

Lights of Friendship:

Diwali Celebration Reception at Hamburg City Hall



with Smriti Irani,
Secretary-General of the ruling BJP party
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Saturday, November 14, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom at Hamburg City Hall
Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

Lights of Friendship:

Reception hosted by the CDU parliamentary group to celebrate Diwali
at Hamburg City Hall
November 14, 2026, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 3:30 p.m.) with

Smriti Irani

Secretary-General of the ruling BJP party
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H.E. Ajit Vinayak Gupte

Ambassador of the
Republic of India

Philipp Heißen

Member of the
Hamburg Parliament

Sanjeev Sharma

Moderation

Dear members of the Indian community, dear friends of Hamburg and India,
Hamburg is home to approximately 2,500 bridges and countless people who build bridges
between countries and cultures.

With this spirit of friendship and mutual understanding, the CDU Parliamentary Group
cordially invites you to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, at Hamburg City Hall.

Through this celebration, we wish to express our friendship, promote cultural exchange, and
recognise the valuable contributions of the Indian community to Hamburg. The community
enriches our city through its economic contributions, social engagement, achievements in
science, culture and education, as well as its hospitality and enthusiasm for life.

This reception offers an opportunity to acknowledge these diverse contributions, strengthen
ties between our communities, and build lasting connections within our society.

With kind regards

Philipp Heißen
Member of the Hamburg Parliament

Note on Registration and Participation

Please note that your registration is initially a request. After we have checked availability, you will receive a separate confirmation. **Please bring a valid ID to the reception desk. This invitation is non-transferable.**

Photographs and/or video recordings will be taken during the event, which may be used for reporting, documentation, and public relations purposes.

Please note that there is no parking available at City Hall. Please use nearby parking garages and, if possible, public transportation.

Please register by Thursday, October 29, 2026, at:
www.cduhh.de/diwali-fest



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