

## Panguni Uthiram - 1st of April 2026



Panguni Uthiram (also known as Meena Uttara-phalguni in Sanskrit) is a day of importance to Tamil speaking Hindus. It falls on the day the moon transits in the asterism or nakshatra of Uttara-phalguni or Uthiram in the twelfth month of the Tamil calendar i.e. Panguni. It is the Purnima or full moon of the month of Panguni (14 March - 13 April). This coincides with the Hindu calendar month of Phalguna/Chaitra.

### Significance of Panguni Uthiram

This month is special because the Uthiram nakshatram coincides with the full moon. This full moon signifies the marriage of Parvati devi and Parameshwara (Lord Shiva) and Lord Muruga and Deivanai devi. On Panguni Uthiram, Lord Narayana marries Komalavalli Naachiyar and give His Kalyana Kola Seva to His bhaktas. Again, Valmiki's Ramayana mentions that on this day and star that Sita devi's marriage to Lord Raam was celebrated. From Brahmanda Purana we learn that on Panguni Uthiram every holy water joins Thumburu Tirtha, one of seven sacred tanks in Tirupati Tirumala.

The day is intended to underline the glory of grahasta dharma (or the married life of a householder). The Supreme Lord manifests in the marital state as Uma-Maheswara, Sita-Raam, and Rukmini-Krishna - despite His changelessness, sans childhood or youth or old age. The Lord is indeed a Nitya Kalyana Murthi. It is our duty to celebrate this day when the Lord, in both Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu temples, appears to devotees in His married state.

On this day Mother Mahalakshmi incarnated on earth from the ocean of milk (after the ocean was churned by the devas and the demons) and hence it is celebrated as Mahalakshmi Jayanti. On this day Parvati devi in the form of Gauri devi married Lord Shiva in Kanchipuram and hence this day is also celebrated as the Gauri Kalyanam day. It is the Jayanti (appearance day) of Lord Ayyappan.

## Divine Marriages Celebrated

According to Vedic tradition, several sacred weddings took place on Panguni Uthiram:

- Marriage of Lord Murugan and Sri Deivanai
- Marriage of Lord Shiva and Parvati devi
- Marriage of Lord Rama and Sita devi
- Marriage of Lord Ranganatha and Ranganayaki devi

Because of these sacred unions, this day symbolises:

- Divine love
- Marriage harmony
- Spiritual union between soul and God

Many devotees pray on this day for marital happiness, suitable life partners, and harmony in relationships.

On Panguni Uthiram, in all places where Lord Subramanya (Muruga) has a temple, his devotees carry in a kavady the requisites for puja for him, in fulfillment of vows. Such vow fulfillment by devotees carrying kavadys is a special feature of Subrahmanya temples wherever they happen to be.

Devotees flock in hundreds to all the Muruga temples during the Panguni Uthiram festival, which is celebrated in March/April every year. It is also an important festival day for Lord Subramanya (Muruga), as it is on this day that Sri Deivanai married Lord Subramanya.

Importance in Murugan Worship

For devotees of Murugan, Panguni Uthiram commemorates his marriage to Deivanai, the daughter of Indra.

After Murugan defeated the demon Surapadman, Lord Indra offered his daughter Deivanai in marriage as a gesture of gratitude. This divine wedding represents:

- Victory of dharma over adharma
- Reward of devotion and courage
- Union of divine power and grace

## Rituals and Observances

Common observances during Panguni Uthiram include:

1. Fasting (Vratham)

Devotees fast partially or fully to purify the body and mind.

2. Kavadi Offering

Devotees carry kavady as an act of devotion to Murugan.

3. Abhishekam (Sacred Bathing)

Temples perform elaborate rituals with milk, honey, sandal paste, and sacred water.

4. Marriage Re-enactment

Some temples perform a symbolic divine wedding ceremony.

5. Charity and Annadanam

Offering food to devotees and the needy is considered highly auspicious.

## Spiritual Meaning

Spiritually, Panguni Uthiram represents:

- Union of the individual soul (Jivatma) with the Divine (Paramatma)
- The completion of karmic bonds
- Harmony between Shakti (energy) and Shiva (consciousness)

Many spiritual teachers advise prayers on this day may help:

- Resolve relationship difficulties
- Remove karmic obstacles in marriage
- Strengthen devotion and discipline

### Astrological Significance

In Vedic astrology, the Uttara Phalguni (Uthiram) Nakshatra is ruled by Aryaman, the deity associated with:

- marriage contracts
- friendships
- partnerships
- social harmony

Therefore, Panguni Uthiram is considered very powerful for:

- marriage blessings
- renewing vows
- strengthening relationships
- resolving family conflicts

In simple terms: Panguni Uthiram is a sacred day celebrating divine marriages, devotion, and karmic unions, especially honoring Lord Murugan. Devotees observe vows, prayers, and temple rituals seeking harmony, prosperity, and spiritual growth.

### Other Significance's of the day

The month of Panguni when coinciding with Phalgun, the festival of Holi is celebrated. It is celebrated in the Braj region, which includes locations traditionally connected to the Lord Krishna. The playful throwing of natural colored powders has a medicinal significance: the colours are traditionally made of Neem, Kumkum, Haldi, Bilva, and other medicinal herbs prescribed by Ayurveda doctors. A very auspicious day for all Hindus.

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