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Large crowds join Deepak Obhrai and Parliamentarians at the 17th National Diwali Celebration on Parliament Hill

(Ottawa) Hon. Deepak Obhrai, P.C., M.P. hosted the 17th National Diwali Celebration on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday evening (October 18).

Mr. Obhrai was joined by the Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Parliamentarians representing all political parties, members of the Ottawa diplomatic corps and an enthusiastic crowd of people from Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Ottawa.

At the celebration, Mr. Obhrai along with Canada Post CEO Deepak Chopra, Indian High Commissioner Vikas Swarup, Mr. Scheer and Conservative Party Deputy Leader Lisa Raitt unveiled two special stamps to mark Diwali and in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary. This is the first time Canada Post and India Post have jointly issued a stamp.

Mr. Obhrai said: "This has always been a community-driven event. This is your Diwali. It will continue with your support."

This year's Diwali Celebration was organized with the cooperation of Hindu Temples and Indo-Canadian Community Organizations from across Canada. Among the institutions are:

Overseas Friends of India Canada; BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Toronto; Laxmi Narayan Mandir Toronto; Hindu Society of Calgary; Hindu Mandir Montreal; Bharat Mata Mandir Brampton; Vedic Hindu Cultural Society of Surrey, BC; Vishwa Shakti Durga Mandir Ottawa; Jai Durga Hindu Society of Scarborough; Canadian Hindu Association Toronto; Arya Samaj Vedic Cultural Center Markham; Hindu Sabha Mandir Brampton; Shri Hanuman Mandir Brampton;

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Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) Canada; India Canada Organization of Montreal; and Indo Canadian Community Centre Ottawa.

Photo 1 caption: *Deepak Obhrai, joined by Andrew Scheer, Lisa Raitt, Vikas Swarup and Deepak Chopra unveil two special Diwali stamps issued jointly by Canada Post and India Post, at the 17th National Diwali Celebration on Parliament Hill.*

Photo 2 caption: *Deepak and his wife Neena Obhrai are joined by Andrew Scheer, Indian High Commissioner Vikas Swarup and Members of Parliament to light the Diwali lamp at the 17th National Diwali Celebration on Parliament Hill.*

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