

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

Rama Rama!

On behalf of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians I thank you for the opportunity to celebrate Hindu Heritage Month with you this year.

Hindu Canadians across the country have made significant contributions across many generations. Now is a time to reflect on that work, and also a time to look forward to the many contributions that will benefit us all in the future.

Here in Newfoundland and Labrador, our communities have benefited from the contributions of Hindu Canadians for decades. As our province looks towards a future with much more immigration, we will welcome with open arms many more Hindu Canadians in the years ahead.

This year's theme is Sri Rama: Epitome of love, compassion, duty, and service. Regardless of your religion, these are traits that can lead us all towards a more meaningful life. I will personally reflect on the lessons of the Sri Raman, of living a life worth living and one of service to the world, and bring those to bear in my dealings with those around me.

The Hindu culture is a vibrant section of the tapestry that forms our multi-cultural Canadian society. Be proud of who you are. Be proud of your history. And continue to educate all Canadians about the Hindu culture. When you do this, you enrich us all.

I wish you a wonderful virtual celebration. Thanks again for the opportunity to be a part of it.

Hon. Andrew Furey Premier

