Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar's 119th Jayanti and 64th Guru Puja – 30 Oct, Pasumpon

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The 119th Jayanti and 64th Guru Puja of freedom fighter Pasumpon U. Muthuramalinga Thevar are being held as a State function on 30 Oct 2026 at his memorial in Pasumpon, near Kamuthi, Ramanathapuram district. As Thevar was both born (1908) and died (1963) on 30 October, the Jayanti and Guru Puja fall on the same day. Political leaders and the public pay homage; heavy security arrangements are in place.

Key facts

Born	30 Oct 1908 – Pasumpon (near Kamuthi), Ramanathapuram district
Died	30 Oct 1963
Ordinals	2026 – 119th Jayanti, 64th Guru Puja (2023 – 116th, 61st)
Party	All India Forward Bloc – Tamil Nadu president (from 1948); associate of Netaji
Lok Sabha	Elected thrice – 1952, 1957, 1962
Honours	Postage stamp – 1995; statue in Parliament complex – 1 Oct 2002 (unveiled by President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam)

Gold armour	9 Feb 2014 – 13-kg gold armour donated by CM J. Jayalalithaa; State function since 1979 (MGR)

Background

- History – with Netaji: in the 1939 Congress presidential election Subhas Chandra Bose defeated Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Gandhiji's nominee; Thevar backed Bose at the Tripuri session. In May 1939 Bose founded the 'Forward Bloc' as a left-wing group within the Congress; Thevar built it up in Tamil Nadu.
- Society: he fought the British 'Criminal Tribes Act', which branded whole communities as 'born criminals'. The Act was repealed in 1952 and those communities became 'Denotified Tribes'.
- Temple entry: on 8 July 1939 A. Vaidyanatha Iyer led the oppressed classes into the Madurai Meenakshi Amman temple; Thevar openly supported it. Rajaji's government passed the Temple Entry Authorisation and Indemnity Act in 1939.
- Labour movement: led the unions of the Pasumalai Mahalakshmi Mills and Meenakshi Mills, Madurai; arrested in the 1938 agitation. 1937 – Madras Legislative Assembly (Ramanathapuram); Mudukulathur Assembly seat – 1952, 1957.

Tamil Nadu link: in 1979 CM M.G. Ramachandran declared Thevar Jayanti a State function. Every year between 28 and 30 Oct the gold armour is taken from a bank locker in Madurai and placed on the Pasumpon statue. The Mukkulathor community reveres him as a deity.

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