

Navroz

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The Prime Minister of India greeted people on the occasion of Parsi New Year, Navroz.

About Navroz

- Navroz is an **Iranian and Persian New year**.
- The word '**nov**' means '**new**' and **roz** means '**day**'. Therefore, the word translates to a new day.'
- It marks the **beginning of the spring season** and is celebrated with great fervour by members of the **Parsi community across the globe**.
- **Historical Background**
 - Nowruz's origins can be traced back to the **ancient Persian empire and the Zoroastrian calendar**, where it marked one of the holiest days of the year.
 - The festival of Nowruz is **named after the Persian king, Jamshed**, who is credited for creating the Persian or the Shahenshahi calendar.

- It is said that the festival came to India courtesy of an 18th-century wealthy tradesman from Surat, Nusservanji Kohyaji, who often travelled to Iran and began celebrating Nowruz in India.
- It is listed in the **list of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of India.**

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