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IDC On-Line Petition for Guyana Postage Stamp – A Centennial Tribute to the late Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan

The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)** has initiated an on-line petition for a Guyana Postage Stamp to be issued as a Centennial Tribute to the late Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan in support of its efforts for the commemorative postage stamp.

This on-line initiative is in addition to IDC's petition of February 5, 2018 to the Government of Guyana to issue a commemorative postage stamp by 22 March 2018 as a centennial tribute to the late Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan and in recognition of the 100th birthday of the "Father of the Nation" as he is commonly regarded. The late Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan would have celebrated his 100th birthday on 22 March 2018

Quotation from biography of late Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan:

"Cheddi B. Jagan (b. 22 March 1918 – d. 6 March 1997) was a Guyanese politician who was first elected Chief Minister in 1953 and later Premier of British Guiana from 1961 to 1964, prior to independence. He played a key role in Guyana's struggle for independence from Great Britain. He later served as President of Guyana from 1992 to 1997. For his contribution in the struggle for independence and lifelong service to Guyana, he is widely regarded as the "Father of the Nation". He was a popular figure due to his tireless efforts on behalf of equitable treatment of workers and farmers in Guyana".

Born: March 22, 18 – Port Mourant, Guyana

Died: March 6, 1997 – Washington, D.C, USA.

Spouse: Janet Jagan (b. 20 October 1920 (USA); m. 5 August 1943; d. 28 March 2009)

Children: Cheddi Jagan Jr. (USA) USA; Nadira Jagan Brancier (Canada)

Education: Northwestern University (USA), Howard University (USA)

Books: The West on Trial (1966); Forbidden Freedom: The Story...(1954)

Political Career: Chief Minister: 1953; Premier: 1961-1964; President: 1992-1997



Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan
22 Mar 1918 – 6 Mar 1997

IDC's petition stated that "the proposed commemorative postage stamp is fitting, deserving, historic and timely, a recognition of late Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, a highly acclaimed stalwart internationally, and for his lifelong service, legacy and influence on the people everywhere".

IDC president Ashook Ramsaran stated that, "the late Dr. Jagan was an internationally acclaimed stalwart, a champion of the people who fought for Guyana's independence, and embraced diversity and strength through unity. His lifelong service to the people of Guyana, his ideals and vision engendered consensus for understanding, cooperation and progress among all people".

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.