

President Bharrat Jagdeo was born on 23 January 1964 in the village of Unity on the East Coast of Demerara, Guyana. An economist by profession, President Jagdeo earned a Master's Degree in Economics from the Peoples's Friendship University of Russia. President Jagdeo served as Minister of Finance from 1995 to 1999 when he was appointed as Guyana's President. Aged 35, he was one of the youngest Heads of Government in the world. In 2001, President Jagdeo was elected as President, and was re-elected in September 2006. President Jagdeo instituted for the first time in Guyana, a two-term limit for a President. In 2011, President Jagdeo completed his second term as President.

In September 2005, President Jagdeo was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Group, a position he occupied until September 2006. He was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award by the Government of India in 2004 and the Pushkin Medal by the Government of Russia in 2008. In 2010, President Jagdeo was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by the People's Friendship University of Russia and in 2011 he also received an Honourary Doctorate from the DY Patil University of Mumbai, India.

President Jagdeo was named by Time Magazine and CNN named President Jagdeo as one of their "Heroes of the Environment 2008" and in 2010 he was awarded by the United Nations as a "Champion of the Earth". In 2011, President Jagdeo was appointed Goodwill Ambassador for Global Tropical Forest by the Leaders of the Amazonian, Congo and Borneo-Mekong forest basins.