

MARATHA MANDIR'S KALA KENDRA

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KATHAK DANCE FESTIVAL AND Maratha Mandir Smt. Seeta Tipnis Kathak Dance Awards 27th September 2026

The objective of the **Kathak Dance Festival** is to encourage, motivate and promote emerging artists and to make classical Kathak accessible for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Awards will be given to the best performers during the festival. The performing participants are categorized as follows:

Category	Age Group
'A'	08 years to 11 years
'B'	12 years to 16 years
'C'	17 years to 23 years
'D'	24 years to 30 years
Group	Above 14 years

Note: The participant should have completed the relevant age and not exceeded 12 months thereafter as on 31st December, 2025.

2. The outstanding performers will be Awarded as follows:

Trophy & Certificate:

Category	Age Group
'A'	Maratha Mandir Kala Mudrika
'B'	Maratha Mandir Kala Mekhala
'C'	Maratha Mandir Kala Mukut
'D'	Maratha Mandir Kala Bhushan
Group	Maratha Mandir Kala Shiromani

'Maratha Mandir Kala Kendra Smt. Seeta Tipnis Kathak Dance Prize'
to the participant securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank in each category

Category	1 st Rank	2 nd Rank	3 rd Rank
A	Rs.1501.00	Rs.1251.00	Rs.1001.00
B	Rs.1501.00	Rs.1251.00	Rs.1001.00
C	Rs.2001.00	Rs.1501.00	Rs.1001.00
D	Rs.2501.00	Rs.2001.00	Rs.1501.00
Group	Rs.8001.00	Rs.5001.00	Rs.3001.00

Certificate of Merit to the participant securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank in each category. In case of not more than three participants in a category, only one award prize will be awarded. In case of less than three participants, no competition will be held. Three prizes will be awarded only if the number of entries in a category are eight or more.

Note: All participants will be given 'Kala Deep' certificates for participation.

3. This festival is open for all. Awards will be given to amateurs only. Professional artists or artists who have performed in any Movie, OTT, TV, Commercial Music Videos or Programs are not eligible to get the Awards. Any participant who violates any rule shall be disqualified and declared ineligible at any stage including and not limited to the period after conferring the Award. The decision of the Maratha Mandir in this regard shall be final and binding on the participant.

4. Maximum of three participants may be nominated by the participant's Guru in each category. Group shall be limited to 4-8 participants. Each participant / group shall forward video recording of Kathak Dance performance of minimum 3 minutes and not more than 5 minutes duration. The video recording shall be submitted in a CD or online at mmkalakendra@gmail.com or at marathamandir@hotmail.com by **31st August 2026**.
5. The Application made be submitted online through the website www.marathamandir.in or by email at mmkalakendra@gmail.com or marathamandir@hotmail.com with the subject 'Kathak Dance Festival'.
6. Last date of acceptance of Application Form shall be **31st August 2026**
7. The participant shall submit the Application Form in the format herein along with the following:
 - a. Two Passport size coloured photographs (Proof of Identity);
 - b. Photocopy of Birth Certificate or School Leaving Certificate or Passport or Aadhar Card attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Principal / Director / Head of school or College (Proof of Age);
 - c. Photocopy of Aadhar Card, Ration Card or Passport attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Principal/Director/Head of School or College (Proof of Address); and
 - d. Endorsement of the Guru recommending the name/s of the participant.
 - e. CD/Email/Google Drive of Kathak Dance performance.
8. If the participant is below the age of 18 years, the Application Form shall be signed by the Parent or legal Guardian.
9. a. The Application to participate in the contest shall be accompanied with non-refundable Entry Fee of Rs.1000/- for each participant. Entry Fee for Group will be Rs.4000/- The Fee may be paid in Demand Draft in favour of "Maratha Mandir Kala Kendra" payable at Mumbai. The Application Fee may be remitted through RTGS/NEFT in saving A/c. No. 00000020035848349 IFSC Code No.MAHB0000048, Bank of Maharashtra, Mumbai Central Branch, Mumbai 400008. The Fee shall be non-refundable. Fees can be paid by scanning following QR Code



- b. The selected participants / group for final round have to pay Rs.1,500/- as a security Deposit. The deposit will be refunded only those who have participate in final round.
10. A panel of judges shall select participants for participation in the festival. The Judges may select one or more or none of the nominated participants.
11. The selected participants will be informed about their selection by email or post or courier by **05.09. 2026**.
12. The selected participants will have to perform during the Festival on such dates and time as may be assigned.
13. A panel of Judges shall evaluate the performance of the selected participants during the Festival.
14. The performance of each participant inclusive of any prelude shall not exceed 8 (Eight) minutes for all categories. The Judges shall have the discretion to reduce the maximum duration permitted for the performance or stop the performance if the same violates any rules, decency or law.

15. All participants / groups should bring their recorded CD's or pen drives or accompanying musicians. Music from movies is not permitted.
16. Evaluation shall be based on the following criteria:
 - i. Display of classical peculiarities (Vastu Kram & choice of notes, melody & music) of Kathak Dance.
 - ii. Rhythm Proficiency.
 - iii. Entry & Exit.
 - iv. Expressions.
 - v. Stage coverage.
 - vi. Energy Level.
 - vii. Costume and Make-up.
17. All the participants shall be identified by the Code Number allotted to them. In no case shall the participant disclose his/her name or the name of his/her Guru or Teacher or the name of his Dance Institute/Class or influence or attempt to influence the judges of the festival. Violation of this rule shall result in disqualification and / or withdrawal of the Award.
18. The participants shall present themselves at least One Hour before their performance. Maratha Mandir reserves the right to disqualify the participants reporting late for the performance on the assigned day and time.
19. If the number of participants in each category are less, the Judges shall have the discretion to award or not to award prizes.
20. The decision of the judges and Maratha Mandir on any matter shall final & binding on all participants.
21. The results of the Awardees shall be announced on the date of performance and the prizes will be awarded on the same day at the hands of the dignitary present during the award ceremony.
22. The Trophy Winner in each category may be required to perform at one event organized by Maratha Mandir within a period of two years of the festival. No fee or expenses shall be payable by Maratha Mandir for such performance,
23. The participants shall not be entitled to receive any travelling expenses or any other benefit monetary or otherwise for participating in the festival.
24. The participants or their relatives or their associates shall not photograph or record a video of the performance of any participant during the Festival. Photography or video recording of any participant by a relative or associate shall result in elimination from the festival. Photographs and video recording will be made available to the participants at reasonable cost.
25. All rights and copyrights to display or publish the information or data or performance concerning the festival either in print media or digital media or television channel shall vest exclusively with Maratha Mandir.
26. Maratha Mandir reserves the right to add, alter or amend at any time any of the rules and regulations of this festival.
27. Maratha Mandir reserves the right to change or alter the date, time and venue of the festival event or cancel the event. In the event of cancellation, Maratha Mandir shall refund the application fee received from the participants.

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR CATEGORY

A	B	C	D
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(Strike-off whichever is not applicable)

Date : / /2026

The Secretary,
Maratha Mandir's Kala Kendra.
Maratha Mandir,
Babasaheb Gawde Chowk, Maratha Mandir Marg,
Mumbai Central,
Mumbai 400008 - India.

[Affix Photo]

I have carefully read the rules of Maratha Mandir's Kala Kendra Kathak Dance Festival 2026. I propose to participate in the festival to be held on Sunday 27th September 2026 at Mumbai in Category _____. I accept the terms and rules of the Festival and agree to abide by the same.

My details are as follows:

Given Name		Parent's Name		Surname	
House No	Building/House Name				
Street/Road			Landmark		
Area	Village/City		District		
State		Country		Pin	
Telephone		Mobile		Email	
Male/Female	Date of Birth	Education		Years Practising Kathak	
Name of Guru		Name of Dance Class/Institute			
Address of Guru or Dance Class / Institute					

I am remitting Application Fee of Rs.1000/- along with the Application Form or I have remitted the Fee of Rs.1000/- by online transfer on _____ through _____ Bank and bearing Transaction No. _____. I request you to kindly register my name as a participant.

The selected participants for final round have to pay Rs.1,500/- as a security Deposit. The deposit will be refunded only those who have participate in final round.

I hereby declare that I am not a performing artiste and my performance is not shown on Television and I am an amateur. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Maratha Mandir's Kala Kendra Kathak Dance Festival. I hereby declare that whatever is stated hereinabove is true and correct.

Signature	Signature	Signature
Name of Participant	Name of Parent/Guardian	Name of Guru

Attached: (a) Two Passport size coloured photographs (Proof of Identity); (b) Photocopy of Birth Certificate or School Leaving Certificate or Passport or Aadhar Card attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Principal / Director / Head of school or College (Proof of Age). (c) Photocopy of Aadhar Card, Ration Card or Passport attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Principal/Director/Head of School or College (Proof of Address).

APPLICATION FORM

Category - Group
Age Group - Above 14 yrs.

The Secretary,
Maratha Mandir's Kala Kendra,
Maratha Mandir,
Babasaheb Gawde Chowk, Maratha Mandir Marg,
Mumbai Central, Mumbai 400 008.

Date / /2026

We carefully read the rules of Maratha Mandir's Kala Kendra Kathak Dance Festival 2026. We propose to participate in the festival to be held on Sunday 27th September 2026 at Mumbai in Category **Group**. We accept the terms and rules of the Festival and agree to abide by the same.

Our details are as follows:

Name of Participants: **(Maximum 4 To 8 Person)**

Name	Age	Gender	Name	Age	Gender

We remitting Application Fee of Rs.4000/- along with the Application Form or we remitted the Fee of Rs.4000/- by online transfer on _____ through _____ Bank and bearing Transaction No. _____. We request you to kindly register our name as a participant.

The selected group for final round has to pay Rs.1,500/- as a security Deposit. The deposit will be refunded only those who have participate in final round.

We hereby declare that we are not a performing artist and our performance are not shown on Television and we are an amateur. We agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Maratha Mandir's Kala Kendra Kathak Dance Festival. On behalf of our group, I hereby declare that whatever is stated hereinabove is true and correct.

Signature	Signature
Name of Participant (on behalf of group)	Name of Guru

Attached: (a) Two Passport size coloured photographs (Proof of Identity); (b) Photocopy of Birth Certificate or School Leaving Certificate or Passport or Aadhar Card attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Principal / Director / Head of school or College (Proof of Age). (c) Photocopy of Aadhar Card, Ration Card or Passport attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Principal/Director/Head of School or College (Proof of Address) for each participant of group.