Dances of India!
India
Classical Dances of India

The Sangeet Natak Akademi currently confers classical status on eight Indian dance forms:

- **Bharatanatyam** - Tamil Classical Dance
- **Odissi** - Orissa Classical Dance
- **Kuchipudi** - Telugu Classical dance
- **Manipuri** - Manipur Classical Dance
- **Mohiniaattam** - Kerala Classical Dance
- **Sattriya** - Asamese Classical Dance
- **Kathakali** - Malayalam Classical Dance
- **Kathak** - North Indian Classical Dance

Out of the 8 styles, the most ancient ones and the ones that have their origin in are **Bharatanatyam** and **Odissi**. These two most faithfully adhere to the Natya Shastra.

**Kuchipudi** and **Mohiniaattam** are relatively recent forms, just as Kathakali, and two eastern Indian styles, **Manipuri** and **Sattriya**, that are quite similar. **Kathak** was influenced in the **Mughal** period by various other dance forms, including **Persian dance**.
Bharatanatyam

Dr. Padma Subramaniam
Odissi

Kelucharan Mohapatra
Kuchipudi

Radha Raja Reddy
Manipuri
Mohiniattam

Kanak Rele
Sattriya
Kathakali
Kathak

Pt. Birju Maharaj & Saswati Sen
Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

• Won the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature in 1913

• He was a poet, playwright, philosopher, composer, artist

• He has composed more than 2000 songs namely, Rabindra Sangeet that have varied themes. They form the foundation of Bengali ethos.

• Shantiniketan was a vision conceived by Tagore that has gradually developed into an university named as Visva Bharati

• Two songs written by Tagore are now the national anthems of India (Jana Gana Mana) and Bangladesh (Amar Shonar Bangla)
Uday Shankar Style of Dance
Folk Dances of India! - Bhangra & Gidda

Bhangra

Gidda
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Himachal Folk Dance

Kashmir Folk Dance
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Dandiyaa

Asameese Folk Dance

Tribal Folk Dance
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Rajasthani Folk Dance

Goa Folk Dance
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Chau Dance
Bollywood

Madhuri Dixit

Hrithik Roshan

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Shamak Davar
Thank You!