

GUSSADI DANCE: ART & CULTURE

NEWS: It was performed during Celebrations of the 'Praja Palana Vijayotsava', to commemorate the completion of one year of the Congress government in Telangana.

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The **Gussadi dance**, a traditional art form of the **Go**nd tribe in Telangana, is performed during the **Dandari festival** after harvest to honor deities and ancestors, featuring elaborate costumes and rhythmic drum beats. Efforts are ongoing to preserve it as part of India's **intangible cultural heritage**.

Gussadi Dance

- Origin: Tribal dance of the Gond tribe, primarily in Telangana.
- Occasion: Performed during the Dandari festival after the harvest, as a tribute to deities and ancestors.
- Attire: Dancers wear feathered headgear, ornaments, and body paint, showcasing tribal heritage.
- Music: Accompanied by traditional drums and rhythmic beats.
- Events: Featured in festivals, cultural programs, and government events.
- Preservation: Recognized as part of India's intangible cultural heritage with efforts to promote it.



Claiming success: Artistes from the Gond tribe perform the Gussadi dance during the 'Praja Palana Vijayotsava', to commemorate the completion of one year of the Congress government in Telangana on Tuesday. NAGARA GOPAL



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