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Natya Ballet Dance Festival to begin on Thursday

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Bringing together different forms of dance -- from classical to contemporary -- the 'Natya Ballet Dance Festival' will begin here on December 1.

Organised by Natya Ballet Centre in association with Sangeet Natak Akademi, the festival aims to devise multiple ways of exploring and experiencing varied dance vocabulary of the Indian subcontinent.

The three-day festival will showcase performances by artists like Astad Deboo, Aditi Mangaldas, Aniruddha Das and Nibedita Mohapatra.

The first day will feature an Odissi dance performed by Natya Ballet Centre.

Widening Circles by Aditi Mangaldas will be performing Kathak on the second day. On the third day, Astad Deboo will be presenting the contemporary dance form.

Lecture demonstrations on 'Goti Pua' -- an ancient dance form of Odisha, 'Tibetan Opera' -- a dying art form from the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, 'Ottanthullal' -- a dance and poetic performance form of Kerala and other dance forms will also be presented.

There are also going to be talks and panel discussions on topics like 'dance design' -- understanding choreography in Indian dance, 'pioneers of Indian dance', 'negotiating Bangladeshi identity through dance' and others.

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