

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

BENGALI NEW YEAR

I am delighted to send my best wishes to everyone celebrating Bengali New Year.

The New Year is a time for reflection on the year past, and it is a time for optimism as we look to the year ahead.

At this time, on the first day of the Bengali Calendar, I wish Bengali Australians well as they welcome in the New Year.

I wish everyone an uplifting and memorable celebration, and peace, happiness and prosperity for the year ahead.

While small in number in Australia, I thank the Bengali community for your contribution to making our country one of the most successful multicultural nations on earth.

The Bengali Australian community is vibrant and strong—seen in your dedication to education and hard work, and in your generosity and love for this country. It is these ideals that sit at the heart of how we live as citizens, and how we, as a nation, remain resilient and cohesive.

With these thoughts in mind, and in a warm spirit of friendship, I offer my best wishes to the Bengali Australian community for a wonderful New Year.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Prime Minister of Australia

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