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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

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I am delighted to send my best wishes to all those taking part in the Maha-Kumbha-Bhishekam of Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir.

Australian society – which is made up of many peoples, cultures and religions but still represents a cohesive whole – is a great example to the rest of the world.

One of the elements of our tolerant and diverse nation is religious freedom – the right to practise and promote one's religion freely, openly and without hindrance.

Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir is a truly special temple, and the Hindu community deserves to feel very proud that it has established such an impressive and inspiring place of worship.

I trust that the dedication ceremony on 22 February 2004 will be a great success, and that the Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir will remain both a sacred place and a centre of wider cultural activities for the Indian community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael Jeffery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

(Michael Jeffery)