Panzath Nag Spring Conservation Festival

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Recently, Panzath Nag festival a community let spring cleaning & fish catching festival was observed in Jammu & Kashmir's Anantnag district.

About Panzath Nag Festival

- **Community led –** Ecological Conservation Practice combined with traditional fish catching activity & restoration of Wetland.
- **Goal –** Weed removal & Desiltation to reinstate natural spring ecosystem & maintain natural water flow.
- **Socio –Economic value** – Nearly for 45 downstream villages, the spring serves as a lifeline by suppling drinking water & irrigating fields (Mostly paddy)



Significance –

- **Resource Management –** It acts as participatory, community led water conservation model focusing on rural sustainability & Climate adaptability without dependence on state.
- **Eco-friendly fishing practices** – To Preserve aquatic biodiversity, villagers use traditional

tools such as wicker baskets (Kanz) & Organic nets rather using destructive modern fishing gear.

- **Collective churning -** Of water during festival naturally helps removing algal blooms, silt & Polythese waste, which directly enhances groundwater recharge & water clarity.
- **Social Cohesion -** The annual event fosters inter-village cooperation and keeps Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) alive across generations.

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