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प्रधान मंत्री  
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am glad to learn about the Shri Rama Navami celebrations that are being organised by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Varachha, Surat on April 10.

Bhagwan Shri Rama represents diverse ideals – as a king, He represents a ruler who is sensitive to every need of His people, as a warrior, He stands up against injustice, while at an individual level, He exemplifies the values of compassion and service to others.

As the Rama Raksha Stotram says:

लोकाभिरामं रणरङ्गधीरं राजीवनेत्रं रघुवंशनाथम्।  
कारुण्यरूपं करुणाकरन्तं श्रीरामचन्द्रं शरणं प्रपद्ये॥

It means, the lotus-eyed Bhagwan Shri Rama, who is from the Raghuvamsha, is the centre of everyone's attention. He is a brave warrior on the battlefield, but He is also the very personification of compassion. I surrender to Bhagwan Shri Rama.

The compassion and commitment with which ISKCON has been rendering selfless service to the society is in line with Bhagwan Shri Rama's values.

India is a nation where transformation is driven by the people, by the power of coming together for a cause. From feeding the hungry during the pandemic to ensuring education for children, the wide variety of initiatives of ISKCON are an example of the change that society can bring in.

The organisation of Shri Rama Navami celebrations is a powerful medium to connect the people, particularly our Yuvashakti, with lofty ideals and values of our culture.

Greetings and heartiest congratulations for Shri Rama Navami celebrations. May this endeavour of ISKCON be a huge success.

(Narendra Modi)

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