

Chembakolli: Traditional Games

After a long day at school or helping with the chores at home, children in Chembakolli relax and play games with their friends and family. Have a go at these traditional games - you're sure to recognise them!

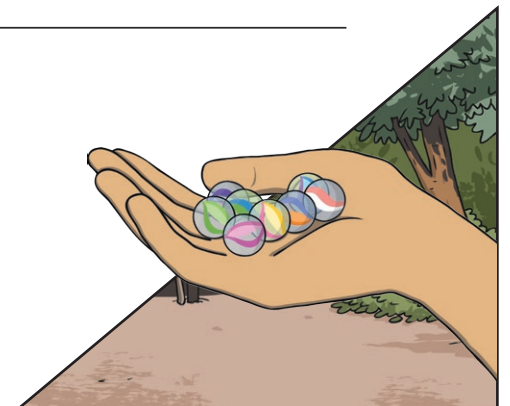
Kancha

Sometimes called 'goli' or 'goti'.

Kancha are small balls of glass, just like a marble. The beauty of this game is that you can devise your own set of rules. Try these ideas, then invent your own game based on kancha.

1. Players line up to try and hit a target with their kancha. The winner takes all the kancha on the playing area!
2. Dig a small hole in the ground. Set up a starting position a short way from the hole. Players must aim to get their kancha into the hole. To make it harder, you could use different techniques to move your kancha.

If you were playing kancha, what rules would you create?



Five Stones

Sometimes called kallangal or anchangal.

This game is so simple and yet is so much fun! All you need are stones and a quick hand. And a lot of patience!

1. Take five stones like the ones in the picture below (light stones with no sharp edges).
2. Place them in a pile and pick up one.
3. Toss the stone into the air and try to pick up another from the pile before you catch it again.
4. Next, toss the two stones into the air and pick up one stone from the pile.
5. Keep going like this until you've managed to pick up all five stones.
6. Finally, place all five stones on the back of your hand. Toss them into the air - can you catch them all?
7. Who caught the most stones?

Remember to take extra care with this game. The trick is not to throw the stones too high.

Can you catch all five stones?

