



RHYTHM OF SEASONS AND FESTIVALS IN PAHARI TRIBE

In highlands seasons are more than weather and adds to their way of life by manifolds. Each change in the sky and earth brings new colours, smells and sounds and with them joyful festivals. Spring is welcomed with Baisakhi and Chaitra Navratri, celebrating harvest and new beginnings. Summer invites Harela in Uttarakhand, when people plant saplings and pray for greenery. In Himachal, Minjar marks the ripening of maize and is celebrated with folk dances and flower offerings.

Autumn brings the glow of Diwali and Dussehra, where village temples come alive with music and drama. In Kashmir, the saffron harvest coincides with Eid and Urs (fair at Dargah) blending faith and fragrance. Winter though harsh is warmed by festivals like Lohri, Magha Saaji and Losar in Buddhist regions, which mark the end of the agricultural year and call for prayers, fire and feasting.

Each festival is tied to the land whether sowing seeds or lighting a fire and echoes the Pahari spirit of harmony with nature. Songs, fairs and shared meals weave communities together, turning simple seasons into grand celebrations.