

Practising Indian Folk and Traditional Art Forms

Chapter 3: Indian Folk and Traditional Art Forms · Topic 2

Key Concept

Folk art forms like Gond art (Madhya Pradesh, using dots and lines to depict nature and folklore), Kalamkari (Andhra Pradesh, hand-painted or block-printed textile art), and Phad painting (Rajasthan, large scroll paintings depicting local legends) are examples of India's diverse traditional art.

These art forms are often passed down within families or communities, and today they are also recognised and celebrated as important cultural heritage, sometimes even used in modern fashion and home decor.

Quick Revision Notes

- Gond art is from Madhya Pradesh, using dots and lines.
- Kalamkari is a hand-painted/block-printed textile art from Andhra Pradesh.
- Phad painting is a scroll art form from Rajasthan.
- Folk art forms are passed down through generations and celebrated as cultural heritage.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research one Indian folk art form not mentioned in this lesson.
- 2 Try recreating a simple design in the Gond or Kalamkari style.
- 3 Explain why preserving traditional art forms is important.
- 4 Find an example of folk art used in modern fashion or decor.