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# Bathukamma – floral festival

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**Why is in news?** Telangana: Bathukamma, floral festival begins across state; PM Modi greets everyone, auspicious occasion

In **Telangana**, Bathukamma, the **state floral festival** has begun with women in large numbers participating in the festivities across the state.

Every year this festival is celebrated **as per Sathavahana calendar for nine days**, usually in September–October of Gregorian calendar.

Bathukamma is celebrated for **nine days during Durga Navratri**.

Bathukamma represents **cultural spirit** of Telangana.

Bathukamma is a **beautiful flower stack, arranged with different unique seasonal flowers** most of them with medicinal values, in seven concentric layers in the shape of temple gopuram.

On particular Bathukamma festival is grandly **celebrated by young girls** in Telangana region of Telangana in India.

In Telugu, 'Bathukamma' means '**Mother Goddess come Alive**'.

Historically, bathukamma meant "festival of life" and was celebrating crop harvest.

Women perform **Maha Bathukamma dance** in a group wearing traditional pattu saree in Bathukamma festival

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