

STATEMENT FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT DR. CHEDDI B. JAGAN
ON MASH 93 CELEBRATIONS

The Government of Guyana is fully backing the various initiatives/activities now underway for the biggest ever and the most well-planned Mash Celebrations in an atmosphere of Freedom, Goodwill, and National Unity.

For the first time ever, in over two decades, the Guyanese people are planning their visible participation in the Mash Celebrations which would be truly national in character, since there would be total involvement of all the people drawn from our colourful ethnic landscape of Guyana.

In honour of the United Nations' designation of 1993 as the "YEAR OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES", the Amerindians of Guyana would play a significant role during our upcoming Mashramani festivities, in keeping with the declared theme of "MASH SPREE IN 1993".

The Government is therefore appealing for the meaningful participation of all citizens, not only the Musicians, Masqueraders, Calysonians and other talented artistes, but also the Business Sector which should put their best efforts into this national event.

It is expected that a larger contingent of overseas-based Guyanese and tourists would converge in our unique Capital City to witness the colour and splendour of the events.

This anticipated "invasion" of our overseas brothers and sisters as well as tourists would be a boost to our drive to expand the tourism industry.

In this regard the Government, through the Mash Committee, is currently working assiduously to surpass the previous years' Celebrations, thereby creating favourable and long lasting impressions to our local and international contingents.

Active and meaningful participation would be the key to success of the upcoming Mash Celebrations which would set the stage for the harmonisation of all races in a truly democratic society which our Government is committed to building during our term of office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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