



# **Bharatha Natyam**

## **Syllabus**

### **Grade 8**

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## **Introduction**

This new syllabus for Bharatham is designed, suited to the students those who have come to the Pre secondary level in Grade 8, after Completing their primary education. The new plans of education and concepts are included in this curriculum.

These aesthetic art of Bharatham, Carnatic music, Art and Drama & Theatre have been taught as a combined subject. Since 2007, each of these art is being separately taught on the basis on admiration, performance, practical and basic traditional background and accordingly the competencies are decided and the this curriculum is reorganised as the second curriculum of new

In this present world, the unchangeable one can change. Accordingly, it is inevitable for a change in the curriculum. Every revised curriculum proposed the changes in two things.

1. Combination of the subject - changing the core of lessons, simplifying the subject details.
2. The proposed teaching learning approach which is used to take the subject matters to students.

This new curriculum, which gives priority to student centered education, insists the essentiality of the teachers and students to get together, having got many activities for students to search and learn, they, themselves, clearly understand learning teaching process, has been designed.

### **The three pillars of present system of education.**

1. Keeping the known matters.
2. Learn the pre decided facts.
3. Reconstruct the pre learned facts.

This action creates a new community which continuously changes and innovates the previously known facts. It is indispensable to guide the younger generation, regarding the facts which haven't been discovered yet. Therefore, the objective of this new educational plan is to practise the students to search and find the unknown facts and to alter the known facts by involving in researches.

It is a common curriculum which is designed to develop one's skills and capabilities in the period of schooling. Because they are needed to lead a successful life with thinking skill, social skill and personal skill that are indispensable for the combined personalities.

It is essential for the present younger generation to handle the approach beforehand instead of handling it after the approach. Thus, in order to succeed the future world, on the basis of searching, this new curriculum is decided. Its prime target is to create a community with personality which is badly needed for future community.

## **Aims of the Bharatha Natiyam**

- ◆ Develops knowledge, skills and attitude through co - curricular activities.
- ◆ Develops personality qualities required to be a good dancer.
- ◆ Develops creativity.
- ◆ Learns and respects national and international Art forms.
- ◆ Be a person of aesthetic desires.
- ◆ Develops the attitude of respecting artists.
- ◆ Develops an attachment to cultural aspects and the attitude of conforming to the tradition.
- ◆ Identifying own talents, develops performing abilities related to various forms of dance.
- ◆ Develops a balanced personality.
- ◆ Develops leadership qualities.
- ◆ By understanding the world around acquires skills of socialisation.
- ◆ Manages conflicts.
- ◆ Develops the qualities of humanity by understanding the habits of individuals.
- ◆ Acquires the skill of facing challenges successfully.
- ◆ Develops the skill of communication.
- ◆ Volunteers to come forward and act with dedication.

- ◆ Inclains to appreciate and admire nature
- ◆ Develops the talent in handling modern technical equipments.
- ◆ Practices basic life skills.
- ◆ Creates crafts work by using relevant techniques.
- ◆ Accustoms to act as a member of a team.
- ◆ Keeps good relationships in multi cultural societies.
- ◆ Maintains physical and mental health.
- ◆ Be a subject of social recognition and fame.
- ◆ Identifies negative qualities of self and changes attitudes accordingly.
- ◆ Develops the abilities to describe and criticise the techniques of art.
- ◆ Explores innovative ways of making presentations.

## National Goals

The national system of education should assist individuals and groups to achieve major national goals that are relevant to the individual and society.

Over the years major education reports and documents in Sri Lanka have set goals that sought to meet individual and national needs. In the light of the weaknesses manifest in contemporary education structures and processes, the National Education Commission has identified the following set of goals to be achieved through education within the conceptual framework of sustainable human development. The National Education Commission sees the realisation of these goals as its vision for the education system.

- (i) Nation building and the establishment of a Sri Lankan identity through the promotion of national cohesion, national integrity, national unity, harmony, and peace, and recognizing cultural diversity in Sri Lanka's plural society within a concept of respect for human dignity.
- (ii) Recognising and conserving the best elements of the nation's heritage while responding to the challenges of a changing world.
- (iii) Creating and supporting an environment imbued with the norms of social justice and a democratic way of life that promotes respect for human rights, awareness of duties and obligations, and a deep and abiding concern for one another.
- (iv) Promoting the mental and physical well-being of individuals and a sustainable life style based on respect for human values.
- (v) Developing creativity, initiative, critical thinking, responsibility, accountability and other positive elements of a well-integrated and balanced personality.
- (vi) Human resource development by educating for productive work that enhances the quality of life of the individual and the nation and contributes to the economic development of Sri Lanka.
- (vii) Preparing individuals to adapt to and manage change, and to develop capacity to cope with complex and unforeseen situations in a rapidly changing world.
- (viii) Fostering attitudes and skills that will contribute to securing an honorable place in the international community, based on justice, equality and mutual respect.

(Extracted from : National Education Commission report, 2003)

## Basic Competencies

The following Basic Competencies developed through education will contribute to achieving the above National Goals.

### (i) Competencies in Communication

Competencies in communication are based on four subsets: Literacy, Numeracy, Graphics and IT proficiency.

Literacy : Listen attentively, speak clearly, read for meaning, write accurately and lucidly and communicate ideas effectively.

Numeracy : Use numbers for things, space and time, count, calculate and measure systematically.

Graphics : Make sense of line and form, express and record details, instructions and ideas with line form and colour.

IT proficiency: Computeracy and the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in learning, in the work environment and in personal life.

### (ii) Competencies relating to personality Development

- Generic skills such as creativity, divergent thinking, initiative, decision making, problem solving, critical and analytical thinking, team work, inter – personal relations, discovering and exploring ;
- Values such as integrity, tolerance and respect for human dignity;
- Emotional intelligence.

### (iii) Competencies relating to the Environment

These competencies relate to the environment: social, biological and physical.

Social Environment : Awareness of the national heritage, sensitivity and skills linked to being members of a plural society, concern for distributive justice, social relationships, personal conduct, general and legal conventions, rights, responsibilities, duties and obligations.

Biological Environment : Awareness, sensitivity and skills linked to the living world, people and the ecosystem, the trees, forests, seas, water, air and life – plant, animal and human life.

Physical Environment : Awareness, sensitivity and skills linked to space, energy, fuels, matter, materials and their links with human living, food, clothing, shelter, health, comfort, respiration, sleep, relaxation, rest, wastes and excretion.

Included here are skills in using tools and technologies for learning, working and living.

**(iv) Competencies relating to preparation for the World of Work**

Employment related skills to maximize their potential and to enhance their capacity  
to contribute to economic development.  
to discover their vocational interests and aptitudes,  
to choose a job that suits their abilities, and  
to engage in a rewarding and sustainable livelihood.

**(v) Competencies relating to Religion and Ethics**

Assimilating and internalising values, so that individuals may function in a manner consistent with the ethical, moral and religious modes of conduct in everyday living, selecting that which is most appropriate.

**(vi) Competencies in Play and the Use of Leisure**

Pleasure, Joy, emotions and such human experiences as expressed through aesthetics, literature, play, sports and athletics, leisure pursuits and other creative modes of living.

**(vii) Competencies relating to ‘ learning to learn’**

Empowering individuals to learn independently and to be sensitive and successful in responding to and managing change through a transformative process, in a rapidly changing, complex and interdependent world.

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2. Recognising and conserving the best elements of the nation's heritage while responding to the challenges of a changing world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gets the talent in handling the modern technical apparatuses.</li> </ul>
3. Creating and supporting an environment imbued with the norms of social justice and a democratic way of life that promotes respect for human rights, awareness of duties and obligations, and a deep and abiding concern for one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develops the attitude to respect artists.</li> <li>➤ Creates the handicraft art by using the techniques.</li> <li>➤ Develops the quality of a part of a team.</li> </ul>
4. Promoting the mental and physical well- being of individuals and a sustainable life style based on respect for human values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identifying own talents, and develops the abilities of the art forms to perform.</li> </ul>
5. Developing creativity, initiative, critical thinking, responsibility, accountability and other positive elements of a well- integrated and balanced personality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develop knowledge, skill and attitude through co – curricular activities.</li> <li>➤ Develops creativity.</li> <li>➤ Be a person of aesthetic desires.</li> <li>➤ Tries for new presentations by searching through art.</li> </ul>
6. Human resource development by educating for productive work that enhances the quality of life of the individual and the nation and contributes to the economic development of Sri Lanka.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develops the skill of communication.</li> </ul>
7. Preparing individuals to adapt to and manage change, and to develop capacity to cope with complex and unforeseen situations in a rapidly changing world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gets the basic practices for life skill.</li> </ul>
8. Fostering attitudes and skills that will contribute to securing an honorable place in the international community, based on justice, equality and mutual respect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To be a good dancer, develops the qualities of personality.</li> <li>➤ Learn &amp; Respect national &amp; international Art forms.</li> <li>➤ Gets the skill of coming forward by himself/herself to act with dedication.</li> </ul>



## Grade 8

	Competency	Competency level	Subject content	Learning outcomes	Periods
1.0	1.0 Appreciates the environment critically.	1.1 Appreciates the natural environment critically and makes comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The movements of animals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monkey</li> <li>• Deer</li> <li>• Rabbit</li> <li>• Fox</li> <li>• Camel</li> <li>• Snake</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciates and comments on the movement of animals in the natural environment.</li> </ul>	02
		1.2 Appreciates, evaluates and criticises folk dances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Folk dance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neem leaf dance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains the difference between folk dance and Bharatham.</li> <li>• Identifies folk musical instruments and states their value.</li> <li>• Describes how folk dances are connected with life.</li> </ul>	01
		1.3 Appreciates story songs and states their value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Story songs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Veadanum Puravum (The hunter and the pigeon)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tells the story of the hunter and the pigeon.</li> <li>• Listens to the relevant song and states its aesthetic features.</li> </ul>	01
2.0	2.0 Gesticulates the various songs appreciated by self in the environment	2.1 Expresses with feeling the sentiments experienced by self in the natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The movements of animals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monkey</li> <li>• Deer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assigns an imaginary forms to the movements of the nature and states how they can be presented.</li> </ul>	04

3.0			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rabbit</li> <li>• Fox</li> <li>• Camel</li> <li>• Snake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents those movements conforming to the imagination of self.</li> </ul>	
		2.2 Presents story songs with feeling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Story songs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VedanumPuravum (The hunter and the pigeon)</li> <li>- Kannan maadu Kantru meithu.....</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains the meaning of the songs.</li> <li>• Applies 'muthras' according to the meaning.</li> <li>• Presents creative dance items for action songs.</li> </ul>	06
		2.3 Presents creative dance items for folk songs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neem leaf dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that neem leaf dance is presented for god Amman.</li> <li>• Presents dance items conforming to the folk tradition.</li> </ul>	02
	3. Presents by Abinaya the basic excersices, Adavu, Various Anga betha, Jathi, Hasthangam, dance items reting to the tradition of Bharatham.	3.1 Displays 'muthra vinijogas'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vinijogas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musti – Simhamuga</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents dance items illustrating the meaning of 'vinijogas' .</li> <li>• Presents opinions about the display.</li> </ul>	10
	3.2 Presents 'hastha', 'betha'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bethas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shro betha</li> <li>- Thristi betha</li> <li>- Kriva betha</li> <li>- Patha betha</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents by way of dance 'shiro betha', 'thristi betha', 'griva betha' and 'patha betha'.</li> </ul>	05	

		3.3 Displays by dance the basic 'adavus' of Bharatham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theiya theiyi (1 -4)</li> <li>• Thath thei tha ha (1-4)</li> <li>• Thath thei tham (1 – 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performs the 'adavus' theiya theiyi, thath thei tham, thath thei tha ha properly with 'muthras'.</li> <li>• Presents same according to 'thal'.</li> </ul>	32
		3.4 Presents different types of folk dances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kolattam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents foot steps used in folk dances.</li> <li>• Presents different types of creations.</li> </ul>	03
4.0	Describes the fundamentals and concepts of dance.	4.1 Describes the types of 'abinyas'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abinayas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aangiga</li> <li>- Vaachika</li> <li>- Saathvika</li> <li>- Aaharya</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Names the four 'abinyas'.</li> <li>• Explains aangiga, vachika, sathvika, and aharya abinyas.</li> </ul>	01
		4.2 Use the notations relating to the 'adavus'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of the notations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thattadavu</li> <li>- Nattadavu</li> <li>- Kuthithu meddadavu</li> <li>- Tha thei thei tha (1 - 3)</li> <li>- Thei ya thei ji</li> <li>- Thath thei tham (1 - 3)</li> <li>- Thath thei tha ha(1-4)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writes 'adavus' using notations.</li> </ul>	10

		4.3 Describes the common concept of Bharatham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shro betha</li> <li>- Thristi betha</li> <li>- Kriva betha</li> <li>- Patha betha</li> <li>- Pathra abathra Lakshana</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describes the 'shro, thristi ,kriva, patha betha' and 'pathra abathra lakshana'.</li> </ul>	04
		4.4 Describes the musical instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percussion instruments</li> <li>• Wind instruments</li> <li>• Stringinstruments</li> <li>• Auspicious -Nahaswaram</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States the types of instruments.</li> <li>• Names the instruments belonging to each type.</li> <li>• Identifies 'nahaswaram'.</li> <li>• Describes the origin and the way of using it.</li> <li>• Discribes the meaning of 'nahaswaram'.</li> <li>• States the names of 'nahaswarm' artists.</li> </ul>	
5.0	Identifies the cultural and historical backround of dance	5.1 Analyses the cultural background of Indian dance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bharatham in Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States the perod of the origin of Bharatham.</li> <li>• Describes the items of dance.</li> <li>• Investicates into the dances prevailed in ancient Sri Lanka.</li> <li>• Inquires into the dances existing at present in Sri Lanka.</li> </ul>	04

		5.2 Identifies folk dance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dance connected with occupations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understands the meaning of 'dance connected with occupations'.</li><li>• States the types of 'dance connected with occupations'.</li></ul>	02
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