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Dear Friends,

Deepavali Greetings!  
Happy Vikram Samvat 2076 !

Wish you, your families and friends all a very happy Deepavali. Deepavali also marks beginning of new year in some parts of India. Happy New year for them as well.

Deepavali marks two most happy occasions. Both denote recurring theme of all of our festive occasions, victory of Dharma.

It was on this day after vanquishing Ravana, Sri Rama along with Maa Sita and their entourage return to Ayodhya by air on Pushpak.



Incidentally it was this mention in Ramayana that incensed Macaulay so much, he felt that Hindus are so superstitious, think that they believe plane carrying great numbers of people flew over plains of South India, they should be taught English. If only he lived another 50 years, he would have seen indeed not just Hindus but world over exactly that happening.

Let us move on. Rama was initially received by his brother Bharatha waiting for him for 14 years at sage Bharadwaja hermitage and all of them reach Ayodhya where they were welcomed lighted lamps. Ayodhya is on the shore of Sarayu river. You can still see that scene to day with lighted lamps today at Sarayu river.

While we do not know when once again there will be a temple for Sri Rama restored, after all the temple was destroyed in 1600s, dispute is raging since then, there were many occasions when temple got restored, once by Guru Govind Singh and Baba Ramadas in Ayodhya which took Aurangazeb one whole year and 10,000 Mughal soldiers to break it again. Recently by court order locks to mosque inflicted on that site were opened in 1948. And worship of Sri Rama, Sita, Laxmana and Hanuman icons found was going on since then.

Thoughtful Muslim leaders are of the opinion that they should give up claims on the temple site and they should instead earn good will of Hindus. Let us hope for the best. Here is CM Yogi Adityanath on this issue.

Saying Ayodhya holds a significant place for Sanaatan Dharam followers, Adityanath said, "Where else can we find a state with such cultural and religious richness? Ayodhya has to get due recognition. This Deepotsav program is a step in that direction."

While this is going on in north, people all over India, north, south, east and west are not waiting for any court judgement, well known for tardiness in making decisions. They are lining up to pay their respects to their chosen deities.

Now let us come to Dvapara Yuga, which was the time when Sri Vishnu took incarnation of Sri Krishna. On this occasion, a day before Deepavali, he slayed Narakasura and returned to Dwaraka.

He too returns by air, on back of Garuda, eagle, to Dwaraka, city on west coast of India, from Pragyotishpuram, on far eastern side of India.

Dwaraka , artists view, submerged, but with plenty of evidence still recorded, now in sea off the coast of Gujarat.



People of Dwaraka receive Him, welcome Him with lighted lamps. Hence Deepavali, which means rows of lamps.

May all of your Deepavali occasions, this year and many more to come, be most happy occasions, just as they were for people of Ayodhya and Dwaraka before.

President Trump celebrates Deepavali with Americans of India origin, praising them for their contributions. Happy faces all, nice to see.

Best wishes,  
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