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Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

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Why is in news? Prime Minister pays tributes to the venerable Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar on his sacred Guru Pooja

He was born on 30th October 1908 in **Pasumpon in Ramanathapuram district** in Tamil Nadu.

He was a **freedom-fighter-cum-spiritual leader**.

He is seen as a deity among the **Mukulathor community**, a cluster community comprising the **Kallar, Maravar and Ahambadiar**.

He **did not accept the traditional Hinduism** because it supported 'Varnashrama'. He always **fought against the evils of Hindu religion**. He openly **condemned religious superstitions and narrow mindedness**.

Being a socialist and a colleague of Subhash Chandra Bose, he **served as the national deputy chairman of All India Forward Bloc (AIFB) from 1952**.

He was elected three times to the national parliamentary constituency of AIFB.

The **Temple Entry Authorisation and Indemnity Act** was passed by the government of C. Rajagopalachari in 1939. It **removed restrictions prohibiting Dalits from entering Hindu temples**.

He supported this reform and in July 1939 he helped the activist A. Vaidyanatha Iyer taking Dalits to Meenakshi Temple in Madurai.

The **Criminal Tribes Act (CTA)**, enacted by the British in 1920, **against the Mukulathor community**, against which Thevar protested by mobilising the people and launching protests that was a major milestone in his career.

CTA criminalized entire communities by designating them as habitual criminals.

He was instrumental in getting the **act repealed after continuous efforts in 1946**.

He **died on 30th October in 1963** due to illness.

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