

Winter Carnival in Jammu and Kashmir

Why in News?

Recently, the Chief Minister inaugurated the 'Winter Carnival' at Pahalgam, celebrating Jammu & Kashmir's rich <u>cultural heritage</u>.

It will continue through the winter season, offering ongoing entertainment and cultural experiences.

Key Points

- Celebration of Culture and Beauty:
 - The event highlighted the region's picturesque beauty and vibrant cultural landscape, providing a magical experience for both tourists and locals.
 - The Winter Carnival serves as a platform for showcasing the talent of local artists and performers.
- Focus on Cultural Heritage:
 - The 2025 edition emphasizes traditional music, dance, handicrafts, and culinary delights unique to the region.
 - The carnival aims to **promote J&K's cultural fabric to a broader audience**, boosting the visibility of local artisans and fostering economic growth.
- Tourism and Economic Impact:
 - The Winter Carnival plays a key role in boosting J&K's tourism industry, positioning Pahalgam as a major tourist destination.
 - The event is **expected to boost local businesses**, **including hotels**, **restaurants**, **and souvenir shops**, **benefiting the local economy**.

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