



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

BENGALI NEW YEAR 2020

The New Year is usually a time for the Bengali community to rejoice in its most cherished traditions: a time of renewal and refreshment, and of joy and devotion.

But recent months have presented significant challenges for our nation — in the form of drought, bushfires, and now a global health crisis.

These things have challenged us in different ways, and call on our strength, unity and resilience.

Coronavirus is a once in one hundred year event. It requires us all to look out for each other and support each other, so that we can get through this together.

All of us have a role to play in keeping our community safe: employers, nurses, doctors, teachers, scientists, friends, family and neighbours. I know that we'll all do our bit.

At a time like this, we all depend on the values of generosity, peace and respect that I know the Bengali community upholds. Such values also give me great confidence that our nation will get through this.

Life has changed. It will continue to change as we go through these many months ahead.

We are an incredible country — and working together with an incredible sense of purpose, unity and co-operation.

We have a long way to go, but we can draw strength from the common sense, endurance, resilience, and simple human kindness of the Australian community.

We'll get through this. On the other side, we'll bounce back strongly because of the work we are all doing and the values we hold dear.

So I wish the Australian Bengali community the best for the year ahead, and thank you for all you give to Australia — this special place we call home.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', with a stylized, cursive script.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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