

## **Kolattam Dance**

Recently, Kolattam dance was performed during Balotsav, a children's festival, in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

- Kolattam is a folk dance from the states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. It is part of a religious offering, where women dancers pay homage to the temple Goddess in many regions of Andhra Pradesh.
  - The Kolattam dance is predominantly a dance of women, without involving men.
- This form of dance is also called as Kolkollannalu or Kollannalu. This popular form of dance is usually performed together as a group where two artists each are grouped as a pair. Each dancer holds two sticks and moves these sticks in rhythm.
  - The **Kolattam Kara** is a solid wooden stick made of wood and lacquer is used in Kolattam.



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