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Dhol Tasha Pathak

In this activity Staff members give training to students from rural area about our cultural and traditional Dhol Tasha. With the help of this many students have changed their way of living and working as Dhol Tasha vadaak (instrument player). Working as Dhol Tasha vadaak has been help such students financially. Dhol tasha is said to have been an integral part of Maharashtra from the medieval period. The dhol (double-headed drum) was also used to encourage the troupes during wars," says Parag Thakur, president of Dhol tasha mahasangh Maharashtra. The dhol is often known as a mangal vadya (celebratory instrument) as well as ran vadya (instrument for encouragement during a battle).

It is a systematic, energetic and disciplined group dance and art form with rhythm which also helps students develop their overall personality, team building and discipline, besides inculcating cultural values and uniting towards a social change.

These pathaks practice for three hours daily almost one and half months before the Ganesh festival. The dhol sequence usually has five to seven beats with which the pathaks come up with their own variations.

Phatak word is mostly used for a group of people who carry out some kind of a road show. For a group that performs Indian drums (Dhol, Tasha, Pakhawaj etc) during Ganesh processions in Pune is called. Pathak . The dictionary meaning of is mentioned as 'Division' or 'Troop' It's a group of people who belong to certain band or squad. During ganapati days different band pathak's are seen. They perform their skills. Their names are like Sinh garjana Pathak, Shiv garjana

Pathak, bharari phatak, Shaourya dhol Tasha Pathak, Rudra garjana Pathak, Naad Brahma Pathak. They have different instruments which make huge sound suitable for procession. They wear mostly white, pink, yellow ,orange color clothes, put on Phetas or turbans on their head. Women too participate. The atmosphere very is very happening and catchy.

It's a very beautiful and a typical band . You automatically feel like dancing,very rhythmetic and special tradition of Maharashtra. People practuce it for months. They are paid.

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