

## (Vata Saavitri Hunnime)

### Satyavan – Savitri

This is a story told by Markandeya Rushigalu to Yudhishtira available in “Vana Parva” of Mahabharatha.

Aswapathi was the king of Madra. He was childless. He prayed Savitranamaka Soorya to be blessed with a child. He was blessed with a female child, and was named after him as “Savitri”. Savitri is born out of devotion and asceticism, traits she will herself practice.

Savitri reaches her marriage age and her father was searching for a groom. Naradaru suggested Satyavan, son of blind king Dyumatsena. He was living as a forest dweller. Savitri married Satyavan and was happy. Naradaru further told that Satyavan has a very short life and he recommends a vrutha called as “Trirathra vratha”.

As per the Vratha Savithri has to upavaasa for 3 days :

Jyesta shudda Dwadashi - Laghu Bhojana

Jyesta Shudda Trayadoshi to Hunnime – 3 days - upavaasa

On Hunnime – Chandraarghya, Suvasini pooja, dampathi pooja., etc.

Savitri performed the vratha with utmost care before the foreseen death day of Satyavan.

The foreseen death day of Satyavan came. Savitri also followed Satyavan to the forest. There Satyavan attacked by severe

headache died. Yamadharmaraja came for pulling Satyavan. Savitri also followed Yamadharmaraja. Because of her pathiseva, and in-law's seva, no one could stop her anywhere. She followed Yamadharmaraja to Yamaloka also.

Yamadharmaraja pleased with her gave a boon that her father in law gets his eye vision back and the kingdom back to him.

Yamadharmaraja asked her to ask for another boon, when she asked "I want 100 children from Satyavan".

Yamadharmaraja pleased with her blessed her and awarded Satyavan with 104 years of "Ayassu".

This is on this Day Savitri completed the Vratham. That is why this Vratha is called as Vatasavitri Hunnime.

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