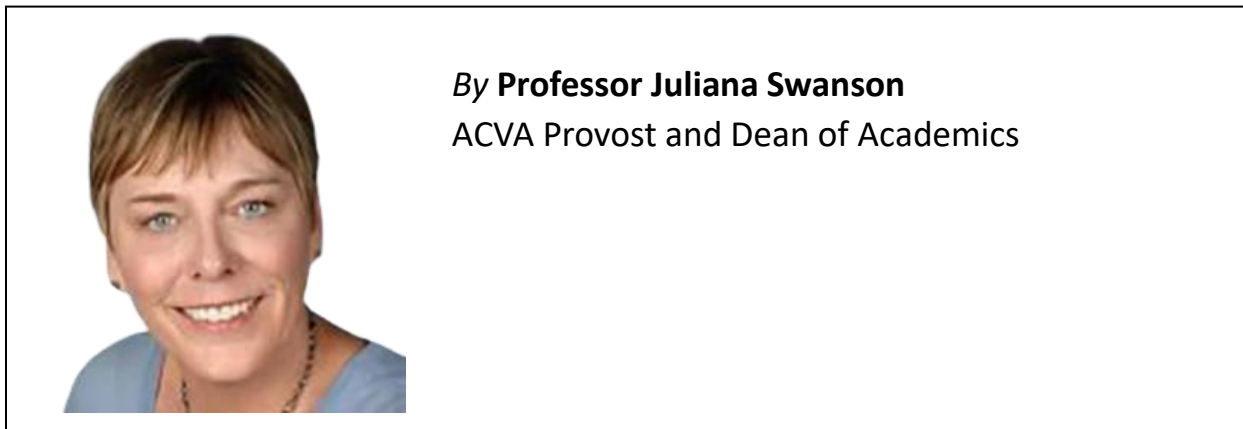


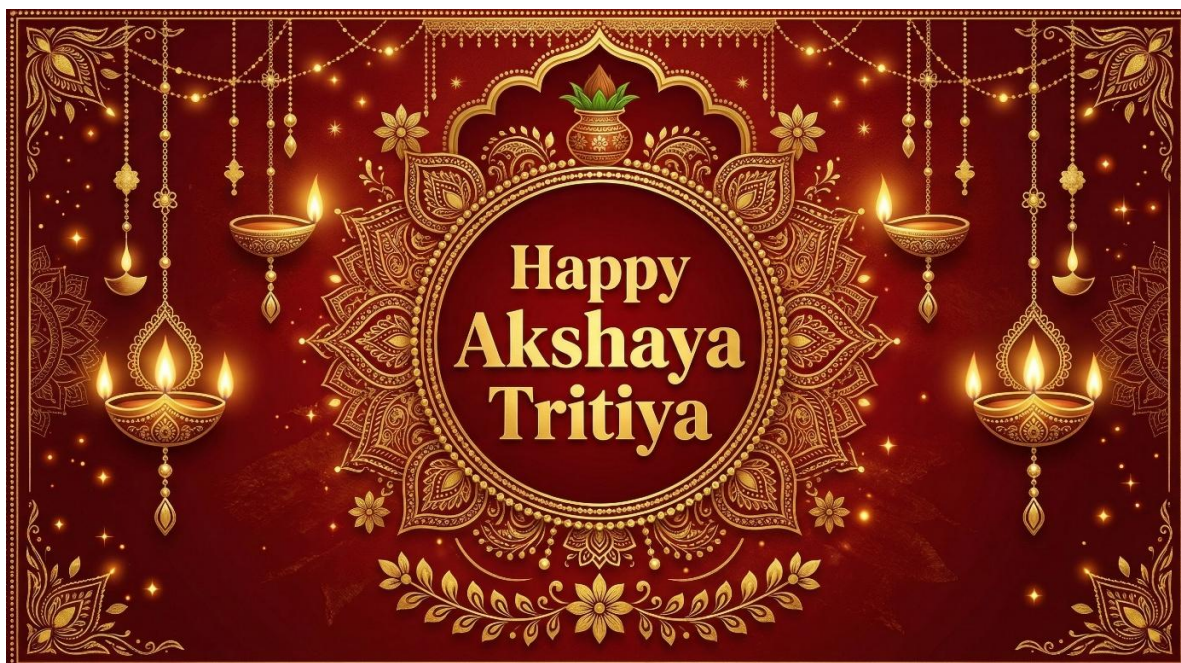
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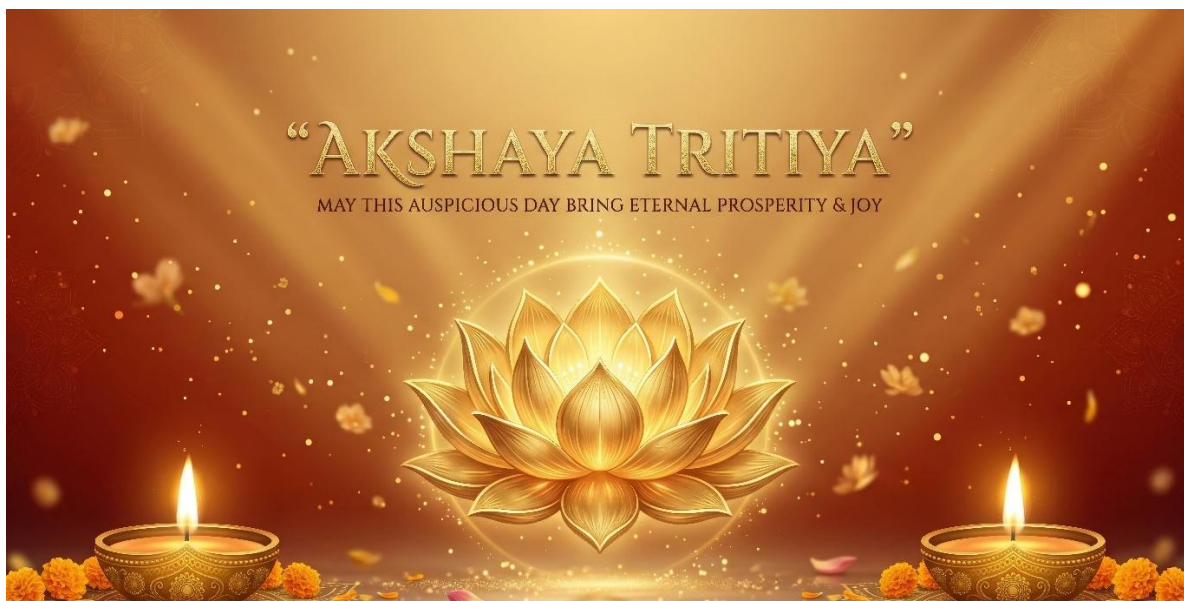
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Akshaya Tritiya: The Golden Day of Eternal Success

If you have anything important that you want to initiate this month, we have an abhuj muhurt (muhurat) on Sunday, April 19, 2026. Abhuj muhurtas fall on just a few of the holiest days of the Vedic calendar, and because of deep energy movements that occur on these days, which are associated with ancient legends and astrological lore, they are considered to be fully auspicious days for beginning any new important venture. “Abhuj” refers to something eternal, so the abhuj muhurtas focus on the stability and durability of anything begun on this day.



The abhuj muhurta on April 19 is called Akshaya(a) Tritiya, when it is said that anything established will “turn to gold.” “Kshaya” means destruction and the “A” in front of it means “not.” Together, this word means “not destructible.” So anything we initiate on Akshaya Tritiya promises gains and development over time. Thus, in Vedic electional astrology (known as Muhurta), this day is a great time for performing important deeds, beginning new projects, making important sales or purchases, establishing significant business or personal relationships, and basically, setting something significant in motion (like good intentions).



Akshaya Tritiya is also known as Akha Teej, the “Golden Day of Eternal Success.” It is a rare and special Vedic holy day that celebrates when Veda Vyas and Lord Ganesha began to write the Mahabharata, a famous historical epic. The Lights of our solar system, the Sun and Moon, also known as the King and Queen of the Planetary Kingdom, are both especially “bright” (exalted or uccha) on this day. At the same time, the waxing Moon transits in its prosperous third day (tritiya tithi). This event always occurs during the beneficent month of Vaisakha (April 17 to May 16), but the exact date changes every year. Please make sure to check your local Panchanga (calendar) for exact timings in your location.

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