

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY (SF-W)
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PONGAL CELEBRATION – Jan 2023
A REPORT

Pongal is the harvest festival of Tamil Nadu, celebrated on the first day of ‘Thai’ (Tamil month). A festival to thank God for all his goodness and mercies and to look forward to a prosperous year. It usually falls on the 14th or 15th of January depending on the sun's orbit around earth that particular year. The three days of the Pongal festival are called Bhogi Pongal, Surya Pongal, and Mattu Pongal. Some Tamils celebrate a fourth day of Pongal known as Kanum Pongal. Our department celebrated Pongal on the 12th of January for the year 2023. Students were asked to report by 2:15 p.m. for the first hour of class. The students arrived in traditional sarees to mark the occasion. The celebration started around 2:30 p.m. The entrance of the staff room was decorated with colorful Rangoli. The zoology women students gathered to celebrate Pongal with the supervision of the staff members. It was an ambience filled with revelry, music, dance and the joyful faces reverberated with big smiles. Pongal was prepared by the department staff and students. The ceremony was inaugurated by **Dr. I. Joseph Antony Jerald (Head, Dept of Zoology)**, **Dr. K. Prabakaran (MID)** gave the presidential address. He stressed the importance of Pongal Celebration. Followed by **Dr. P. Rajasekar, (Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology)** gave the special talk about the Pongal ceremony. All the staff (men and women) of our department along with the students participated in the celebrations. Meanwhile there were other activities conducted. The management had organized an interdepartmental rangoli competition for the students to celebrate the traditional art forms. There was also a modern method to balance our tradition. Sweet Pongal, Sundal and sugarcane were distributed to all the staff members and students. Everybody left home with memories as it was yet another joyous celebration. Jamal Mohamed College management had to offer.

