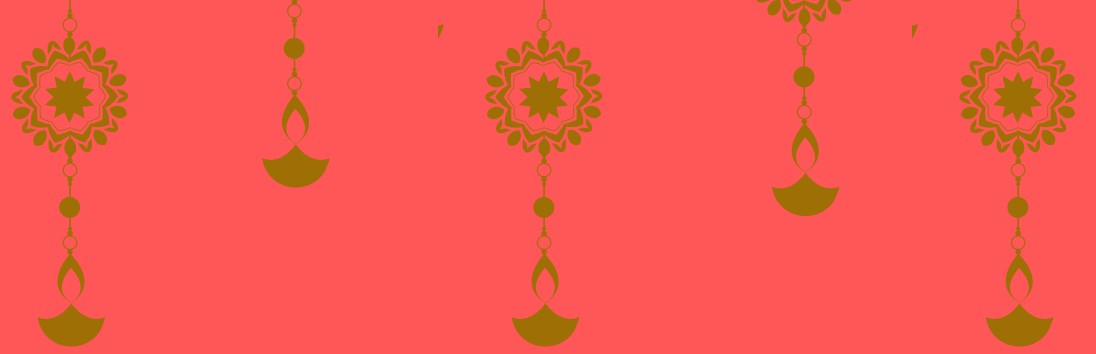




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Commemorative Edition of
Opportunity Knocks

HAPPY DIVALI 2025

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS





Her Honour Madame Justice
Donna Prowell-Raphael
Chairman and Judge
Equal Opportunity Tribunal

Warm greetings to all as we celebrate Divali

Rooted in Hindu tradition, Divali celebrates universal themes of light, goodness, and renewal that transcend culture and faith. In Trinidad and Tobago, this cherished festival honours the country's unique ethnic and cultural heritage, echoing the principles of societal enlightenment and equality that guide the deliberations of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal.

At its core, Divali symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. The lighting of deyas during Divali celebrations vividly captures this victory. Beyond the decorations, lights, fireworks, and feasts, this observance provides a sacred pause for inner

reflection, spiritual awakening, and renewal, encouraging us to dispel negativity and embrace positivity and wisdom.

In moments when narratives can sometimes fuel division and uncertainty, the spirit of Divali gently reminds us of our shared humanity. It challenges us to seek understanding and unity, to rise above discord, and to illuminate our path forward with hope and mutual respect.

As the Tribunal works to build a just and inclusive society, may the lights of Divali enlighten our hearts and guide us toward a future filled with peace, understanding, and joy.

Shubh Divali!



Staff of the Tribunal

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Divali represents the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and justice over injustice. This reminds me that we must always have faith that we can overcome any obstacles and challenges that we face in our daily lives.

Mrs. Lisa Harricharan

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Divali in Trinidad and Tobago is a festival of lights. It symbolises the triumph of good over evil, purity over impurity and light over darkness

What I like about Divali is the pretty Indian wear and the traditional Indian dishes like roti, curried channa, mango, pumpkin, etc and best of all the Indian sweets like karma, gulab jamun, laddoo, and barfi.

Mrs. Alisa Samai

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Divali for me means a time of joy, light, and togetherness with my family. It reminds me to spread kindness and respect.

Mrs. Bianca Griffith-Cummings

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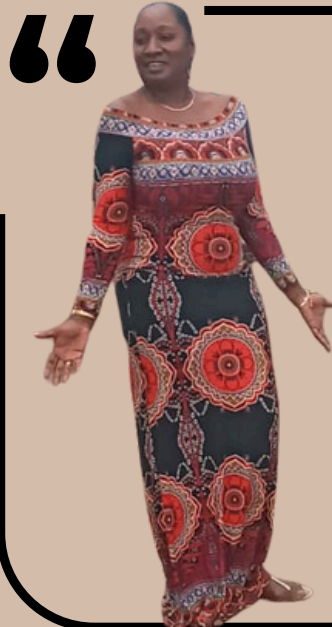


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Namaste to all from the Equal Opportunity Tribunal. Divali Deepavali symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

Mrs. Jannel Naimool-Graham



Divali is a symbol of hope for humankind. May it bring universal compassion, inner joy, peace, love and awareness of unity to all. Happy Divali!

Mrs. Arlette Ampson-Wilson

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To me Divali in Trinidad and Tobago signifies a time of unity between family, friends and the wider community where the victory of light over darkness is celebrated. It is also a time where kindness and compassion prevails.

Ms. Candace Preudhomme

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