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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HOLI GREETINGS FROM THE ERC**

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) wishes to extend Holi (Phagwah) greetings to all Guyanese, especially our Hindu brothers and sisters, as we celebrate as a nation, the jubilant and sparkling festival of colours, today March 14, 2025.

Referred to as the Festival of Spring, Holi connotes unity and renewal. This colourful occasion is a juncture to reset and renew ruptured relationships, end conflicts and rid ourselves of accumulated emotional impurities. As such, it reminds us of the prominence of harmony, love, and mutual respect among all, irrespective of race, creed, religion, or lineage.

Significantly, Holi is one of the numerous spiritual, religious and cultural observances in Guyana that has attained nationwide appreciation, removing traditional barriers, reminding us of the tolerance and understanding that should prevail among us and most remarkably, stimulating togetherness and boosting cultural expressions which Hinduism endorses.

Today as we celebrate this Sacred Festival with multi-colors, traditional music and oriental renditions, the Commission urges everyone to celebrate responsibly and respectfully ensuring that the true principles and keynotes of Holi viz. reconciliation, happiness, friendship and togetherness, are reinforced and upheld.

Shubh Holi to all from the ERC.

**Ethnic Relations Commission**  
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