



Hartalika Teej, 2024

Why in News?

Hartalika Teej Vrat is celebrated on the Tertiya 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 Vrata** 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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