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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

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

Jubilant more strikes at Kaliyapuram with Cornell students

A grand gala celebrations was organized jointly by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) and Iswaryam Organics at Kaliyapuram farm where PG, PhD. Scholars of Banaras University, Assam University and Cornell University, USA. Pongal Vizha a Tamil festival was celebrated with revelry by inviting students abroad. Initially, Pongal was demonstrated by farm women along with selected Cornell University girls students. As a part of function, Pot breaking ceremony was conducted by involving the students to facilitate thrill and concentration.

Silambattam, game of bravery and one of the marshial arts was played by one of the local resident farmer which was quite enthralling. The function involved a folk dance called 'Kummiyattam' which usually danced by village bellies. Today it was different. Since kummiyattam was taken as thread by Cornell girls, Assamee participants and Banaras students who played kummiyattam with Elan and finesse. The organizer of the programme was Dr. Chandra Babu, Director, CPMB, TNAU, Dr. Sridhar, Professor, Dept. of Plant Pathology, TNAU and Sathguru Consultants. A part of the arrangement was made by Thiru. Mylsamy Gounder, a Velan Chemmal Award winner by TNAU who has provided venue and arranged food for the conduct of the efficient function. Other partners of the function included Dr. K.A. Ponnusamy, Director of Extension Education, TNAU local farmers and lions club Secretaries and staff who participated and encouraged the students to take the taste of Tamil culture, tradition through the Pongal festival by the overseas students.

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