

#### World Brahman Federation Canada

### Deepawali Celebrations (October 30, 2009)

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# Canadian Brahmins celebrate Deepawali



TORONTO: Canadian Brahmans families dedicated themselves to serve the community keeping with the centuries old Brahmanical traditions and spirits while celebrating the Deepawali celebrations at Woodbine Banquet Hall on October 30. Organized by the World Brahman Federation (WBF) Canada, over hundred families dressed in colorful traditional Indian attire participated in Deepawali 'Pujan' and prayed for prosperity and peace for the world.

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This was also an occasion to honor and celebrate the contributions and achievements of Brahmans, who have tirelessly continued to engage in community service in the larger interest of the society and Canada. Those honored included, Jagdish Chander Sharda (Hindi and Sanskrit language), Amar Erry (Vedic philosophy), Yogesh Sharma (community leadership and Rajasthan culture), Ravi Pandey (quality journalism), Raj Kumar Sharma (selfless community service), and OMNI 2 television host Ms. Geetika Bhardwai (Indian culture and civilization).

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

## Brahmans Celebrate Diwali

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Ms. Geetika Bhardwaj, OMNI 2 television host, who has inspired young Brahmans towards Indian culture, civilization and ethos, graced the occasion. Brahmans who contributed towards the community were also honoured on the occasion. Those honoured included, Jagdish Chander Sharda (Hindi and Sanskrit language), Amar Erry (Vedic philosophy), Yogesh Sharma (commu-

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