

## PAHARI CULINARY & CUISINE

Pahari cuisine is earthy and seasonal, shaped by altitude and local produce. Staples include rice, maize, millets and rajma. Dishes like madra (yogurt-based curry), siddu (steamed wheat bread) and khatta meat and chha gosht are household favourites. In Kashmir, Kadam, maaz and namke chai (salty pink tea) are widely consumed. Ghee, mustard oil and homemade dry spices add warmth to every cuisine of Pahari areas India. Hill communities prefer sun-dried vegetables and fermented pickles to survive harsh winters. Butter tea (gur-gur chai) and jaggery sweets are traditional in Himachal Pradesh and regions of Nepal. Food here is not just sustenance its culture, identity and hospitality served from heart to heart.