

# Pali Chandra

## *A brief Profile*

Guru, Dancer, Choreographer,  
Educationist & Social-Activist



**Pali Chandra** is an internationally recognised performing artist with more than 30 years of industry experience. Her work encompasses performance, choreography, training and dance evaluation.

She is a committee member of the **Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, U.K.** and a graded member of the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations**. She has designed and executed workshops for prestigious institutes such as **Oxford University, Birmingham University, London School of Contemporary Dance and Bradford University**, to name a few. An educationist par excellence, Pali has launched one of the biggest portals for learning kathak called **learnkathakonline** in English and Hindi language. In almost 3 years she has a following of more than 300,000 subscribers. This initiative is making her a household name in the field of kathak with a promise to reach out to millions of enthusiasts all over the world. Last summer she was recognised as the **'Kathak Ambassador' at the House of Lords, London Parliament**, for her contribution to the propagation of classical Indian dance forms, way beyond Indian borders.

The soul of Gurukul Dubai, Bangalore and Switzerland, Pali is revered as a Guru, mentor and guide to 350 students learning Kathak from her since 2006. Besides dance training, she was the **Artistic Director** of 7 Dance Festivals called Dancing Divas 2009 - 2018. Sufi Noor, (2010), Kathak Festival (2011), Naach (2013), Navaras (2013), Navinayika

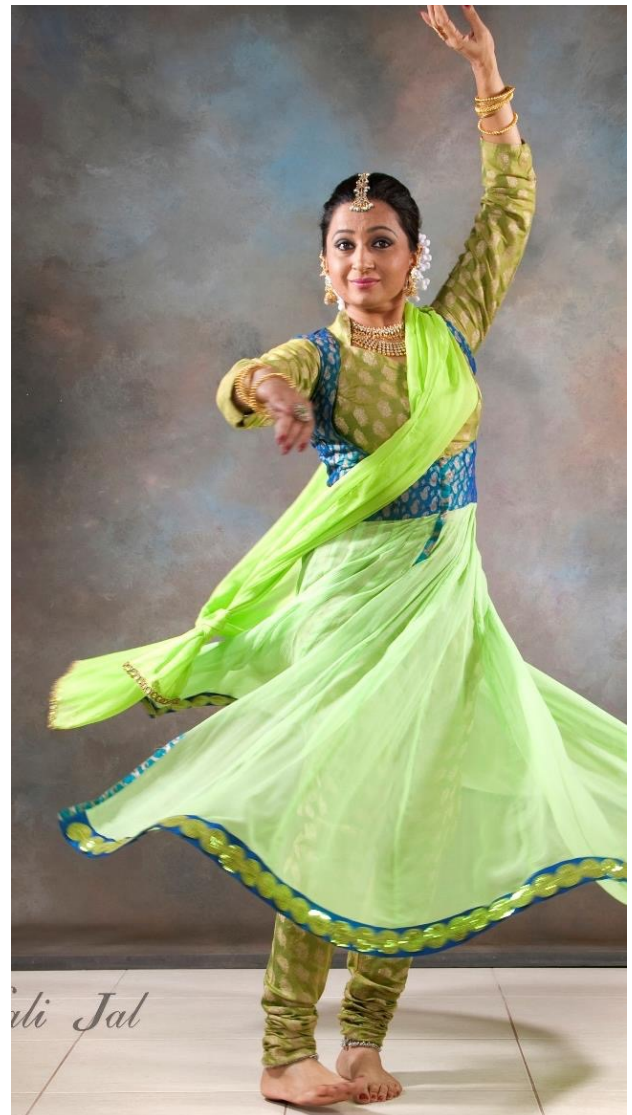
Under the banner of Pali Peacocks, UK, Pali has been honored at the **House of Commons in London as the Best Art Director** for her production 'In the Shadow of the Hills'. She has performed for the Queen of England at **Westminster Abbey** and her productions were featured at the opening of the **Millennium Dome of London**.

The **Arts Council of England and London Arts Board**, amongst other Institutions & Organizations, have frequently championed her projects.



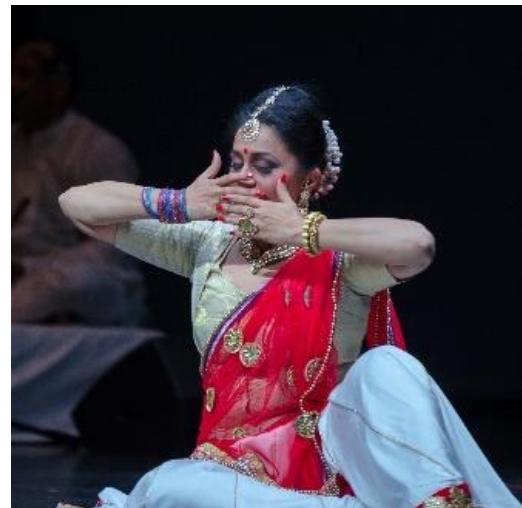
**Pali Chandra** is known for her contribution to the society and environment and has taken several charity initiatives since 1995. From awareness programs on people with special needs to the homeless of **Harrow in UK**. From giving company to the lonely in old age homes of **Belmont Elderly Centre** to dancing with the physically challenged of **Aspire, Stanmore**. She has organised fundraisers in Dubai, Bangalore and Chennai to help with cornea transplants for blind girls. Pali has done several projects to help raise awareness towards the environment as well for example - Ganges to Thames and Continental Shift and is now working towards **Devi In Us** - a unique production on Women Empowerment.

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Gurukul Studios in Bangalore is Pali Chandra's attempt to go back to India and her roots. To give back to the country that nurtured her and made her the artist and the person she is.



## Education and Background

A post graduate from Lucknow University in 1991, Pali was awarded the **Gold Medal for her research on Tribal Music and Dance of Gaddi Tribe**. She completed her schooling from **Loreto Convent, Lucknow** and her Kathak dance training from Late Guru Vikram Singh, Ram Mohan Misra and Kapila Raj of SNA, Lucknow. She was a **National scholarship holder** and has received the prestigious Lachhu Maharaj Award for Abhinaya or art of expression. She is also a **Gold medalist from Prayag Sangeet Samiti in 1990**.

**Pali Chandra** currently resides in Switzerland and Dubai, is married to Vishal Chandra and is a mother of two teenage boys – Arya and Surya.



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