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ROUF DANCE (KASHMIRI)

Rouf dance is a traditional and rhythmic folk dance of Jammu and Kashmir. Rouf dance is a simple yet cheerful folk dance where you will find women wearing colourful dresses, rhythmically celebrating spring.

Rouf is primarily performed to celebrate the harvesting season of spring. Harvesting season is a special occasion for the farmers, women celebrate this occasion by dancing in unison.

Costumes

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The women wear Salwar Kameez covered with an embroidered Pheran. There is a headscarf called *Kasaab* or *Daejj*. They wear traditional silver jewellery to enhance the look. The women form two chains of dancers facing each other.

All the magic is done by the footwork and torso movement. The two rows interact while dancing and enjoy the rhythmic poetry.

Rouf dance is like a thank-you note to nature. It's a musical gesture of gratefulness for bringing the happiness of spring to the valleys of Kashmir.

