

Remembering Dr. Jagan

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The Cheddi Jagan Research Centre is pleased to be associated with this activity organized by the ACG, Canada. This is the twentieth year since the passing of Dr. Jagan and is therefore an opportune time to celebrate and reflect on the life of a man who has selflessly given himself to the service of his country. During this lifetime of service, there were many ups and downs; but despite the challenges, he had tremendous faith in the resilience of the Guyanese people, and remained optimistic that one day, we will realize the true potential of our national motto, "One people, One nation, One destiny."

Dr. Jagan's dream was to harness the diversity of our history and mold it for the common good of the nation. This unity of peoples, united in purpose is still a work in progress. We must keep that dream alive. From generation to generation, step-by-step, we must keep marching towards unity. It is the only way that will ensure progress and prosperity.

In this milestone year, we remember with pride this visionary, the people's leader, the nationalist, regionalist, and internationalist - a humble man who was the quintessence of humanity. His contributions were monumental: the fight for national independence; the struggle for the right to vote and for a united and democratic Guyana; his strong advocacy for debt relief and world peace and by no means least his call

for a New Global Human Order which has now been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

It is incumbent on us all to ensure that we keep his legacy alive especially in these troubling times when attempts are made by the Granger administration to take away the Cheddi Jagan Research Centre and to play down his enormous contribution to the cause of a free, united and modern Guyana.

Let his ideas and ideals continue to inspire us to better ourselves, better our communities and better our country.

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