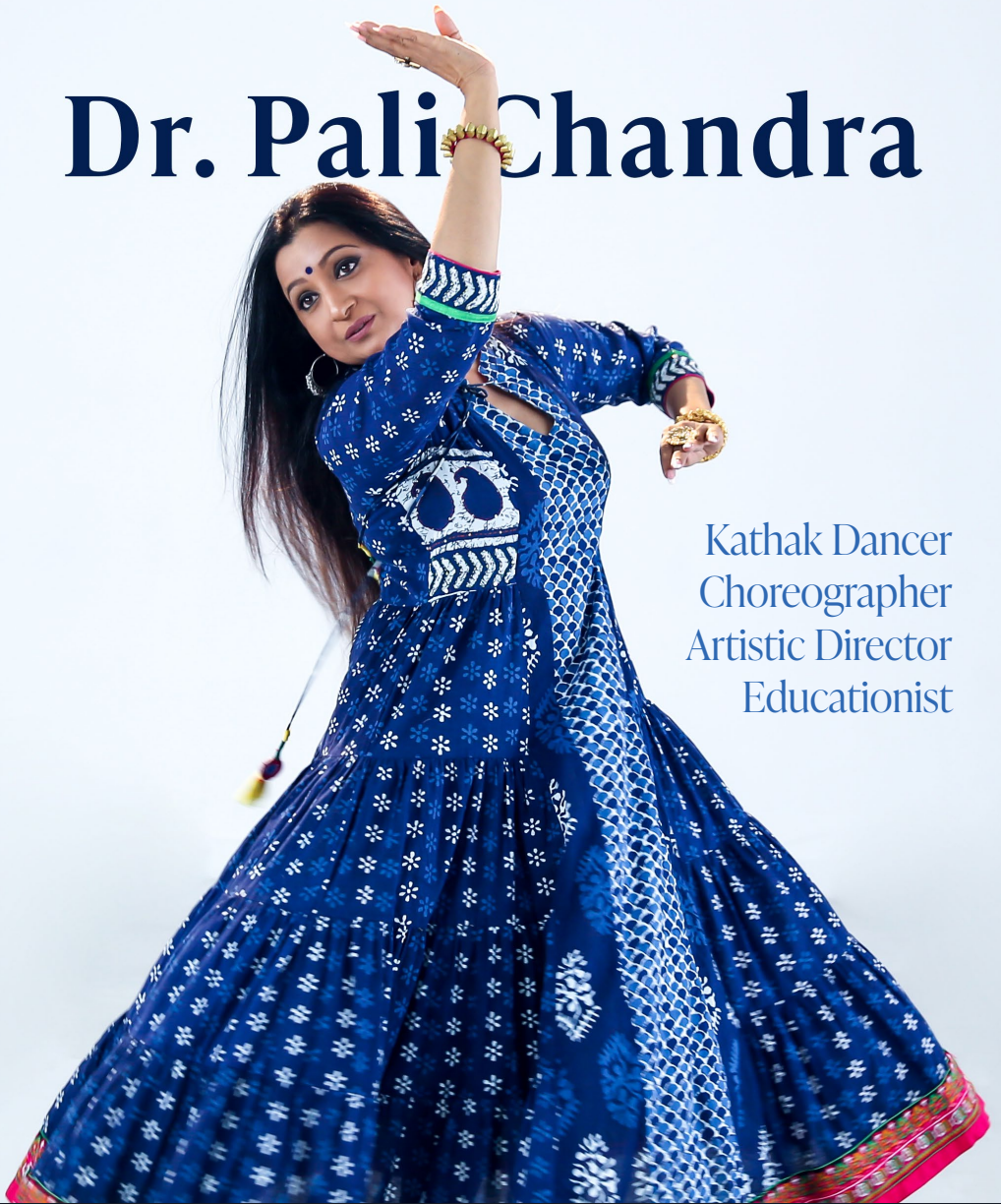
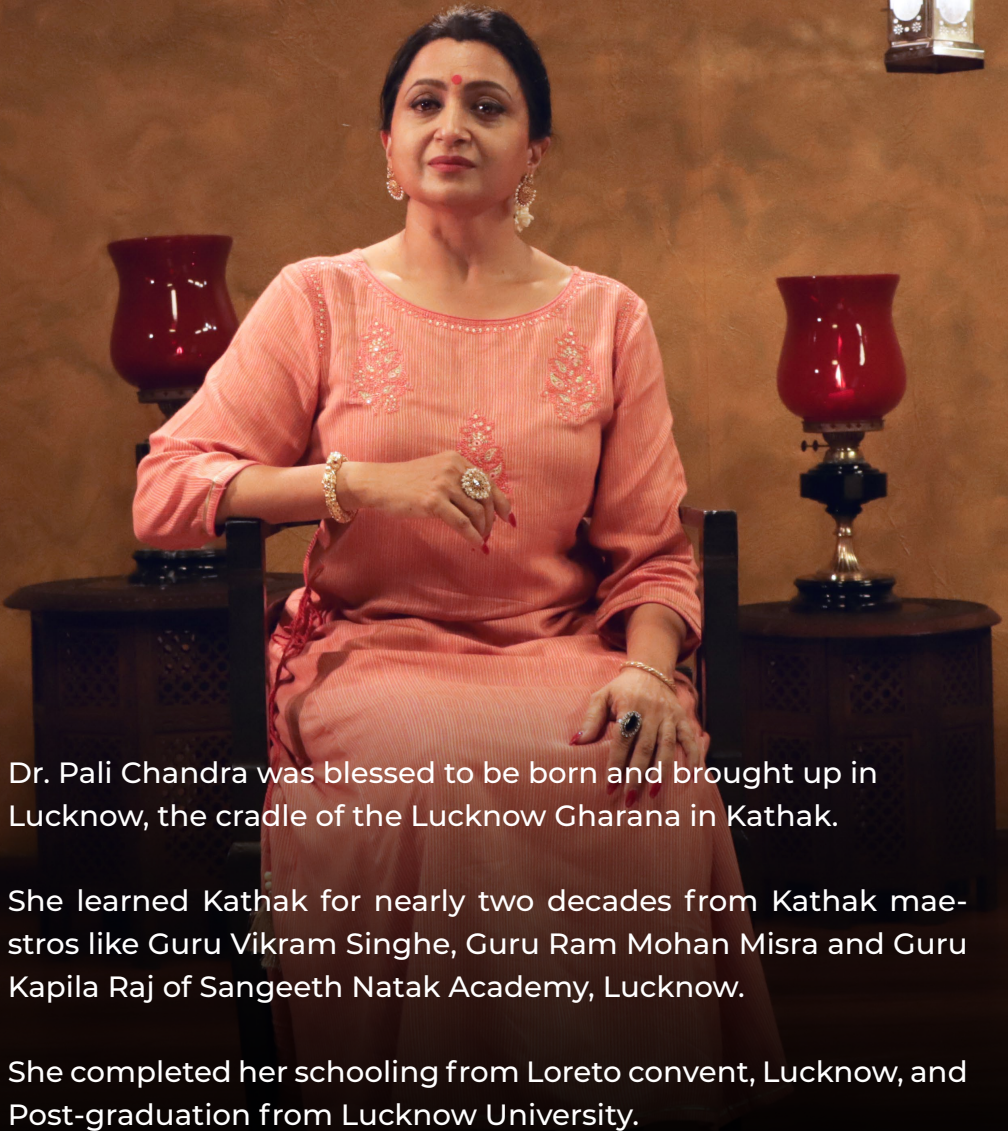


Dr. Pali Chandra



Kathak Dancer
Choreographer
Artistic Director
Educationist

Lucknow, the Capital of Kathak



Dr. Pali Chandra was blessed to be born and brought up in Lucknow, the cradle of the Lucknow Gharana in Kathak.

She learned Kathak for nearly two decades from Kathak maestros like Guru Vikram Singhe, Guru Ram Mohan Misra and Guru Kapila Raj of Sangeeth Natak Academy, Lucknow.

She completed her schooling from Loreto convent, Lucknow, and Post-graduation from Lucknow University.

Dr. Pali Chandra was in the UK from 1992-2006. During her stay there, she established the Pali Peacocks Dance Company in 1995. She has been associated with the renowned Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing since 2001, and helped formulate their first Kathak Examination syllabus.

She has designed and executed dance workshops at prestigious institutions like Oxford University, Birmingham University, London School of Contemporary Dance, Bradford University, etc. Several productions have been showcased under Pali Peacocks – SHE (2000-2003), Ganges to Thames (1995-1999), Continental Shift (1998 - 2000).



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"Guru is the one who freely distributes knowledge without holding back anything. If propagated and distributed with an open heart, life-time teachings will only grow through disciples. If you hold on to it, reality is...one day it will get forgotten and buried with you".

- Guru Dr. Pali Chandra.

**Ganges to
Thames (1995-1999)**





SHE (2000-2003)



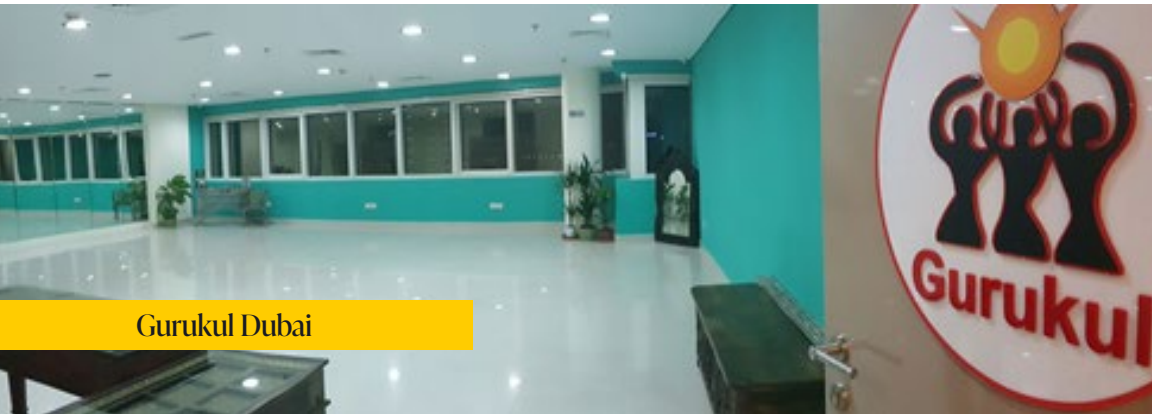
In 2005, Dr. Pali Chandra came to the UAE and opened a dance institute “Gurukul” for teaching students and training teachers, in order to help carry forward the legacy of pure Kathak in its classical format . After establishing three branches in the UAE – Karama, Jumeirah Lake Towers and Al Khan in Sharjah – “Gurukul” extended its activities to Bengaluru (India) and Zurich (Switzerland)

by setting up learning centres there. Today “Gurukul” is a global leader in Kathak training. ‘Training the trainer’ is also a major programme of “Gurukul”. Several instructors and trained professionals from “Gurukul” have now formed their own learning centres. So far, more than 1,500 students have cleared ISTD exams at various levels from Gurukul Studios at the UAE, India and Switzerland.

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Gurukul Bengaluru

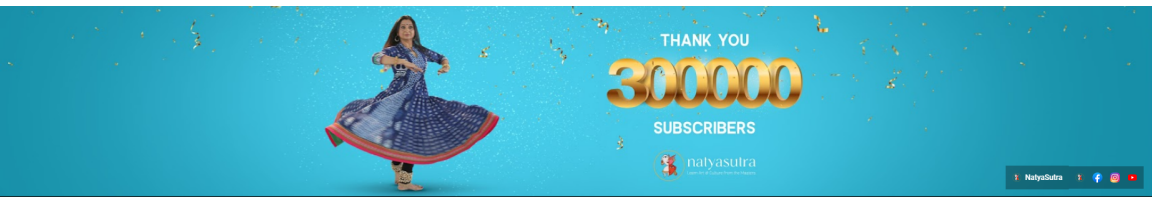
Gurukul Studios

Dr. Pali Chandra set up her dance studio in Zurich in 2014 and started “Gurukul” there. She has been living in Switzerland since 2014, and working in close association with Zurich University, ETH, and other associations like the Ethnological Museum, Berlin.



Learn Kathak Online

A pioneer in online educational programmes, Dr. Pali Chandra has more than half a million subscribers for her classic Kathak training programme, available in English and Hindi. 'Learn Kathak Online' launched in 2015 has become an international hit. Besides teaching Kathak, she shares her choreographies with students through this channel.



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Dance for charity is a favourite mission of Dr Chandra. She has organised several fundraising programmes across the globe since 1995. They include programmes for the benefit of people with special needs, Homeless of Harrows in the UK, and old age homes of Belmont elderly centre; in support of the differently-abled of Aspire,

Stanmore, and labour camps of the Middle East; and for causes like cornea transplants for blind girls, early detection of blindness in kids, and many more.

Dr Pali Chandra is currently on the board of the Astitva Foundation, Chhattisgarh as a part of their International Mentoring Programme.



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Conducting awareness programmes on themes like environment protection and heritage conservation is a major passion of Dr Pali Chandra. Ganges to Thames 1995, Continental Shift 1998, Five Elements 2010 are some of those productions.(can either state here or on top... whichever suits the design)

In 2011 Dr. Pali Chandra presented '100 years of Bollywood,' a web series on the history and growth of Hindi language films in India, with special reference to dance and music.

Another major initiative of hers was a web series introducing the UNESCO-recognised World Heritage Sites of India.



Awards and Recognition

Dr. Pali Chandra has earned two Ph. D. degrees. One, in Dance Education from Ecole Supérieure Robert de Sorbon and the other, an Honorary doctorate in Performing Arts from AIMRI (Aries International Maritime Research Institute) in 2021. She is a member of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, UK, and graded member of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

She bagged the Lachu Maharaj Award for Abhinaya (Art of Expression) Gold medal from Prayag Sangeeth Samiti 1990 (Best Kathak Dancer - All India Competition), Gold medal for research on Tribal Music and Dance (Gaddi Tribe) from Lucknow University, UAE Woman of Excellence 2013, and UAE Woman of Substance 2014. Besides, she is:

•Cultural Ambassador to the Middle East - Awarded by the Indian Embassy in Dubai in 2016

•Kathak Ambassador-Awarded by Asian Community Arts & Katha UK in the House of Lords in 2018

She has been felicitated for her contribution to the arts in Switzerland - through the ICCR at the INDO-SWISS Culture Forum, the Embassy of India to Switzerland in 2021.



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Dr Pali Chandra, Artistic Director of more than a dozen dance festivals and several dance productions around the world has been fortunate enough to perform Kathak and contemporary dance programmes in almost all the major continents.

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