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The Thai Pongal message of the Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa!

Thai Pongal is a Hindu festival celebrated with great devotion and festivity to express gratitude to nature and all living beings for blessing them with successful self-sufficiency in their agricultural activities. This special day which means harvesting festival is celebrated today. Thai Pongal is not a one-day festival but is celebrated over four days.

On this day, Tamils and Hindus offer their first harvest to the sun, and this festival is not only reserved for the Tamil people, but it is also known as a common festival for the entire Indian people, according to ancient religious books.

Another special aspect of this festival is the special treatment given to the cattle and cows reared in the house.

Thai Pongal can be called as a festival that enhances the value of human life in close contact with nature and the value of strengthening the mutual relationship between nature and man is inculcated here.

These types of special festivals are very beneficial in fostering harmony and peace among people, and Hindu devotees place the Thai Pongal festival prominently among offering festivals performed in harmony with nature.

The world is emphasizing over and over again the value of a harmonious existence and relationship between nature and man and that if we act against nature, the results will be proportional to it.

Therefore, I wish all Hindu devotees and all people around the world a blessed Thai Pongal day of devotion, emphasizing the importance of transcending narrow differences such as race, religion, caste, and living a life in harmony with nature.

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