# TRADITIONAL GAMES OF INDIA

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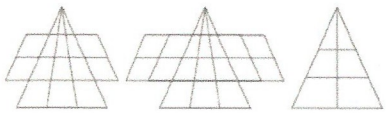
India has several traditional games some of which have been played for thousans of years.Many of these games do not require much equipment or playing space.Some are played only in certain regions of india or may be known by different names and played under different rules and regulations in different regions of the country. Snakes and Ladders is a board game for two or more players regarded today as a worldwide classic originated in ancient India invented by Saint Dhyaneshwar as *Moksha Patam*, and was brought to United Kingdom in the 1890s.Traditional Indian games served various purposes throughout and had various connections toIndian History for example, certain aspects of the Bengali Hop Scotch game of ekka-dokka may have represented concepts of social division of property,



Langdi is a traditional game which combines elements of tag and Hop Scotch It was originally played during the Pandian Dynasty and called "Nondiyattam" at that time. The teams alternate chasing (attacking) and defending roles in each of the four innings of the game, with the chasing team's players restricted to hopping.The Lambs and Tigers-, locally referred as the game of goats and tigers (Telugu: *Puli-mēka āṭa*, Tamil: *Āḍu-puli āṭṭam*, Kannada *Āḍu-huli āṭa*), is a strategic, two-player (or two teams) leopard hunt game that is played in South India.