**Folk Theatre**

Folk theatre is a composite art having the root in native culture with local identities and social values. Folk theatre includes elements like dance, music, costume, mask, chanting, singing, recitation, speeches etc. Folk theatre is very closely related to traditions, religious ceremonies and festivals of peasants. It is observed that like the classical theatre, folk theatre also takes stories from the epics like Ramayana, Mahabharata and Puranas but unlike classical theatre, folk theatre is flexible in nature and perform folk stories, tales, fairy tales, myths, historical stories and sometime stories from the present day. Folk theatre is more improvisatory within the style of performance.

Folk theatres are very closely related with the public and appeal directly to the audiences by relating to the current affairs. It is a very strong and powerful indigenous, traditional means of mass communication.