



Important Facts For Prelims (29th March 2019)

Odissi //



- It is one of the pre-eminent **classical dance forms of India which originated in the Hindu temples of the eastern coastal state of Odisha in India.**
- It is a dance of love and passion touching on the divine and the human, the sublime and the mundane.
- **Odhra Magadha**, mentioned in **Natya Shastra** can be identified as the earliest precursor of present day Odissi dance.
- The techniques of dance movement are built around the **two basic postures of the Chowk and the Tribhanga.**
- The chowk is a position imitating a square - a **very masculine stance with the weight of the body equally balanced.**
- The **tribhanga is a very feminine stance** where the body is deflected at the **neck, torso and the knees.**
- An Odissi orchestra essentially **consists of a pakhawaj player (usually the Guru himself), a singer, a flutist, a sitar or violin player and a manjira player.**

Mankading

- Recently, in a cricket match of the Indian Premier League 2019 (IPL-2019) a batsman was **dismissed in a run out** popularly called '**Mankading**'.
- Mankading' is a method of run out where a **bowler dismisses a non-striker by hitting the bails** before bowling when the latter is outside the crease.
- It is named after an **Indian bowler Vinoo Mankad (awarded Padma Bhushan in 1973)**. Vinoo Mankad, in the India's tour of **Australia in 1947/48 ran out Bill Brown not once but twice.**

- This infuriated the Australian media, and running someone out in this way is now referred to around the world as "Mankading".
- While perfectly legal, some contend that by convention, a bowler should at least warn a batsman who persists in backing up too far before dismissing him in that fashion.
- According to rules of Cricket:
 - Non-striker leaving his/her ground early: If the non-striker is out of his/her ground from the moment the ball comes into play to the instant when the bowler would normally have been expected to release the ball, the **bowler is permitted to attempt to run him/her out.**
 - Whether the attempt is successful or not, the **ball shall not count as one in the over.**
 - The Laws of Cricket were amended several times after this incident, but it was decided to retain this form of run out to disallow batsmen from stealing runs.
- There **have been instances** where the bowlers refrained from using this method, like **the 1987 World Cup match between Pakistan and West Indies.**

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