

Poikkal Kuthirai Kite Featured at TN International Kite Festival

A Poikkal Kuthirai-themed kite will be showcased at the Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival to highlight traditional Tamil folk art.

Poikkal Kuthirai Attam is a traditional Tamil folk dance where performers wear a decorated dummy horse frame around their waist.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival** (TNIKF) will feature a giant kite designed after the traditional **Poikkal Kuthirai** folk art.
- Poikkal Kuthirai is a traditional **folk dance** where performers wear a lightweight, decorated **dummy horse** frame around their waist.
- The dance creates the illusion of riding a horse and is widely performed during village festivals and cultural events across **Tamil Nadu**.
- The festival aims to showcase Tamil Nadu's rich **cultural heritage** through giant kites on an international platform.
- The international kite event provides **free entry** to visitors and features participants from across the globe.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Poikkal Kuthirai Attam is traditionally performed using **wooden legs** (stilts) attached to the feet of the dancers.

Poikkal Kuthirai dance originated during the **Maratha rule** in **Thanjavur** and is also popular as **Puravi Aattam**.

Naiyandi Melam musical accompaniment traditionally provides the rhythm for the Poikkal Kuthirai performance.

Karakattam, **Kavadiattam**, and **Oyilattam** are other major traditional folk dance forms of Tamil Nadu.

Therukoothu is an ancient open-air folk theatre form of Tamil Nadu performed during temple festivals.

Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram was established in **1955** to promote and preserve traditional Tamil performing arts.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Poikkal Kuthirai Attam, also known as Puravi Aattam, originated in Thanjavur during the Maratha rule.

Syllabus Relevance: High-value topic for Unit 8 questions on Tamil Nadu folk dance forms, cultural history, and traditional arts.

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