Mattu PONGAL Celebrations at RIVER on 11.01.2019

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Pongal being the harvest festival of Tamil culture, is one of the most awaited festivals in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. A festival when the farmers show their gratitude to the Sun God, the generous nature and his animals, and celebrate his harvest and prepares for yet another year of toil.

Apart from the religious and regional adherences, as veterinarians, Mattu Pongal to us is a day to celebrate the dairy and draught cattle we tend to, that help the farmers have a better life.

On the 11th of January, 2019 we the RIVERIANS were able to indulge in the rich Tamil culture by taking part in our 'Mattu Pongal Celebrations'. The celebration was well organised by the students council who worked hard the previous night to decorate the spot.

It started with a dot kolam competition which brought out the amazing artistic abilities of the students. Our beloved Dean Dr. S. Ramkumar, did the traditional pooja of the Pongal pot and the cow. This was followed by an enthralling traditional folk dance by the 4th and 3rd years, and an energetic dance performance by the 1st years. A group of nadaswaram players were invited to play at the celebration and that spread energetic traditional vibes in the atmosphere.
Students actively participated in games like 'pull the thread through the needle' and 'fill the bucket with water carried in the palms' and the winners were given prizes. To culminate the celebrations, everyone was given delicious sweet pongal and sugarcanes too were available for those who wanted to enchant their taste buds.

It was truly a great opportunity for the diverse cultures to unite in celebrating such a spectacular and colourful festival!!!!