

Dhanteras

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Why is in news? Festival of Dhanteras is celebrated in different parts of country on 22nd October, 2022

Dhanteras is also known as **Dhan Trayodashi and Dhanwantri Jayanti**.

People consider this as an auspicious day to make new purchases, especially gold or silver articles and new utensils. The day also sees heavy purchases of appliances and automobiles.

Dhanteras, also known as **Dhanatrayodashi**, is the **first day that marks the festival of Diwali in India**.

It is celebrated on the **thirteenth lunar day of Krishna Paksha** (dark fortnight) in the Hindu calendar month of Ashwin.

Dhanvantari, who is also worshipped on the occasion of Dhanteras, is considered the **God of Ayurveda** who imparted the wisdom of Ayurveda for the betterment of mankind, and to help rid it of the suffering of disease.

The Ministry of AYUSH, announced its decision to observe Dhanteras, as the "National Ayurveda Day", which was first observed on 28 October 2016.