



CALENDAR 2018

## *Game on, India!*

Sports are more than just a pastime. Sometimes, they bring a community together – and in many cases, unite the nation.

We journey through the length and breadth of our country to look at games played traditionally.

These are games that bonded us as children and made us stronger and clear-headed. Games that remind us of days when video games and mobile apps were unheard of.

Come, travel with us. And join us if you can!



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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES  
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**Sharon Plywoods** strongly believes that education is the stepping stone to a bright future. It has supported the construction and maintenance of four Higher Secondary Schools in Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu. Every year helping in educating more than 1200 students.

**Sharon Plywoods** distributed thousands of tree saplings free of cost across 15 districts in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. An initiative to make a better world for tomorrow.

**Sharon Plywoods** has been a part of the NDTV HINDU GREENATHON in the past years.

**Sharon Plywoods** trains young carpenters through holistic workshops.

**Sharon Plywoods** distributed free helmets through a contest on road safety. Paper bags are being distributed at Anna Zoological Park in an effort to curb plastic pollution.

**Sharon Plywoods** distributed note books, bags, uniforms, shoes and other essentials to the school children who got affected badly in the floods of 2015 in Tamil Nadu; this was much appreciated by the students, their families and the respective schools.

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## LAGORI

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### All fall down!

'Pithu' or Lagori, as it is known in southern India, is an outdoor game that demands sharp reflexes, good aim and strong lungs! Seven stones are placed one on top of the other. Players divide themselves into two teams, with one taking aim at the pile of stones. When the stones fall, the other team collects the ball and tries to hit the opponents. The first team has to avoid getting hit, while rushing to reassemble the stones!

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## KHO KHO

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### Of cats and mice

This game of chasers and defenders originated in Maharashtra. Kho kho is all about agility, quick-thinking and great stamina. In this game, a chaser runs after a defender who runs around or through the squatting chasers. When one defender is tagged, another takes his/her place.

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## GILLI-DANDA

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### A case of 'hit and run'!

Gilli-Danda is a game of two sticks – A shorter one with a raised end called Gilli, and a longer one called Danda. The player strikes the raised end of the shorter stick with the longer one, and as the short stick flips in the air, he strikes it again, sending it over a distance. Another player rushes to pick up the Gilli, while the striker runs to a pre-agreed spot before the short stick is picked up.

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## STAPOO

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### Hop, hop and hop a bit more

This universally adored game has its place in India too! All it takes is a flat surface – the street, a ground or even the courtyard. Patterns of rectangles are drawn on the ground and an object is tossed in one of them. The player has to then hop or jump from one rectangle to another until the object is retrieved.

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——**AANKH MICHOLI**——

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**Watch where you're going!**

In this classic game, a player is blindfolded and made to move about. Other players grab the attention of the blindfolded one (the denner) by clapping their hands. Now the blindfolded one has to catch them solely on the basis of noise.

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## CHUPAN-CHUPAI

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### Who goes there?

Hide-and-seek is yet another childhood classic. There is a denner here as with Aankh Micholi. The other players run and hide while the denner counts up to 50 or a commonly agreed number.

Once the countdown is done, the denner has to go find the others.



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## LANGDI TANG

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### Catch me if you can... on one leg!

When a player is chosen as the denner, he is made to hop on a leg and catch one of the players, who then becomes the next denner. However at no point should the denner put his other leg down. It's all about will and skill, this one.

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## KABADDI

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**Think you're strong? Hold your breath and find out.**

Kabaddi originated in Tamil Nadu. Two teams face each other. One team sends a raider into the opponents camp. The raider must tackle an opponent successfully and return to his camp constantly chanting 'kabaddi, kabaddi' all the while.

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## SAKHLI

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### **It's a wave. It's a blob. No it's a human chain!**

Sakhli is a game beloved by children. Here, the game starts with a person designated as the 'it'! As 'it' catches hold of another player, they form a chain and so on, until you have a massive human chain of linked hands, chasing the last player!

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## LATTOO

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### Topsy-turvy

Lattoo or the spinning top has engrossed many a child over the ages. A string is wrapped around the furrows on the top and is yanked. The top then spins on the nail at the bottom. The highlight is spinning the top with the shortest length of rope and catching it back.

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## KANCHA

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### Marble-ous!

The marbles scattered on the ground are struck with the player's own marble with pin-point accuracy. Kancha is also known as 'Goti', and the winner of this game is the one who is successful in shooting and striking other marbles and takes the marbles of all others in the game.

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## RASSAKASHI

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### Heave ho!

This all-time favourite, interestingly was played in ancient Egypt, Greece and China. This sport pits two teams directly against each other where they pull at the opposite ends of the rope. The winning team is the one that succeeds in pulling the other for a certain distance braving the opponents' strength.