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**Press Release**

**Visit of the All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana from 25-27 May 2025**

An All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, visited Guyana from 25-27 May 2025. Indian community, members of the Indian diaspora and Friends of India in Guyana warmly welcomed the delegation on their arrival, expressing their strong support and solidarity with India. India's firm and unequivocal response to terrorism as part of Operation Sindoor was highly appreciated. Dr. Tharoor briefly addressed the gathering and outlined the purpose of their visit.

2. The visit commenced with a courtesy call on H.E. Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo, Hon'ble Vice President of Guyana. The delegation elaborated India's position on the Pahalgam terrorist attack and Operation Sindoor. They underscored that India stands united against terrorism and there will be a firm and resolute response to terrorism. Hon'ble Vice President reiterated Guyana's unequivocal support for India's fight against terrorism.

3. Later that evening, the delegation traveled to Berbice and joined Guyana's 59th Independence Day celebrations hosted by the Government of Guyana in Berbice. H.E. Brig (Retd) Mark Phillips, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Guyana, hosted the delegation over dinner. Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony, Minister of Finance Dr. Ashni Singh, Minister of Agriculture Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, Minister of Legal Affairs Mr. Mohabir Anil Nandlall and Minister within the Ministry of Housing & Water Ms. Susan Rodrigues also joined the dinner. The discussion over dinner covered a wide range of bilateral issues, besides Operation Sindoor and India's fight against terrorism. Thereafter, the delegation witnessed the Independence Day celebrations and participated in the festivities in presence of the Guyanese leadership.

4. On 26 May 2025, the delegation called on Hon'ble Manzoor Nadir, Speaker of the National Assembly of Guyana at the historic Public Building (Old Parliament Building). Hon'ble Speaker and members of the delegation discussed a range of issues including India's position on cross-border terrorism in a free-flowing discussion that provided the Indian delegation an opportunity to share its perspective on Pakistan sponsored cross-border terrorism. Hon'ble Speaker showed the Speaker's Chair which was gifted by India to Guyana after latter's independence in 1966 - a symbol of deep friendship and strong people-to-people ties between the two countries.

5. Later in the day, the delegation paid floral tribute at the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Promenade Gardens in Georgetown. The delegation interacted with Indian students studying at various Medical Universities in Guyana. Thereafter, they proceeded to the Monument Gardens in Georgetown and paid floral tribute at a memorial to Indian indentured labourers who came from India to British Guiana on the ship *Whitby* in 1838. Representatives from the Indian

Commemoration Trust welcomed the delegation and shared their impressions about India-Guyana cultural relations and people to people ties.

6. In the afternoon, the delegation briefed members of the Guyanese media and 'Friends of India' in Guyana, including a cross-section of business leaders, political thinkers, think-tanks and socio-cultural organizations regarding the Pahalgam terrorist attack and the subsequent Operation Sindoor. They emphasized that India's response displayed our collective national resolve to bring the perpetrators of this heinous and inhuman terrorist attack- planned and executed by terrorist organizations sheltered and supported by Pakistan- to justice. The delegation underlined that India's response has set a new normal in its fight against terrorism and that such attacks will not go unpunished in the future.

7. During a call on H.E. Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana, at the State House, the delegation briefed President Ali and his delegation, inter alia, including Foreign Minister Hugh Todd, Chief of Defence Staff Brig Omar Khan, National Security Advisor Capt. Gerry Gouveia, regarding Operation Sindoor and developments since then. President Ali assured the Indian delegation Guyana's unwavering support in India's fight against terrorism and underlined that there was no place for terrorism and extremism in the civilized world. Both sides also noted with appreciation the recent upward trend in India-Guyana multi-faceted partnership, especially after the historic visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, to Guyana in November 2024.

8. At a reception hosted by High Commissioner at the India House, the delegation interacted with a cross-section of Indian community, diaspora and friends of India in Guyana. They briefed the gathering on their official engagements with the Guyanese leadership and appreciated the support extended by Guyana to India in its fight against terrorism. In an interactive session that followed, members of the Indian community and diaspora shared their impressions and extended support to India's new resolve and its policy of 'zero tolerance for terrorism'.

9. The visit of the All-Party Parliamentary delegation underscored the deep and everlasting bonds of friendship between India and Guyana. The warmth of the relationship was reflected in the unequivocal support expressed by the Guyanese leadership as well as the people of Guyana to India's fight against terrorism. The delegation departed for Panama for the next leg of their visit in the early morning of 27 May 2025.

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