

**28 April 2025**

Namo Sakyamuni Buddha

I extend my warm and heartiest greetings on the occasion of Vesak Day, being observed in the beautiful Ho Chi Minh City in the traditionally friendly nation of Viet Nam. May the everlasting message of Lord Buddha guide us to the noble path of peace and truth.

India and Vietnam are linked by the rich and eternal legacy of Lord Buddha which is believed to have arrived in Vietnam about two millennia ago with Indian monks carrying the teachings of Lord Buddha. These deep connections continue to nourish the warmth and affinity between the people of the two countries, which were described by President Ho Chi Minh as brotherhood forever.

The Prime Minister of India His Excellency Narendra Modi has observed that India has long endeavoured to share the message of Lord Buddha with the world which offers profound insights and solutions to present day global challenges. It is notable that the theme of the UN Day of Vesak 'Unity and Inclusivity for Human Dignity 2025: Buddhist Insights for World Peace and Sustainable Development' connects the path shown by Lord Buddha to the present world and its future progress.

I wish that life and teachings of Lord Buddha will continue to inspire hundreds of millions of people around the world.

I wish you all peace and harmony.

Namo Sakyamuni Buddha

**(Sandeep Arya)**