



# British Tamils Forum United Kingdom

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## **British Tamil People thank UK prime minister for his Thai Pongal message.**

British Tamil People thank our prime minister Rt Hon David Cameron for his Thai Pongal message to the community. We also wish to express our gratitude for the efforts of the UK government under his leadership in finding solutions to the problems faced by our kith and kin in the island of Sri Lanka.

We hope the dawn of Thai (Thai Piranthal Vazhi Pirakkum) will mark the dawn of peace with dignity for the people.

We hope the third visit of Mr. Hugo Swire, minister of state for the foreign & commonwealth office, will make real changes to their lives. We hope the Sri Lankan state will heed the calls to implement the UN resolution it had sponsored in full; setting up a hybrid investigative mechanism in consultation with the victims in Sri Lanka and in the diaspora, demilitarise the Tamil Homeland and allow all those displaced by the military high security zones to return to their original homes without further delay. We also hope that a meaningful political solution will be found this year.

We wish all the Tamils world over a happy and peaceful Thai Pongal.

Thai thiru naal vaazhukkal.

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UK Prime Minister's Thai pongal message.

The Prime Minister sends his warmest wishes to the British Tamil community celebrating Thai Pongal.

David Cameron said:

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to the British Tamil community who are celebrating Thai Pongal. This celebration traditionally gives thanks for a plentiful harvest, and many in the British Tamil community will gather with friends, family and neighbours over the next few days

This is a special time to spend with loved ones and time to look forward to the year ahead together. I believe this year's festivities will be a worthy reflection of the pride felt by British Tamils, who make such a great contribution to this country's cultural, social, economic and political life.

Wishing you and your families all the best – Pongal nal-valthukal!

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### **Notes to Editors:**

**British Tamils Forum** exists to harness the skills and the knowledge of the members of the forum, well-wishers and significant others including mainstream decision makers in the UK with the aim of alleviating the sufferings of the Tamils community in the Island of Sri Lanka and to further their right to self determination within a democratic frame work under pinned by international law, its covenants and conventions. For more information

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