

# Classical Dances of India



India has a very rich culture of dance and music, such as traditional, classical, folk and tribal dance styles. There are six forms of the classical dances recognised by the country on a national level.

Writing names using numbers for the letters of the alphabet is called writing in secret code. Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet.

**A.** The numbers 1, 2, 3, ... are used to create a code language for the letters of the alphabet. Find out the names of dances of India with the help of the code language. One has been done for you:

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| A  | B  | C  | D  | E  | F  | G  | H  | I  | J  | K  | L  | M  |
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| N  | O  | P  | Q  | R  | S  | T  | U  | V  | W  | X  | Y  | Z  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

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|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|----|---|----|
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 20 | 25 | 1 | 13 |
| B | H | A | R  | A | T  | A | N  | A | T  | Y  | A | M  |

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| 13 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 9 | 25 | 1 | 20 | 20 | 1 | 13 |
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| 11 | 21 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 21 | 4 | 9 |
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| 15 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 19 | 9 |
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| 13 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 21 | 18 | 9 |
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| 11 | 1 | 20 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 9 |
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### Think Fast

B. Match the dance with the states :

1. Bharatanatyam
2. Kuchipudi
3. Kathak
4. Kathakali
5. Odissi

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Andhra Pradesh