



Chindu Yakshaganam

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The Chindu Yakshaganam is an age-old art form popular in **Telangana**.



- The art form dates back to **second century BC**. It is **similar** to **Yakshaganam, a traditional theatre form particular to Karnataka.**
- It is a **theatre art form** that **combines** dance, music, dialogue, costume, make-up, and stage techniques with a unique style and form.
- The word '**Chindu**' in **Telugu** means '**jump**'. As their presentation is interspersed with leaps and jumps, it gained the name of Chindu Yakshaganam.
Chindu is also derived from the **artistes' caste Chindu Madiga, a sub-caste of Madiga among SCs.**
- The Chindu Yakshaganam is **also called Chindu Bhagavatam** as most of the stories narrated are from '**Bhagavatam**'.
Bhagavatam refers to the **Bhagavata Purana** which can be translated as 'the history of the devotees of Vishnu'.