

Natya Karnival 2026

National Level Online Bharathanatyam Competition

Organized by Art Journey Mentoring Association (AJMA)

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Competition Rounds & Dates:

Round	Description	Last date of Application	Result Date
Round 1	Pariksha – Google Form Test + Performance Video	Jan 22, 2026	Jan 25, 2026
Round 2	Professional Dance Video	Jan 31, 2026	Feb 2, 2026
Round 3 (FINALAE)	Live Session – Zoom Interaction with a Padmashri Awardee	Feb 8, 2026	Feb 8, 2026

Categories and Levels:

Category	Solo	Group
Levels	Aadhya-Basic Vardhini-Intermediate Pramoditha –Advanced	Aadhya-Basic Vardhini-Intermediate Pramoditha –Advanced

Syllabus Breakdown

Level	Training Years	Syllabus Items
Basic (Aadya)	1–3 years	Alarippu, Pushpanjali, Sloka, Adavu, Hasta

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Intermediate (Vardhini)	3–7 years	Jatiswaram, Shabdam, Keerthanam, Hasta Vinyogas, Bhedas
Advanced (Pramoditha)	7+ years	Varnam, Thillana, Javali, Padam, Tala Knowledge

Participation Fees

Category	Fee per Entry/Participant	Details
Solo	₹1000 per entry	All payments must be made during registration.
Group	₹900 per participant	Applicable for groups with 5 to 8 members.

Note: Screenshots of the payment must be uploaded in the Google Form for verification.

✦✦ Rewards

General Participant Rewards All registered participants will receive:

- A **certificate** embossed with **silver coin** signed by a Padmashri Awardee in the Bharathanatyam field
- A **participation medal**.

Finalist & Winner Rewards Finalists and winners will receive:

- A **silver-coin certificate** and a **medal**.
- A **title of honour** awarded by AJMA.
- **Accreditation as AJMA Artists** on the official website.
- Participation in a **live Zoom interaction** with a Padmashri Awardee in Bharathanatyam.

Group Category Note: The group leader or the guru will also receive the same set of rewards.

△ Important Rules

1. All entries must be submitted only through the official Google Form before the deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.
2. Only **professional Bharathanatyam performances** are allowed. Semi-classical, fusion, or cinema-based songs are strictly prohibited.
3. The video duration must be between **3 to 8 minutes** and must be recorded in a single, non-edited shot.
4. Videos must be submitted as **accessible Google Drive or YouTube links**. Any inaccessible link will lead to disqualification.
5. Participants must upload their payment screenshot inside the Google Form and also send it to the official AJMA whatsapp contact (9566150608) along with their full name.
6. Participants will be added to the official WhatsApp group **only after payment verification**.
7. Any illegal activity, misconduct, or violation of rules will result in **immediate disqualification without refund**.
8. The syllabus for each category has been provided. Participants are requested to prepare and perform strictly based on their respective category syllabus.
9. New and innovative Bharathanatyam performances are welcome, as long as they adhere to classical standards and the competition guidelines.
10. Dress code is **completely your preference**. There is no specific dress requirement, as long as the attire is tidy and appropriate for Bharathanatyam.
11. Performances must be recorded in a **noise-free background with clear video quality** for proper evaluation.
12. Only candidates **selected in Round 1** will move forward to **Round 2**.
13. Candidates who are **selected in Round 2** will qualify to attend the **Grand Finale**, which will be conducted **live on Zoom**.
14. **Judges' decision will be final and binding**. No appeals or reconsideration requests will be entertained.
15. Although the competition is online, **strict rules and evaluation standards will be followed**.
16. We aim to **streamline the entire event** and ensure smooth coordination at every stage.
17. Participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of **artistic professionalism** throughout the competition.
18. This platform will serve as a **valuable new experience**, helping candidates enhance their artistic discipline and overall growth.

19. **No age categories are required.** Anyone **up to 30 years of age** may apply, based on their training in the art form.
20. As this is a **national-level event**, we encourage every participant to **give their best performance** and make the most of this opportunity.
21. Participants must perform **original choreography** or give due credit to their guru. Direct copying of YouTube choreographies may reduce marks unless proper acknowledgement is provided.
22. Participants may be asked to submit **age proof** if required or if any unhealthy activity is suspected.
23. The **names entered in the application forms will be printed on the certificates**. No corrections will be made later.
24. For participants in South India, courier charges are included with no extra cost. For participants from Northern regions of India, additional courier charges may apply and must be borne by the candidate.
25. The form can be **submitted only once**. Participants must review and fill all details carefully before submitting.
26. Kindly visit <https://ajmaarts.com> and click on the “**Register Now**” button. You will be redirected to the registration page, where you can choose your preferred category - **Solo** or **Group**. Once selected, kindly proceed to fill in the application form with accurate details.

Registration Link: <https://ajmaarts.com>

How to Register? [Click here](#)

Have questions? Contact us at

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