

News from Democracies: India: Australian Prime Minister in India & Holi from around the world: March 8, 2023

March 9, 2023: **75 years of Cricketing Relationship with Australia:** In November 1947, the Cricket Team, under the banner of free India, had the first series of test matches in Australia. Australian Prime Minister and Narendra Modi watched the 4th Test match between the Australian Cricket team and the Indian Cricket Team.



March 9, 2023: Australian and Indian PMs with the two Captains at the Ahmedabad Cricket Stadium, the largest Cricket Stadium of the World

March 8, 2023: **Deakin University – the First Foreign University to set up a campus in India:** The Deakin University campus in India is being set up at the smart GIFT city, near Ahmedabad. Anthony Albanese also finalized a deal for recognizing the qualifications, obtained by any student in one country, in the other country.



March 8, 2023: **Prime Minister Anthony Albanese** celebrating **HOLI** at **Ahmedabad**: “Holi’s message of RENEWAL through the triumph of good over evil is an enduring reminder for all of us,” said Albanese.



Celebrating Festival of Colours at Governor House at Gandhinagar



Australian Prime Minister with Gujarat’s Governor and Chief

March 8, 2023: “Holi Hai,” says **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau**: Trudeau’s statement:

“Today, we join Hindu communities in Canada and around the world to celebrate Holi.

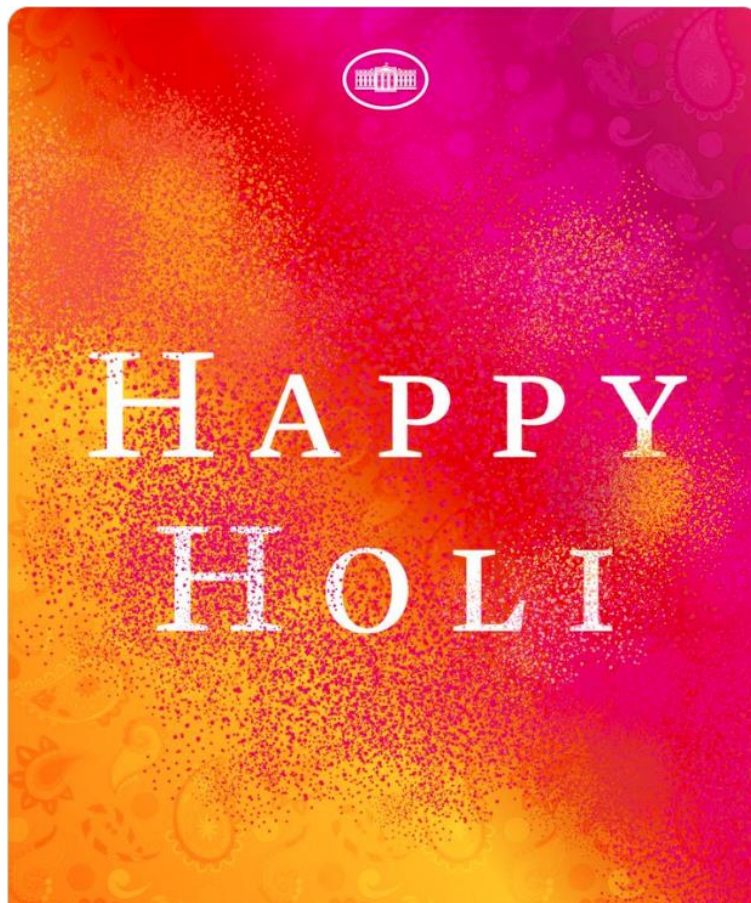


“Also known as the Festival of Colours, Holi is a bright and joyous celebration to mark the end of winter and the arrival of spring, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. On this day, people gather in the streets to sing, dance, and splash coloured water and powders on one another. Families and friends will also spend quality time together, share seasonal delicacies, and look forward to new beginnings with optimism and hope.

“This happy occasion is an opportunity for everyone in Canada to celebrate the diversity that makes us strong and to recognize the many contributions that Hindu communities from coast to coast to coast have made and continue to make to our country.”

“On behalf of our family, Sophie and I wish all those celebrating Holi good fortune, health, and a fun-filled festival.

March 8, 2023: **President Joe Biden:** I wish the happiest Holi to those celebrating love, laughter, goodness, and the arrival of spring during today’s Festival of Colors.



March 8, 2023: **United States Secretary of Commerce, Ms. Gina Raimondo** on **the auspicious occasion of Holi** at the official residence of **Rajnath Singh**, the Defence Minister of India.



Reference: <https://twitter.com/rajnathsingh/status/1633346961805049856/video/1>

March 8, 2023: “Holi reminds us of the importance of diversity, of **breaking down divisions** and of focusing on our strengths as a community,” says **David Eby, Premier of British Columbia, Canada**: His statement:

“The arrival of Holi marks the end of winter and the beginning of a new spring, a time of hope, renewal and optimism. The Festival of Colours will be celebrated today by Hindus in British Columbia and around the world.”

“Families and friends typically gather to eat the traditional gujiya and dahi vada, to light bonfires, to sing and dance, and to paint one another with brightly coloured dyes and powders. **The colouring is symbolic of everyone being equal.**”

“Holi is an opportunity for all of us to recognize the many contributions to the province by those of the Hindu faith. ..On behalf of British Columbians, I wish everyone celebrating a safe and joyous Holi. Holi Hai!”

*Note: In “News from Democracies: India: March 8”, DiGiNews360 had published (i) **Holy Greetings** from Israel’s Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** and (ii) a cultural program, based on Holi, for the G20 Foreign Ministers at <https://diginews360.com/news-from-democracies-india-march-8/>*