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As people come together for the beginning of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, we all have the opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed, and to face the future with renewed hope – as the story of Rama and Sita and how good betters evil is brought alive once again.

From Dhanteras to Bhai Dooj, over the coming five days your homes will be filled with light and celebrations – and our thoughts will be with you all. Diwali's messages of hope and togetherness bind Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist communities here and around the world, and should be a source of inspiration and reflection for us all.

I send my warmest good wishes to you all for a peaceful and joyous Diwali.

Camla Bawa