

# **Culture of Pakistan**

# Culture

Culture may be defined as an integral whole which affects human ideas, actions and modes of living.

E.B Taylor:

“Culture is the complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, moral, custom and any all other capabilities and habits acquired by man as member of a society”.

Every great nation enjoys its own culture. Similarly, Pakistani culture is very distinct due to its Islamic nature and rich historical background.

# Kinds of Culture

- Material Culture

Material culture is a thing such a Jewellery, art building, handicrafts, weapons, machine, clothing, painting, calligraphy and coin etc.

- Non Material Culture

Non Material culture is a group's way of thinking and common pattern of behaviour, language, gestures and other forms of interaction.

# Features of Pakistani Culture

- The Religious unity
- Mixed culture
- National and Regional languages
- Man and Women status
- Social mode of life
- Rich Literature
- Variety of Dress
- Fairs and Festivals
- Sports
- Handicraft
- Marriage ceremonies
- Birth-Death rituals

# Culture of Sindh

The culture of Sindh has its roots in the Indus valley civilization. Sindh has been shaped by largely desert region and Sindh has a long history and rich culture heritage.

- History
- Archaeological discoveries
- Literature
- Poetry
- Music
- Sports

# Culture of Punjab

Culture of Punjab encompasses the spoken language, written literature, cuisine, architecture, tradition, values and history of the Punjabi people native to the northern part of Indian subcontinent.

- Punjabi music
- Dress
- Poetry
- Sports
- Language
- Food

# The Culture of Khyber Pakhtun Khuwan (KPK)

Pashtun culture is based on Islamic and Pashtunwali, which is an ancient way of life as well as speaking of the Pashto language and wearing pastun dress.

- The land of pashtuns
- Language
- Pashtun Music
- Sports

# Culture of Balochistan

Balochistan the largest among Pakistan's in term of area.it has a fascinating history and its typified by the warm heartness of its people. Balochistan has great potentail appeal as a travel destination, particularly now that access to neighboring. Iran has become so much easier.

- Dress
- Sports
- Foods
- History
- Tradition
- Balochi culture

# Religious Festivals

- Muslims religious festivals are celebrated to Islamic calendar (Lunar calendar). Following are some of the main religious festivals celebrated in Pakistan:
- Shab e Barat
- Shab e Qadar
- Shab e Miraj
- Eid ul Fitr
- Eid ul Adha
- Eid Milad un Nabi
- Youm e Ashura
- Ramadan
- Birth rites
- Death rites

# National Festivals of Pakistan

- Some national events are also observed and celebrated around the country on various days of national importance such as:
  - Independence Day
  - Pakistan Day
  - Defence Day
  - Air Force Day
  - Iqbal Day
  - Quaid e Azam Day

# Culture Ceremonies and Festivals of Pakistan

- Lok Virsa Mela
- Horse and Cattle show
- Basant or Jashn e Baharaan
- Kalash festivals
- Polo festivals at Shandur
- Norouz festivals
- Silk road festivals
- Chand raat
- Marriage ceremonies
- Urs
- Sindh festivals

# Rural and Urban way of life

- Environment
- Professions
- Family relations
- Conventions and Traditions
- Mobility
- Class difference
- Culture activities
- Availability of Goods