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**UNESCO Nominates Pakistani 'Suri Jagek' Tradition Cultural Heritage**

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Pakistan's age old Kalash "Suri Jagek" tradition was reportedly nominated by UNESCO to be included in its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The decision was taken during the 13th session of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee held in Mauritius, geo.tv website posted.

'Suri Jagek' (observing the sun) is a traditional meteorological and astronomical practice based on the observation of the sun, moon and stars in reference to the local topography by the Kalasha indigenous community residing in the Chitral district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, province of Pakistan.

'Suri Jagek' plays a key role for the Kalasha community in important social events such as festivals, feasts, rituals, animal husbandry and farming practices.

The Permanent Delegate of Pakistan to UNESCO and Ambassador of Pakistan to France Mr. Moin ul Haque described the nomination of the Suri Jagek tradition by UNESCO as a historical achievement and said that this tradition will be protected as part of the shared human heritage of the entire world and will continue to serve its spiritual and utilitarian purposes.

The ambassador said that the nomination of 'Suri Jagek', being Pakistan's first ever-independent nomination at this forum, was a milestone to ensure a better visibility of the rich folklore traditions and cultural diversity of the country.