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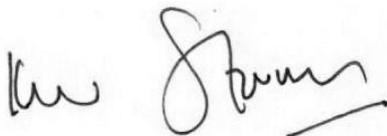
I would like to send my warm wishes to Tamils in the UK and around the world as you celebrate Thai Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival. It is a time to thank nature for the bounty it offers in the form of new crops. It is also a time for renewal, togetherness, and community.

I want to mark this occasion by extending my gratitude for the huge contribution the Tamil community makes to Britain. This is also a time for us to remember the sacrifices made by the Tamil people for self-determination, peace, and justice in Sri Lanka.

I am deeply concerned about the ongoing economic crisis, persecution of the Tamil people and the political instability in Sri Lanka. The Labour Party will continue to work with the Tamil community to call for justice and human rights. The British Government has a clear responsibility to take the lead in ensuring that the Sri Lankan Government can no longer delay in taking active steps to support justice and accountability.

As you prepare the Pongal and settle down to eat together, give thanks and celebrate, on behalf of everyone at the Labour Party I wish you a very happy and peaceful Thai Pongal.

Thai Pongal Valthukkal.



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