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Pongal – Makar Sankranti Celebrations 2024

January 13th Saturday & 14th Sunday



- **Sat Jan 13th**
 - 1PM to 5PM – Cultural programs
 - 1PM to 3PM – Rangoli competition
 - 6PM – Bhogi /Bhogi Pandlu in Main temple
 - 6PM – Lohri in Havan area
- **Sun, Jan 14th**
 - 10 AM – Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Pooja & Archana
 - 11 AM – Soorya Narayana Pooja in Homa Kunda area
 - 11:30 AM – Special Sankranti lunch and kites for purchase
 - 12 Noon – Kites festival

Makara Sankranti marks the day of Sun's migration towards Northern Hemisphere (**Uttarayana**) to the Makara Rashi. It is celebrated widely throughout India, and called as **Thai Pongal** in Tamil Nadu, **Sankranti** in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and many other states. It is celebrated over four days by cleaning the house, offering prayers to **Soorya Baghavan**, and paying respect to farm animals.

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