

Interesting facts (Rangoli – In Maharashtra)

1. According to Hindu mythology, who was responsible for the origin of rangoli art?

According to a [Hindu mythological](#) story, Lopamudra, wife of [sage Agasta](#), was behind the origin of rangoli art. Lopamudra had done this to help Sage Agasta and to decorate Yajna Kunda.

2. Did you know why Lopamudra used five colors for rangoli creation?

Lopamudra had selected only five colors. These five colors represent the Panch Tatvas. Sky, wind, fire, water, and earth are the Panch Tatvas. The blue color represents the sky. The green color represents nature or water. The white color represents wind. The black color represents soil, and the red color represents fire.

3. Do you know the names of the festivals in Maharashtra, where rangoli are drawn traditionally?

There are various festivals in Maharashtra, like Gudi Padwa, Janmashtami, Diwali, Dasera, Ganesh Chaturthi, and Navratri, in which rangoli is drawn in front of homes and establishments. Rangoli is drawn for positive energy, to worship Lord Lakshmi, and to welcome guests.

4. How many types of rangoli are there in Maharashtra?

There are different styles or types of rangoli in Maharashtra. These are freehand rangoli, traditional rangoli, floral rangoli, ornamental rangoli, geometric rangoli, Tipkyanchi rangoli, and Sanskar Bharti rangoli.

In freehand rangoli, an individual can draw a rangoli design without the need for stencils and pre-drawn outlines. In traditional rangoli design, designs that are drawn represent ancient patterns such as floral motifs and auspicious symbols. Floral rangoli: In this, an individual uses floral petals and natural materials to create rangoli.

In ornamental rangoli, rangoli design includes images of birds, animals, trees, and God. Geometric rangoli: In this type of rangoli, there are lines, dots, and geometric shapes drawn to make rangoli. Thipkyanchi rangoli: In this type, rangoli is drawn by using dots. Initially, only dots are created, and after that dots are joined with each other to create a rangoli pattern or design. Sanskar bharti rangoli: In this type of rangoli, an individual draws a symmetrical pattern by utilizing geometric shapes, and in this type of design, generally religious symbols are incorporated.