

7 Classic Indian Games that are Making a Comeback on Smartphones

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India has always had a deep-rooted gaming culture long before smartphones, consoles, or even television. From lazy summer afternoons spent playing Pachisi on cloth boards to intense carrom battles in neighbourhood clubs, classic Indian games have defined generations. Today, these timeless favourites are finding a powerful second life on smartphones, where millions are rediscovering nostalgia through digital gameplay.

Online Multiplayer Games



Zupee free to play model

Here are **seven iconic Indian games** making a huge comeback in the digital world:

1. Ludo

The popularity of Ludo has surged in recent years, thanks to digital platforms and apps like [Ludo King](#) that brought the classic board game to millions of smartphone users. Building on this momentum, Zupee Ludo offers an entirely free-to-play online experience for fans of the classic board game, prioritizing quick matches, skill-based gameplay and smooth digital access for users across India. All Ludo modes on Zupee are free, with no entry fee or payment required, aligning with the latest regulatory guidelines in India's real-money gaming space. Originating as Pachisi or Chaupar, played by Mughal emperors, Ludo involves racing tokens home by dice rolls. Zupee's Ludo Supreme and Classic modes deliver skill-based gaming experience to everyone.

2. Carrom

No longer just a wooden board game you balanced on four stools – Carrom now lives inside sleek mobile apps that replicate real physics and strike mechanics. Players can challenge opponents worldwide and enjoy freestyle or professional formats. Digital carrom has brought the club of childhood back to our pockets. Zupee Carrom Ninja reimagines it with point-pocketing races against timers, emphasizing skill in short free rounds.

3. Snakes & Ladders

One of the simplest childhood favorites, Snakes & Ladders has evolved into colourful, animated app versions with creative themes and online multiplayer. It remains a symbol of destiny versus strategy and a perfect family pick. Zupee Snakes and Ladders Plus adds token-cutting mechanics and 12-second turns for intense free online matches.

4. Tambola/Housie

Once the star of kitty parties and festival gatherings, Tambola has now become a massive online social game. From live calling rooms to themed game nights, digital house has expanded this classic into a community-driven gaming experience.

5. Teen Patti

The iconic card game played during Diwali and family gatherings is now among the most popular digital card formats. Multiplayer features, tournaments and private rooms recreate the festive tension and thrill – without the need for physical cards.

6. Chess

A centuries-old strategy game that originated in India (as Chaturanga), chess has exploded online with real-time matches, rankings, AI coaching and global tournaments. Young India is now learning and competing like never before, proof that strategy never goes out of style.

7. Hand Cricket

Hand cricket has always been a nostalgic playground classic, and Zupee Super Over brings that same thrill to the digital world in a sharp, competitive format. In this online hand cricket game, two players face off in a super-over style contest, choosing numbers between 1 and 6 to score runs or take wickets in just a few balls. With short, high-intensity matches designed for mobile, Zupee Super Over lets users relive the fun of hand cricket anytime, blending quick decision-making, strategy, and pure cricket excitement in a free-to-play experience.

The comeback of India's classic games on smartphones reflects how digital innovation is reviving timeless entertainment for modern audiences. With [multiplayer games](#) like Ludo, Carrom, and Snakes & Ladders gaining massive traction, players can now relive childhood memories anytime, anywhere. This digital resurgence not only preserves cultural heritage but also strengthens social connection through fun, accessible gameplay.

