



## DEEPAVALI MESSAGE

by

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*Deepavali - the beautiful Festival of Lights, like all other Guyanese Festivals, exhorts human kind to live in unity amidst diversity. Though Deepavali is basically a Hindu Festival its message is timely and its teachings universal.*

*In the world in which we live Science and Technology have ushered in new dimensions in man's life but with all these electronic and space age facilities and gadgets created to better man's life on earth, we find there exist greater poverty, hunger, sufferings and many ills the world over. Mankind is still grappling for world peace and inner peace. In fact in his quest to satisfy his insatiable desire for material possessions man has been robbed of certain values, values which need to be rekindled and re-emphasised.*

*Our Festivals are the harbingers of a renaissance of the human mind and spirit. They come in our midst as timely reminders to all Guyanese for personal analysis, for fellowship, for enhancement of family life, for respect and tolerance, for sharing and caring, for moral direction and spiritual upliftment.*

*May the flickering flames of the diyas serve as a reminder to all Guyanese of the richness of the various cultural and religious streams of our people and may the timely message of deepavali serve to fertilize the thinking of all Guyanese to strive for the advancement of our country thus enabling them to live happier and fuller life.*

*Joyous Deepavali Greetings!*

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