

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## **Kashmir's Sufiyana Music**

The J&K government has proposed Kashmir's Sufiyana Music for inclusion in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Sufiyana Mousiqi is a classical musical tradition of Kashmir that originated between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, deeply rooted in Sufi mysticism and devotional poetry.

It represents a fusion of Persian, Central Asian, and indigenous Kashmiri musical traditions.

**Musical Features:** Based on maqams (melodic modes) and tala (rhythmic cycles), it is performed by musician-vocalists using instruments such as the Santoor, Ney (flute), Rabab, Tabla, Harmonium, and Sitar. The Sufiyana Santoor traditionally has 100 strings.

## **UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)**

UNESCO ICH includes living traditions, performing arts, rituals, festivals, knowledge systems, and traditional craftsmanship passed from one generation to another.

Governed by the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which aims to protect and promote living cultural traditions worldwide

India is a State Party to the 2003 Convention and has 16 inscriptions on the Representative List, with Deepavali being the latest inclusion.