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Garba Dance

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Why is in news? PM thanks artists for rendition of his Garba song

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi thanked artists Dhvani Bhanushali, Tanishk Bagchi and team of JjustMusic for musical, rendition of a Garba that he had penned years ago. He also informed that he will share a new Garba during the upcoming Navratri.

About:

Garba is a dance form native to the **Indian state of Gujarat**, performed in October to **honour the Hindu Deity of Divinity, Goddess Durga**.

It is a joyful style of dance, based on a circular pattern and characterized by a sweeping action from side to side.

Garba performances often include singing and a musical accompaniment traditionally provided by **dhol (double-headed drum)** and the similar but smaller **dholak; hand clapping; and assorted metallic idiophones**, such as cymbals.

Garba dances celebrate fertility, honour womanhood, and pay respect to any of an array of mother goddesses.

In Gujarat the dances customarily mark a girl's first menstrual cycle and, later, her imminent marriage.

Garba dancing also takes place **during the nine-day Navratri festival**.

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