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### Thaipongal Message

I am extremely happy to convey my greetings to all the Hindus across the world celebrating Thaipongal, the festival that expresses gratitude to the nature.

Since the dawn of civilization, the importance of agriculture was widely known to human beings. In a background of rural community migrating to urban areas abandoning agricultural farming to obtain material benefits from the industrial and technological growth, the celebration of Thaipongal depicts the ardent desire to protect and cherish ancient traditions to refill humanity with culture, kindness, peace and reconciliation with utmost devotion towards fellow human kind.

I would like to consider the Thaipongal festival, which has bestowed the supreme status upon agriculture, as an occasion to make the efforts taken by the government to take the country towards self-sufficiency in food meaningful and providing strength to these efforts.

The Tamil community following Hinduism considers the Thaipongal festival as dawn of their New Year which provides new expectations and opportunities. On this auspicious day, I wish a happy and prosperous Thaipongal to the Hindus in Sri Lanka and abroad. I also join with the devotees who celebrate the Thaipongal festival closely associating with the deep values of agricultural traditions and customs.



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