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## URP will modernise the Rice Industry



**G**uyana's Rice Industry for decades has been one of the mainstays of the agricultural sector and the most dynamic force in the country's economy creating a rapid positive change in the fortunes of the rural farming community and the economy of the country.

The rice industry in Guyana has been in existence for over a century and has been exportable product since 1903 when five tones valued at G\$288 were exported.

Over the years it became one of the economic cornerstones of the country and second to sugar as the most important agriculture industry contributing large percentages to the agriculture GDP and export earnings, in addition to the thousands of farmers involve in rice production and the industry benefits some 30% of the population.

But the industry had its fair share of ups and downs fluctuating production levels, payments for their paddy and other constraints with caused many farmers opting out of rice farming.

The United Republican Party's vision for a modern Rice Industry is an integrated, sustainable and profitable industry producing and marketing rice for all Guyana. To produce and market high quality rice and rice products as a staple food for local and international markets while providing employment and foreign exchange earnings.

Because of the world's population continues to increase at an alarming rate and since rice is a staple diet for the majority of its people, there will be a steadily increasing demand for rice on the world market and since Guyana has large acres of arable land that can be bought

under rice cultivation thereby increasing production dramatically, the rice industry has a bright and encouraging future.

The industry has the potential to double its production and a URP led administration will work to ensure this is achieved by increasing yields, bringing additional lands under cultivation, providing duty free concession and improving and expanding drainage and irrigation facilities, putting in place a highly professional Guyana Rice Development Board to coordinate all the activities of the Rice sector had in returning Guyana as a major rice exporter by acquiring new markets and expanding already existing ones.

The establishment of an Industrial marketing centre for rice and the setting up of rice research stations in all rice growing areas with experimental plots and fields trial at the research stations in additions to field trials at selected farm sites.

The massive rice industry which provides employment for at least 100,000 is in shambles, struggling for its own survival now that it has been straddled. By many dilemmas including debts owed by farmers and millers to banks, a shortage of capital in the rice sector, poor management, inadequate rice yields, loss in traditional markets and a down in the external price for rice.

**A United Republican Party Administration will work to bring back the industry to its former glory.**

# URP'S LIBERTY HOUSE OPENS IN LINDEN



Scenes from opening ceremony

**H**undreds of Lindeners and other residents of communities in Region 10 converged in the mining town recently for the opening of 'Liberty House', the United Republican Party's Office at 271, Greenheart Street, Mackenzie which will serve Linden and other region 10 communities.

**A**ddressing a well attended and impressive opening ceremony, URP's Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu told the gathering that Guyanese over the years trusted the PNC, PPP and AFC and all have betrayed the nation, they failed us in the past and will fail us in the future.

'A United Republican Party's administration will succeed where others failed, because we care about people and not ourselves.

According to Dr. Bandhu the URP is the party of the future and urged the gathering to join and support the party in the fight for a better Linden, Region 10 and Guyana. He



called on all Guyanese to join the URP in the fight for our future, our children's future and grand children's future.

'I need the support of each one of you, all hands are needed on deck to rebuild the party for victory at the next elections 'he declared'

Also addressing the gathering was Mr. Eon Hall URP's Chairman and manager of the Linden office who urged the gathering to support the URP as we continue preparing to contest the next general elections with the objective of making the difference in the politics of our Nation.

'But for us to get there, we must build this party to make it stronger. Let us work united to grow this party and prepare it for governance.

# URP ENDORSE

# INDUSTRIAL HEMP

## for Guyana



The United Republican Party (URP) firmly endorse Industrial Hemp as a huge Cash Crop for Guyana's economy and believe it's a way out of poverty that will create large scale employment at all income levels, create new industries and boost the country's economy.

Addressing a National Consultation organized by the Guyana Hemp Association held recently under the theme 'The Establishment of the Industrial Hemp Industry in Guyana at the YWCA, Brickdam, the URP's Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu said the Hemp Industry has a major role to play in the country's agricultural sector and will also be a way to solving many of the Nation's

economic, social, environmental and health problems and will create opportunities for a billion dollar industry.

According to the URP's Leader no tree or plant species on earth has the commercial, economic and environmental potential of industrial Hemp which is not marijuana and is incredibly and useful yet illegal in the country stifling industry and agriculture.

Industrial hemp is one of the world's earliest domesticated crops and is incredibly versatile and can be use for everything from food, clothing, construction materials, cosmetics, paper ,plastics, oils and fuel and car parts to name a few 'he added.'

Today driven by entrepreneurial spirit and the desire to build a new industry for a new age, hemp has remerged globally.

Dr. Bandhu pointed to the fact that though President Granger has frequently spoken of the need for a more 'Green Jobs and Green Economy, he has failed to acknowledge the inherent economic and environmental advantages associated with this valuable crop called Industrial Hemp.



HEMP ROPES

# COMING SOON

# CORENTYNE

# URP OFFICE

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY (URP)-

Established in USA March 1985, launched in Guyana May, 1986, registered April 26, 1988

**Motto- "ONWARD, UPWARD WE WILL GO!"**

## WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

- A Free nation
- Freedom of the Press
- Freedom of Choice
- Free and fair Election every Five years
- Restoration of Law and Order
- More accessible and modern medical facilities and better education system
- A reduction in the size of the government
- Foreign investments with safeguard in Guyana Constitution
- A re-introduction of duty free agriculture and industry
- Settle the border disputed area between Guyana and Venezuela and working in harmony with all our neighboring Countries including Brazil and Suriname.
- Making available accessible land development
- Bursting open Guyana with roads, electricity and pure water supply, harnessing all rivers with bridge from island; development of all infrastructure
- Introduction of Railroad system throughout the coastlands and Railway from Berbice to Lethem. Providing better pay for police, civil servant, general worker, unemployment benefit and social security
- Open Guyana for massive development
- All government employees from the President, prime Minister, Ministers top civil servant when committed fraud penalty for them must be made clear in Guyana Laws must be double
- Trade Union should be able to organize and function without influence or intimidation from government.
- Sustainable living and care for all elderly and pensioners.

**The URP open its arms to one and all- Guyanese at home and abroad of all races, all classes, all creed and all cultures. We invite you to become a part of the process towards the rescues and transformation of our beloved country.**

**We recognize that Guyanese at home and abroad have significant roles to play in this process. We may not have all the answers, but we have the zeal, commitment and love for our dear country. The URP feels that once we join hands together, we could throw off shackles of corruption that bind our country**



### PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION OF URP FLAG COLORS

#### FLAG COLORS

- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| • Land and harnessing resources | <b>Red</b>       |
| • Land of many water            | <b>Orange</b>    |
| • New beginning/happiness       | <b>Yellow</b>    |
| • Land of agriculture           | <b>Green</b>     |
| • Safe aviation                 | <b>Sky blue</b>  |
| • Art and all culture           | <b>Dark blue</b> |
| • Religious harmony             | <b>Violet</b>    |

### SPIRITUAL REPRESENTATION OF URP FLAG COLORS

#### FLAG COLORS

- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| • Empowering yourself           | <b>Red</b>       |
| • Purifying yourself            | <b>Orange</b>    |
| • Bring joy into your life      | <b>Yellow</b>    |
| • Love & forgiveness            | <b>Green</b>     |
| • Find peace in yourself        | <b>Sky blue</b>  |
| • Enlightenment of mind         | <b>Dark blue</b> |
| • Experience divine blessings : | <b>Violet</b>    |

## SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR LOGO

The United Republican Party chose to embrace the head of the cow as our logo since it has great significance to the earth and to many civilizations around the world. The cow signifies good. It displays respect and power. It has immense value to many people for various reasons. It symbolizes strength and courage yet at the same time displays a nurturing and protective nature. The cow also represents patience and abundance. It is a symbol of fertility, richness, and renewal, all of which the URP intend to bring to our country. We the United Republican Party pride ourselves in having all these attributes such as respect, strength, courage, conviction, and determination in which we will exercise in making Guyana great.



# Guyana is Super Wealthy



The Guyanese people are being led once by their noses again, this time, by another subtle act from the Granger administration. After the PPP (in particular) has raided the wealth of Guyana's resources – our timber, gold, diamond, lands, etc – for more than two decades. And after they have enriched themselves and their chosen cronies – some of who now occupy residency in Pradoville #2 – we are being told that oil is Guyana Savior. After 50 years, without the mention of any oil, the world knew that Guyana was a treasure trough of mineral wealthy. Additionally, the work ethic of the masses by far surpasses the vocational aptitudes of any of our Caribbean neighbours. Yet the hardships inflicted on our people by our successive governments, have driven, and continue to drive us from our native land. Guyana does not need oil fore its citizens to experience the good life now being touted as a crumbs from the masters' table. Guyana is super wealthy with just the transparent and conscientious management of any ONE of our natural resources.

Can anyone imagine how much billions of dollars were stolen by BiShal Ling and the PPP administration, in lumber alone? PPP had given BiShan Ling billions in concessions and they were shipping out (and we saw the satellite images), billions more in lumber. Now multiply that by a daily exercise and multiply it by 10-15 years and one begins to get an idea of the pilferage of billions of Guyana dollars that never got to benefit our children and grand children.

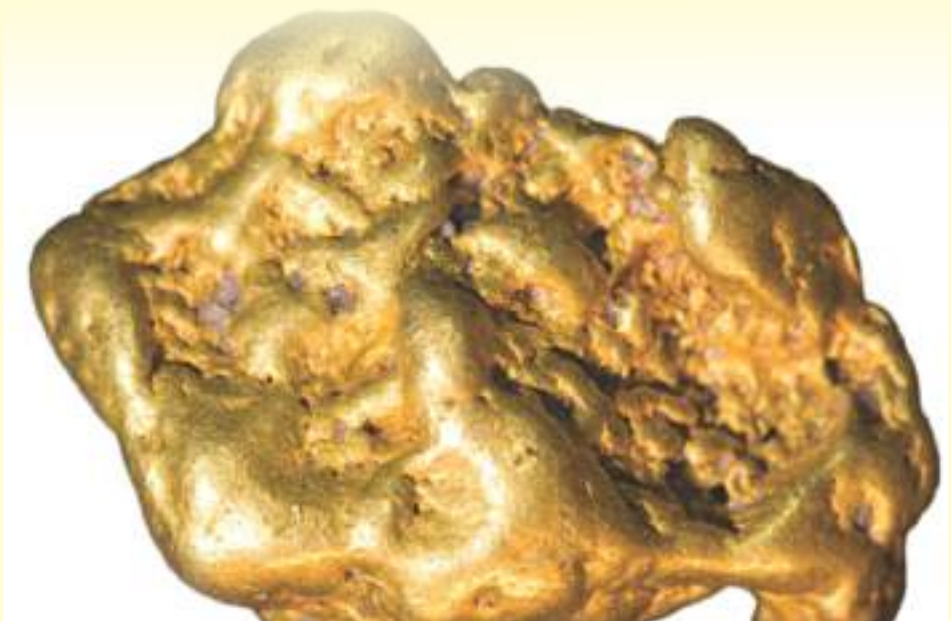
The United Republic Party was told that one evening, A few years ago, on the high seas, off of Curacao, 10 Billion dollars of Guyana gold, was stolen (if you can steal from thieves) from off a Guyanese fishing boat, by bandits pretending to belong to Curacao coast guards. That is just one boat on one day. And it had 10 Billion dollars worth of our gold. Just imagine that this was happening weekly for 12-14 years. And that is why the Guyanese populace never benefited in any meaningful way from the wealth of our minerals. The resources are being shipped out of Guyana through its back door and only the politicians and a few others are benefiting.

The Natural Recourses Minister, Mr. Trotman, is saying that our wealth is still

hemorrhaging through the back door. He gives no plans on curtailing and stopping that massive loss of billions of dollars. Understand that the current stealing of our natural resources is mainly being undertaken by small business men who have the capacity to buy out our politicians and law enforcement officers. Yet the government is incapable of closing that loop hole. So they are admitting that our current - nonrenewable - natural resources will continue to be fleeced from our country, so that the general population will never see the true benefits of this wealthy nation.

And even as they are admitting that, they are singing the praises of oil. Now it the government cannot curtail the financial hemorrhaging and corruption that is currently been perpetrated by some comparatively local and regional, 'small fish', how will they fend off the international likes of these oil giants? If money was and is the motivating factor for the massive corruption and loss of billions of dollars of our natural resources – over the last 30-40 years – when the stakes are higher, can the Guyanese citizenry expect any better financial management?

If your answer is 'yes', the URP is challenging you to prove it!



# VIEWPOINT

By: Michael Kirton

## Youth the Agents and Drivers of Change

Youth in our population are a source of Political Power. They consists of half of Guyana and the world's population and are an important source of voting power able to vote a government in or out.

Some of our youths have different views and conception about politics perceiving it as an arena for the older generation which is not linked to their own lives. But to tackle this situation we need to allow young people to play an important role in Party Politics and on a national basis.

While youth constitute the majority of the electorate, their representation in formal institution of Government is minimal as well as political parties.

The calls for measures to be taken to empower them to play a greater role rather than just being used as voting machines during elections.

If they are meaning fully and effectively involved in Party Politics, activities and leadership, the youth world positively impart the quantity of governance and government in Guyana.

We need continuous capacity development for young people to inculcate democratic values, norms and practices that would engage party policies in the long term.

More importantly this would make youth participation more meaningful and effective in a growing democracy such as Guyana.

Youth involvement in policy making and implementation is crucial to development. They are iniators, agents and drivers of change and must be given the opportunity to demonstrate these qualities and make themselves adapters of programme ideas. Youth can be a creative force, a dynamic source of innovators and should be given the opportunity to engage in Government and participate in decision making process.

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# URP VOWS TO MAKE GUYANA

## The Agriculture Powerhouse of the Caribbean

There is urgent need for sound investment in agriculture if the industry is to remain viable to the economy of Guyana.

The sector will continue to flounder with unsustainable farming practices and dwindling revenues.

The country's agricultural sector continues to play a critical role in our efforts to reducing poverty, ensure food security and maintain livelihood for large number of citizens in rural and hinterland communities.

Government needs to do more to create the enabling environment for agriculture to strive through direct capital investment, the introduction of new technologies and the promotion of fiscal incentives to spur growth. The United Republican Party is convinced that Guyana's agriculture prosperity depends not only on domestic consumption, but in a large measure on expansion in the Global Market.

A URP Government vows to turn Guyana into an Agriculture Powerhouse for the Caribbean in particular and the world at large by focusing on opening up new markets in the largely populated Asian countries China and India not neglecting key products for the European and American Markets.

The country's agriculture program must be geared run to attract and secure the full participation of the people of the country in production, distribution and consumption.

### A VIBRANT GUYANA ECONOMY-URP's VISION

A vibrant Guyana Economy delivering strong and sustainable economic growth by providing opportunities for all is the vision of the United Republican party (URP)

To realise the vision the URP's approach will be built around the country's core strength- an increasingly skilled, innovative and entrepreneurial workforce, an advanced technology and knowledge base, strong communities, a strong national stunning environment and an exceptional



quality of life.

The United Republican Party is of the opinion that sustainable economic growth is what we need to raise prosperity across Guyana and deliver improvement in quality of life. A strong Guyana economy will not only provide employment and income for Guyanese, it provides training opportunities and Support broaden social and environmental development and the foundation for the future.

'A vibrant economy that is sustainable also requires to look and broaden measures of pure financial returns- profits, People and planet.

The United Republican Party (URP) is convinced that every Guyanese need the economy to grow for a growing economy puts money in people's pocket.

Join the URP's Website  
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For a short vision of the  
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# Young Republicans

## - A Group on the Move

Youths have got the creativity, potential and the capacity to make change happen for themselves and for their communities and for the rest of the world.

The Young Republicans, youth wing of the United Republican Party (URP) is committed to working for the empowering of the country's youth and helping them to work together to drive social innovation and change, participate fully in the development of the country, eradicate poverty and inequality and foster a culture of peace. "Youths are not just the beneficiaries of development programs but they are essential actors in finding solution to the issues faced by young people in the country and the world today. Their energy and leadership has been demonstrated across the country and they must be fully engaging in development themselves.

The Young Republicans will work to create an enabling environment in which their goals can be achieved by bringing youth voices to the fore and encouraging them to come together and take action.

Today more than ever, youths are change makers, building new realities for themselves and their communities.

All over the world youth are driving change and innovation, claiming respect for their fundamental human rights and freedoms and seeking new opportunities to learn and work together for a better life.



**Akhir Bacchus**  
Chairman of the Young Republican

**Meanwhile anyone interested in joining the Young Republicans could contact the Chairman Akair Hafiz Bacchus at telephone 592- 649-9315.**



*Farida Rodrigues left handing over volley ball at Takauma Lake*

## RADICAL POLICIES NEEDED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE



Climate change and global warming have become one of the most pressing environmental concerns and the greatest challenge in the world today.

The United Republican Party (URP) believes that there is a urgent need for radical policies, shaped by a vision by global social justice.

"It requires the attention of every one of us, urban and rural, National and International development and humanitarian. But it takes more than legislation, it needs a combination of new technology, processes and human behavior.

According to UPR climate change can affect agriculture and food production, water availability, wildlife and human health, weather conditions and can damage infrastructure like roads, sea defenses and buildings. There is an urgent need for Guyana to take the necessary action to respond to the challenges climate change poses to sustainable development.



*Chairman Bacchus handing over football at Takauma Lake*