

DEEPAVALI MESSAGE

Deepavali is a profound celebration of the triumph of good over evil. Hindus light rows of clay lamps to the entrance of their homes symbolising that one would walk in the path of light. Deepavali is observed as a day for getting rid of all the bad qualities in us. As long as the demonic qualities remain in man, he will be immersed in darkness. It is a time to reflect on doing the right thing, to serve the less fortunate, to report wrong doing and more importantly to become a beacon of light to others. It is through the light that the beauty of this world is revealed or experienced.

This beauty can be seen in the sharing and caring of our elders, children and the under privileged. At this time of the year families gather to celebrate the end of a period of sacrifice and fasting. Gifts and sweets are exchanged, new clothes are worn, and prayers are performed to offer thanks for good health and wealth.

I would like to wish all the hindu staff a happy diwali and would like to congratulate the management and staff of the Department of Public Works for being rated the number 1 provincial department in the country by the Department of Public Service and Administration.

Have a blessed and peaceful Deepavali and be responsible with the fireworks, being considerate to the animals and neighbours alike.