

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

GOVERNOR MURPHY HOSTS DIWALI CELEBRATION AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

PRINCETON - New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy held a special Diwali celebration at Drumthwacket, the Governor's Mansion located in Princeton, NJ on the evening of November 8th.

"Tammy and I are pleased to open the people's house to the rich and diverse celebrations representative of New Jersey, like Diwali," **said Governor Murphy**. "It's been a long eight years since Drumthwacket was lit with divyas and bright colors to wish the Indian and South Asian community a Happy Diwali and Saal Mubarak."

The Diwali celebration included over 150 community leaders and members of the South Asian community, including several elected officials, as well as New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal and Indian Consul General Sandeep Chakravorty.

Drumthwacket was adorned with traditional Indian decor and food from several regions of India, and also included a henna artist for guests. The Governor ended the evening by lighting sparklers with the community.

"Diwali is a special occasion in which we celebrate light over darkness, good over evil and triumph over failure," **said Governor Murphy**. "It is also very symbolic of what we're trying to do in the state. This Administration is committed to celebrating our state's incredible diversity as we continue to work toward a fairer, more inclusive New Jersey."



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