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6	Contents, lists of tables, figures and photographs	Page numbers that match the body.
7	Chapter 1 Introduction	Topic, why it matters, research questions, objectives, limits of the study.
8	Chapter 2 Review of literature and the performance record	Writing on the subject, plus reviews, programmes, photographs and recordings you were allowed to use.
9	Chapter 3 Methodology	Design, site, participants, tools, procedure, permissions, analysis method, limitations.
10	Chapters 4 and 5 Analysis	Your evidence, presented and interpreted. Photographs and plans captioned and credited.
11	Chapter 6 Findings and conclusion	What the study shows, what it could not show, what further study could do.
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B. Records to keep from day one (fill with your own entries)

Rehearsal or fieldwork log

Date	Session no.	Duration	Activity observed	Field-note page

Interview index

Code	Role	Date	Consent form (Y/N)	Recording allowed (Y/N)	Transcript pages

Performance record used

Item (review, photograph, programme, recording)	Source and date	Where kept	Permission

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C. Sentence frames for the findings chapter

• Across the [number] sessions observed between [date] and [date], [exercise] appeared in [number] sessions.

• The director described the purpose of [exercise] as [paraphrase or short quotation], which corresponds to / does not correspond to [Natyashastra term] as described in [source, page].

• [Number] of the [number] actors interviewed linked [practice] to [aim]; [number] did not mention it.

• The study could not establish [point] because [reason]; a later study could [suggestion].

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