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Statement from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Teeyan Da Mela 2019 on Mother's Day.

Teeyan is a time to celebrate women, and this much-anticipated annual festival, which coincides with Mother's Day, gives us an excellent opportunity to reflect on the role that our mothers have played in our lives. Today, we give thanks to them and to all of the other women who have helped us along the way.



As we gather here to enjoy the vibrant music and entertainment, let us also remember that diversity is our greatest strength. Our South Asian-Canadian community has immeasurably contributed to the prosperity of our nation. Together, we will continue to make Canada a better place for everyone.

Thank you to all those who organized this amazing event and to all of you who are in attendance today to celebrate. Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a memorable event!

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