PRESIDENT OF INDIA'S GREETINGS ON THE EVE OF DIWALI

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The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu sends greetings to her fellow citizens on the eve of Diwali.

In a message, the President has said, "On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all Indians living in India and abroad.

The joyous celebrations followed Bhagwan Shri Ram's return to Ayodhya after his victory over Ravana. Bhagwan Shri Ram beheld the beautiful rows of illuminated lamps. This forms the cultural and devotional significance of Diwali. The festival also symbolises the auspicious beginning of Ram Rajya.

The festival of Diwali marks the victory of virtues over negative tendencies. It also signifies the end of suffering and the beginning of a joyful and prosperous life. On this occasion, people worship Bhagwan Ganesh for auspicious beginnings and well-being, and Mahalakshmi Mata for prosperity. Prayers are offered for the happiness of all.

I wish good health, happiness and prosperity to every citizen of our country. May we preserve the environment, live with harmony and may our patriotic youth, guided by Indian values, contribute enthusiastically to building a Viksit Bharat".

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