



Diwali wishes from the President

Dear friends,

On this auspicious occasion of *Diwali*, I send my warmest greetings to you all!

Festivals in Indian culture are not just celebrations, gifts, food and frolic; they have immense symbolic significance hidden underneath. While most Indian festivals are connected with the appearance of the Moon or the Sun, *Diwali* is celebrated on a new moon day, when there is absolute darkness everywhere! So, *Diyas* are lighted and the earth illuminates with their auspicious light. And in this way, Diwali gives a unique message to all.

The warmth of *diya*-lights not only softens the cool pre-winter breeze, but melts the hardest of hearts to embrace each other. It's a celebration not only to 'give' and 'get', but for 'give' and for 'get' old grudges and renew old bonds.

Just as the *diyas* reflect radiance and light, Diwali is the time to reflect on one's life - past, future and changes for the next year. It is not the herald of a new year only, but the dawning of a new soul, a more ethically and spiritually advanced individual.

As we clean and refresh our homes on *Diwali*, we also rejuvenate our energies, positive zeals and promise to destroy dark thoughts & desires and move towards inner illumination and self-reflection.

This day is especially etched in the memories of all DAVians, as on this day *Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati* also attained Moksha, leaving His inspiring exalted philosophy of enlightenment for the generations to come. We will forever follow in his footsteps and remain his staunch devotees.

With these reflections, celebrate a happy, pollution-free and safe *Diwali*! Believe in the power of Prayer! Be prosperous, healthy and righteous!

Shubh Deepawali to all!

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