

CLASSICAL AND FOLK DANCES OF INDIA

The 2 major dance forms in India are classical and folk dance. The major difference between Classical and Folk dance is the origin.

Classical dance has a deep-rooted relationship with the **Natya Shastra** where the specific features of each of the Classical dance forms have been mentioned.

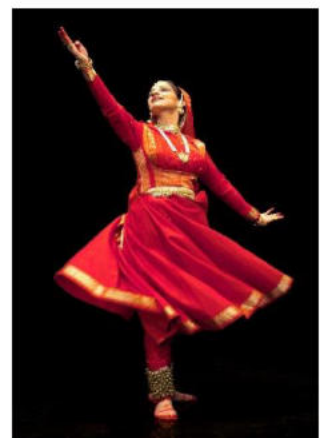
Folk dance, on the other hand, emerged from the local tradition of the respective state, ethnic or geographic regions.

CLASSICAL DANCE: The classical dance form originated from Natya Shastra. There are 8 classical dance form in India.

1. Bharatnatyam- Tamil Nadu



2. khathak - Uttar Pradesh



3. **Khuchipudi** – Andhra Pradesh



4. **Odissi** - Odisha



5. **Kathakali**- Kerala



6. Sattriya - Assam



7. Manipuri- Manipur



8. Mohiniyattam- Kerala



SOME IMPORTANT FOLK DANCES OF INDIAN STATES

State of Origin	List of Folk Dances in India
Andhra Pradesh	Vilasini Natyam, Bhamakalpam, Veerاناتyam, Dappu, Tappeta Gullu, Lambadi, Dhimsa, Kolattam.
Arunachal Pradesh	Buiya, Chalo, Wanchu, Pasi Kongki, Ponung, Popir
Assam	Bihu, Bichhua, Natpuja, Maharas, Kaligopal, Bagurumba, Naga dance, Khel Gopal.
Bihar	Jata-Jatin, Bakho-Bakhain, Panwariya
Chhattisgarh	Gaur Maria, Panthi, Raut Nacha, Pandwani, Vedamati, Kapalik
Gujarat	Garba, Dandiya Raas, Tippani Juriun, Bhavai
Goa	Tarangamel, Koli, Dekhni, Fugdi, Shigmo, Ghode, Modni, Samayi nrutya, Jagar, Ranmale
Haryana	Jhumar, Phag, Daph, Dhamal, Loor, Gugga, Khor.
Himachal Pradesh	Jhora, Jhali, Chharhi, Dhaman, Chhapeli, Mahasu
Jammu & Kashmir	Rauf, Hikar, Mandjas, Kud Dandi Nach
Jharkhand	Alkap, Karma Munda, Agni, Jhumar, Janani Jhumar, Mardana Jhumar, Paika, Phagua
Karnataka	Yakshagana, Huttari, Suggi, Kunitha, Karga
Kerala	Ottam Thullal, Kaikottikali

Maharashtra	Lavani, Nakata, Koli, Lezim, Gafa, Dahikala Dasavtar
Madhya Pradesh	Jawara, Matki, Aada, Khada Nach, Phulpati, Grida Dance, Selalarki, Selabhadoni
Manipur	Dol Chalam, Thang Ta, Lai Haraoba, Pung Cholom
Meghalaya	Ka Shad Suk Mynsiem, Nongkrem, Laho
Mizoram	Cheraw Dance, Khuallam, Chailam, Sawlakin, Chawnglaizawn, Zangtalam
Nagaland	Rangma, Bamboo Dance, Zeliang, Nsuirolians, Gethinglim
Odisha	Savari, Ghumara, Painka, Munari
Punjab	Bhangra, Giddha, Daff, Dhaman, Bhand
Rajasthan	Ghumar, Chakri, Ganagor, Jhulan Leela, Jhuma, Suisini, Ghapal
Sikkim	Chu Faat, Sikmari, Singhi Chaam or the Snow Lion, Yak Chaam, Denzong Gnenha, Tashi Yangku
Tamil Nadu	Kumi, Kolattam, Kavadi
Tripura	Hojagiri
Uttar Pradesh	Nautanki, Raslila, Kajri, Jhora, Chappeli
Uttarakhand	Garhwali, Kumayuni, Kajari, Jhora, Raslila