

Holi
Sambandh
Video Message
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Remarks
Ambassador Tanmaya Lal

Hello Everyone
Greetings from Stockholm
A very Happy Holi to all of you

Thank you Sambandh Team for your invitation
Many congratulations on the excellent work that you are doing with the Indian community in Helsingborg
I am sorry that I am missing joining you in person for the Indisk Fiesta
It is wonderful to see that you have included many innovative events as part of this celebration
And so many partners have joined you
Congratulations to all of you
As you all know Holi marks the beginning of spring and celebrates life
It is a great joyous festival, the Festival of Colours
It celebrates the divine in its many forms

We hope that this Holi also marks the end of a long difficult phase of pandemic
Life appears to be returning to normal both in India and Sweden

We have had several ministerial interactions already this year
Our Foreign Ministers have met on multiple occasions; Our Environment Ministers have held discussions in Nairobi recently; and our Civil Aviation Ministers had a talk last week.

This is a very special year for all of us as we celebrate 75 years of India's independence.
We are hoping that we can have many good cultural events this year.

The International Day of Yoga is coming up in less than 100 days from now. It will be celebrated globally on 21 June. We are planning good events here in Sweden and also in Latvia.

I am sure Team Sambandh will come up with more innovative ideas as part of the celebrations for this special year.

We at the Embassy of India value these initiatives and look forward to partnering you in some of those events.

You all are India's ambassadors in your interactions with Swedish friends and colleagues.

You represent India's diversity, its civilizational heritage and culture and its youthful energy and confidence.

You are doing a great job in building Sambandh between India and Sweden.

I look forward to remaining in touch.
My best wishes to all of you.
Thank You.