

**ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
TAMIL NADU AT PONGAL PERU VIZHA, RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI
ON 14.01.2020 AT 5.00 P.M**

Anaivarukkum Maalai Vanakkam

**Hon'ble Vice President of India
Thiru. Venkaiah Naidu Ji**

Smt. Usha Muppavarapu,
Spouse of Hon'ble Vice President of India

Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Dr. Smt. Tamilsai Soundararajan,
Hon'ble Governor of Telangana

Thiru O. Panneerselvam
Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru P. Dhanapal
Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

Thiru. Anandrao V. Patil, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Governor

Distinguished Invitees,

Ladies and gentlemen.

Anaivarukkum Eniya Pongal Vazhthukkal

அனைவருக்கும் இனிய பொங்கல் வாழ்த்துக்கள்

We are happy and privileged to celebrate the Pongal Festival at Raj Bhavan in the auspicious presence of Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Hon'ble Chief Minister

of Tamil Nadu and all the dignitaries. As you are all aware, the Pongal Festival is celebrated as a public event at Raj Bhavan for the third time.

Pongal is the most important festival of Tamil Nadu. The festival of Pongal has a scientific, economic and cultural basis. Scientifically speaking it is on the day of Pongal that the effects of the Sun's rays are felt to be moving closer to India. The Sun brings with it life and prosperity. And the North East monsoon which brings in rain to the State of Tamil Nadu creates the right conditions for agriculture thus making Pongal coincide with the beginning of the harvest season. No wonder Sankranti and Pongal are a double blessing for the people of Tamil Nadu. Tamil culture, great and ancient in character, has shown us the way to celebrate the festival with joy and exuberance.

On this joyous occasion of Pongal and Sankranti, I extend my hearties greetings and best wishes to all of you and through you to the people of Tamil Nadu. May the onset of Pongal bring with it greater happiness and prosperity in all our families.

Nandri Vanakkam....

Jai Hind....

Jai Tamil Nadu....