



## Biography of Maharaj Bindadin and Kalika Prasad

### **Maharaj Bindadin (BINDADIN MAHARAJ):-**

The most famous dancer of the Lucknow Gharana was Maharaj Bindadin. He was born in the year 1938 in village of Handia tehsil. His real name was Vrindavan Prasad. He was the eldest of the three sons of Thakur Prasad's elder brother Durga Prasad.

From the age of 9, he started the education of dance. His dance practice lasted for 12 hours a day and it is said that for 4 years he practiced only the words of Tatkar. Maharaj Bindadin used to make new Paran very easily. He also used to perform them very attractively by conducting movements of body parts very well. He was also very skilled in dancing on Bhava Gulal and drawing different images and dancing on sword. Even during the Muslim period, he was a great devotee of Krishna and used to live a sattvik or non-vegetarian and simple life. He has done a great job for the advancement of Kathak dance. He has made a significant contribution to Kathak dance by producing 1500 thumris and composing them in bhav. His thumris are still popular among dancers. He had also gone to places like Nepal and Bhopal, where he got name, respect and wealth, he died in 1918. His name is taken with great respect in the world of Kathak dance.

### **Kalika Prasad (KALIKA PRASAD): -**

Kalika Prasad was the younger brother of Maharaj Bindadin ji and was considered the pillar of Lucknow Gharana. Along with dancing, he was also very skilled in singing and playing the tabla-pakhawaj. The expression of Shringar rasa is always done by him very skillfully.

It is that his nature was very simple, friendly and stubborn. There was no such thing as vanity in his character. His living style was also very simple.

He made great efforts for the advancement of Kathak dance. He died in Lucknow around 1910 AD. His three sons Jagannath Prasad, Baijnath Prasad and Shambhu Maharaj have been famous dancers in the world of dance.