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Department of Sociology
Pongal Celebration – 09.01.2026

The Department of Sociology, Queen Mary's College, celebrated the Pongal Festival on 09 January 2026 with great enthusiasm and cultural fervour. The celebration was organized to mark the importance of Pongal as a traditional harvest festival and to create awareness among students about Tamil culture, customs, and rural traditions.

Students actively participated in the celebration and played a major role in making the event lively and meaningful. Dressed in traditional attire, they prepared traditional Pongal, symbolizing gratitude to nature, farmers, and livestock. The preparation of Pongal created a festive atmosphere and reflected the spirit of togetherness and cultural pride.

Colorful and intricate kolams were drawn by the students, adding beauty and elegance to the celebration. Various traditional games were conducted, in which students participated enthusiastically, displaying team spirit and joy. These activities encouraged interaction, unity, and active involvement among students.

Cultural programmes, including traditional and folk dance performances, were presented by the students. These performances showcased the richness of Tamil heritage and added vibrancy to the event. The celebration was further enhanced by a village-themed rural setup arranged within the college campus, featuring a bullock cart and cattle. This setup provided a glimpse of traditional rural life and highlighted the cultural significance of agrarian practices.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of college-level special prizes to students who actively participated and excelled in various activities. In addition, the Department of Sociology received a special prize at the overall college level for its outstanding organization, creativity, and active student involvement during the Pongal celebration. Overall, the Pongal celebration was a memorable event that promoted cultural awareness, joy, and a sense of unity among the students, making it a grand success at the college level.

The entire programme was planned, organized, and executed by the students of the department of Sociology, demonstrating their leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and organizational skills.