

## **List of Indo-Guyanese Festivals**

**Mashramani-** Mashramani is Guyana's one of the most important festivals celebrated on the Guyana's Republic Day on 23rd February every year. The word "Mashramani" means 'the celebration after hard work'. Parades, costume competitions, music, masquerade parties and dancing on the streets form an important feature of the event

**Phagwah-** Phagwah, the festival of colours, is an ode to the East Indian heritage. It is celebrated widely all across Guyana on the day of Indian festival, Holi, and people from all walks of life irrespective of race and religion take part in the celebrations, where people dress in white and shower each other with dry and wet colours.

**Guyana Carnival-** Guyana Carnival is an annual feature takes place from 20th to 27th May every year. It includes various activities during the week including a parade on 26th May,

### **Independence Day of Guyana.**

**Easter** – kite festival- Due to a substantial Christian population, Easter is celebrated with great fervour in Guyana. Guyanese have a tradition of raising all colours and types of kites in the air during this period at the seawall and local beaches.

**Diwali Motorcade-** On the occasion of Diwali, GHDS organizes every year a motorcade. This beautifully decorated floats depicting various aspects of the festival travel from various parts of the city and meet at a community grounds. The event will be concluded with stage performances by noted local dancers and singers. Around 10000 people attend the event

**Kala Utsav-** It is an annual event conceived as an innovative way to propagate and preserve Indian art form. The annual event features youth showcasing their talents under the categories of Ramayan chanting, male and female singing, duet singing, classical dance, folk dance, Tassa and instrumental music.

**Naya Zamana-** It is an annual cultural stage show organized by Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha to promote various forms of dance styles. It is one of the popular annual shows.

## **List of Awardees (Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards etc.)**

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards Sir Shridath Surendranath Ramphal, Former Foreign Minister of Guyana and former Commonwealth Secretary General - conferred in 2003

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards Mr Bharrat Jagdeo, former President of Guyana – conferred in 2004

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards Dr Yesu Persaud, successful businessman and Chairman of Indian Commemorative Trust – conferred in 2006

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards Mr Donald Ramotar, former President of Guyana – conferred in 2015

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha – conferred in 2019 for community service

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards to H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Cooperative Republic of Guyana - conferred in 2023

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards to Mr. Ashok Ramcharran in 2011

Pravasee Bharatiya Samman Awards to Saraswati Vidya Niketan for Community Service in 2025

### **List of cultural organizations in Guyana**

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha  
National School of Dance  
Indian Commemoration Trust  
Indranie and Nadira Shaw (Nrityageet)  
Roshini Boodhoo dance troupe  
Radhakrishna Foundation  
Saraswati Vidya Niketan  
Badrinath Ashram

### **List of prominent historical Indian monuments in Guyana**

Indian Arrival Monument in Palmyra, Berbice  
Indian Monument Garden, Georgetown

### **List of Yoga Institutions**

- Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga Centre, Guyana
- Namaste Yoga Studio, Guyana
- Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh Guyana and Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha, Guyana
- Iskcon, Guyana