## Pongalo Pongal - Pongal Celebration at LWH

'Pongal', the grand harvest festival of Tamil Nadu was celebrated in the premises of Loyola Women's Hostel on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022 in which the Hostel Director, Assistant Directors, staff and the students of LIBA, LCE, LICET and LCAS participated with great gaiety and enthusiasm. The quadrangle in the hostel was adorned with sugarcanes, a clay stove, a mud pot, a turmeric plant and different vegetables from the countryside as per the Pongal traditions in order to invoke the festive spirit. Sweet pongal was prepared with love and care by the staff of Loyola Women's Hostel in the traditional 'pongal paanai' (Pongal pot) and it was blessed by Sister Reesha, Assistant Director of the hostel. After the blessing, she said that it is the time to thoughtfully remember the farmers, the poor, the oppressed, and the victims of COVID. The deliciously cooked Pongal along with succulent sugarcane pieces was then served to everyone.

