

## **SPIRIT OF UNITY**

# PM: Happy new year to Tamils, Malayalees and Sikhs

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim conveyed greetings for the new year celebrations of Chithirai Puthandu, Vishu and Vaisakhi, wishing the Tamil, Malayalee and Sikh communities joy, good health and blessings in the year ahead.

He called on Malaysians to take pride in the country's rich diversity, which he described as a vibrant tapestry of colours that makes the nation unique and strong.

"Let us continue to uphold the spirit of unity — that is our true strength," he said in a Facebook post.

Anwar reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering the Indian community through various initiatives.

"These include business financing schemes and improvements in critical areas, such as education, places of worship and employment opportunities.

"This is vital in fulfilling the aspiration to uplift the Indian community in Malaysia and to improve their socioeconomic standing."

The Tamil New Year is the first day of the Chittirai month, the first month of the Tamil calendar.

Vaisakhi marks the harvest celebration, according to the calendar of the Sikh community.

Vishu is the Malayalee New Year and is celebrated on the first day of the month of Medam in the Malayalam calendar.