

## Academy documenting State's intangible cultural heritage

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Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages is documenting the State's rich intangible cultural heritage through a publication work on which is near completion.

The pictorial publication will exhaustively document practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills, artifacts and cultural spaces and cover all the three regions of the State.

Stating this, Secretary Academy, Khalid Bashir Ahmad said that the publication will represent an important milestone in the preservation of the State's intangible heritage which forms the cornerstone of the culture of its people. He said a publication like this was long due. "The documentation of the intangible heritage is a significant work", he said adding three scholars from Kashmir, Jammu and Ladakh including Ghulam Nabi Aatash, Lalit Gupta and Thupstan Norboo were engaged to do the publication which will soon go to print.



The intangible cultural heritage is manifested inter alia in oral traditions and expressions, including language, performing arts, social practices, rituals and festivals, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe and traditional craftsmanship. It provides people with a sense of identity and continuity and is transmitted from generation to generation, constantly recreated by communities and groups in response to their environment, their interaction with nature and their history.

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