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■ UNESCO Declares 'Garba of Gujarat' as Intangible Cultural Heritage



The traditional dance form 'Garba of Gujarat' has been recognised as Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) by UNESCO, marking the 15th ICH element from India to join this prestigious list. This declaration was made during the 18th meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Kasane, Botswana, from December 5-9, 2023. Garba's inscription under-scores its

role as a unifying force that promotes social and gender inclusivity. The dance form, deeply rooted in ritualistic and devotional traditions, brings together people from diverse backgrounds, thriving as a vibrant living tradition.