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## Guyana's Agriculture Sector Productive

Says URP's Leader



**G**uyana has large tracts of land free of agricultural chemicals, providing a unique opportunity to meet the growing demand for organic products in North America and Europe as well as the Caribbean

Addressing a meeting of farmers and other residents at Wash Clothes and Chans communities Mahaicony Branch Road, United Republicans Party (URP) Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu said that organic products receives premium price compared to the conventional counterparts.

"Guyana has a rich and potentially very productive agriculture sector that can make major contributions to the economy," he added.

The URP's Leader emphasized that it has been repeated over and over again that agriculture is the key to the country's economic development, and a URP led administration will ensure that there will be an agricultural revolution of a magnitude never before experienced in the country.

According to Dr. Bandhu self-sufficiency in food has important social and political effects. It creates a strong, prosperous and cohesive rural society, prevents the drift of population from country to town, perhaps it might also create the reverse that is attracting town people into the country.

Politically, it has been said that 'a hungry man is angry man' – hence the importance of a

well fed population rural and urban is what the URP will work toward he declared. The URP leader pointed out that his party has a massive agricultural development plan for the country which will include the establishment of an International Marketing Center, providing adequate financing for farmers through the re-opening of the Guyana Agriculture Cooperative Development Bank, providing adequate marketing facilities including the setting up of Buying Centers in all Regions with facilities for cleaning and grading, storage including cold storage and transportation facilities, refrigerated trucks, processing facilities for fruit, vegetable and other crops.

The Plan also include intensifying research to increase productivity and quality and providing capital goods such as farm machinery, fishing boats and foundation stock and inputs such as livestock feeds and fertilizer to ensure their availability at reasonable prices. Also part of the plan will be to encourage farmers to increase their production of existing crops including rice and to embark on the cultivation of new profitable crops such as industrial hemp Aloe Vera and soya beans.

Agriculture is the most important sector of the country's economy and contributes significantly to the Gross Domestic Product and the country's employment.

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## Young Republicans Recommends Youth Employment Services for Guyana

With millions of unemployed youth worldwide including Guyana and hundreds of thousands of young workers living in poverty, youth employment remains a global challenge and top policy concerns.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has had a long standing commitment to provide decent work for youth with activities on youth employment spanning over advocacy, knowledge development and dissemination policy, technical advice and capacity building services.

The Young Republicans, youth wing of the United Republican Party is calling for the establishment of Youth Employment Services in the country to advise them on the kind of job best suited.

The Young Republicans believe that early employment is critical to the positive development of youth and young adults and with the Youth Employment Service will serve as a bridge between youth and young adults and the private and public sectors seeking capable, qualified and enthusiastic young employees.

The Young Republicans is of the opinion that a Youth Employment Service will be of great assistance to school leavers, for it would not only recommend the best job suited but would assist them in the finding one and to help with any problems which may arise after they have started to work.

The youth wing of the United Republican Party (URP) is recommending that in such an organization Youth Employment Officers should be recruited and posted to all ten regions of the country to work along with Regional Employment Committees which should be established comprising of Regional Education Officers, teachers, employers and persons especially interested in the welfare of young people.

These Committees will be required to make regular contacts between schools, employers and officials and will enable a large number of problems to be tackled at the Regional level.

The Young Republicans are also suggesting that a youth employment service would assist young people in their last school year to help find the right job and the avoidance of them merely drifting into the first job that comes along.

# MASH DAY

- WHEN GUYANESE PUT ASIDE WORK FOR PLAY



## Arts and Crafts industry to be developed

Guyana's Arts and Craft Industry which for years suffered constraints to its growth which included lack of access to funding for capacity building, scarcity of raw materials and a largely ineffective international marketing program will be developed and expanded from a cottage industry into a truly National one making a significant impact on the National Economy under a URP led administration.

The vision of the United Republican Party (URP) is that the industry which has potential of becoming an important foreign exchange earner with the multiple production of high quality creations that can secure and maintain a place on the international market will be a reality.

A URP led administration will develop and expand the Craft Production and Design Centre which has been the most prestigious academic institution in the country that provided craft skills for students to be better positioned to be employed and even be eligible to further their studies or empower themselves to start manufacturing their own items.

Over the years this centre has been the Government Agency in the forefront of handicraft production and in this respect has been responsible for organizing and running a number of courses and various skills training as well as hosting exhibitions to give exposure to the work done by participants.

There is no questioning of the exceptional talent that has emerged from the local arts and craft industry. Indigenous Art and Craft is highly regarded in the Region, North America and other countries.

A URP led administration will encourage more involvement of women organizations, church groups, individuals and Amerindian communities who have played and continue to play a more meaningful role in handicraft production, establish Craft Villages like the one at the Georgetown GPO in all major towns and villages, encouraging more participation in local, regional and international Fairs and Exhibitions as Guyana's handicraft products have already been accepted internationally as being of particularly high quality.

Arts and craft production in Guyana is trisectoral in scope being promoted by coop groups, the public and private sectors.



**M**ash Day- Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 in the City of Georgetown and other Regions of the country was colorful and hectic characterized by massive people participation.

It was a day when Guyanese in their thousands openly demonstrated their love for and pride in their country and in that they were truly aiming at togetherness.

The day was bright and sunny, rife with jubilation, colour and reveling.

A tremendous day it turned out to be as Guyanese from various strata of society as well as visitors to our shores threw off inhibitions and really "Mashed"

The Theme for this Year's observances was "Let's Cooperate and Celebrate Republic 48".

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# Guyanese Celebrate Phagwah

Guyanese and more particular on Hindu brothers and sisters celebrated the festival of Holi or Phagwah on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

Phagwah is a time of profound joy and extreme goodwill to all mankind, a time when we sink and shelve our differences and animosities and drench each other's face with coloured powder, beat our drums and clap our cymbals and sing dance and be merry

Phagwah is a time when we forgive and forget and embrace our fellow men in bonds of unity, warmth of friendship, love and affections, equality and brotherhood of man.

In our multi-religious and multi ethnic society, Phagwah over the years have developed a feeling of oneness among our Guyanese.

It has also afforded our Guyanese people the opportunity of building bridges of friendship, fostering National Unity, instilling and rekindling moral and ethnic value and strengthening family ties which are vital and an important ingredient for a strong and vibrant Nation.

The United Republican Party (URP) in a Phagwah message said that as we celebrate one of Guyana's most important and joyful festivals, we must use this day to enriched our individual lives, strengthened our society and promote the happiness and inspire the Nation.



## URP Will Provide Hydro-Powder for Guyana

Despite Guyana's massive potential for hydro-electricity, all the proposed projects seem to be at a standstill.

Decades and decades ago plans were made to establish hydro-power electric plants in the country.

Experts have come and gone providing studies and identifying spots for their establishment. Other experts have followed checking and re-checking.

Guyanese have long dreamed of harnessing their powerful rivers and falls for electricity. Instead we continue to rely on imported fuel for expensive power.

Hydro electrical Power development in Guyana is the best option by far for renewable energy on a significant scale within the medium term.

Enman an overseas based company in years gone by has been studying the options for new energy for the Region and considered Guyana to be the best option.

The PNC Administration established the Upper Mazaruni Development Authority to administer the installation of the Upper Mazaruni Hydro Electric Project. A great portion of the work was completed on the ground, but was later shelved because of finance.

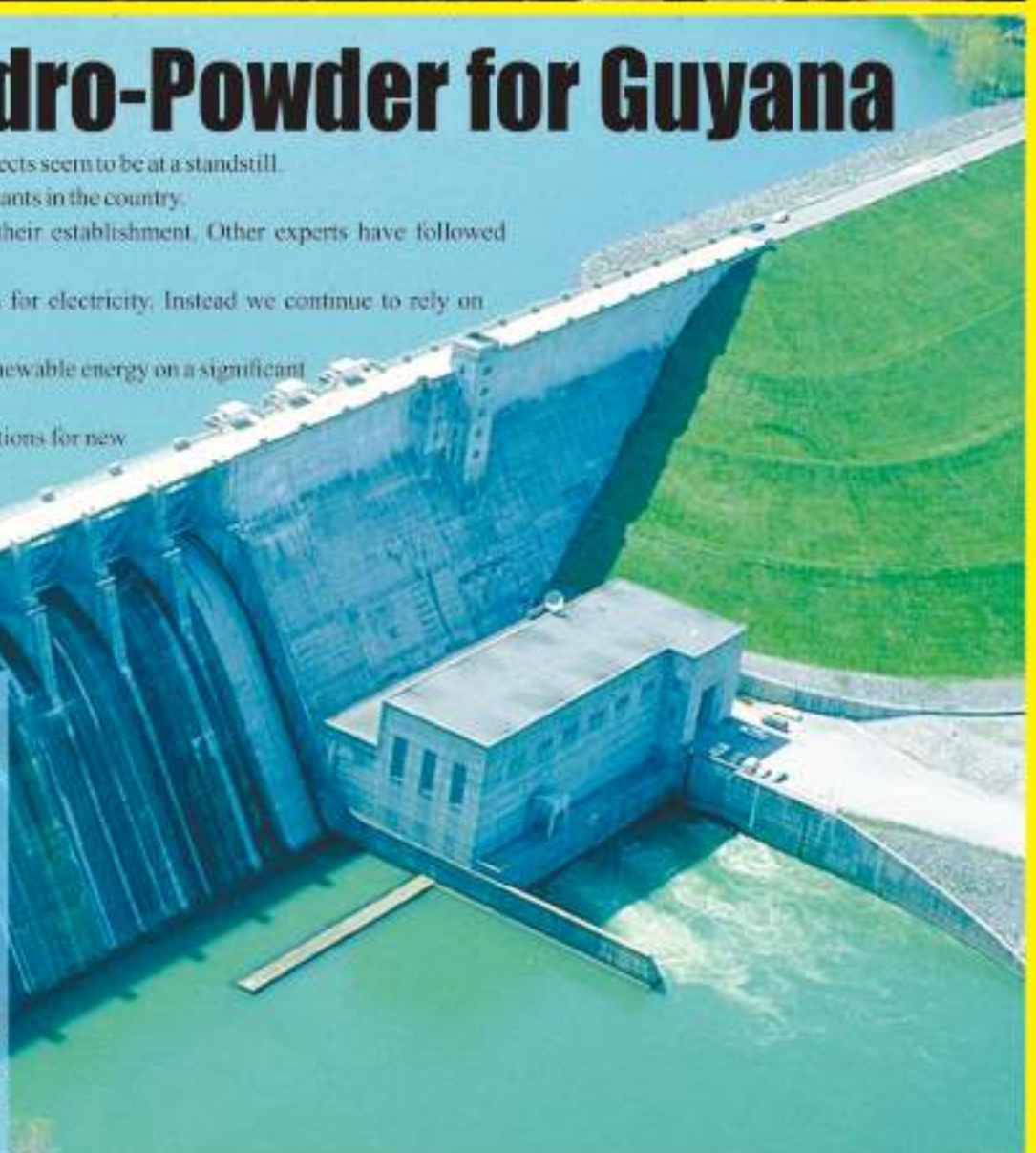
During those years under the Burnham administration a number of studies were done on smaller projects such as Eclipse Falls in Region 7 among others. Guyana has 7000 megawatts of hydropower potential with some 67 possible sites.

Then the PPP started the Amelia Falls project and that is also at a standstill.

Now the APNU/AFC Administration is considering five high capacity hydro electric project which is planned to become operational by 2021.

These areas are Kamaria, Tiger Hill, Kamariau, Amelia and Tumatumari.

It seems that the long search will never be over, but a United Republican Party (URP) led administration vision is that hydro electricity will certainly speed up progress and development in many areas, and new functions being setup one after another and an electricity at the flick of a switch in every home and business.



## 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 Sugar Industry is not dead

Guyana Sugar Industry played the most important role in the economy for decades and until recently was the largest single employer. Sugar cultivation was first introduced in Guyana in the 1630's and the scale of planting expanded rapidly since then.

Today's sugar industry must not be about growing sugarcane and processing sugar but must be diversified in many ways such as large scale ethanol production, increasing molasses production, refinement of white sugar among other products.

The placing of more emphasis on supplying the domestic demands and exports to Caricom countries must also be a priority.

Sugar as an industry is not dead, but it's clear with privatization and depoliticization of the industry through emergence of a smart and enlightened workforce, coupled with professional and efficient management and a carefully designed diversification programme that should include a sugar refinery, The United Republican Party (URP) is



## Alumina Plant to be Reopened

The Republican Party's (URP) leader, Dr Vishnu Bandhu told residents of Wismar, Linden that there is a strong case to seriously explore the opportunity to reopen the Alumina Plant to secure those value added inflows for Guyana along with new jobs.

Addressing a Public Meeting at One Mile Extension, Wismar, the URP's Leader pointed out that this simple idea opens a host of new opportunities for Linden and Region 10 and a URP led administration will make it a reality.

Guyana continues to lose value, jobs and wealth because we continue to produce bauxite rather than Alumina. 'We must market the country as location where we can feed the alumina markets rather than bauxite markets, he opined.

Dr Bandhu called on the Government and opposition, the trade unions, the companies involved in bauxite production and most especially the workers to recommit to making bauxite industry buoyant again.

Research has confirmed that there is still an average of a 100 years of bauxite deposits in the country's reserves a total of 350 million tons and one of the world's highest concentration of the value mineral.

The Alumina Plant was opened on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1961 by the then Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. Cheddi Jagan and built at a cost of G\$65 Million with the turn of the control lever to set a loader in action giving a token finish to the loading of the SS Sunhenderson with the first shipment of alumina ever to leave the then British Guiana.

The URP's Leader pointed out that for Guyana to continue to reap the benefits from the bauxite industry, we must learn from our successes and failures and implement systems to transform utilizing modern technologies to increase production and develop value added products.

A URP led administration according to Dr. Bandhu will explore the possibilities of developing the Tiger Hill Hydro Power Project which is estimated can produce over 28 megawatts of electricity to feed the Alumina Plant and create more jobs.

'We need to look at the establishment of the Tiger Hill hydro power project in the Upper Demerara River to push development of alternative sources of energy.

Tiger Hill hydro Project was first mooted by the PPP Government in the early 60's but was shelved by the PNC administration in favour of the ambitious multi-million dollars scheme in the Upper Mazaruni which was later abandoned when the then Government could not raise the finance for its construction.

The idea to develop the Tiger Hill hydro Power Project which has pre-feasibility studies is very close and will open up Linden and Region 10 to other things. It was always the idea of making Linden the industrial Centre for Guyana and with the Tiger Hill Project coming on stream that can be a reality' he declared.

Several years ago funding was made available for the Tiger Hill site but the project was subsequently abandoned.

The site is located just over 65km upstream from Linden. Electricity supply for Linden is between ten to fifteen megawatts and Tiger Hill has the capacity of over 28 megawatts.

Tiger Hill is one of the five sites looked at based on viability. The others are Kamira, Kuma, Tumatumari and Amelia

The URP's Leader emphasized that Linden can become the new capital of Guyana.

convinced that the Nation's sugar industry will return to profitability.

The URP's vision is that the rapid development of an ethanol industry would be a positive factor for Guyana through job stability and new job creation in the sugar industry which is still the backbone of the country's economy.

The time for creating and implementing a plausible ethanol production is now and the world is not going to wait on Guyana to get its ethanol production together.

The URP led Administration will ensure public /private partnership in the sugar industry which will include the increase in the production of molasses.

The performance of Guyana Distillery Industry in 2017 has been a tremendous benefit of it for the local economy.

The URP is convinced that as Guyana moves to become a green state the expansion of bio energy application must be undertaken to advance sustainable development.

A URP led administration will expand Guysuco's Bio Ethanol Plant at Albion Corentyne and construct a larger facility to expand the capacity to produce ethanol.

In keeping with the developing world Guyana will require a number of economic changes in the way business is done and what is going to be needed is diversification.

It has been over 50 years and the country's economy relied on traditional sectors (sugar, rice, bauxite, timber, gold) and manufacturing for its upkeep.

The performances to date in most of these sectors are showing clearly the time is now for diversification as they have grown weary.

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# Guyana remains very young in its evolution

- Dr. Bandhu

In a nation greatly afflicted in constant turmoil, where the majority of the citizens, especially nationals in foreign lands whom like to call home, Guyana is faced with many suppressing hardships and confined to a poor quality of life. As this nation digs deeper into tough times, after five decades of independence, this nation still remains very young in its evolution. The national interest is transcended by political tensions, both past and present, such as ethnic division and racial affiliation which are severely embedded and viewed as a priority. Inquiries about the flow of the current situation has become more pressing and devising a structured course of action to transition from the buildup of challenges, has been hindered and delayed in this nation. Some of which includes Crime, Water, Infrastructure, Electricity, Communication, Agriculture and Poverty. Combing through these issues and acknowledging how far behind the country is and the challenges facing this nation, will be a start to improving this nations' overall well-being. The ideas are clear-cut but its implementation has become convoluted in overseeing its completion. Poor national status results from a lack of effective policies and the current regulations are of a past age, making them outdated. Observing strong awareness from the clouded insight far into these issues are imperative to lift Guyana from its current state onto a strong foundation politically, socially and economically, therefore enabling the country to develop and compete worldwide. The planning, application, and management are significant for integration of technological infrastructure. Addressing these challenges for a national benefit will further the growth.

## Role of technology

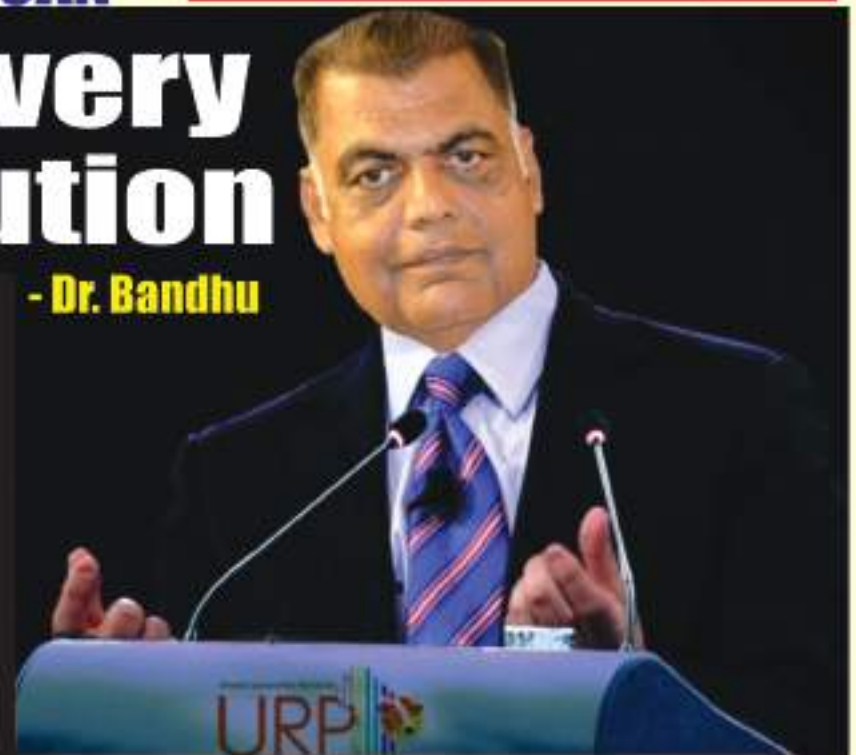
In observing our contemporary world, as a bigger picture, it appears to be advancing rapidly by developments in fields of Science, Education and Health. As examined through the western world, technology has played a huge contributing role in economic growth and development.

Guyana can be molded into a more improved sustainable nation by the choice for innovative breakthroughs as a model of developed countries throughout the globe. Some of which consists of China, India, Korea, and Taiwan. Due to globalization and guidance from more developed lands, proposals of cutting edge technology can be a means in reducing adversity this nation is currently faced with.

Through investments in new ideas and research, this offers advancement, and shines new light on societal evolution. A deeper analysis and the exploration of the technological nature in culture,

consumption patterns, governance and digital business will overcome contemporary conflicts in poverty, race and economics, thereby, becoming a vehicle for change and time wastage in advancement can be avoided. This establishment will expand national recognition and serve as a positive influence through revolutionary innovative changes.

The informational age will enhance the business climate, bring economic stability and successful investments. A more consistent approach to the problems that's arisen can be resolved, leading the nation onto the stepping stones of a more progressive, quality-driven society, and exceptional technological literacy for our current and future generations. A lack of higher learning in technological methods limits our options in progressing and making a positive impact and therefore, will begin a new era and evolve humanity within Guyana, guided by these new approaches. *Continue the next issue*



## Green Economy-Green Jobs

The creation of green jobs provides potential opportunities for youth in both the developed and developing country to participate in green economies. There is enormous potential for growth in the creation of new green jobs and for upgrading of existing jobs to become greener, contributing to a sustainable development, poverty reduction and better inclusion of young people in society.

The Young Republicans, youth wing of the United Republican Party (URP) said it is increasingly clear that investments must be made in training and educational opportunities so that young Guyanese can acquire skills or upgrade their existing skills to have access to green jobs.

"Providing youth with opportunities to gain access to training and education whether formal or informal helps them to move a step closer to Green Jobs."

The Young Republicans emphasized that if the Guyanese youths are not included in programs to build their skills, they will find it difficult to access Green Jobs, as they may lack the necessary skills.

The transition to a Green Economy not only promotes environmental sustainability but creates green jobs in all economic sectors including agriculture, forestry, fisheries, manufacturing, research and development among others that contribute substantially to preserving or restoring environment quality.

## A New Mackenzie

- Wismar bridge to be constructed- An important link



The increase of the volume of traffic using the Mackenzie- Wismar bridge which was built by the then Demerara Bauxite Company (Demba) in 1966 and opened 1967 is a vital and important link between the Hinterland west of Demerara river and the Guyana - Brazil corridor, the capital City Georgetown and the coastal belt, a new and wider bridge need to be constructed.

A URP led administration will ensure the construction of new bridge.

The present bridge which is made of steel and wood is 700 feet long and 21 feet wide and stands as one of the many historical sites that reminds the citizens of the country that Linden was once a striving bauxite town.

The Mackenzie-Wismar Bridge or the Linden Bridge also continues to play a critical role in the economy of the town as well as Nationally, even as it now serves a different purpose for what it was initially intended.

This was the second bridge to be built by Demba, the first was the Hope Bridge built in 1939 for the transportation of bauxite from Hope to Akyma mines on the opposite side of the Demerara River some 12 miles upstream from the present bridge.

The bridge at Hope was later dismantled and transported to Linden, where it was used in construction of the present bridge. Certain components of the bridge were left standing on both sides of the river, serving as important landmarks until recently when dealers in scrap metal decided to make money and uprooted the historical landmark and depositing of it for a price.

During the 1960's when Linden was at its peak of bauxite mining activities, there was a need for the facility and the bridge was built to facilitate the transportation of ore from the mines at Wismar and Christianburg to the processing plant a Mackenzie.



## URP plans massive development for Wakenaam

Residents of the 17.5 miles island of Wakenaam and one of the largest in the Essequibo Islands group with agricultural based economy will witness massive development under a URP led administration.

Expansion of the agricultural sector including food crops, livestock and fishing will be a top priority for the URP.

The establishment of processing Plants, a modern Rice Mill, easy access to finance by farmers, acquiring lucrative markets for their crops both locally and overseas, duty free concessions will also be part of the program of development for the island.

Improvements in the drainage and irrigation systems, roads, reliable electricity and water supplies, upgrading and expanding of the Wakenaam Cottage Hospital to include specialized medical services, provision of a river boat ambulance will also be put in place. Upgrading of the education sector to include rehabilitation of schools from Nursery to Secondary, the completion of the airstrip to international standard as well as daily ferry services will be provided by a URP led administration.

The Wakenaam Community Center ground will be developed including the installation of flood lights, modern stands and sports equipment and facilities as well as development of other existing grounds and the opening up of new grounds and other sporting facilities will be part of the URP's plans for development of all sports discipline of the island.

In the area of Public Security, Police and fire services will be greatly improved and expanded and in the tourism sector, the island will be marketed both locally and overseas as a must visit tourism spot which would be included in the Essequibo Tourism programme and in the area of entertainment Wakenaam Night activities will be fully developed into a Wakenaam Island day which will showcase all aspects of life on the island

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## Local Government Election Are Important to all Citizens

The two primary objectives of Local Government are to enable democratic local decision making and action by and on behalf of communities and to promote the social, economic, environment and cultural well-being of communities.

Articles 71 of the Guyana Constitution states that local Government is a vital aspect of democracy and shall be organized so as to involve as many people as possible in the task of managing and developing communities in which they live.

### Why You Should Vote at Local Government Elections

Local Government officials make decisions every day that affect the well-being of your life, the lives of your family and community.

By voting for a Voluntary Group, Political Party or Individual Candidates of your choice, You are electing the people who will make these important decisions.

If you don't vote, then you allow other people who do vote to choose Local Government officials without your input.

Those others may not share your views about issues that matter to you.

Voting also provides you with an opportunity to remind the elected Government officials that they are accountable to you.

Every citizen has the right and the responsibility to vote. The United Republican Party (URP) will be contesting elections in all the municipalities and Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (NDC's) and invites individual who are interesting in managing the affairs of their communities to become involved.

Interested citizens could contact the United Republican Party (URP) headquarters at 48, South, Vreed-en-Hoop, West Coast Demerara or by telephone 254-0078/254-1799 or email: [headquarters@urpguyana.com](mailto:headquarters@urpguyana.com)

## We are Guyanese – says Dr. Bandhu

The United Republican Party (URP) recognizes that Guyana's Ethnic Diversity must share a common and unique culture to transcend the differences that have held us hostage for past decades.

So said, Leader of the United Republican Party (URP) Dr Vishnu Bandhu as he addressed residents of Mon Repos, East Coast Demerara recently.

'To benefit from our diversity we must strengthen the ties that bind us to one another and move away from the ethnic difference as Indo and Afro Guyanese.'

According to Dr. Bandhu we are One People, One Nation moving towards One Destiny and as such we must refer to ourselves as Guyanese

A URP led Government will ensure Guyana as a country once again engenders in its people Nationhood, and as such patriotism must become the hallmark of our very existence.

'We must develop and respect the symbols of Nationhood, foremost among them: Is the National Anthem and the Flag and must guard against deliberate desecration and disrespect to both symbols of Unity,' he added.

The URP said Dr. Bandhu believe there is strength in our diversity, but to realise the strength, we must harness the good rather than the evil inherent in our differences.

Dr. Bandhu told the residents gathered that diversity can be a good foundation for healthy competition, rather than a destructive and self serving rivalry so commonly employed in our society today, and urged them to educate themselves about each others culture without imposing it on each other.

The URP's Platform is to present to all Guyanese a vision of a modern and safe Guyana, ensuring all citizens have a chance to be comfortable

## Youths are Valuable Stakeholders



The United Republican Party (URP) Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu said that we have to acknowledge that our youth are valued stakeholders capable of contributing to the vibrancy of the Municipalities and Neighbourhood Democratic Councils across the country.

Addressing a public meeting at Rainbow City Mackenzie, Linden Dr. Bandhu emphasized that the youth of Linden can change the Community, the Region and the country in a way that no other group can for they have innovative ideas, exuberant energy and unmoved by statements made by some adults.

"Local Government has a huge impact on the lives of young people and with a young and growing population, Guyana is a democracy where the youth can play a pivotal role in politics and community development." He declared.

He urged the young Lindeners to do not let them age refrain them from getting involved in Public Service for their voices add value to local policies, programs and projects.

"You have the responsibility as citizens to contribute to the managing of the affairs of the town."

## URP

### Will complete MMA Scheme

The Mahaica –Mahaicony- Abary Three Phase water control project was conceived for facilitating the complete agricultural development of over 450,000 acres of land lying between the Mahaica and Berbice Rivers on the North East Coast of Guyana. The idea was and still is to provide water control for the coastal areas up to a distance of some 30 miles inland by impounding flood waters in large conservancies in the upper reaches of the rivers.

The major drainage works were first conceptualized in the early 1950's and proposals finalized in the 1960's with the first phase the Abary segment completed in the mid 1980's but not functioning the way it was intended.

The first phase facilitated the flood control and irrigation for some 50,000 acres of land between the Berbice and the Abary Rivers. The land has been used to facilitate Rice production and open range livestock farming making Region 5 the largest livestock farming Region in Guyana.

The operation of the Phase One of the scheme and the Seven Door sluice which has not over the years function properly and the Seven Door Sluice seems to be seized up, leaking and has never been opened since its construction and handing over in 1980. It appears that Phase Two- Abary- Mahaicony and Phase Three Mahaicony- Mahaica which for years were to be completed is still in limbo, causing much frustration to the farmers and other residents.

Addressing recent meetings at Wash Clothes and Chans, Mahaicony Branch Road, URPS Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu told the gathering that a URP led administration will complete the entire Three Phase Project so as to increase agricultural production within the scheme.

He pointed out that the URP is committed to the development and expansion of the agricultural sector in the country.