

Pongal Festival

Thanking the sun god for agricultural
abundance

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Pongal

- **Thai Pongal** is a thanksgiving festival at the end harvest season also celebrated as Harvest festival by the Tamilians in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the Indian Union Territory of Pondicherry and Sri Lanka.



MAKARA SANKRANTHI / PONGAL

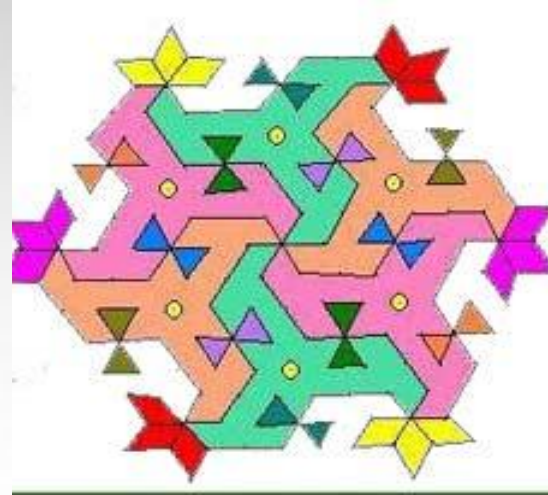
A HARVEST FESTIVAL OF INDIA

According to the lunar calendar, the sun moves from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn, or from Dakshinayana to Uttarayana, in the month of Poush in mid-January.

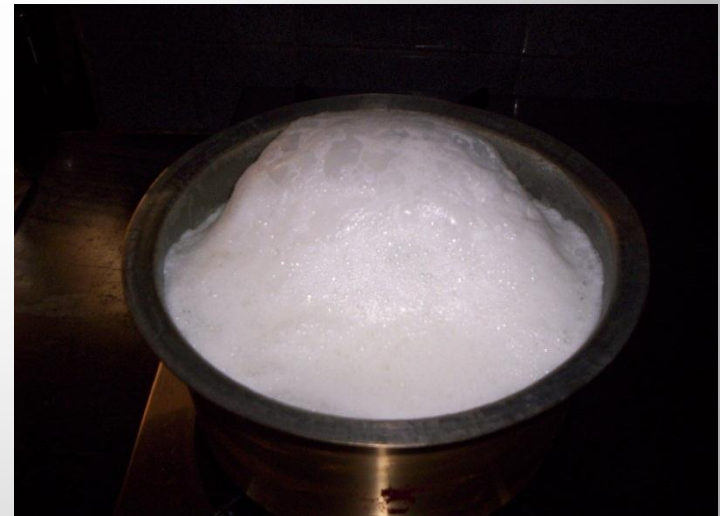
This end of the winter solstice also coincides with the harvest season and cessation of the northeast monsoon in South India. The movement of the earth from one zodiac sign into another is called Sankranti, and is celebrated as Makar, or Uttarayana, Sankranti, or Lohri, in the North, and as Pongal in the South

In the South Sankranti becomes Pongal. It is a celebration of the harvest which is observed for three days in Tamil Nadu as well as in Andhra Pradesh. The first day is the Bhogi Pongal which is celebrated as a family festival.

Decorated Entrance of the House



Traditional way of cooking
Pongal in a clay pot.



Modern way of cooking Pongal
In brass vessel on LPG stove.

Offerings made to Sun God

Sun God depicted riding His chariot with Seven White Horses



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Tamarind Rice



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