



## Hartalika Teej, 2024 | Bihar | 06 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Hartalika Teej Vrat is celebrated on the Tithiya of [Shukla Paksha](#) in the Bhadrapada month. In 2024, the observance falls on September 6.

### Key Points

- **Meaning of "Hartalika"**: Derived from two Sanskrit words: "Harat" (abduction) and "Aalika" (female friend).
- **Background**: Goddess Parvati, devoted to Lord Shiva, was abducted by her friends to avoid her marriage to Lord Vishnu, as per her father's wish.
  - Parvati worshiped a clay idol of Lord Shiva, pleasing him, and they eventually married.
  - Women observe **Swarna Gowri Vratha** to seek blessings from Goddess Gowri for a happy married life.
- **Prominent in North Indian states**: Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand.
  - Known as **Gowri Habba in South Indian states**: Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
- **Teej Festivals**: One of three main Teej festivals, along with Hariyali Teej and Kajari Teej, celebrated in the Sawan and Bhadrapada months.

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