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The Editor,

Sir,

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

## TNAU ARS, Bhavanisagar celebrates Pongal Vizha

Pongal Vizha was celebrated on Thursday, 09.01.2025, at Agricultural Research Station, Bhavanisagar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, at Sathyamangalam Taluk of Erode District. Professor and Head of the Research Station, Dr.N.Sakthivel welcomed the gathering. Dr.M.K.Kalarani, Director, Directorate of Crop Management, Dr.R.Umarani, Director, Seed Centre, Mrs.M.Tamilselvi, Joint Director of Agriculture, Erode District, felicitated and graced the occasion. Respected Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Dr.V.Geethalakshmi delivered the presidential address and released the book on "Oilseed Crop Varieties and its Cultivation Techniques" compiled by scientists of Agricultural Research Station on the occasion of Pongal Vizha, and distributed the prizes for the students and farm workers who won in various competitions held on the eve of Pongal Vizha. Performance depicting the folk and traditional dance by the students and Kummiyattam by the farm workers attracted the guests. On this occasion, Associate Professor and Head, Turmeric Research Centre, Dr.C.Kavitha, scientists of the Agricultural Research Station, students, staff, farm workers and others had made elaborate arrangements for this event. Dr.K.Malarkodi, Professor (Seed Science and Technology) proposed the vote of thanks.

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