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Guyana Completes Feasibility Study for Biometric Voter Registration

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The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has completed a comprehensive feasibility study examining the potential implementation of digital biometric voter registration, with estimated equipment costs of $20 million, according to Chief Election Officer Vishnu Persaud.

The study, conducted over six months in 2024, evaluated both technical requirements and practical challenges of transitioning from Guyana's current paper-based system, which has been in place since independence in 1966. GECOM's analysis identified several key benefits, including reduced registration times and improved accuracy in voter identification.

"The primary advantage would be the elimination of multiple

understanding and support for the project.

GECOM plans to present detailed findings to Parliament in early 2025, with potential implementation beginning in phases from 2026. The Commission estimates initial rollout would take 18-24 months to complete.

The proposed system would bring Guyana in line with regional standards for electoral modernization. Similar implementations in neighboring countries have shown reduction in voter fraud cases by up to 85 percent, according to the International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

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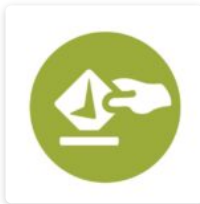
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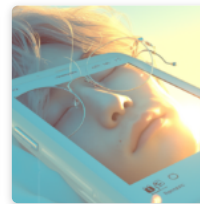
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