Cultural heritage list

Part of: GS-I- CULTURE (PT-MAINS-PERSONALITY TEST)

Draft intangible cultural heritage list released by the Union Culture Ministry.

Details:

- 106 items have been listed as intangible cultural heritage in the draft released by the Union Culture Ministry as a part of the ministry’s Vision 2024 programme.
  - Out of these 13 traditions of Indian intangible cultural heritage are already recognised by UNESCO.
  - As per the 2003 UNESCO Convention for Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, the list has five broad categories — oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, knowledge and practices related to nature and traditional craftsmanship.

Some of the major mentions in the draft list:

Kalaripayuttu (martial art form) Kerala

Kolam (practice of making designs at the entrance of homes and temples) Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

Pachoti (Traditional folk festival- birth of a baby, particularly a male infant is celebrated with relatives and neighbours. Related to the birth of Krishna) Assam

Kinnar Kanthgeet (Oral traditions of the transgender community) Delhi

Patola silk textiles (Geometric and figurative patterns) Gujarat (Patan)

Buddhist chanting Leh and Kargil districts

Kalam Bhat or Qalambaft gharana of Sufiana music Jammu and Kashmir

Khor (Rice Beer by Tangkhul community) Manipur

Tying a turban or safa Rajasthan

Other notable mentions include:

- Devotional music of Qawwali and the music of the oldest instrument in the country, the Veena.
- The Kumbh Mela and Ramlila traditions of different States.
- The compositions of Ameer Khusro.
- The making of gourd vessels and wicker baskets in Manipur.
- Different forms of shadow puppet theatre — Chamadyacha Bahulya in Maharashtra, Tolu Bommalatta in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, Togalu
Gombeyatta in Karnataka, Tolpava Kuthu in Kerala and Ravanchhaya in Odisha — have also been included.

The national list is an attempt to **further awareness and protection** to the valuable cultural heritage of India.