



*Left: Cricketers of Evergreen Sports Club and MYO Sports Club compete under the new lights at the Massahood Recreation Ground.*

## Chairman inspires cricketers with new Fyzabad infrastructure

Just three weeks after the West Indies victory in the T20 World Cup, eager cricketers at the Massahood Recreation Ground in Fyzabad welcomed the installation of new lights on their recreation ground.

Addressing the audience of residents and sporting enthusiasts at a ceremony hosted by T&TEC to mark the occasion on April 26, T&TEC's Chairman, Keith Sirju, announced the availability of a new high-powered lighting system on the recreation ground, consisting of forty eight 1500 watts flood lights affixed to six 17 meter poles for cricket and recreation activities. He also indicated that Massahood Junction, Avocat and environs is to receive further enhancements, as the Southern Area office is planning infrastructural improvements for the next fiscal year that will increase the capacity and reliability of supply in the Fyzabad area.

Mr. Sirju reminded the audience that the illumination of Massahood Recreation Ground was a continuation of a mandate first given to the Commission seven decades ago, in 1945, to electrify the nation. He acknowledged the work of the Public Lighting Department since its formal structure was implemented in 2005 and added that "for 2015 the ... department upgraded 155 lamps from 70 to 150 watts, and installed 2584

street lights and 564 poles, in addition to illuminating a total of 70 grounds, parks and courts."

Also speaking at the ceremony was the Minister of Public Utilities, the Honourable Brig. Gen. (Ret'd), Ancil Antoine, who saw the importance in developing the area, as communities "form the bedrock of our country and will be instrumental in shaping our future." He also encouraged residents to start cricket and football leagues with neighbouring communities.

In addition to the Minister, other guests in attendance included Member of

Parliament for Fyzabad, Dr. Lackram Bodoie; T&TEC's Board Commissioner Clifford Campbell; Deputy Chairman Glenford Cyrille and General Manager Kelvin Ramsook; Chairman of the Siparia Regional Corporation, Leo Doodnath; and Councillor for Mon Desir, Deryck Bowrin.

The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque and the much anticipated switching on of the recreation lights. This signalled to the cricketers to take the field and compete in their very first community T20 tournament sponsored by Ralo Tent Rental and WBI Construction Services Ltd.



*Member of Parliament for Fyzabad, Dr. Lackram Bodoie and the Minister of Public Utilities, the Honourable Brig. Gen. (Ret'd), Ancil Antoine, shake hands after the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark the illumination of Massahood Recreation Ground. Looking on is Chairman of the Siparia Regional Corporation, Leo Doodnath.*