

Give us new mandate, Najib tells Indian community
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SUNGAI SIPUT: The Government will intensify efforts to help the Indian community and the people should give it a new mandate, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

"We have done a lot for the Indian community but it is, however, still work-in-progress.

"If given a new mandate, I assure that we will continue and intensify our efforts to help the community," he said at the national-level Deepavali celebration at Ladang Infoternak here on Saturday.

He said the Government had allocated a lot of funds to help Indian students in pursuing their education at all levels.

"The Government has approved RM500mil for SJKT since 2009.

"We also gave out RM100 to each Indian students and will continue to do so next year," he said, adding that six Tamil schools had been approved for Johor, Perak, Selangor and Kedah.

"We have also given full scholarships to 100 students to continue their Masters and PhD," he added.

Najib said that about 6,590 Indians were given citizenships through the MyDaftar programme in February.

He reiterated his hope to wrest back Sungai Siput from the Opposition.

"This is where Tun Sambathan and former MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu had represented the people.

"We are confident and believed that Sungai Siput is prepare for a change when the time comes," he said.

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