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## Kuchipudi Dance Form

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Kuchipudi is one of the **8 classical dance forms of India.**

- The dance form has **emerged from a**



**popular**

**theatrical art 'Kuchipudi Yakshagana'** named after the place of its origin, the village Kuchipudi in Andhra Pradesh.

- It is **performed as dance drama** i.e. performance in groups and also as solo items.
- **Siddendra Yogi**, the disciple of Narayana Theertha who lived in the **17<sup>th</sup> century**, is credited to have systemised the art form of Kuchipudi Yakshagana.
- Costumes, ornaments and jewellery occupy an important place.