

To,

*The more you Celebrate your Life,
the more there is in Life to Celebrate.*

CONQUEST
of good over evil

COMPASSION
for all

CELEBRATION
of togetherness



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शुभं करोति कल्याणमारोग्यं धनसंपदा ।
शत्रुबुद्धविनाशाय दीपज्योतरिनमोऽस्तुते ॥

***“All the lights of the world cannot be compared
even to a ray of Inner Light of the Self.
Merge yourself in this light of lights
and enjoy the Supreme Deepavali.”***

Twinkling lamps, delectable sweets, Rangoli and unfettered partying, but Diwali is much more than mere pomp and show. The festival really stands for **reaffirmation of hope, a reminder of commitment to Values, Ethics and renewed commitment to Ideals**. Each day of the festivity is symbolic. Everyone is all too familiar with the legend of Rama's return on Diwali but, **‘Naraka Chaturdasi’** symbolizes **Triumph of Raj Dharma over Swadharma**. Narakasura, son of Bhumidevi and Hiranyakashayap, was a powerful demon who grew more arrogant after getting boon from Brahma that he would only be killed by his mother. He misused his powers in his confidence that no mother would kill her own son. When his evil doings crossed all limits Satyabhama, (an incarnation of Bhumidevi) killed him. Chaturdashi celebrates this triumph of Righteousness over Evil. Diwali therefore is a time for **Inner Introspection**.

As societies become affluent and festivities extravagant, much symbolism of legends is lost. This is therefore a special time. It is a time to examine our **beliefs, prejudices, biases, jealousies and root out negative emotions from our life. It is a time to bring good cheer to the less fortunate and time to encourage good environmental practices.**

With an optimistic attitude and fervour **we at SCET**, strive to walk on the path of ideals, to **make the World a more humane, tolerant and just place. Let these festivities bring joy, hope and peace in our lives.**

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“Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.”
- Maya Angelou



WE CELEBRATE .. WE GREET.. WE RESOLVE..



We are fortunate to have been born in this '**Country of Festivals**'. Festivals are like the Oases in the desert imparting life and joy to the daily humdrum. They give opportunities to rejuvenate and rejoice in the plenitude of life. ***I strongly believe that the journey of life becomes more memorable and meaningful with celebrations.***

This Diwali as I extend my greetings to my Elders, Colleagues, Friends, Family, ***I would like to strengthen my resolve to better myself, by cleansing my Inner World, by becoming Compassionate, by getting rid of bias, by seeking Clarity of Vision. I resolve to ignore the dark waters of Negativity and drink deeply of the clear stream of Reason and Positivity.*** On this note I wish everyone a Happy Diwali and Prosperous New Year. May Good Sense and Sanity prevail all around. **तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।**

Prof. Persi Engineer

Diwali is a day of celebration, a day to meet and greet friends and loved ones. A time to clean out vicious thoughts and become hale and healthy; and spread enlightening ideas. Diwali is a symbol of luminosity. The brightness of the lamp depicts an enriched person, burning oil is the nourishment received from health and wealth, the steadiness of the flame symbolizes balance, a harmonious life in sync with Nature. With these Diwali greetings, I hope and pray that all persons live a life in harmony with Nature's principles adopting Green practices.



Prof. Mahesh Nagecha

Diwali is a time to rejoice, time to retrospect, time to rejuvenate ! I wish you all a joyous Diwali and pray for all of you, that the New Year bestows abundant peace, satisfaction and love !



The festival of Lights brings a renewed energy to our life, a vitalizing 'parv' for all. On this Diwali I wish prosperity and happiness to all and I wish rigour to all for pursuing their dreams and achieve them.

Prof. Vishal Shah

Prof. Snehal Shah

Subtracting an Old Page of Past Years & Adding a New Page to Coming Years in the Journey of Life I believe all in all Diwali is a bunch of holidays that is very significant, extensive festivities and spending time with family, leaving apart of all worries of computer life and preparing of Diya, Rangoli, decorations and variety of food. A traditional lavish meal as per festival of the day is served at my home to be relished with relatives and friends, Celebrating my father-in-law's and my birthday adds charm to the festival spirit.

'Bestu Varas' or New Year begins before sunrise and the auspicious Salt Crystals, "sabras"; means, all ras, 'all good things in life', as it will bring luck in the New Year. We start the New Year, leaving behind the undesirable memories of past years by deleting beliefs of the Past Years & inserting good thoughts in Coming Years in the Journey of Life to create a meaningful future and a new ray of hope. I resolve, I shall believe in myself, be optimistic about life, put in all efforts to do good and to live a cheerful life. Here's hoping, that all of us can put in extra efforts to bring a smile on our lips every single day and also bring a smile on people's lips with our righteous actions.

Prof. Bhavna Vimawala

Diwali is the time to remember that we are Beings of Light. In order to illumine the darkness surrounding us we must purify our own selves and shine the joy of light wherever we go. I wish everyone to hold aloft their lamp of joy and spread happiness and good cheer wherever they go.



Prof. Beena Sheth

Diwali is about setting goals, not accumulating gold. As Lakshmi comes from Lakshya, meaning Goal. Diwali is practising

तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।

Happy Diwali to all. May there be light in your life.

Prof. Parul Shastri



Diwali is a festival of light and joy, it is a victory of light over darkness. It comes on "Amavas" a darknight, so we light "Diya" to remove darkness but we should also light "Diya" of knowledge and wisdom to remove darkness of illiteracy and stupidity.

Mr. Nitin Sondelia

No matter what part of India or what community one belongs to, the Festival of Lights is one that brings cheer into everyone's lives !! Whether it is meeting family and friends or feasting on sumptuous sweetmeats and donning new attire or simply soaking in the festivities, Diwali holds a special place in all our hearts....it is literally the festival of festivals.

Though, I can't help but wonder about those whose Diwali is not as bright...if each one of us were to bring cheer into the life of just one more person, less fortunate than ourselves, I think it would make our Diwali much more meaningful.....For me, personally, it means taking off on a family vacation and unwinding in some scenic locale, being grateful for the year gone by and looking forward with renewed vigour to the year ahead !!

Prof. Azmi Wadia

Looking back on the past year, it seems to me that it has whizzed past. I plan in the coming year to make each minute count, by travelling more to explore, by reading more to expand my horizon, by bringing better organizational skills in my work, and most of all by spending more quality time with my family. In this age of virtual connectivity, we are losing touch with ourselves and our immediate family. I wish that all of us spare time for face to face communication with a personal touch of love and care for our loved ones.



Prof. Priyank Parekh

WE CELEBRATE .. WE GREET.. WE RESOLVE..

My Diwali means the rangoli of new dreams . My diwali means spending time with myself. May diwali bring inner peace to everyone.

Prof. Kunjan Goswami



One Lamp lights up the series of Lamps. Just as one enlightened mind brings knowledge to countless. May this Diwali bring enlightenment to all Happy Diwali.

Prof. Tejas Patel

Diwali is not just triumph of light and knowledge over dark forces but an illumination of Inner Self....a time to introspect and clean hatred, anger, jealousy, ill will from the inner recesses of the heart, the physical equivalence of which is deep cleaning the house. The string of celebratory days has deep meaning in the legends. To me Diwali means family bonding time and an opportunity to brighten not just our friends' and families' lives but the lives of everyone linked with us.

I hope and pray that families and friendship are strengthened in these socially trying times when each man is an island unto himself.

Prof. Vahbiz Engineer



Diwali to me is the time to rejuvenate life with fresh energy and new goals. It's the time to clean the heart from past ills, to look ahead with light of hopes, to make rangolis of new dreams, to share sweetness of what is good. Celebrate the blessing of togetherness with each other. May every lamp lit on the Eve of Diwali bring joy and prosperity to everyone.

Prof. Rikta Desai

Let us celebrate the New Beginnings by making resolutions which we will abide throughout the year.

Prof. Sarupa Dave



Diwali is an occasion to desolve bad evils by lighting of Diya within. Let us therefore resolve to desist from harmful habits, to build integrity of character.

Prof. Nikunj Patel

This Diwali and New Year let us give more importance to our HEALTH, which we have been ignoring since long... let us give thanks to our beloved FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES and to the grace of GOD which never ends... let us take resolution of not hurting anyone... let us take an oath to give a bit towards a healthy environment... Let us celebrate Diwali in its true sense...!!! Happy Diwali and prosperous New Year ahead...!!!

Prof. Hardik Gandhi



In general, Diwali signifies the triumph of good over evil, of righteousness over treachery, of truth over falsehood and of light over darkness. The purpose is not to glorify the light of the candle or the fire-cracker. The purpose is to glorify the light of Positivity. It is the positive thinking which bestows the real light, the everlasting light upon the darkness of this mundane world.

Prof. Niraj Naik

Diwali sets the mood for a better time ahead and to check balance sheet of our actions. Let us all strive to fill the balance in favour of deeds that make the world a better place.

Prof. Rajesh Joshi



Light a lamp of love ... Blast a chain of sorrow... Shoot a rocket of prosperity... Fire a flower pot of happiness...Wishing all a very Happy Diwali.

Prof. Vishwanath K.R.

The sun does not shine there, nor do the moon and stars. All the light of the world cannot be compared to the inner light. So this Diwali I wish to brighten my Inner Light by bringing smiles on the faces of poverty stricken people of society. I wish to work on Design as a tool for the benefit of urban poor. In all our celebrations, we often miss out on including the poor in our scheme of things. If each one of us decides that in whatever we do, we will think of poor brothers then the world will be a happier place .

Prof. Vishal Mashruwala



દિવાળી તહેવાર મારા માટે હર્ષોલ્લાસ અને આનંદ નો તહેવાર છે.દિવાળી એટલે પ્રકાશ નું પર્વ દીવો એ જ્ઞાન નું પ્રતીક છે, યુગો થઈ ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિ એ અજ્ઞાનતા અને અંધકાર ને દૂર કરવા જ્ઞાન રૂપી દિવા ની સમજ સ્વીકારી છે, આપણા સ્નેહીજનો અને મિત્રો ને દિવાળી ની શુભેચ્છા પાઠવવી , મીઠાઈ વહેંચવી અને ફટાકડા ફોડી ને આનંદ માણવાની માજા અનેરી હોય છે , દિવાળી ના બીજા દિવસે નવું વર્ષ આવે છે. દિવાળી અને નવું વર્ષ આપણા સૌને માટે સુખ શાંતિ અને સમૃદ્ધિ લાવે તેવી શુભેચ્છા સાથે આપ સૌને દિવાળી ની ખુબ ખુબ શુભેચ્છા

Mr. Mukesh Limbachiya

Wishing you LESS this Diwali and New Year - less worries, less stress, less expectations, less frustrations, less wants.. Let less of all these result in more love, peace and harmony within and around you! Shubh Deepavali! Saal Mubarak!!

Prof. Saloni Shah



Let us burn...destroy...demolish... internal strife, hatred, pseudo- patriotism, destruction of environment and light the Diya of Peace, Brotherhood, love and true Nationalism this Diwali ...**HAPPY DIWALI !**

Prof. Nehal Desai

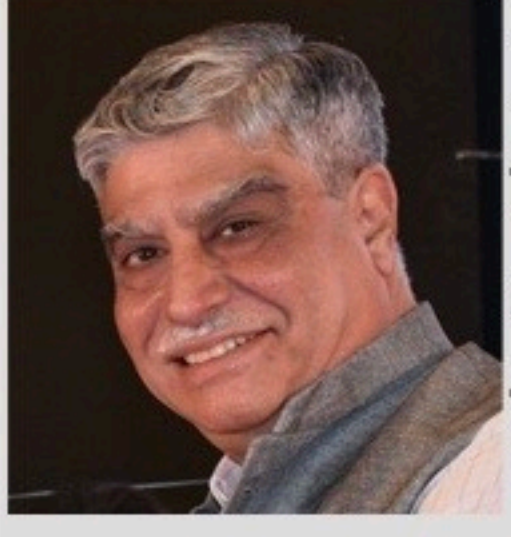
Diwali - a festival of Inner Enlightenment.I believe apart from celebrating Diwali with family and friends, crackers and sweets, travelling and enjoying etc....it has to be metaphorically absorbed as a festival of inner peace and enlightenment. As Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, we can also conquer our inner self from egos, anxiety, stress, materialistic possessions, corruptions etc.

Being joyous and content with your own self and the world depicts the true sense of Diwali. Understanding the value of what we have and not "what we want to have"...can eradicate numerous demons from ourselves by giving enlightenment and peace.

Prof. Mehul Patel



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Diwali, the festival of lights is a festival I really look forward to.... This is the only period in the year that Designers can turn off their lights, relax and unwind; as in terms of work, the city comes to a halt and each of us can get that well deserved break! Ahh what bliss, to be off on vacation or if in Surat, the streets are empty and there's a sense of tranquillity that fills the air once the festivities are over.

Prof. Sarosh Wadia

Don't forget our nature this Diwali, let's celebrate Green Diwali.
Wishing you all an eco-friendly Diwali.

Prof. Shivani Pachchigar



Wishing all the readers a happy and safe Diwali. Stay happy always as if it is Diwali each day.

Prof. Azaz Calcuttawala

Giving thanks to the Almighty is a lost Grace these days. So Diwali for me is a time for thanking that Almighty for all His Blessings, and lighting Diyas of hope for a happier and healthier New Year. I pray that all may enjoy Good Health of Mind and Body in the New Year.



Prof. Jasmine Kaur



Doubt is like darkness and trust is like a light. There is no way one can destroy light by throwing darkness into it. Let this Diwali, burn all your bad times, and enter you in good times. On this auspicious and sparkling festival of lights, may the glow of lamp illuminate your life and brings you joy, prosperity and happiness. With gleam of auspicious Diyas and the Holy chants, may happiness and prosperity fill your life forever! Happy and Prosperous Diwali!

Ms. Hetal Shah

May the festival of lights be the harbinger of joy and prosperity. As the holy occasion of Diwali is here and the atmosphere is filled with the spirit of mirth and love, that stay with you through the days ahead.

All That I wish for you during this festival of lights is :

D : Dazzling lights **I** : Immense Joy **W** : Windfall

A : Abundant Peace **L** : Lavish festivities **I** : Illustrious life

Ms. Vibha Ghelot



Diwali brings cheers to our life so lets celebrate with letting go of our insecurities that disconnects us from other, as it's the festival of togetherness, lets shift our paradigm from limited to limitless.

Limited : ME ≠ YOU Limitless : ME = YOU

HAPPY DIWALI ! HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Prof. Palke Patel

Deepavli- the festival celebrated with excitement & grandeur, unites India. It symbolises victory over evil, brightness over gloom & knowledge over ignorance. Diyas, sweets, family & good vibes. It is all about welcoming the New Year with clean conscience. To stand strong with new aims, to conquer inner demon & celebrate the triumph over the evil, we already overcame that is my wish for you all.



सर्वस्तरतु दुर्गाणि, सर्वो भद्राणि पश्यतु । सर्वः कामानवाप्नोतु सर्वः सर्वत्र नन्दतु॥

Prof. Sanaeya Variava



Diwali is a time for new beginning, which is loud, colorful and joyous. Diwali is delicious with variety of traditional food and rich with mythological stories. Diwali is celebrated with families and friends, which conveys the message about good over evil and its timelessness. So let us all celebrate the Timeless Spirit of Man which shines brightest in adversity. May everyone find the Spirit to lead them.

Prof. Alpa Pandya

દિપાવલી ના દીપ આપણા અંતરને ઝગમગાવી,
ઉત્સાહ અને આનંદ સાથે પરસ્પર સ્નેહના સંબંધો વિકસાવી,
પ્રેમ અને આનંદ વહેંચવાનું પર્વ બની રહે એવી સર્વ મિત્રો
ને દિવાળી શુભેચ્છાઓ!



પ્રકાશ નું પર્વ એટલે દિવાળી
આપ સર્વ ના જીવન માં પણ પ્રકાશ ફેલાય,
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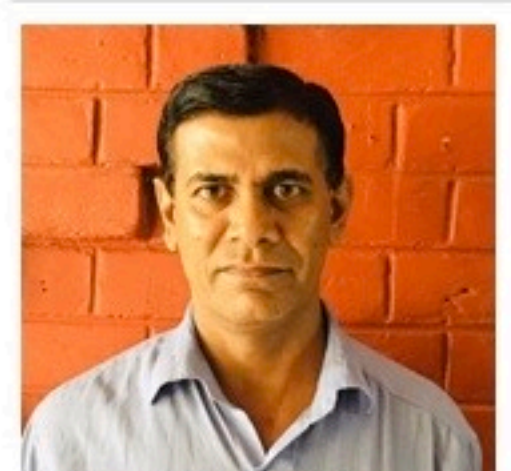
Mr. Rajesh Patel

Mr. Sanjay Patel

दीपावली आए साथ अपने खुशियां लाए बछिड़े थे हम जनिके साथ बचपन में, फुलझड़ियां उनकी याद लाए। दीपावली है पर्व दीपों का, खुशियों और आनंद का, उजाला और उल्लास का दीयों की रोशनी का, मुबारक हो आपको दवाली का त्यौहार!



Mr. Umesh Raut



દિવાળી એટલે પ્રકાશ અને ખુશી નો તહેવાર, અનીતિ પાર નીતિ નો વિજય મનાવવાનો ઉત્સવ, જીવન ના દુઃખ-વેરઝેર ભૂલી આનંદ મનાવવા ના દિવસો એટલે દિવાળી. ખુશનુમા , તરોતાઝા નવા વર્ષને આવકારવાનો - આવનારા દિવસો સૌને માટે આનંદમય રહે એવી શુભેચ્છા આપવાનો તહેવાર એટલે દિવાળી.

Mr. Arvind Patel

Shine like sparkles, glow like candles and burn all the negativity like crackles. Wish you all a very lovely and cheerful Diwali.



**Wishing you all
HAPPY DIWALI**

Ms. Sangita Gamit

Prof. Sangita Mohanty

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TEAM OF OFFICE BEARERS (2019 - 2021) OF SARVAJANIK EDUCATION SOCIETY



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CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

We extend our gratitude to Jariwala Sir for unstinting support and guidance throughout the tenure and congratulations for accomplishing a successful term.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TEAM NASA

62nd ZONAL NASA convention was held at Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Mumbai from 20th to 22nd September, 2019. Over 500 students from 25+ colleges of Western India from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Mumbai participated in the convention.



SCET ARCHITECTURE participated and achieved following trophies :

1. Convention trophy- **For Best Overall Performance at Zonal Level. (5th consecutive time)**
2. Reubens trophy- **First position for best Academic work done. (18th time consecutive winner)**
3. Photography trophy- **First Position.**

'A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others.'

– Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

Diwali reminds us of that one light in our life that has been the reason for who we are today. That one light is that one teacher who made the difference.

Everyone remembers the character of Amir Khan as a teacher in the film 'Taare Zameen Par'. With his dedication and compassion he changed the life of the little kid. That is the ***magic a teacher can create in a student's life.***

Another example is Chanakya who was in Taxila University. He became kingmaker mentoring the first Maurya emperor Chandragupta thereby causing the Mauryan Empire to become first empire in archaeologically recorded history.

Teaching is a powerful profession. It is for the same reason that it is often said that ***to destroy a Nation you don't need terrorism; all you need is to sabotage education and it will destroy generations.***

The irony of the situation is that we aspire to make our children engineers, doctors, management professionals, or business men, but only few people want their kids to become teachers. The fact is that everyone has at least one teacher in their life who has supported them, bet on them, and inspired them.

This Diwali lets reflect on our worth in the life of our students. We have undermined our position. ***We as teachers not only teach, but also do much more, We instil values in young minds, we help fight ignorance, we build character, we make them strong in spirit and mind and we create good citizens who are nation builders.***

As rightly said by Maggie Gallagher, ***"Of all the hard jobs around, one of the hardest is being a good teacher."*** Yes, it is hard but not impossible.

***If someone is going down the wrong road,
he doesn't need motivation to speed him up.
What he needs is..... education to turn him around.***

- Jim Rohn

