, a dedication to national development, and a renewed commitment to

the unity and harmony of our people. The elections are not an end in themselves. They represent a beginning for collective action to advance Guyana's promise. Our law enforcement agencies have assured us that they stand vigilant, ready to safeguard the peace and to preserve order. They have pledged to respond firmly and condignly to any threat of disruption, and I have every confidence in their capacity to secure the stability of our land. Yet, I submit that the greater responsibility lies not with them, but with us, all of us. Peace will prevail not because it is

enforced, but because it is embraced. I therefore appeal to every citizen, and particularly to our political leaders and activists, to act responsibly in word and deed. Let us avoid inflammatory rhetoric. Let us respect the rules of the electoral process. Let us temper our passions and allow good sense and decency to guide our actions. The eyes of the world are upon us. But more importantly, the hopes of our children are vested in us. Let us not disappoint them. Let us give them the example of a people who can disagree without discord, who can contest without contempt, and who can choose without chaos. I urge that through our actions we ensure that these elections are peaceful and orderly; that our democracy once more prevails with honour; and that our Motherland emerge stronger more united. May God bless our people, safeguard our democracy, and guide our beloved Guyana. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

DISCIPLINED FORCES VOTE AHEAD OF SEPTEMBER 1 ELECTIONS

Members of Guyana's disciplined forces cast their ballots on August 22, ahead of the September 1, 2025, General and Regional Elections. Early voting was conducted among personnel of the Guyana Defence Force (GDF),

Guyana Police Force (GPF), and Guyana Prison Service (GPS), while members of the Guyana Fire Service (GFS) will vote on Election Day. President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Dr.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali, visited several polling stations, including Police Headquarters at Eve Leary, Georgetown, where he described the exercise as "very smooth" and "efficient." According to the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), 10,481 members of the disciplined services were eligible to vote at 83 polling locations nationwide, supported by 67 ballot boxes. Polls opened at 6:00 a.m. and closed without major incidents. Deputy Chief Elections Officer Aneal Giddings reported that 83 percent of registered service members turned

out to vote, the highest level of participation by the joint services since the 2018 Local Government Elections. Looking toward the national polls on September 1, Chief Elections Officer Vishnu Persaud assured that systems are in place to ensure the integrity



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali arriving at the GDF headquarters



Guyana Police Force (GPF) senior officers, after casting their votes



A member of the Coast Guard after casting his ballot

of the process. He emphasized that Statements of Poll will be accompanied by both police and party agents to guarantee transparency. "I do not foresee any hiccups, but should any arise, the commission

is fully prepared to address them immediately," Persaud stated. He added that GECOM is well-resourced and ready to manage all polling stations nationwide, as more than 700,000 registered voters prepare to cast their ballots.

TWO STATE-OF-THE-ART HOSPITALS OPEN IN REGIONS TWO AND SIX



The Lima Regional Hospital

The Government of Guyana has commissioned two new state-of-the-art regional hospitals, this time in Lima, Region Two, and Number 75 Village, Region Six, bringing world-class medical services closer to residents outside the capital. This follows the recent openings of regional hospitals in Diamond and Enmore (Region Four) and Bath (Region Five), part of a wider national effort to modernise and decentralise healthcare.

The Lima Regional Hospital, located on the Essequibo Coast, is a cutting-edge facility with a 75-bed capacity, offering 24-

hour emergency and laboratory services, advanced imaging technologies including CT scans and digital X-rays, three surgical theatres, and specialised

care. The hospital also houses a blood bank and an oxygen plant, significantly reducing the need for residents to travel to Georgetown for complex treatments.

The Number 75 Village Regional Hospital in East Berbice-Corentyne is hailed as the most modern health facility ever built in the region. It features advanced diagnostic services, modern CT scans, fully equipped operating theatres, and will serve as a medical teaching institution in partnership with the College of Medicine,

network,” he explained. He noted that the new facility in Berbice will reduce referral times, adding, **“Time in healthcare is life, and this facility is about saving lives.”**

President Ali highlighted that the government’s healthcare vision goes beyond infrastructure, encompassing human development, digital systems, and equitable access. **“From now on, your children who want to study medicine don’t need to go to Georgetown or overseas. They can study right here,”** he affirmed.

Residents and regional leaders welcomed the new hospitals as **“long overdue”** and **“a game changer”** for healthcare in their communities. President Ali concluded that the government is **“rewriting the healthcare map of this country,”** ensuring that Berbice, Essequibo, and other regions are leading the transformation.



The commissioning of the new Lima Regional Hospital



The Lima Regional Hospital



The commissioning of the new Number 75 Village Regional Hospital

These new facilities mark another major step in Guyana’s ongoing drive to decentralise and modernise healthcare, with six regional hospitals commissioned in less than three months, a demonstration of the government’s commitment to delivering tangible results.



The commissioning of the new Number 75 Village Regional Hospital



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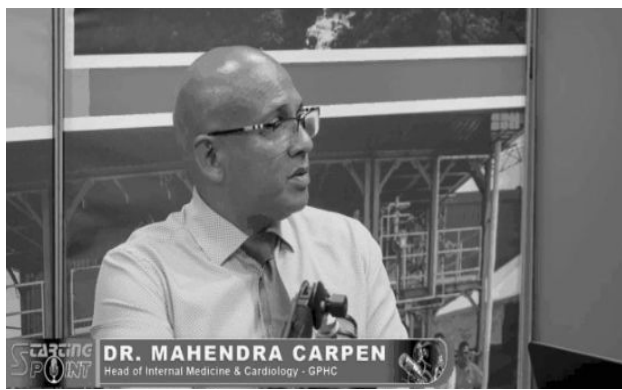
GUYANA ACHIEVING REGIONAL BREAKTHROUGHS IN HEALTHCARE — DR. CARPEN

Head of Internal Medicine and Guyana’s leading cardiologist, Dr. Mahendra Carpen, has hailed the past five years of healthcare development in Guyana as **“nothing slow and tedious”** pointing to the unmatched pace of progress driven by strategic government investments.

Speaking on the Starting Point Podcast, Dr. Carpen noted that Guyana has achieved a level of transformation rarely seen in the region. He said this rapid development has reinforced his

confidence in supporting the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Administration for another five years in office.

“I believe my service role now is to help re-elect a government that is taking the country in absolutely the right direction when it comes to healthcare and many other aspects of nation building,” Dr. Carpen said. He cautioned that deviating from the current leadership would be **“catastrophic”** for Guyana’s growth and



The Lima Regional Hospital

development.

Reflecting on the past five years, Dr. Carpen highlighted unprecedented progress across multiple sectors. **“There is nothing slow and tedious about**

what’s happened. We have seen remarkable progress in health, education, economics, infrastructure. The rate and scope of growth is just

phenomenal,” he emphasised.

Among the major achievements in healthcare, Dr. Carpen pointed to the construction of 12 new hospitals and the launch of advanced training programmes for doctors and nurses. He spotlighted the internal medicine training programme he pioneered in 2014, which has since expanded to include subspecialties such as cardiology, gastroenterology, pulmonology, and nephrology, providing care once out of reach locally. Most recently, the University of Guyana approved the launch of a cardiology training programme set to begin next year. According to Dr. Carpen, **“There is only one real choice at this point, the People’s Progressive Party, with a proven track record, a clear vision, and the commitment to empowering professionals in shaping the health sector.”**

NEW DEMERARA RIVER BRIDGE FULLY CONNECTED, COMMISSIONING SET FOR SEPTEMBER

The new Demerara River Bridge is now structurally complete, following the pouring of the final section of concrete on the main span early in the morning of August 28. President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali joined engineers and construction teams on-site to mark the milestone achievement.

Spanning 2.6 kilometres, the four-lane bridge links Nandy Park on the East Bank of Demerara with La Grange on the West Bank. At its peak height



Demerara River Bridge fully connected

of 50 metres, it allows Handymax vessels to pass beneath with ease. Built with a 100-year lifespan, the bridge is expected to significantly

ease traffic congestion while serving thousands of Guyanese for generations.

In brief remarks, President Ali described the project as a landmark accomplishment for Guyana’s development. **“Together, we’ve achieved an incredible piece of infrastructure for Guyana, and we’ve been able to achieve this because of the teamwork and the hard work of**

this team,” he said, extending gratitude to both local and international workers.

With the final concrete poured, construction crews will now focus on completing safety features, including rails and lane dividers. President Ali confirmed that the bridge will be commissioned in early September, noting slight adjustments were made to the design for improved traffic flow and management

Once opened, the bridge will operate 24/7, toll-free, and accommodate vehicles of all sizes and weights, with a maximum speed limit of 80 km/h. Its design will also incorporate the Cacique Crown of Honour (CCH), Guyana’s second-highest national award, as a symbol of national pride.

More than 50,000

commuters are expected to use the new crossing daily, translating into an estimated \$3.5 billion in annual savings. The bridge stands as another

major infrastructural feat under the PPP/C administration, promising lasting economic and social benefits.



President Ali leads final concrete pour



President Ali leads final concrete pour



Demerara River Bridge fully connected



Commissioner of Police Clifton Hicken

Commissioner of Police Clifton Hicken has assured citizens that the Guyana Police Force (GPF) is fully prepared to safeguard their

POLICE ASSURE SAFETY, RIGHTS PROTECTION ON ELECTION DAY

constitutional rights on Election Day, September 1.

In recent days, Commissioner Hicken has been meeting with ranks across the country, stressing that police presence in all 10 administrative regions is aimed at protecting, not interfering with, the democratic process.

“Police officers will be there

to ensure your constitutional rights are upheld and that you can participate peacefully and safely,” he stated.

The Commissioner highlighted that officers have undergone extensive training to manage any eventualities. He also issued a stern warning to those who may attempt

to disrupt the peace.

“Any attempt to create disorder, intimidate voters, or break the law will be dealt with swiftly and decisively,” he affirmed.

A deployment briefing with senior and junior officers was also held to finalise preparations.



Aerial of Commissioner of Police Clifton Hicken's pre-election muster at TSU tarmac, Eve Leary

GDF AND COLOMBIAN DEFENCE MINISTRY STRENGTHEN AIRSPACE COOPERATION

The Guyana Defence Force (GDF) and the National Defence Ministry of Colombia have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen aerial surveillance and bolster regional security cooperation.

The agreement focuses on enhancing airspace monitoring, countering illicit activities, and improving situational awareness through expertise sharing, technical exchanges, and capacity building. The MoU positions both



GDF and Colombia sign MOU on aerial surveillance cooperation

countries to respond more effectively to threats while reinforcing regional stability.

Chief of Defence Staff, Brigadier Omar Khan, described the collaboration as a **“significant step**

forward in advancing Guyana’s defence agenda,” emphasising that it enhances the GDF’s ability to safeguard national sovereignty while contributing to a safer and more secure region.

Commander of the Colombian Aerospace Force, General Luis Carlos Córdoba Avendaño, noted that partnerships of this nature are crucial for confronting shared security challenges. He highlighted that deeper cooperation and intelligence sharing will strengthen both nations’ defence networks.

The signing ceremony was attended by senior officers from both the GDF and Colombia’s defence ministry, alongside diplomatic representatives

including Colombia’s Ambassador to Guyana, Graybern Livingston, and Ambassador George



GDF and Colombia sign MOU on aerial surveillance cooperation

Talbot, Director of the Multilateral and Global Affairs Department. Their presence underscored the strong

political and diplomatic support behind this partnership.

Beyond its military significance, the MoU reflects Guyana’s growing role in regional security leadership and signals a new chapter

of collaboration in safeguarding the stability and sovereignty of the region.

GECOM MOVES TO PROTECT BALLOT SECRECY WITH CELL PHONE BAN

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has introduced new measures for the upcoming General and Regional Elections on September 1, 2025, aimed at strengthening ballot secrecy and safeguarding the integrity of the democratic process.

Chief among these measures is a ban on the use of cell phones within polling stations, a move designed to combat vote selling and prevent voters from photographing their ballots.

The initiative, grounded in the Representation of the People Act, Cap. 1:03, reflects GECOM's determination to preserve the sanctity of the ballot. Prominent notices, both pictorial and written, will be displayed at polling



Cell phones use ban within polling stations

stations, and voters will be reminded to turn off their phones before entering. Prior to receiving a ballot, voters will be instructed to place their phones on a designated desk or table next to the voting compartment, where they will remain visible to GECOM staff and party agents.

To further safeguard

the process, voting compartments will be arranged to prevent any attempt to photograph a ballot while maintaining voter privacy. If a voter is found violating the rule, an immediate report will be filed with the Guyana Police Force. Vote selling is a serious electoral offence punishable by a G\$65,000 fine and up to six months

imprisonment.

GECOM has also announced additional procedures to strengthen electoral integrity. Voters' National ID cards, passports, or driver's licenses will be temporarily retained until they complete the voting process, ensuring ballots are cast before individuals exit the station.

Chief Elections Officer Vishnu Persaud outlined further safeguards during a recent press conference. These include: The continued use of indelible ink on voters' index fingers. Strict verification of identification, supported by a photographic folio for voters without ID cards. Enhanced training for polling day staff to boost vigilance against irregularities. Tighter security around sensitive

materials such as ballots and tally sheets.

Persaud reassured the public about the durability of the ink, stating that manufacturers have guaranteed its effectiveness. **"It is not possible to remove**

application.

To ensure transparency, GECOM will also operate a dedicated media centre, providing real-time updates before, during, and after Election Day.

With these measures, the Commission



GECOM official at at the recent press conference

that ink easily unless something was applied to the finger beforehand," he explained, adding that tissues will be provided to clean fingers before

has underscored its commitment to free, fair, and credible elections, urging all voters to cooperate fully with the rules and respect the democratic process.

WIN'S VOTE-BUYING AND VIOLENCE OVERLOOKED BY OBSERVERS

General Secretary of the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, has expressed serious concerns over glaring omissions in the Carter Center's preliminary report on Guyana's elections, highlighting what he said are deliberate oversights of threats to the democratic process.

Speaking at his weekly press conference at Freedom House, Dr Jagdeo welcomed the

acknowledgement that the voters' list is not bloated, but criticised the failure to address allegations of vote-buying and intimidation linked to US-sanctioned businessman Azruddin Mohamed and his party, We Invest in Nationhood (WIN).

"Videos have emerged showing WIN representatives handing out cash at meetings, sometimes in Mohamed's presence. This is



General Secretary of the People's Progressive Party Civic, Dr Bharat Jagdeo

blatant vote-buying, yet the report fails to mention it," Dr Jagdeo

stated. He noted that GECOM had already issued warnings against

buying or selling votes, and APNU even called for a ban on cell phones in polling stations to curb such malpractice.

Dr Jagdeo also condemned violent incidents that the report ignored. He cited Bradley "Doggie" Sampson, a WIN campaign operative, brutally assaulting a woman over unpaid services, and WIN candidate Brian Max threatening the Minister of Education. **"People were beaten,**

threatened, and intimidated, how could the Carter Center miss that?" he questioned.

The Carter Center, invited by the Government of Guyana to observe the 2025 General and Regional Elections, has previously been praised for defending democracy during the disputed 2020 polls. Dr Jagdeo called on the organisation to acknowledge these violations and provide a fuller, more accurate account of electoral threats.



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

Acting Chief Justice Navindra Singh has ruled that the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) acted fully within the law when it excluded the Forward Guyana Movement (FGM) and the

Assembly for Liberty and Prosperity (ALP) from the ballot in several regions ahead of the upcoming elections.

The ruling, delivered in the High Court, ended legal action brought by FGM candidate Krystal

COURT DISMISSES CHALLENGE TO BALLOT EXCLUSION OF FGM, ALP

Hadassah Fisher, who argued her party's omission from Regions One, Two, Seven, Eight, and Nine violated her constitutional rights.

Justice Singh disagreed, finding that it was not GECOM but the parties themselves that lawfully opted not to contest in those districts. Under electoral law, political parties must submit candidate lists in each region they intend to contest. Neither FGM nor ALP filed lists in the disputed regions, making it legally impossible for

GECOM to place them on the ballot.

"You cannot tell voters in Region Seven that they can vote for a party which, by its own lawful choice, opted out of that region," Justice Singh noted.

The court dismissed Fisher's Fixed Date Application in its entirety, rejecting claims of constitutional breaches, discrimination, or procedural failures.

GECOM's attorney, Arudranauth Gossai, said the commission

simply followed the Representation of the People Act, while Attorney General Anil Nandall, SC, described the case as **"frivolous and completely meritless."**

Justice Singh also addressed costs, ruling that the late filing disrupted the court and election preparations. He awarded \$1 million in costs each to two respondents, payable by September 8.

Following the decision, Minister Nandall said the case

reflected a fundamental misunderstanding of Guyana's electoral framework and amounted to an abuse of the court's process. He assured citizens that the ruling clears the way for elections to proceed smoothly.

With the court's decision, GECOM will move ahead with ballots listing only those parties that submitted the required candidate lists in all 10 administrative regions.



\$11 billion Diamond to Buzz Bee Dam four-lane highway open to traffic

Thousands of commuters along the East Bank of Demerara now have relief from daily traffic congestion with the official opening of the \$11 billion Diamond to Buzz Bee Dam four-lane highway. President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali commissioned the new road, hailing it as a transformative project that will ease travel, improve productivity, and support national development. Constructed and designed by local

contractors, the modern highway provides a direct, uninterrupted link to Great Diamond and faster access to the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA). Importantly, it eliminates hours of gridlock that have long plagued the corridor. **“We are not stopping here at Buzz Bee Dam. This road will not end at Great Diamond. We are extending it to Soesdyke. Why? Because progress is**

DIAMOND TO BUZZ BEE HIGHWAY OPENS AS THIRD PHASE OF EAST BANK EXPANSION

our mantra,” President Ali declared at the ceremony. Acknowledging that construction caused temporary inconvenience to residents, the President described it as **“the price of progress.”** He noted that the new roadway will benefit households, industries, agriculture, tourism, and trade by improving connectivity and efficiency. **“Every extra minute trucks spend stuck in traffic is lost productivity. Every gallon of fuel wasted is money out of citizens’ pockets. That is why this road matters,”** he said, reminding citizens that projects once doubted

are now delivering smoother rides and faster commutes. The highway forms part of the government’s broader infrastructure programme, which also includes the soon-to-be-commissioned new Demerara River Crossing, expected to eliminate another major bottleneck along the East Bank. Housing and Water Minister Colin Croal highlighted that over the last four years, more than 56.5 kilometres of new highways and roadways have been built. **“Roads open access to housing development, attract new investments, and connect communities that were once**

isolated,” he said. Minister within the ministry, Susan Rodrigues, announced that Phase Four of the

phase of the project, following the Mandela to Eccles and Eccles to Diamond segments. It was executed in



An aerial view of the new four-lane highway

highway, extending from Buzz Bee Dam to Land of Canaan, will begin next year. The Diamond to Buzz Bee Dam connection is the third

lots by GuyAmerica Construction, VALS Construction, China Railway First Group, NABI, and H Nauth and Sons.

24/7 POWER NOW A REALITY FOR LEGUAN

Residents of Leguan, Essequibo Islands-West Demerara (Region Three), are celebrating a new era of reliable electricity with the commissioning of a 0.60-megawatt grid-forming solar photovoltaic (PV) farm. The \$292.1 million facility was officially opened by Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret’d) Mark Phillips, and is designed to provide 24/7 power while significantly reducing dependence on diesel generation. **“This new facility means that you now have 24/7 electricity, no restrictions, and the assurance that your energy**

needs will be met at a reduced cost. This is a promise we made to the people of Guyana, and today we are delivering it here in Leguan,” Prime Minister Phillips declared at the commissioning ceremony. The solar farm features a 600-kilowatt-peak solar array and a 1,200-kilowatt-hour battery energy storage system, allowing the island to operate on solar power and battery backup for approximately 10 hours daily. With adequate sunlight and storage capacity, it can potentially provide uninterrupted power year-round.



0.60 MW grid-forming solar photovoltaic farm in Leguan

The Prime Minister noted that Leguan now joins Wakenaam as one of only two islands in Guyana with energy security. He stressed that reliable electricity will not only improve living standards, but also unlock economic opportunities for the island, encouraging investment, tourism, and expansion of small

industries. **“This is about more than electricity, it’s about creating opportunities. With reliable power, Leguan has no excuse now but to grow its economy and showcase its culture and natural beauty as a tourist destination,”** he said. The project,

implemented by the Guyana Energy Agency in partnership with Digiflic Controls India Private Limited, is expected to cut diesel use by 1,400 drums annually, lowering costs and carbon emissions. This solar farm, following projects in Mahdia and Region Four, while earlier initiatives in Lethem and Bartica have already reduced diesel consumption by more than 12,500 drums. Prime Minister Phillips reminded residents that even during global fuel price hikes in 2023 and 2024, the government shielded Guyanese from higher electricity costs. **“That’s the type of leadership we are committed to, delivering development in every community,”** he affirmed.



PM Phillips and other workers at the commissioning



0.60 MW grid-forming solar photovoltaic farm in Leguan

Construction of the new US\$35 million Mackenzie-Wismar four-lane bridge is now past 55 per cent completion, bringing Region Ten closer to reduced traffic congestion and improved connectivity. According to the

Ministry of Public Works, all temporary works have been completed, including an office and accommodation area, a batching plant, a traffic detour road, a steel processing workshop, a test pile, a temporary trestle bridge, and a

MORE THAN 55 % OF THE WORK COMPLETED ON MACKENZIE-WISMAR BRIDGE

drilling platform. The beam yard, where precast concrete beams are fabricated and stored, is also nearing completion. On the permanent works side, contractor China Railway Construction (Caribbean) Co., Ltd. has completed and installed all eight precast anti-collision beams at Pier Three, following corrections to pile head concrete. At Abutment Pier Zero, prefabricated vertical

drain installation is complete, and backfilling

is in progress. Additionally,



0.60 MW grid-forming solar photovoltaic farm in Leguan

temporary protection has been placed on the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) pipeline at Pier Six, with GWI preparing for permanent pipeline diversion. Once completed, the 220-metre-long bridge will significantly improve connectivity and efficiency in Region Ten, positioning it as a hub for commerce and economic growth under the PPP/C Government’s transformative agenda.

TUSCHEN SECONDARY EVENING PROGRAMMES OPEN DOORS FOR FUTURE DOCTORS



The commissioning of the new Tuschen Secondary School

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali has announced that the newly commissioned Tuschen Secondary School in Region Three will double as a branch of the University of Guyana’s College of Medical Sciences, offering evening classes that will allow aspiring doctors and healthcare workers to study closer to home.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, President Ali explained that the programme will

doctors, nurses, and technicians working in Region Three will now have the opportunity to lecture at the College of Medical Sciences here in Tuschen, earning extra income with tax incentives,” he said.

The College of Medical Sciences currently offers more than 17 medical programmes. This year, 206 applications were submitted from Region Three, but only 86 students were admitted due to limited capacity. President Ali assured

that the new evening programme at Tuschen will accommodate the remaining 144 students by the end of the year.

“The work begins today to bring your College of Medical Sciences to this region. That is a government that understands planning,” he emphasised.

The \$930 million Tuschen Secondary School will also support night classes for students enrolled in the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL) scholarship programme, which has benefitted over 39,000 Guyanese since 2020. Dedicated learning spaces with internet access will be provided, with similar facilities to be introduced at other secondary schools across the country.

Highlighting the broader vision, President

Ali underscored the transformative role of education in shaping Guyana’s future.

“When we build



The newly commissioned million Tuschen Secondary School in Region Three

a school, we are not simply erecting another centre of learning; we are laying the foundation of the new Guyana that is being created. Education is the passport from struggles to success. It transforms people from surviving to thriving,” he told the gathering.

The one-flat Tuschen facility, complete

with allied buildings, features 24 classrooms, laboratories, a TVET centre, a canteen, a multi-purpose hall, cafeteria, sanitary block, fire safety systems, and an outdoor recreational area. With capacity for 800 students, it represents a modern educational hub in the region.

President Ali described the school as an asset that matches educational institutions anywhere in the Caribbean and Latin America, reinforcing his government’s commitment to delivering world-class opportunities.



A bird's-eye view of the newly commissioned million Tuschen Secondary School in Region Three



The newly rebuilt North Ruimveldt Secondary School

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali officially commissioned the rebuilt North Ruimveldt Secondary School, restoring a vital educational institution destroyed by fire in June 2021.

“This is about building an ecosystem of positive transformation in the classroom and

NORTH RUIIMVELDT SECONDARY RISES AGAIN WITH MODERN \$566.9M REBUILD

450 to 500 students and is outfitted with science and information technology laboratories, modern classrooms, teacher accommodation, and a sanitary block.

Executed by Kares Engineering, with consultancy by Engineer Marcel Gaskin, the project also features a contemporary external design.

Minister of Education Priya Manickchand underscored the school’s resilience and importance to the community. “Today, we

are proud to present a modern, well-equipped institution

that will provide opportunities for every child. The improvements reflect our continued

investment in education across the country,” she said.

The institution, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this September, will also benefit from a state-of-

the-art sports facility to support holistic student development.

The rebuilding of North Ruimveldt Secondary is part of the government’s wider effort to modernise education, with several schools, including Christ Church Secondary and St George’s Secondary, already restored this year. These projects reaffirm the administration’s commitment to ensuring students nationwide learn in modern, safe, and supportive environments.



An inside view of the newly rebuilt North Ruimveldt Secondary School

GEORGETOWN TO GET FIRST 300-METRE ATHLETIC TRACK

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has unveiled plans to construct Georgetown’s first 300-metre athletic track, along with world-class sporting facilities for students of North Ruimveldt Secondary School and the surrounding community.

Speaking at the commissioning of the newly rebuilt school, President Ali emphasised that holistic education requires investments not only in

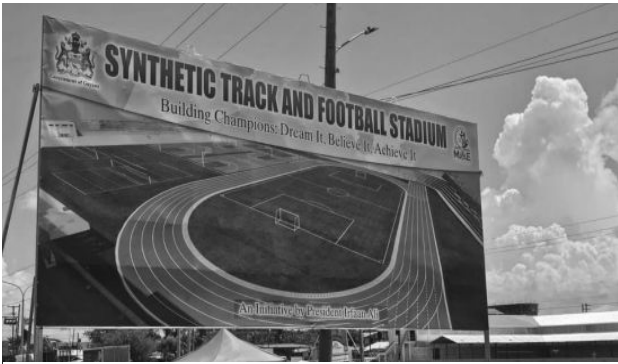
academics, but also in sports, mentorship, and community engagement.

“In the vicinity of this school, we will build a 300-metre athletic track to international standards, a FIFA-certified football field, and basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts,” he announced, receiving enthusiastic applause.

The facilities will serve both students and local youth, offering

opportunities to thrive through sports and structured mentorship programmes. President Ali highlighted a plan for 60 voluntary mentoring hours each month, encouraging men in the community to guide boys and complement the leadership of women.

He stressed that the initiative aligns with a broader national strategy to foster well-rounded citizens through education, skills training, and healthy lifestyles.



The 300-metre athletic track will be built to international standards

Following the announcement, Minister of Education Priya Manickchand convened a meeting with key stakeholders, including the president of the Guyana Olympic Association, Godfrey

Munroe, and Nicholas Fraser, Head of the Unit of Allied Arts at the Ministry of Education, to discuss the development of the athletic track and football stadium at North Ruimveldt Secondary School.

GUYANA CALLS FOR REGIONAL UNITY AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AND NARCO-TERRORISM

The Government of Guyana has voiced serious concern over the escalating threat posed by transnational organised crime and narco-terrorism in the region. Criminal networks, including Venezuela's notorious Cartel de los Soles, designated as a terrorist organisation by some countries, pose a significant risk to peace, security, and democratic governance. These groups have the capacity to overwhelm state institutions, undermine the rule of law, and hinder national development.

In an official



A view of the U.S.S. Gravelly (DDG 107) destroyer. It is one of the US ships allegedly on its way to combat drug cartels in the southern Caribbean. - AP PHOTO

statement, the government emphasised the urgent need for strengthened cooperation at national, regional, hemispheric, and global levels to tackle these threats.

Guyana reaffirmed its commitment, as outlined by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, to a collaborative and integrated approach, pledging continued support for regional and international efforts aimed at dismantling criminal networks.

“By confronting transnational organised crime and narco-terrorism with unity, we reaffirm our dedication to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that the region remains a Zone of Peace.”

the statement read, highlighting Guyana's

commitment to shared security and protection of human dignity.

The statement follows reports that a small fleet of US warships has been deployed to the Southern Caribbean to counter narco-trafficking networks near Venezuela. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio described the Maduro-led government as **“a criminal enterprise”** and announced a US\$50 million bounty on President Nicolas Maduro for alleged violations of US narcotics laws. Rubio referred to Maduro as the head of the Cartel de los Soles,

calling for him to be brought to justice.

In response, Maduro dismissed the US statements as “outlandish threats” and vowed to counter the military deployment with Venezuelan militias.

The developments underscore growing regional tensions and the pressing need for cooperative strategies to combat organised crime in the hemisphere.



PARTNERSHIPS ARE KEY IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING-CANU'S DIRECTOR

“Partnerships are the backbone of Guyana's fight against drug trafficking,” declared Director of the

Singh emphasised that international, regional, and local collaboration is essential to prevent Guyana from becoming a narco-state.



Director of Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit (CANU), James Singh

Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit (CANU), James Singh, on Episode Nine of the Safeguarding Our Nation programme.

CANU works closely with the Guyana Defence Force to dismantle illegal airstrips and partners with U.S., U.K., and

Caribbean counterparts for major cocaine seizures, adapting constantly to evolving trafficking routes.

Although Guyana does not produce cocaine, its geographic location between suppliers in the Andean region and consumers abroad makes it a transshipment point. Singh noted a recent shift in routes, with traffickers now directing shipments toward West Africa and Europe. Most drugs enter Guyana from Venezuela via maritime go-fast boats and private aircraft, with some remaining in the country and the majority being transshipped internationally.

CANU has conducted

several high-profile operations. In 2024, the agency seized its first locally constructed semisubmersible, followed by another off the coast, working with the U.S. DEA. Last year, 4.4 tonnes of cocaine were seized at an illegal airstrip with the GDF Special Forces. Internationally, collaborations have led to significant seizures, including 4.7 tonnes tracked to West Africa, while regional partnerships through CARICOM and training programmes in Jamaica have strengthened operational capacity.

In 2025, Operation ZUES involved 31 countries in 51 joint interdictions, resulting



Drug routes

in the destruction of 31 illegal airstrips and the seizure of 3.5 tonnes of cocaine across the region. Singh stressed that partnerships are crucial in combating a networked enemy.

He also highlighted the role of the public, noting that tips from citizens often lead to major seizures. CANU engages communities and schools through outreach campaigns and

the Drug Information Network, which brings together government and civil society to implement drug education, rehabilitation, and demand reduction initiatives.

“Partnerships are key in the fight against drug trafficking... We are fighting an enemy on different fronts, and collaboration is essential,” Singh stated.

Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo has cautioned that Guyana's rapid oil and gas development must be carefully managed to avoid the so-called Dutch Disease, emphasising that the People's Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C) is the only party with a credible plan for long-term economic

diversification.

Speaking at the launch of the PPP/C Manifesto 2025 at Pegasus Corporate Suites, Dr Jagdeo warned of the dangers of over-reliance on a single sector. **“We run the risk of the Dutch Disease; this could destroy our economy if not managed**

ONLY PPP/C CAN SAFEGUARD GUYANA FROM OIL-DRIVEN ECONOMIC RISKS-VP JAGDEO

carefully. Countries that mismanage windfall revenues from a single sector often see a decline in prosperity and, in some cases, economic disaster, Venezuela is a clear example,” he said.

He contrasted the PPP/C's forward-looking strategy with the opposition's short-sighted promises focused solely on oil revenues. **“Other parties talk only about how they will spend oil money, assuming prices remain high. What**

happens if prices fall? We're the only party emphasising wealth creation, economic diversification, and building a broad-based economy,” Dr. Jagdeo noted.

Outlining the government's approach, the Vice President highlighted President Ali's leadership in promoting a diversified economy. **“The new sectors, from hospitality and agriculture to biotechnology and cross-border trade with Brazil, will**



The launch of the PPP/C Manifesto 2025 at Pegasus Corporate Suites

receive critical policy support to ensure sustainable growth,” he said.

Dr Jagdeo stressed that the PPP/C's policies aim to ensure prosperity reaches every sector, not just oil and gas. He

concluded by affirming that only the PPP/C has the experience, track record, and foresight necessary to shield Guyana's economy from the pitfalls that have harmed other oil-rich nations.



The launch of the PPP/C Manifesto 2025 at Pegasus Corporate Suites

\$447M HQ AT LUSIGNAN DESIGNED TO CUT RECIDIVISM, IMPROVE STAFF WELFARE

The Guyana Prison Service (GPS) has a new home with the commissioning of a \$447 million headquarters at Lusignan, East Coast Demerara. The modern facility is expected to transform prison management, enhance staff welfare, and strengthen rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for inmates.

Equipped to support case management, training, and administrative functions, the headquarters will play a critical role in

reducing recidivism while promoting a more secure and accountable correctional system.

Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn hailed the project as “a metaphor for what we want to have in the system,” stressing that the government’s approach to prison reform goes beyond infrastructure.

“While we make new blocks, while we put in place schools, trade shops, and vocational areas, we are talking about reforming

and rehabilitating prisoners. We are doing these things to make a better society, a better country, better people, better communities,” the minister said.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Andre Ally, noted the dramatic improvements at Lusignan, recalling its dire state just six years ago. “Back then, this was a holding bay where citizens were kept under some of the worst conditions, and officers faced



\$447M prison headquarters commissioned at Lusignan

immense challenges,” he said.

Since 2020, more than \$4 billion has been invested in Lusignan, including new cell blocks, secure walkways,

kitchens, vocational schools, virtual courtrooms, and officers’ quarters. Ally contrasted this with the \$15 million spent on electrical works between 2015 and 2020

under the previous administration.

Director of Prisons Nicklon Elliot welcomed the new headquarters, calling it a timely intervention for staff and inmates. “We are very grateful for the investment... for the upliftment of staff welfare, staff conditions, and prisoners’ welfare and conditions,” he said.

The new facility forms part of the PPP/C government’s wider push to modernise Guyana’s prison system and support successful prisoner reintegration into society.



New Wisroc Fire Station in Region Ten

Residents of Region Ten are set to benefit from enhanced safety and emergency response with the commissioning of a \$33.9 million Command Operations Centre and a new \$138 million fire station in Wisroc. Both facilities, officially opened, are



New Command Operations Centre in Region Ten

designed to strengthen crime prevention, improve emergency response, and provide more resilient public safety services.

The Command Operations Centre, part of the government’s ‘Safe City to Safe Country’ expansion project, features advanced

surveillance technology, real-time monitoring, and improved operational coordination for the Guyana Police Force.

Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn, who officiated the commissioning, highlighted that the facility equips officers

REGION TEN GETS HIGH-TECH SECURITY AND FIREFIGHTING UPGRADE

with modern tools and training to respond quickly to incidents, enhance crime detection, and support forensic investigations.

“Modernising our security infrastructure ensures that our communities are safer, and our officers are fully prepared to serve,” Minister Benn said. The centre provides a central hub for monitoring the region, with cameras strategically placed to

maximise coverage and effectiveness.

Additionally, the new Wisroc Fire Station was inaugurated to improve emergency services and firefighting capabilities. The facility is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, training and IT rooms, emergency medical services offices, a control room, conference facilities, and living quarters for staff. Minister Benn stressed that the station will improve response times and safeguard lives and

property in the region.

Together, these investments demonstrate the government’s commitment to a comprehensive approach to public safety. By combining advanced crime-fighting technology with modern firefighting facilities, the PPP/C administration continues to build stronger, safer, and more resilient communities across Region Ten and beyond.

NEW HINTERLAND POLICE STATIONS, TRAINING CENTRES SUPPORT OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND AMERINDIAN RECRUITMENT

The government continues to bolster law enforcement in Guyana’s hinterland with the commissioning of modern police facilities in Regions Seven and Nine, enhancing operational capacity and community safety.

A new \$40 million police station was recently opened in Eteringbang, Region Seven. Commissioned by Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn, the facility is equipped with modern technology and resources to strengthen



New Annai Police Station

the Guyana Police Force’s (GPF) capabilities. Designed to improve crime prevention and reduce response times, the station will provide more accessible policing, enhanced emergency response, and foster stronger collaboration

with local communities.

This development complements the newly commissioned Regional Police Division #7 Headquarters in Bartica, valued at \$225.8 million. The headquarters features a range of specialised

offices, including the Traffic Office, Special Constabulary, Community Policing Group, Data Room, CID and Special Branch offices, Registry, and Court Superintendent’s Office.

These purpose-built spaces enhance investigative effectiveness, streamline administration, and serve as the strategic hub for law enforcement across the region.

In addition, two modern police stations were opened in Kamarang and

Imbaimadai, valued at \$31.7 million and \$39 million respectively. Both stations feature enquiries sections, juvenile lockups, CID offices, witness and identification parade rooms, and improved living quarters for officers, promoting welfare and operational efficiency.

Further, three more police stations were officially commissioned in Region Nine; Annai (\$99.9 million), Karasabai (\$35.4 million), and Lethem

(\$171.4 million). A Zara Computer Centre was also inaugurated in central Lethem at a cost of \$98.6 million to provide IT training.

Minister Benn emphasised that these modern facilities are vital for public safety, effective crime prevention, and building trust between the police and communities. He also highlighted efforts to recruit more Amerindian officers, promoting inclusivity and strengthening the GPF’s engagement with hinterland populations.

The National Insurance Scheme (NIS) has expanded its Life Certificate WhatsApp Service to better meet the needs of the growing pension population. The service, which allows pensioners to complete their Life Certificates via a simple WhatsApp video call, now offers 20 contact numbers,

up from six, improving accessibility and reducing wait times.

Pensioners, both locally and abroad, can verify their identity directly with an NIS agent, eliminating the need for in-person visits. To use the service, individuals must have one form of identification and a

blank Life Certificate during the video call.

This upgrade reflects the NIS’ commitment to convenience and timely processing of pension payments. The Scheme encourages

all pensioners to take advantage of the expanded service, particularly those living overseas.

For assistance, pensioners can contact any of the 20 Life

Certificate Call Centres’ WhatsApp numbers, ranging from +592 751 6401 to +592 751 6420.

This initiative ensures that pensioners continue to receive their benefits efficiently, even

from afar.

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PRESIDENT ALI UNVEILS BOLD TOURISM AND AVIATION VISION AT OPENING OF FIRST AIRPORT HOTEL



Courtyard by Marriott, Guyana's first international airport hotel

Guyana's first international airport hotel, the Courtyard by Marriott at Timehri, has officially opened, marking a major milestone in the country's tourism and hospitality sector. Commissioned by President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the US\$20 million investment created nearly 100

jobs for Guyanese and strengthens the nation's growing reputation as a travel and business hub. Located within walking distance of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA), the six-storey hotel features 150 rooms, including five executive suites, alongside modern amenities catering to

airline crews, diplomats, business travellers, and transit passengers. Built by local company Cardinal Investments Inc., on government-leased land, the facility employs 99 per cent Guyanese staff.

President Ali hailed the development as a symbol of ambition and confidence in Guyana's future. He outlined his administration's wider strategy to position tourism as a key pillar of the economy through large-scale hospitality investments, international events, and specialised niches such as eco-tourism, heritage travel, and adventure tourism.

"We must avoid the mistake of depending on a single pillar. Tourism must become a strong,

sustainable sector that balances our development and secures our future," the President said.

To complement this

in the government's next term, requiring strong partnerships between local investors and international partners.

The President also

security will allow Guyana to become a trusted clearinghouse for passengers transiting to the United States (U.S) and beyond.

"Being a hub requires not just planes and runways, but facilities and world-class hotels at our airport. That is how a small nation takes a giant step onto the global stage," President Ali affirmed.

Managing Director of Cardinal Investments Inc., Roy Bassoo Snr announced plans to expand with a 130-room Staybridge Suites Hotel along the Heroes Highway by 2026.

U.S. Ambassador Nicole Theriot praised the launch as a strong sign of confidence in Guyana's economic vision.



The commissioning of the US\$20 million hotel

push, he announced plans for all-inclusive resorts in Lethem, Leguan, Linden, Number 63 Beach, and Orinduik. Expressions of interest for these projects will be launched

revealed bold plans to transform CJIA into a world-class aviation hub, with a second terminal, upgraded runways and taxiways, and next-generation air traffic systems. Strengthened

HYATT PLACE HOTEL BRINGS \$10B INVESTMENT TO PROVIDENCE

The Guyana Office for Investment (GO-Invest) is facilitating a landmark investment exceeding \$10 billion to bring a Hyatt Place Hotel to Providence, East Bank Demerara. Situated just 15 minutes from Georgetown and close to key landmarks such as Amazonia Mall, the National Stadium, and the Demerara Harbour Bridge, the development underscores Guyana's growing appeal to international investors.

The hotel, located at 2441 Plantation Providence, will feature 136 upscale rooms designed to international 4-star



SIR Investments Guyana Inc to deliver Hyatt Place Hotel at Providence

standards. Guests will enjoy modern amenities, including a restaurant, fitness centre, swimming pool, rooftop lounge,

and indoor and outdoor bars. Its strategic location also ensures easy access to residential and commercial hubs,

as well as Cheddi Jagan International Airport.

Construction, which began in 2022 under SIR Investments Guyana Inc., with Varaya Guyana Inc. as the primary contractor, is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026. The project forms part of Guyana's broader plan to expand business tourism and strengthen the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Events (MICE) sector.

"This development demonstrates Guyana's rising profile as a destination for international



SIR Investments Guyana Inc to deliver Hyatt Place Hotel at Providence

investors. The Hyatt Place project is not just about building a hotel; it is about creating jobs, strengthening tourism, and diversifying our economy," said Dr Peter Ramsaroop, Chief Investment Officer.

The Hyatt Place

Providence adds to a growing network of branded hotels across the country, boosting accommodation stock and supporting Guyana's ambition to become the world's leading eco-destination while catering to international business and leisure travellers.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali turned the sod for the construction of a new 150,000-square-foot Terminal Two at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA), a project aimed at easing overcapacity and preparing Guyana to become a regional aviation hub.

The modern terminal will be constructed by UK-based BHM Construction in partnership with the Manchester Airport Group, with works set to begin next year.

President Ali explained that the rapid

growth of Guyana's aviation sector has already stretched the existing facilities beyond their limits, with airlines, ground handling agents, and international brands seeking more space and opportunities. The new terminal, he said, will expand capacity while creating a more efficient passenger experience.

"This intervention is not just about infrastructure, it is about building a global aviation community," the President said, adding that the government's plans include a first-class aviation school to train

Guyanese and regional professionals as part of a growing knowledge economy.

The President underscored his vision of transforming CJIA into a major departure and transit hub for travelers moving between South America, Africa, North America, and Central America. **"If Miami can be a hub, why not Guyana?"** he asked.

Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, Oneidge Walrond, noted

CJIA'S 150,000 SQ. FT. TERMINAL TWO TO EASE OVERCAPACITY

that the second terminal will also support the expanding tourism sector, complementing broader government investments such as a planned global arena in Georgetown.

The sod-turning ceremony was attended by Public Works Minister Bishop Juan Edghill, Minister within the Ministry of Public Works Deodat Indar, members of the diplomatic corps, and private sector representatives.



Sod turned for the construction of the modern 150,000 square feet Terminal Two at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA)

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PPP/C'S FINAL RALLY

"VICTORY WILL BE OURS"

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At a massive final rally at Lusignan on the East Coast, President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali declared that the PPP/C is committed to ensuring that every single Guyanese, regardless of where they live, their political views, or background, shares in the nation's progress.

"We have fulfilled every single promise. We worked hard side by side with you," the President said, pointing to transformative investments in housing, healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

Calling on citizens to turn out in their numbers on election day, he stressed:

"The smell of victory is in the air. But we must not take it for granted. Put your X in the box next to the cup, top and bottom, because that is the only way victory will be secured."

President Ali reminded supporters that the PPP/C's agenda is rooted in inclusivity and equity. From better salaries and improved working conditions to modern healthcare and housing opportunities, he assured Guyanese that under his leadership no one will be left behind.

He also reaffirmed his government's commitment to women's safety, farmers' prosperity, and opportunities for youth to access higher education and training.

"The PPP/C is the only credible choice" – VP Jagdeo

Vice President and General Secretary Dr Bharrat Jagdeo told the roaring crowd that the PPP/C's record of delivery makes it the only credible choice to take Guyana forward.

"This is the only party that is working day and night to unify our people. We are bridging the racial barrier while others use fear-mongering and division," he declared.



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Confident of strong support across the country, including from Amerindian communities and areas once considered opposition strongholds, Dr Jagdeo said: **“Watch out for the results. We will beat them everywhere.”**

Listing five years of transformational progress, from new roads, bridges, schools, and hospitals to international hotels, agriculture investments, and free training for Guyanese, he said the PPP/C has kept every single promise made in 2020.

“This is why I am more confident than in 2020,” Dr Jagdeo added. “We have grown tremendously, and today, even those who once campaigned against us are carrying our message of progress.”

“Five more years of development” – PM Phillips

Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret’d) Mark Phillips urged Guyanese to show up at the polls and secure another term for the PPP/C.

“This is all about progress for every Guyanese. When you vote for the PPP/C, you are voting for five more years of development,” the Prime Minister said.

He pointed to the PPP/C’s proven record of transforming communities nationwide, with new schools, hospitals, and roads improving lives in every region.

“Five years ago, you made the right decision. Today, you can look around and see that the PPP/C has delivered. Anything you want, ask the PPP/C,” he told supporters, to thunderous applause.

The Lusignan rally, described as one of the largest political gatherings in Guyana’s history, was marked by energy, confidence, and unity. Leaders and supporters celebrated the PPP/C’s track record while looking ahead with determination.

As September 1 approaches, President Ali, Vice President Jagdeo, and Prime Minister Phillips all made one final call: Turn out, cast your vote for the PPP/C, and secure Guyana’s future of progress, prosperity, and inclusivity.





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RISING PPP/C LEADERS HERALD A NEW ERA OF PROGRESS



Scene from the meeting in Novar, Mahaicony, Region Five

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali has hailed the next generation of People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) leaders as the driving force behind Guyana's progress, resilience, and national unity.

Speaking to a large crowd in Novar,

Mahaicony, Region Five, President Ali said the energy, determination, and optimism displayed by young candidates gives him confidence in the future of the party and the nation.

"When I look at this stage and the young men and women representing the PPP/C, I can say confidently that our party is in safe hands," he declared. He noted that their active engagement on social media and at public events demonstrate a new era of leadership built on commitment and pride.

"You are standing for what is right. You are standing for a stronger, better, and

more prosperous Guyana," President Ali told the audience, highlighting that these young leaders embody the party's core values of love, unity, security, justice, and development.

He contrasted the PPP/C's record of 75 years of dedicated service with that of its opponents, emphasising that youth leadership within the party reflects resilience, vision, and a commitment to hard work and service. The party now includes more than 25 candidates under 25 years old, the youngest being just 18.

President Ali also outlined comprehensive development plans for Region Five. These

include investments in primary healthcare, with lab facilities in every Neighbourhood Democratic Council (NDC), and education, streetlights, market access roads, a four-lane highway, improved electricity and water systems, permanent dredging, sanitation, housing, and childcare centres.

Farmers will benefit from modern feed mills, cold storage, crop insurance, drone technology, guaranteed minimum prices for paddy, and faster payments. Small business owners will receive grants, training, and investment opportunities, while procurement reforms



Scene from the meeting in Novar, Mahaicony, Region Five

will prioritise local producers.

"It is about building a future that creates opportunity and prosperity. I am impatient about this future because I do not intend to leave any of this work

behind for those who come after me," President Ali declared, urging residents to vote to protect their families, freedoms, and the nation's continued growth.

RUPUNUNI BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND HEALTHCARE FLOURISH UNDER PPP/C



20-year-old Region Nine resident Janele Macedo

Region Nine has witnessed remarkable growth in education, healthcare, and economic opportunities over the past five years under the leadership of President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, local leaders told thousands gathered at a PPP/C rally in Lethem.

Chairman of Region Nine, Brian Allcock, described 2020–2025 as **"five years of**

unprecedented progress", pointing to nine new secondary schools currently under construction and the upcoming establishment of a world-class hospital



Candidate for the People's Progressive Party/Civic Cerdel McWatt speaking to residents of Region Nine

to serve the entire region. **"In five years, Guyana has moved from promise to progress, rebounding from crisis to become the fastest growing economy,"** Allcock

said. **"More jobs, better infrastructure, and increased access to education are transforming lives here in the Rupununi."**

Over 60,000 jobs have been created during this period, surpassing the 50,000-target set during the 2020 campaign. Investments in education have trained 9,000 teachers, ensuring students across the hinterland benefit from quality instruction.

PPP/C candidate and Regional Health Officer Cerdel McWatt highlighted significant improvements in healthcare. **"Between 2015–2020, only three facilities were operational, and fewer than 40 health**

workers served the region. Today, 62 healthcare facilities are in operation, over 1,300 surgeries have been conducted, and 400 healthcare providers have been trained and employed," he said. McWatt stressed that continued progress requires the re-election of President Ali.

Candidates Vania Albert and Manley Thomas emphasised the expansion of businesses across the Rupununi. Albert noted that farmers and entrepreneurs are thriving under government support, while Thomas said the growth of small enterprises across villages demonstrates the region's economic

potential. **"Across every village, you see people setting up shops and generating income because opportunities are now flowing,"** Thomas



Candidate of the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPPC) Vania Albert

said. Young resident Jonell Macedo echoed the optimism of many in attendance. **"Region Nine will not be left behind. We are seeing real transformation: new**



Chairman of Region Nine, Brian Allcock

schools, improved roads and bridges, and free education," she said. **"Under President Ali and the PPP/C, Region Nine matters, and most importantly, you matter."**

The rally highlighted the tangible results of PPP/C governance in the Rupununi, demonstrating how strategic investments in businesses, education, and healthcare have created a foundation for continued growth and prosperity in Region Nine.

"DREAMS MADE POSSIBLE" — LEGUAN RESIDENTS THANK PPP/C FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Residents of Leguan have credited government scholarships with transforming their lives, saying opportunities once out of reach have now become reality through initiatives like the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL).

At a public meeting on the island, residents expressed heartfelt gratitude to the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Government

for fulfilling its promise to expand access to education. Many said the scholarships made their dreams possible, empowering them with degrees and professional careers.

Engineer Seenarine Nandram shared how a government scholarship changed his future. **"A scholarship in the engineering sector costs between \$5 million and \$7.5 million. Because of**



Resident of Leguan, Seenarine Nandram

an initiative piloted by His Excellency, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and the PPP/C Government

I received a scholarship worth \$7.5 million. Without it, I would not have become an engineer," he explained.

Similarly, 26-year-old Annieza Ally said her scholarship allowed her to earn a degree in Public Management. **"I am one of the young Guyanese females who is a living example of the promises delivered. Today in 2025, I**

proudly stand as a degree holder," she said.

Through the GOAL programme, more than 39,000 Guyanese have already benefited, with Vice-President Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo recently pledging that scholarships will continue to be available to all eligible citizens over the next five years.



Scholarship recipient of Leguan, Annieza Ally

ERC preliminary observation reports show GECOM conducted elections ‘transparently’

THE Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC), having deployed approximately 200 Observers across the country, reported, based on preliminary observation reports, that the General and Regional Elections 2025 were conducted professionally and transparently by the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM).

The ERC, in a statement, noted that the electoral process was free, fair, and carried out in an atmosphere devoid of fear or intimidation.

The ERC observers reported that polling stations were generally well organised, with procedures being followed, and that GECOM staff displayed professionalism and courtesy in the execution of their duties.

The ERC emphasised the importance of the ballot counting and

verification of Statements of Poll (SOPs) being conducted with the same level of transparency and professionalism, and the official results to be made public within the shortest possible time.

The Commission commended the people of Guyana for their peaceful participation in the process, and for their collective contribution towards ensuring credible elections.

“In anticipation of the results from GECOM, the ERC calls on all Leaders of Political Parties to appeal to their supporters to remain calm, respect and avoid actions that would build tensions in our society. Let harmony and good relations prevail,” the Commission said.



Members of the Ethnic Relations Committee

Peaceful polls: OAS Chief

GUYANESE across the country cast their ballots in a ‘peaceful, disciplined, and orderly’ fashion, with there being no reports of major hiccups across polling stations. This is according to Chief Observer of the Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) of the Organization of American States (OAS), former Prime Minister of Jamaica Bruce Golding.

Speaking to reporters at a Polling Station in Queenstown, Georgetown, Golding disclosed that his team visited several polling stations across the country, and told reporters that there were no major hiccups, as Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) officials were well equipped and professional.

“I think the people of Guyana deserve to be congratulated on the peaceful and disciplined way in which they have gone out to cast their ballots,” he said, adding:

“I think certainly the polling officials who are representing GECOM also need to be congratulated on the very professional way that they have been carrying out their duties, and I expect the rest of the process will attract the same kind of discipline, orderliness, and professionalism.”

The OAS, he said, is generally satisfied with the process thus far, highlighting the professionalism of polling agents in guiding and accommodating citizens through the process.

Golding highlighted particularly the priority and additional support that was given to the differently abled and other vulnerable members of the electorate. “I was particularly impressed I myself visited 62 of those polling stations since morning, and I was particularly impressed at how professional the polling officials appeared to be.”

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Scene from the public meeting in black bush polde

Thousands of rice farmers across Guyana are set to benefit from new government initiatives, including storage facilities and a price stabilisation fund, aimed at ensuring fair prices and timely payments.

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali made the announcement while addressing

hundreds of supporters at a public meeting in Black Bush Polder, Region Six. He explained that the measures are designed to keep farmers in business and strengthen the country's food security.

"We have to build a price stabilisation fund so that our farmers can be guaranteed a minimum price for their paddy," the President said. He also confirmed the introduction of transportation grants to reduce the cost of moving produce, helping to lower prices for vegetables and other crops.

President Ali

highlighted the importance of marketing support, bringing small and medium-sized



Scene from the public meeting in black bush polder

farmers together into consortia, and providing fertiliser and modern tools. Cash crop and livestock farmers will benefit from modern feed mills, improved breeding stock, and precision farming

technology, including drones, to reduce costs and increase yields.

The President also outlined broader development plans for Region Six, including the Corentyne River bridge connecting Suriname and Berbice, modernisation of the Berbice Bridge, construction of a deep-water port, and a second gas pipeline, positioning the region as a hub for trade, logistics, and energy.

Investments will extend to healthcare, childcare centres, housing support, youth development, and community safety through streetlights, CCTV cameras, upgraded



Scene from the public meeting in black bush polder

police equipment, and enhanced community policing.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Mohabir Anil Nandlall, SC, praised the community's contribution to Guyana's agriculture. **"Because of your indomitable spirit and hard work, you have been able to feed Guyana for the last 75 years,"** he said, noting the region's

potential to supply the Caribbean.

He also stressed the importance of democracy, warning that past attempts to undermine elections under the APNU+AFC coalition jeopardised citizens' rights and freedoms. Minister Nandlall urged residents to participate seriously in the September 1, 2025, elections.

OREALLA AND SIPARUTA FARMERS WIN BIG



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali addressing a public meeting at Orealla

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali's visit to Siparuta and Orealla highlighted plans to expand farming capacity, upgrade

infrastructure, and provide direct support to families and workers.

During a public meeting with villagers, the President announced the construction of a storage facility in Corriverton, which will serve farmers from both communities. Pineapple farmer Felix Leonard praised the initiative, saying, **"He's a man to his word...whatever he promises, he always delivers."** A cargo boat and captain will also be provided

to transport produce to the Corentyne coast, facilitating expanded farming operations.

President Ali outlined comprehensive agricultural support, including fertiliser, financing, tools, equipment, and extension services. **"Our farmers can expect direct help...to build and expand their farms,"** he said, adding that the government aims to grow the livestock industry ten-fold.

Critical community issues were also addressed. The President confirmed plans to expand electricity coverage with subsidies, provide 24-hour water access, and upgrade internal village roads with concrete infrastructure. Families will receive financial support to build or

improve homes, and a childcare centre will be established for teachers,



The meeting at Orealla

nurses, and medics.

Education and professional development were highlighted, with local pathways for nursing diplomas, degrees, and master's programmes, as well as provisions for future medical studies at the College of Medical Sciences.

The President also pledged increased salaries and training

for pathway workers and Community Service Officers (CSOs), enabling access to full-time, higher-paying employment. Pensioners will benefit from enhanced financial support and services.

In Siparuta, a new housing initiative will support home extensions, rehabilitation, and



The meeting at Siparuta

upgrades, while electricity costs will be significantly reduced.

President Ali assured residents that



Pineapple farmer Felix Leonard

these initiatives are part of a broader five-year plan for sustainable development. **"We are building a viable**

future for you and your families...a future in which you will aspire, be secure, and thrive," he said.



The meeting at Orealla

Thousands of farmers across Region Five are now saving \$1.6 billion in drainage and irrigation (D&I) charges and land rental fees, thanks to the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C).

Lionel Wordsworth, Chairman of the National Drainage and Irrigation Authority (NDIA), highlighted the initiative during a public meeting in Novar, Mahaicony, reminding residents of the government's



Chairman of the National Drainage and Irrigation Authority (NDIA) and PPP/C candidate, Lionel Wordsworth

support for small and medium-scale farmers.

In 2017, the then A

Partnership for National Unity + Alliance for Change (APNU+AFC) coalition had significantly increased D&I charges in the Mahaica/Mahaicony area, forcing farmers to pay between \$3,500 and \$15,000 in fees.

"When the PPP/C assumed office in 2020, one of the first actions of our President was to

return \$1.6 billion to our farmers' pockets by removing the increased D&I charges," Wordsworth stated.

The government has also invested in improving drainage and irrigation systems and constructing farm-to-market access roads, easing transportation challenges for farmers

across Region Five.

Wordsworth emphasised that Guyana is the only country among 186 globally that is fully self-sufficient in food production, a testament to strategic agricultural support and effective government planning.



More drainage works are expected to be undertaken in several communities in Region Five

REGION FIVE FARMERS SAVE \$1.6B IN D&I CHARGES

KAMARANG TO SEE MAJOR UPGRADES



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali speaking to residents

Amerindian communities in the Upper Mazaruni sub-district of Region Seven can look forward to significant improvements in transportation, education, housing, and infrastructure under the

next PPP/C government, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali announced in Kamarang.

Addressing residents, President Ali contrasted his party's approach with that of the opposition, stressing that the PPP/C sees Amerindian communities as equal partners deserving of support and empowerment. **"We don't see ourselves on top of you; we see ourselves as your equal partners and friends with a responsibility to build stronger, more prosperous communities. The PPP/C has your back,"** he said.

The President

outlined plans to enhance education in the region, including teacher training opportunities that allow educators to graduate without leaving their villages. A modern study hub with digital facilities will also be established, enabling children to access degrees, diplomas, and programmes offered by the University of Guyana.

President Ali announced that the D.C. Caesar Fox Secondary School, the only secondary school in the district, will be modernised and connected to a teaching hospital, enabling students to pursue careers in nursing, dentistry, medical technology, and other

fields locally.

To reduce the high costs of transportation, direct investments will be made in assets that improve mobility for



Scene from the public meeting

residents. Additionally, a cold storage facility will be established in Kamarang to preserve produce and essential goods, while local contractors will soon

begin work on an all-weather road connecting Waramadong to Kamarang, creating jobs and improving access to farmlands. Paruima will

and improving accommodation for teachers, nurses, and doctors.

"The decision is very simple. It is about a party that has delivered, a party you can trust, a party that respects you, a party that visits you, and a party that stands side by side with you," he declared.

Accompanying the President were Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance Gail Teixeira, Minister of Natural Resources Vickram Bharrat, Minister of Home Affairs Robeson Benn, former MPs Alistair Charlie and Lee Williams, and other candidates.

MAJOR HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SOESDYKE-LINDEN HIGHWAY COMMUNITIES



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali enjoying a light moment with residents of Silver Hill along the Soesdyke-Linden Highway

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali has outlined a comprehensive plan to transform communities along the Soesdyke-Linden Highway, with initiatives spanning housing, agriculture, and infrastructure development.

Speaking at Silver Hill, the President announced that the government will ensure residents gain access to

land titles, homes, and modern amenities as part of the regularisation and development process. A dedicated unit within the Attorney General's Office will be established to manage land regularisation.

"We don't only want to regularise communities. We want to build settlements along the highway. For that, we need proper

planning," President Ali said, noting that areas such as Adventure, Kairuni, Silver Hill, and Loo Creek will benefit from these efforts.

Billions of dollars are being invested in water, electricity, and other services to support these new settlements. Surveys have already been completed to guide the development of housing schemes designed to accommodate 400 to 500 homes in each community.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Mohabir Anil Nandlall, said teams of surveyors will soon begin accelerating the process. He disclosed that President Ali has set an eight-month timeline for comprehensive

planning and allocation of house lots, which will enable residents to receive land titles, **"the first step towards empowerment."**

Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Public Affairs, Kwame McCoy, added that streetlights will be installed across communities to create safer environments.

Alongside housing, President Ali delivered a new tractor with implements to Silver Hill to strengthen agriculture and support transportation. He assured residents that additional resources would be allocated to encourage women and youth in farming, including opportunities



Attorney General Anil Nandlall S.C., and Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Public Affairs and Information, Kwame McCoy addressing the residents

to own shade houses.

"I am pleased that we are able to deliver again on a commitment we made with the tractor... It will help you with your farming and community work," the President told residents.

Meanwhile, over \$460 million in



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali in Silver Hill

roadworks has been earmarked for Kairuni, Adventure, Silver Hill, and Moblissa. At Silver Hill, work on internal roads will begin immediately, while Adventure's main access road project is valued at \$62 million.

President Ali emphasised that young people will be engaged in road construction to ensure local participation and benefits.

"We are together with you on this journey. We want to work with you on this journey," he assured residents.

Young people in Melanie, East Coast Demerara (ECD), have praised the ongoing transformation of their community, highlighting improvements in



Joshua Joaquin, resident of Melanie, East Coast Demerara

infrastructure, safety, and opportunities for youth empowerment.

Speaking with the Department of Public Information, several residents expressed their

gratitude for the positive changes that have taken place in recent years.

Resident, Joshua Liverpool, described the development as impressive, pointing to the construction of a new nursery school and an adjoining playground for children. He also commended the installation of new street lights, which have brightened the entire community.

"Melanie had a lot of potholes and it didn't have a road in each street, mostly it was just dam and sand. The roads have been done, and even widened through

the market area, which is the most



Resident of Melanie (ECD), Joshua Liverpool

active part of the community," Liverpool explained. He further noted that flooding, once a persistent issue during

rainfall, has now been resolved through better drainage systems.

Another resident, Joshua Joaquin, also voiced his appreciation. **"I just give nuff thanks to the President for doing a good job in the community, for the lights, roads, playground, nursery school, and health centre. He is doing a great job; he deserves the next five years,"** he said. Joaquin especially welcomed the



Delton Peters, resident of Melanie, East Coast Demerara

road upgrades, which now allow vehicles to travel smoothly without potholes or flooding delays.

Meanwhile, young resident, Delton Peters, praised the initiatives for creating local jobs

and empowering youths. **"When the road was being done, we came out and got a day's work or two. This brings employment to the youth because when contracts are given within the area, local people benefit,"** Peters noted.

He added that the improved drains and new street lights have enhanced safety, helping residents feel more secure, particularly at night.

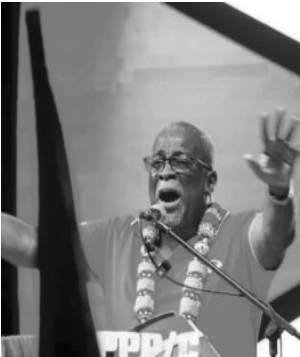
PPP/C TO BOOST SCHOLARSHIPS, EMPOWER YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



Scene from the public meeting at Eccles

The People’s Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C) has pledged to expand educational opportunities and skills training for Guyanese as part of its vision for a knowledge-driven economy.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali outlined the plan during a public meeting in Eccles, East Bank Demerara, emphasising that education and



Scene from the public meeting at Eccles

human capital are central to the country’s economic growth.

“Today, we have commenced the building process of the economy of the future...The economy of the future is a knowledge economy. That is why we are investing...our greatest asset must be our human capital,” President Ali said.

The PPP/C’s initiative includes granting scholarships to every eligible student, expanding the University of Guyana’s engineering and medical faculties, and implementing financial literacy programmes. It also aims to provide training

for small and medium-sized business owners to equip them with the skills needed to thrive in a competitive economy.

President Ali stressed that investing in education not only empowers individuals, but also attracts investors, strengthens businesses, and creates higher-paying jobs. “Investors know their investment is safe in this country. They trust the government, our policies, and our leadership,” he said.

Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret’d) Mark Phillips highlighted that sustainable development



Scene from the public meeting at Eccles

requires a clear vision. “You can only bring development to the people if you have a vision, a vision for a brighter future for every Guyanese,” he said, reaffirming the PPP/C’s commitment to shared prosperity.

Both leaders stressed that continued growth, youth empowerment, and women’s opportunities depend on visionary leadership, which they said will be ensured by returning President Ali to office.

OPPOSITION USING FAKE POLLS TO MISLEAD VOTERS - DR. JAGDEO



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

PPP General Secretary says tactics aim to suppress turnout and stage crowds ahead of elections

As Guyana heads to the polls, General

Secretary of the People’s Progressive Party (PPP), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, has accused opposition parties of using fake polls and shifting narratives to mislead voters.

At a press conference, he referred to an editorial in the Kaieteur News claiming that a New York-based businessman funded a “scientific” poll conducted by University of Guyana students. He pointed out that the letter included no methodology, findings, or credible data. “Then suddenly, on every opposition site, this gets reflected,” he said, warning that such tactics are part of a broader disinformation

campaign to undermine confidence in the PPP.

Dr. Jagdeo also accused opposition figures, including Nigel Hughes, of encouraging PPP supporters to stay home on Election Day, calling it a calculated effort to suppress votes. He criticised the staging of crowds and inflated turnout figures by the opposition, contrasting it with the PPP’s record-breaking rallies nationwide, noting that the opposition has now shifted its stance on the importance of crowds.

PPP/C will deliver a ‘handsome majority’

Confident in his party’s track record,

Dr. Jagdeo declared that the PPP/C is poised to secure a “handsome majority” in Parliament. He urged Guyanese to back credible leadership, emphasising that the stakes are high. “These elections are not simple elections. You’re staking a lot, your future on them,” he said, noting that APNU, AFC, and WIN lack the capacity to lead.

Highlighting achievements over the past five years, he pointed to the revival of rice, sugar, and mining, tax reductions, and the Local Content Law, which has created thousands of

jobs. He also stressed the importance of strong leadership amid the Venezuela border dispute before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), saying only the PPP/C can protect Guyana’s interests.

Reiterating commitments to public sector workers and families, Dr. Jagdeo concluded: “The PPP/C will win and win with a handsome majority because we’ve been working for the past five years, and the people of this country have seen the results of that work.”

PRESIDENT ALI AND PPP LEADERSHIP CALL FOR NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



President Dr Moahemd Irfaan Ali with a mother and her kids at the rally in Eccles

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has urged all Guyanese to make a personal and collective commitment to ending domestic violence, as he called on citizens to pray for the 10-year-old boy who survived a brutal attack that claimed the lives of his parents.

Speaking to residents in Eccles, President Ali stressed the importance of individual responsibility in building safer, stronger communities.

“Each one of us must make a stronger commitment to making a difference...to be a better friend, a better neighbour, a better parent, a better family,” he said.

He highlighted the need for children to grow up in nurturing and safe environments, free from violence, warning that silence only perpetuates pain and suffering. “We owe it to this child and so many others to do better,” President Ali said. “We

must work harder not only to secure a prosperous country, but also one in which families can find joy in living together.”

Police reported that 36-year-old Alroy Solomon fatally shot his estranged wife on Charlotte Street, Georgetown, before attacking his son, leaving the boy critically injured, and then taking his own life. President Ali assured the nation that the government stands firmly with the child as he begins his journey of healing.

General Secretary of the People’s Progressive Party (PPP), Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, also emphasised the urgent need to tackle domestic violence,

describing it as one of the most pressing social issues in Guyana.

Dr. Jagdeo stressed that legal measures alone are insufficient, calling for a cultural shift that rejects violence in all forms. “We have to change the culture,” he said during a press conference at Freedom House. “We must ensure that domestic violence is not acceptable in any form. It has no place in a modern or humane society.”

The PPP’s 2025–2030 development plan includes a strong focus on education and early intervention to address domestic violence. Dr. Jagdeo explained that the party intends to work



General Secretary of the People’s Progressive Party (PPP) Dr Bharrat Jagdeo

with schools through civic programs to instill values that promote a more compassionate and humane society from a young age.

In the immediate term, the government will work closely with communities, civil society, and religious organisations to address the root causes of

violence and support victims.

President Ali and Dr. Jagdeo’s statements underline a renewed national effort to combat domestic violence, emphasising both policy action and a societal change in attitudes as essential steps toward protecting families and children.

FIVE NEW LAND SURVEYORS SWORN IN TO GUIDE GUYANA'S DEVELOPMENT

President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali has called on Guyana's newest land surveyors to uphold integrity and professionalism as they contribute to shaping the country's future development.

Five young professionals, Meshacq Richards, Kishon Dos Santos, Justin Jarvis, Troy Histick, and

Tyrek Grant, were officially sworn in after successfully completing the land surveyors' examinations. A sixth candidate, Tyrese Spiers, will take his oath upon returning from overseas.

The President reminded them that land surveying goes beyond measurements and maps, describing it as a vital pillar of national

growth. From guiding infrastructure planning to safeguarding the environment, their work will help ensure that development remains fair, sustainable, and well-managed. He stressed that integrity must underpin their role in advancing national progress.



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali and five newly appointed land surveyors

FESTIVAL CITY POLYCLINIC PILOT MARKS START OF E-HEALTH TRANSFORMATION



Minister of Health Dr Frank Anthony at the launch of the online patient booking system at Festival City Polyclinic in Georgetown

The Festival City Polyclinic in Georgetown is now the first facility in Guyana to pilot the country's new national electronic health records (eHEALTH) system, marking a major step in modernising healthcare

delivery. Speaking at the launch, Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony highlighted the ministry's plans to ensure the system's success nationwide. **"We have US\$5 million**

set aside to start a technical school to train personnel who can be deployed to every region to provide these technical services as the platform rolls out," he said.

The initiative will also train young Guyanese with the technical skills

needed to maintain and manage the eHEALTH system, ensuring quick resolution of any issues that arise. While younger, tech-savvy patients may navigate the platform easily, support will be available for older users as the system expands.

The eHEALTH

system aims to improve healthcare efficiency. With the Festival City Polyclinic serving as



Online patient booking system being piloted at Festival City Polyclinic in Georgetown



Online patient booking system being piloted at Festival City Polyclinic in Georgetown

by streamlining patient referrals and transfers, enhancing documentation accuracy, shortening waiting times, and assisting healthcare professionals in making better-informed decisions.

the pilot site, this rollout represents the beginning of a nationwide transformation that will modernise patient care and improve the overall healthcare experience for all Guyanese.



President Ali interacting with vendors and residents at the Rupununi Farmers Market in Lethem, Region Nine

The People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) is set to expand farmers' markets across the country as part of its continued efforts to ease cost-of-living pressures on Guyanese families.

General Secretary of the PPP/C and Vice President, Dr Bharrat Jagdeo, said the initiative will allow farmers and producers to

sell their goods directly to consumers at central, accessible locations. By cutting transportation costs and bypassing middlemen, the move is expected to lower food prices and improve access to fresh produce.

"The food prices, we did not have the same sort of success, and that is why in the next term we said we

GOV'T TO EXPAND FARMERS' MARKETS, TACKLE COST-OF-LIVING PRESSURES

have to focus more on cost-of-living issues. We will get cheaper cooking gas and more farmers' markets," Dr Jagdeo explained.

He noted that although Guyana's food production has grown significantly,

transportation and input costs continue to keep prices high. To address this, the government is also planning to construct a state-of-the-art fertiliser plant in the coming years to further support farmers.

Dr Jagdeo stressed that the administration



Minister of Housing and Water Collin Croal commissioning the Acquero water supply system



Farmers' markets were arranged at several locations countrywide

is committed to easing the financial burden on citizens. **"We'll do that by putting more money in your pocket, by taking away some of the costs from them so that they don't have to fund these costs,"** he said.

In recent years, the government has implemented a range of measures to help families cope, including subsidies on water, electricity, and fuel, reduced mortgage rates, and liberalised telecommunications to keep internet costs affordable.

GUYANA DIGITAL SCHOOL REGISTERS 4,600 STUDENTS, EXPANDS TO CARIBBEAN

An impressive 4,600 students have already registered for Guyana’s Digital School, a groundbreaking platform designed to transform education delivery through technology and digital learning tools.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali announced that the initiative will soon expand to learners across the Caribbean. **“This school will be**

open to all of the Caribbean. Students from every country in the region will study at the Guyana Digital School,” he said at the International Building Expo 2025.

The president highlighted that the platform will revolutionise access to education while fostering regional integration. **“It allows us to build regional networking among our children,”**

he noted.

The Digital School has already been implemented in several schools, including Abram Zuil Secondary and Vergenoegen Secondary, providing students countrywide with equitable access to high-quality online resources. The platform offers online textbooks, teaching materials, and lessons focusing on entrepreneurial skills, cultural education,



President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali at the Guyana Digital School booth at the Building Expo

electronic nursing, and accounting. Students can participate in live lectures, quizzes, and discussion forums, all aligned with the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) syllabus. Experienced local teachers monitor progress, host sessions, and answer questions, ensuring the lessons are

engaging and relatable for Guyanese learners.

The initiative, overseen by the Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), bridges geographical barriers and provides free lessons to students at all levels nationwide. Announced in April 2024, the Digital School reflects the government’s commitment to expanding educational opportunities through technology.

Students interested in enrolling can register at: digitalschool.moe.edu.gy

NEW NURSERY SCHOOLS OPEN AT NUMBER EIGHT VILLAGE AND HOPETOWN

One hundred twenty-one nursery-aged children in Region Five will now enjoy spacious and modern classrooms following the commissioning of two new nursery schools at Number Eight Village and Hopetown, West Coast Berbice.

Minister of Education Priya Manickchand officially opened the



New \$175M nursery schools commission at Number Eight, Hopetown

facilities, which will ease overcrowding and improve early childhood education in the area.

At Number Eight Village, 41 pupils and five teachers have moved into an \$85 million nursery school, replacing cramped classrooms at the nearby primary school. The village now has nursery, primary, and secondary education facilities.

In Hopetown, 80 children and nine trained teachers transitioned from an old wooden building into a \$90 million modern facility. The village now boasts a nursery, primary school, and a Practical Instruction Centre (PIC).

Minister Manickchand highlighted that the government has built

67 new nursery schools in just three and a half years, the highest investment ever made in early childhood education.

“Every child is guaranteed a place in a nursery school. We want to develop well-rounded, wholesome students ready to take on primary education,” she said, assuring that the government will continue providing the infrastructure, trained teachers, and resources needed to support children nationwide.

The PPP/C government has pledged to rebuild Kwakwani Secondary School in Region Ten after an early morning fire on August 24 destroyed a significant portion of the building.

Minister of Public Works, Bishop Juan Edghill, described the incident as **“painful”** and **“agonising”**, stressing the importance of continuing to serve the community and students. **“I am proud to announce that**



A team from the Ministry of Education visiting the school

the President Ali-led administration will rebuild Kwakwani

GOVT TO REBUILD KWAKWANI SECONDARY SCHOOL FOLLOWING FIRE

Secondary,” he said.

Minister Edghill assured that reconstruction will be swift to minimise disruption to education, with alternative arrangements coordinated with local authorities to ensure learning continues while the new school is being built.

Preliminary reports

from the Guyana Police Force indicate that the blaze, which started in the south-western section of the building, consumed the IT laboratory, Head Teacher’s office, auditorium, library, staff room, and washrooms. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Within hours, a

team led by Deputy Chief Education Officer (Administration), Mrs. Tiffany Harvey, with Assistant Chief Education Officers Mr. Sherwyn Blackman and Mrs. Sauda Kadir-Grant, assessed the damage and outlined measures to resume classes promptly.

The Ministry of Education, in coordination with the

224 ESSEQUIBO RESIDENTS CERTIFIED THROUGH BIT TRAINING

A total of 224 residents from lower and upper Essequibo have successfully completed technical training programmes offered by the Board of Industrial Training (BIT), equipping them with skills to boost employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The graduating class included 82 males and 142 females completed courses in electrical installation, welding

and fabrication, joinery, cosmetology, and small engine repairs, commercial office administration, food



Minister of Labour Joseph Hamilton with BIT graduates and other officials

Delivering the feature address at the graduation ceremony, Minister of Labour Joseph Hamilton underscored government’s commitment to expanding technical and vocational education. **“We have trained 1,746 persons in Region Two over five years. We have expended \$190.8 million in training,”** the minister noted.

He explained that

BIT continues to partner with village councils, Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (NDCs), technical institutes, and the private sector to ensure training reaches communities nationwide. **“BIT has made its mark through the length and breadth of this country, including Region Two, where you reside,”** Minister Hamilton added.

Graduates were urged to apply their skills to launch small businesses and take advantage of opportunities within the oil and gas sector.



A graduate receiving her certificate from Minister Joseph Hamilton

The government has reaffirmed its commitment to providing training and tools that empower citizens to thrive in Guyana’s growing economy.

UPPER MAZARUNI TO GET FIRST TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE

Residents of Upper Mazaruni, Region Seven will soon benefit from a state-of-the-art technical training centre designed to equip young people with skills for key sectors, including mining, forestry, and government services.

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali announced the project during a visit to Region Seven, revealing that construction will begin before year-end. The facility will also feature a food processing hub



President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali arriving at the meeting

to support local families and promote value-added production and economic growth. **“We will not only set up the training centre, but we will invest in the tools through which our**

young people will be trained,” President Ali said, emphasising that the initiative will prepare youth for long-term opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

The government plans to collaborate with companies such as Machinery Corporation of Guyana Ltd (MACORP) to provide hands-on training in heavy-duty operations.

This centre, the first of its kind in Upper Mazaruni, is part of the

PPP/C government’s broader agenda to bridge the development gap, ensuring all Guyanese have access to quality education, vocational training, and employment opportunities.

President Ali described the investment as a transformative step for the sub-region, highlighting its potential to create jobs, foster skills development, and drive community-level economic growth.

YOUTH VOICES HEARD AT FIRST CHILDREN’S CONFERENCE AT ACCC



Part of the gathering

Over 200 children gathered at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre (ACCC) for a landmark conference that gave them the opportunity to socialise, share ideas, and voice concerns about issues shaping their future.

The event, organised by the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security (MHSSS)

in collaboration with UNICEF, brought together participants from Regions Three, Four, and Six, including children in foster care, childcare facilities, and those with disabilities and special needs.

Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Dr Vindhya Persaud, encouraged the participants to embrace

their rights and make informed choices that will benefit their lives and careers. **“You have the right to choose just as you have the right to education, to health, to survival, and to every other opportunity out there,”** she told the gathering.

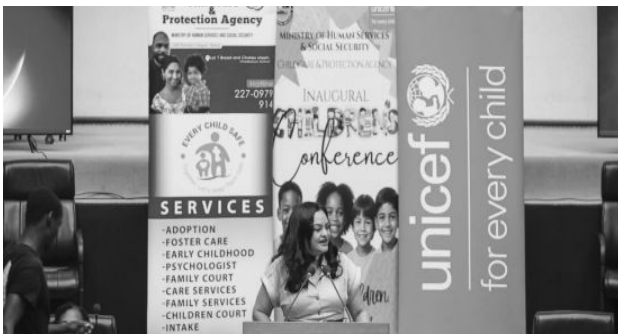
Dr Persaud also highlighted the services

available through the ministry, including the 914 hotline to report abuse. She reminded participants that many children suffer violence and abuse in various forms, sexual, emotional, mental, and physical, and urged them to speak out and seek help.

The children were also advised to use social media responsibly,



Scene from the inaugural children's conference



Minister of Human Services and Social Security Vindhya Persaud addressing the conference

protecting themselves from potential risks associated with online platforms.

The conference featured breakout sessions where participants engaged in discussions, along with a career exhibition showcasing future job opportunities.

Officials from the Childcare and Protection Agency, the Rights of the Child Commission, and UNICEF also attended, reinforcing the government’s, and partners’ commitment to empowering young people and safeguarding their rights.

Twenty-four-year-old Tanika Sam, a determined and goal-oriented young woman, is preparing to embark on a five-year journey to China to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Her studies will be made possible through a scholarship from the Ministry of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC).

The scholarship is part of a broader partnership to build local capacity in the oil and gas sector, equipping Guyanese with the expertise to manage and develop the country’s petroleum resources.

Reflecting on the



Scholarship Beneficiary, Tanika Sam

opportunity, Sam described the moment she learned of her award as life-changing. **“Upon learning that I would have received a scholarship to pursue my bachelor’s degree in petroleum**

engineering in China, it was an ineffable feeling that took over me. It felt like all the hard work and sacrifices I made were finally paying off,” she told the Department of Public Information (DPI).

Sam noted that the scholarship means everything to her, offering the chance to gain international experience and return home with the skills needed to contribute meaningfully to Guyana’s energy sector. She will be studying at the China University of



Tanika Sam during a recent lab session

Petroleum in Beijing, where she will learn advanced techniques and be exposed to China’s cutting-edge innovations. The award also covers tuition, accommodation, and a stipend, removing the financial barriers to studying abroad.

Minister of Natural Resources, Vickram Bharrat, described the initiative as vital in preparing the next generation of Guyanese engineers. He stressed that training is central to ensuring the oil and gas sector delivers long-term benefits for the country.

For Sam, the opportunity goes beyond academics. **“It was a humbling moment, because I knew this would not only change my life, but also allow me to represent my family and country on an international stage,”** she said.

She also commended the government’s investment in youth, noting that scholarships and training programmes help build capacity and empower the next generation.

CLEAN WATER NOW WITHIN REACH FOR HUNDREDS IN REGIONS ONE AND TWO



Minister of Housing and Water Collin Croal commissioning the Acquero water supply system

A total of 670 residents in Acquero, Skyland, and Koko in Region One now enjoy improved access to potable water following the commissioning of new water supply systems in each village. The projects, costing a combined \$44 million, were inaugurated by Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal, alongside Guyana Water Inc. (GWI) Hinterland Services Director Ramchand Jailal and community representatives. In Acquero, 130 residents now benefit from a \$15 million well, featuring a six-

inch PVC water well, a solar-powered pumping system, and a protective fence. The project was implemented collaboratively by GWI and the local community to ensure sustainable access to safe water.

In Skyland, nearly 70 residents can now rely on a \$17 million system that includes a six-inch PVC well, a 1.5-kilometre distribution network, 15 standpipes, a photovoltaic pumping system, and a 25 ft by 25 ft chain-link fence, providing water to 95 per cent of the village.

Meanwhile, in Koko, approximately 98 per cent of residents now receive water from a new \$12 million well with

almost three kilometres of distribution network, solar-powered pumping, standpipes, and household connections. The old well, equipped with an 11 SQF pump, was integrated with the new system to ensure continuous service.

Region Two also saw significant improvements, with 190 families in Lake Capoey receiving water storage tanks to supplement existing supply systems. Additionally, about 500 residents of Bethany now have access to potable water through a \$35 million supply system. The project, prompted by community requests during the National Toshaos Council (NTC)



Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal, with residents of Lake Capoey and Mission during the distribution of the tanks

Conference, included With these upgrades, a six-inch PVC well, 85 per cent of the community now enjoys nearly two kilometres of distribution network, a photovoltaic pumping system, 180 water tanks, and a protective fence.

121 HOUSE LOTS PLANNED FOR 'TRACT PK' AT PORT KAITUMA



An aerial view of the site earmarked for the 'Tract PK' scheme at Port Kaituma

A new housing development named Tract PK will soon be established at Port Kaituma, Region One, bringing affordable homeownership closer to scores of families. Minister of Housing and Water, Collin Croal,

said the scheme will occupy approximately 39.3 acres of land recently acquired from the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission (GLSC). Of this, about 22 acres will accommodate 121 residential house lots.

The tendering process for the first phase of infrastructure works has closed and is now at the evaluation stage. **“Once the awards have been made for the bids, then we will commence the infrastructure work,”** Minister Croal

explained during a recent interview with the Department of Public Information (DPI).

Construction of the new scheme is also expected to create employment opportunities for residents in nearby communities. Earlier in August, Minister Croal visited the site, located next to the Oronoque community, where he reiterated government’s commitment to making homeownership accessible to all Guyanese.

Meanwhile, at Tract



Minister of Housing and Water Collin Croal examines the map of the housing development at Port Kaituma, Region One

A Mabaruma, 37 house represents the second lots have already been major housing initiative allocated. This area, in Region One, following which contains 55 the development at residential lots in total, Kokerite Hill.



Red caps and taxi drivers welcome the new rest facility at the CJIA

The Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA) has unveiled a new rest facility dedicated to enhancing the welfare of Red Caps and taxi drivers. The initiative is part of the airport’s ongoing efforts to improve operational efficiency, boost staff morale, and enhance the overall passenger experience. The facility offers comfortable spaces for

staff to rest, helping them recharge during demanding shifts and ultimately providing passengers with more reliable ground transportation services.

At the opening ceremony, taxi drivers and Red Caps expressed their appreciation for the airport’s commitment to their well-being. Dindial Abraham, speaking on behalf of taxi drivers, said, **“This is a big step for us. Having a comfortable place to take a break not only improves our working conditions, but also shows that airport**

management values our contribution to the passenger experience.”

Lawrence Barker, a Red Cap team leader, added, **“We are happy with the airport’s management. This new facility will improve our welfare and help us serve the public better.”**

The new rest facility is part of broader upgrades at CJIA, which include a commercial centre, VIP lounge, enhanced aircraft parking, administrative offices, and an improved baggage handling system. These developments aim



Red caps and taxi drivers welcome the new rest facility at the CJIA

to meet international standards and accommodate the growing number of passengers passing through the airport.

PRESIDENT ALI PLEDGES LAND TITLES,DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NORTH TIMEHRI RESIDENTS



President Ali showing residents the technical work that is ongoing behind the scenes

For hundreds of families in North Timehri, the prospect of secure land ownership is now within reach. President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali has pledged that within the next three to six months, residents will begin receiving long-awaited land titles, unlocking

opportunities for home improvement, financing, and investment. The head of state made the announcement to over 600 residents at Faith Tabernacle Church, following years of negotiations. He emphasised the significance of land security in fostering economic empowerment. **“Out of regularisation comes your ability to own land, to build, to get a loan, and to invest in your businesses,”** President Ali said. A verified list of 600-plus structures will be published for public scrutiny, and

soon after, households will receive their official Letters of Assurance. Each recipient will also benefit from a steel and cement subsidy under the Ministry of Housing and Water to assist with construction. President Ali highlighted that the government will collaborate with banks to allow Letters of Assurance to serve as collateral for home loans, and key stakeholders will work with local leaders to advance the process smoothly. Recognising the needs of working parents, the president announced that a planned daycare



A section of the congregation

facility for airport staff will be expanded to serve the entire community. Residents will also benefit from employment opportunities linked to major developments around the Cheddi Jagan International Airport, including a new hotel, a nearby resort, and the construction of Terminal Two. A

technical education programme will train young people for these jobs, with stipends and transportation provided. Additionally, a forthcoming Business Development Bank will offer a special financing window for small and medium-sized enterprises. President Ali

stressed that the government’s housing model aims not only to provide shelter, but to build wealth, citing the 500 new homes for single mothers in Yarrowkabra, now carrying significantly higher market values. He thanked local leaders and the church for their cooperation and urged residents to guard against false claims that could disrupt the regularisation process. **“What we are now entering is the phase where you will reap the rewards of the hard work, just as the Bible teaches us,”** President Ali said. He was accompanied by Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister, Kwame McCoy.



50 individuals to receive prosthetic limbs

More than 50 amputees in Guyana will regain mobility and independence through the inaugural India – CARICOM Prosthetic Limbs Camp, a partnership among the Ministry of Health, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and the

High Commission of India in Guyana. Launched at the Ptolemy Reid Rehabilitation Centre in Georgetown, the initiative provides prosthetic limbs free of cost, aiming to improve the quality of life for individuals

PROSTHETIC LIMBS CAMP RESTORES MOBILITY FOR OVER 50 AMPUTEES

living with disabilities. Professionals at the camp work closely with recipients to ensure proper fitting, training, and adjustment to the prosthetics. Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony highlighted the transformative impact of the programme. **“Now that you have your own mobility, you don’t have to depend on anybody. It gives you independence, and soon many will**

return to work, which will be life-changing,” he said. Dr. Anthony added that the initiative is intended as an ongoing programme, allowing more people to benefit over time. High Commissioner of India to Guyana, Dr. Amit Telang, reaffirmed India’s commitment to regional cooperation and confirmed that the project will expand to include other CARICOM states. Dr. Ariane Mangar,

Director of Disability and Rehabilitation Services in Guyana, explained that the initiative helps individuals regain mobility, dignity, and autonomy. **“We have already completed 35 prosthetic limbs and aim to fit 50 more before the camp concludes,”** she noted. The ceremony also saw the participation of High Commissioner of Belize to Guyana, Gale Miller-Garnett,

and CARICOM Deputy Programme Manager for Health Sector Development, Dr. Serena Bender-Pelswijk. This collaboration between Guyana and India demonstrates the power of international partnerships in transforming lives, providing amputees with the tools to regain independence and actively participate in their communities.

ANOTHER SEWING HUB OPENS IN REGION FOUR

Residents of Buxton now have the opportunity to learn sewing and garment-making skills through a new sewing hub at Tipperary Hall. Outfitted with six modern sewing machines, the facility is free for residents to

use and aims to help individuals develop skills and generate income. The hub was commissioned by Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Dr. Vindhya Persaud, who encouraged women in the

community to use their new skills to start small businesses and achieve financial independence. She also emphasised the importance of supporting women’s emotional and mental well-being, alongside financial empowerment. Minister Persaud

assured residents that the Ministry would provide ongoing support to ensure their success. This is the third sewing hub opened in Region Four within a few weeks, reflecting the government’s commitment to skills development and creating opportunities for people to build better lives.



The brand-new Sewing Hub at Tipperary Hall, Buxton

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme, a partnership between Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) and UNICEF, has improved the lives of more than 4,000 individuals across Guyana by providing enhanced access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services. Over 3,000 residents now benefit from upgraded water facilities and household supplies for water collection and treatment, supporting

the government’s goal of universal, equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water. Since 2020, more than \$65 billion has been invested in the nation’s water sector. In River’s View, Region Ten, a \$7 million water supply system was commissioned, providing first-time access to potable water for 334 residents and improving coverage for 70 per cent of the village population. The WASH project, included the

WASH PROGRAMME BRINGS CLEAN WATER TO OVER 4,000 PEOPLE



Minister Croal with residents and other officials as he samples the water from one of the River's View wells

installation of nearly four kilometres of pipelines, upgraded wells, and solar-powered systems. As part of the WASH initiative, GWI also installed a hand pump at Farm Core and set up rainwater harvesting stations at the Village Church and Primary School in Imbotero, Region One. To ensure sustainability,

17 Community Service Officers (CSOs) were trained to manage the solar-powered water systems, empowering local communities to take ownership of their infrastructure, a core component of the government’s community-led development strategy.

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vulnerable families through the Core Home Support Programme. Informal settlements will be regularised, communities upgraded, and large-scale projects like Silica City advanced. Tax incentives, steel and cement subsidies, and an increased low-income mortgage ceiling will make homeownership more accessible than ever.

Modern treatment plants to ensure clean water access across Guyana

Access to clean water will be expanded and modernised through new surface water treatment plants, including one at Hope, benefiting both coastal and hinterland communities. Previous successes in reducing tariffs, removing VAT on water, and providing pensioner subsidies form the foundation for continued improvements in water security.

New cricket academy, stadium, and

synthetic tracks for athletes

The manifesto also invests heavily in Guyana’s cultural and creative industries. Plans include a national museum, an art gallery, digital platforms for visual art, annual



A section of the audience attending the PPP/C's manifesto launch

fashion festivals, performing arts events, and a cultural market at Palmyra. Sports infrastructure will see upgrades with a new international stadium at Palmyra, synthetic tracks, multipurpose centres, a world-class cricket academy, a

15,000-capacity indoor stadium, and high-performance training facilities, supporting young athletes and creating career pathways for retired professionals.

Strengthened diplomacy and new missions abroad



On the international stage, the government seeks to strengthen diplomatic ties, establish new missions, and assist Guyanese businesses in accessing global markets. A new migration policy will protect local workers while enabling strategic foreign recruitment.

The diaspora will be engaged for investment, innovation, and expertise, particularly in oil and gas.

Police Force modernised with digital case systems and CCTV

Security remains a priority, with upgrades for the Guyana Police Force, the introduction of digital case management, expanded CCTV coverage, and “Smart Road” initiatives for traffic safety. The Guyana Prison Service will receive infrastructure upgrades, training for officers, and rehabilitation programmes for juveniles. Fire services, including marine and industrial response units, will see expansion, alongside digital transformation and voluntary brigades. Customs and anti-narcotics units will be strengthened to combat drug trafficking and corruption.

Eco-tourism,

heritage tours, and luxury lodges to attract global visitors

Tourism development is a further highlight, with initiatives to attract eco-tourism, adventure parks, riverine marinas, and branded luxury lodges. Medical, agro, heritage, and sports tourism are being promoted, while domestic tourism will be encouraged through affordable staycation programmes and the establishment of a Hospitality & Tourism Training Institute.

Stronger NDCs and municipalities with more resources

Finally, local governance will be strengthened by empowering Neighbourhood Democratic Councils and municipalities with resources, training, and community engagement opportunities. More frequent elections, increased subventions, and consultations with residents will ensure

councils can deliver essential services such as waste management, street lighting, and drainage, addressing the everyday needs of citizens.

By building on past achievements and laying a strong foundation for the future, the manifesto aims to create a more prosperous, inclusive, and resilient Guyana, where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive, communities are connected and empowered, and the nation’s resources drive sustainable growth for generations to come.



The People's Progressive Party Civic manifesto

TUSCHEN AND UNITY WELCOME NEW PARKS



Tuschen residents welcome first modern recreational park

Residents of Tuschen, East Bank Essequibo, and Unity Village, Region Five, are celebrating the opening of two new recreational parks, both spearheaded by First Lady, Mrs. Arya Ali, under her National Beautification Project.

Tuschen community welcomed its first multi-

purpose recreational park, designed to serve thousands of families in that area and surrounding villages. The facility has modern amenities such as playground equipment, gazebos, benches, sanitary facilities, lighting, and fruit trees. A key feature is the multi-

purpose building, which will double as a training hub, offering skills programmes for women in areas like sewing and cake decorating, and business-oriented sessions for young people.

Speaking at the opening, Mrs. Ali described the park as a symbol of holistic development. “When we came into office in 2020, we promised a better life for Guyanese. Part of that promise involves providing safe recreational spaces for children, the elderly, and entire families. Today, we are delivering that to Tuschen,” she said.

She stressed that true development is measured not only by roads and bridges, but also by safe spaces that allow communities to gather and grow together. The commissioning of the park, she noted, complements the recently opened Tuschen Secondary School, both aimed at improving community life.

Meanwhile, Unity

Village’s beachfront has been transformed with a new play park, the 14th facility established through the beautification initiative. Designed with inclusivity in mind, it features slides, swings, and climbing structures for children of all ages, including those with disabilities. Additional amenities include gazebos, sanitary



Tuschen residents welcome first modern recreational park

facilities, and adequate lighting.

Delivering the feature address, the First Lady emphasised that the park was created as a safe space for families and urged residents to protect it. “Do not come here to indulge in alcohol. This is a safe space for our children,



A section of the newly commissioned Unity Beach Play Park

our parents, and our elderly,” she urged.

Residents warmly welcomed the initiative.

Mala Samsoondar, a mother of three, said, “This means a lot to families here, especially the children, who now have a space to come out and have fun.”

Both parks also open employment opportunities for local vendors and will be managed by community-based teams to ensure sustainability.



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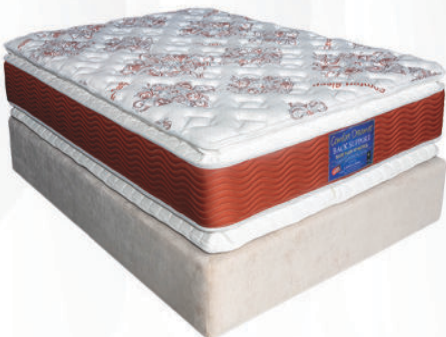
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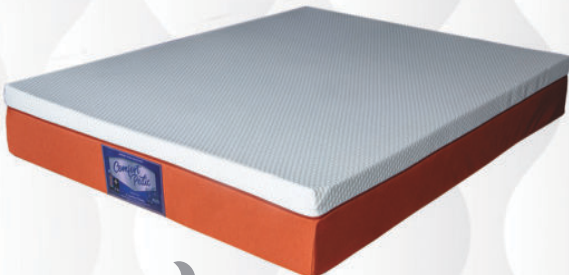
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