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TOURISM, CULTURE, SPORTS, ARCHAEOLOGY & MUSEUMS DEPARTMENT GB

# MAP OF GILGIT BALTISTAN



# TOURISM & CULTURE EVENTS 2025-26

LOCAL EVENTS/  
FESTIVALS

**Jashan -e- Mayfang**  
**21st December**  
**Venue:**  
**Shigar/ Kharmang**

Jashn-e-Mayfang is a centuries old tradition of Baltistan Division. People actively participate in this event to revive their cultural values.

- Cultural Dress Demonstration
- Juniper Fire
- Balloons Show



# TOURISM & CULTURE EVENTS 2025-26

**NATIONAL  
LEVEL EVENTS**

## Lok Virsa Islamabad 7-16 November

Venue:  
Shahkarparian, Islamabad

LokVirsa Islamabad conducts a cultural event by inviting all provincial governments of Pakistan including GB Govt. and AJK Govt. Pakistan is culturally a diverse country. All provinces construct their pavilion at Shakparian Islamabad and depict their cultural assets and diversity by establishing different stalls of handicrafts, dry fruits, cultural foods and conducting a cultural night for each region.

GB Government actively participates in the event along with different artisans and cultural assets of GB. GB Pavilion always attracts the visitors and remains the pivotal organ in the event.

- Construction of GB Pavilion
- Cultural Show
- Cultural Food Stalls
- Handicrafts stalls
- Dry fruit stalls
- Artisan at work
- Wood and stone handmade utensils

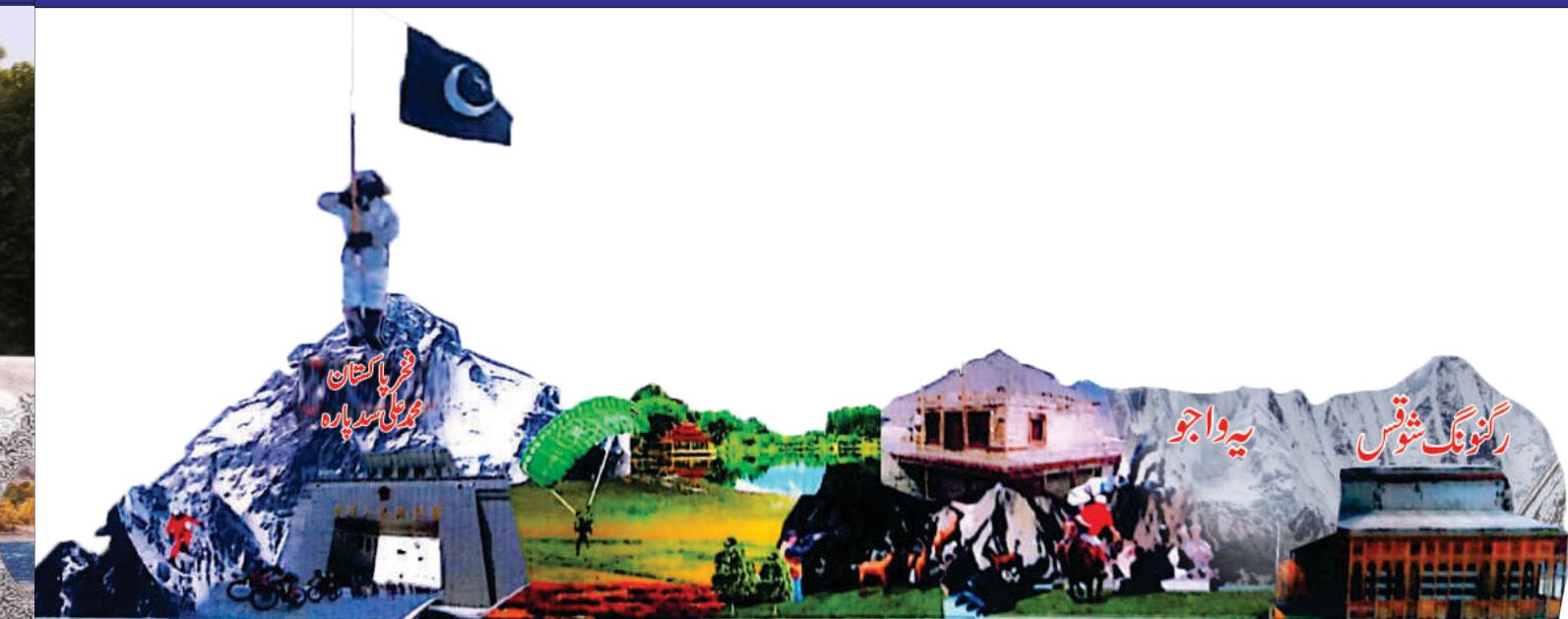


## JS Day Parade 23 March

Venue:  
Islamabad

Pakistan Day, 23rd March, is celebrated every year under supervision of Pakistan Army at Islamabad Parade Ground. Floats of each province including GB and AJK participate in the event. A Float is constructed having 3-D models of tourism & cultural assets of each region. GB Government participates in the event with full preparation which portrays the entire tourism products of GB.

- Construction of GB Float
- Pipe band
- Promotion of GB Culture



**Gilgit-Baltistan Jewel of Pakistan**

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# INTERNATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS

# World Travel Market

## 4-6 November

### Venue:

### London

World Travel Mart is one of the leading global event for the travel industry to meet industry professionals and conduct business deals. The Government of GB has also been participating in this mega event for global reach and introducing Gilgit Baltistan as the best tourist destination in the world. GB high officials & designated tour operators of Pakistan conduct B2B meetings with government officials, media personnel and travel professionals of the participating countries.

- Investment Conference
- Cultural Performance
- Destination Attractions



**ITB Berlin, Germany**  
**7-9 March**  
**Venue:**  
**Berlin, Germany**

ITB Berlin is a venue that provides an opportunity to promote the rich tourism potentials of Gilgit Baltistan to the world's leading travel and tourism arena. The Tourism Department GB is successfully participating in the event since 2012 and promoting Gilgit Baltistan as tourist destination and peaceful & heaven for adventurers and culture loving tourists of the world.

- Investment Conference
- Cultural Performance
- Destination attractions



# **SPORTS EVENTS 2025-26**

**GILGIT-BALTISTAN  
LEVEL EVENTS**

**Inter-School  
Sports Gala**  
**13th to 18th October**  
**Venue:**  
**All Divisional HQ**

Sports activities shall provide healthy environment for the students cum youth. Hidden talent of youth will be hunted through organizing these events to develop sports from grass root level. The event will be conducted in-collaboration with School Education Department GB.

- Football
- Cricket
- Volleyball



**Jashan-e-Azadi Gilgit-Baltistan  
Polo Tournament**  
**15th October to 1st November**  
**Venue:**  
**All Districts & Final in Gilgit**

Free style polo in Gilgit-Baltistan is one of the region's most thrilling cultural traditions, celebrated for its raw speed, power, and fearless sportsmanship. Played without modern rules, breaks, or umpires, this indigenous form of polo highlights the unmatched skill and courage of local riders as they charge across rugged fields with remarkable precision. Events like the Jashn-e-Azadi Polo Tournament transform the valleys into vibrant arenas of colour and celebration, drawing crowds who come to witness this timeless spectacle.



## Inter-Club Hockey Tournament

20th to 24th October

Venue:  
Gilgit & Skardu

The Inter-Club Hockey Tournament in Gilgit and Skardu, is a vibrant showcase of local talent, passion, and athletic excellence. Bringing together top clubs from across the region, the tournament infuses new energy into one of Pakistan's most celebrated sports. Fast-paced matches, disciplined teamwork, and enthusiastic crowds create an electrifying atmosphere as young athletes compete for regional pride. More than a competition, the event serves as a platform to nurture emerging players, strengthen community spirit, and promote a healthier, more active youth across Gilgit-Baltistan.



## Inter-Colleges (Boys) Cricket Tournament

25th to 31st October

Venue:  
City Park Ground, Gilgit

The Inter-Colleges Boys Cricket Tournament for Gilgit-Baltistan is an exciting platform that brings together young athletes from across the region to showcase their cricketing skill, teamwork, and competitive spirit. Organised to promote healthy sporting culture among students, the tournament fills the grounds with energy as college teams face off in spirited matches. It not only encourages discipline and sportsmanship but also helps identify emerging talent that can represent GB at higher levels.



**Sevendays Winter Feast**  
**1-7 January**  
**Venue:**  
**In all District of GB**

GB has enormous potential for winter tourism/sports. In this regard, Sevendays Winter Feast is one of the best activities to promote winter tourism in GB in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and community.

- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating
- Curling
- Indigenous games (Basra, Pinduk&Balbat)



**Inter District Volleyball Tournament**  
**1st Week of April**  
**Venue:**  
**Chilas, Diamer**

Such sports activities shall provide healthy environment for the students cum youth of the region. Besides hidden talent of the youth shall also be hunted through organizing these events to develop sports from grass root level.

- Volleyball



**Jashn-e-Baharan  
Polo Tournament  
April  
Venue:  
All Districts HQ**

Rehabilitation and preservation of pre-historic and ancient indigenous/cultural sports in GB shall be ensured and transferred it to the new generation. Such sports activities shall provide healthy environment for the youth of the region. Besides hidden talent of the youth shall also be hunted through organizing these events to develop sports from grass root level. To select best teams from GB to represent in National level sports events as well as Shandur Polo Festival.

- Traditional Games: Polo, Volleyball (Shooting) Basra, Tag of war
- National Level Games: Football, Futsal, Netball, Volleyball, Cricket, Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis, Martial Arts Taekwondo, Karate, Judo, kick Boxing, BoxingMMA etc. Athletics



**Inter Divisional Martial  
Arts Competitions  
13th April  
Venue:  
Gilgit / Skardu**

During the Tournament best and talented Players shall be selected for participation in national and international level events and provides opportunities to represent GB as well as Pakistan in international Level Events. Healthy and recreational activities as well as harmony among the youth of GB are another impact of holding such events.

- Taekwondo
- Karate
- Mix Martial Arts



# SPORTS EVENTS 2025-26

## OTHER EVENTS

**Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament**  
**3rd Week of November**  
**Venue:**  
**City Park Gilgit**

The Inter-Departmental Cricket Competition in Gilgit-Baltistan brings together teams from various government departments in a spirited display of camaraderie, teamwork, and healthy rivalry. This tournament provides officials and staff an opportunity to engage beyond routine office work, promoting physical well-being and strengthening inter-departmental cooperation. Fast-paced matches, enthusiastic supporters, and the shared passion for cricket create an energetic and friendly sporting atmosphere. More than just a competition, the event helps build unity across government institutions and reinforces the importance of sports in fostering a motivated, connected, and vibrant workforce in Gilgit-Baltistan.

**Special Person Sports Gala**  
**November / April**  
**Venue:**  
**Gilgit / Skardu**

The GB Sports Board will organize dedicated Sports Galas for special persons in both Skardu and Gilgit. These events are designed to celebrate inclusivity, resilience, and the sporting spirit of individuals with special needs. Participants will engage in a variety of adapted sports and fun activities, providing them the opportunity to display their skills, build confidence, and enjoy a supportive community atmosphere. The galas aim to promote equal participation in sports across Gilgit-Baltistan and highlight the commitment of the Sports Board to fostering an inclusive and empowering environment for all.

**Inter-Colleges (Girls) Tournament**  
**November**  
**Venue:**  
**Skardu, Gilgit, Hunza, Ghizer**

The Inter-Colleges Girls Tournament will be held in November, bringing together female students from various colleges to compete in a range of sports. The event aims to promote healthy competition, teamwork, and confidence among young women while providing them an opportunity to showcase their athletic talent. Organized in a supportive and vibrant environment, the tournament will feature multiple games, awards, and opportunities for interaction, making it an important step toward encouraging girls' participation in sports across the region.

# GB SPORTS BOARD EVENTS 2025-26

## NATIONAL LEVEL EVENTS

**Participation of GB Teams in  
PSB, National Federations, POA.**  
**7 -13 December**  
**Venue:**  
**All Province of Pakistan**

Pakistan Sports Board, Pakistan Olympic Association and National Sports Federations shall select best players from Gilgit-Baltistan for National Teams in Different Disciplines. The selected players shall part of National Teams at international level events. Such events shall also create National Harmony among the youth of all Provinces.

- All disciplines



# Shandur Polo Festival

20-22 June

Venue:  
Shandur Top, Ghizer

- Polo
- Paragliding
- Traditional Musical Night
- School Children Performances etc



The Shandur Polo Festival is a three-day festival that takes place in the Shandur Pass of Pakistan. It's a celebration of the traditional sport of polo, and features cultural performances, music, and paragliding. The festival is held annually in the first week of July. The festival takes place at the Shandur polo ground, which is located at Shandur Pass on the border of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan. The polo ground is considered the highest polo ground in the world. The festival features freestyle polo matches between teams from Chitral and Gilgit-Baltistan. The festival also includes cultural performances, musical performances, and paragliding. The festival includes folk music, dancing, and a camping village.

**Significance:** The festival is one of the oldest and wildest polo festivals in the world. The festival brings the tribes of Gilgit and Chitral together each year. The festival provides an amazing cultural experience in the Hindu Kush mountain ranges.



## TRAVEL TIPS

- Confirm your air tickets timely
- Confirm your hotel reservations for traveling
- Get first-hand information about road condition
- Support the community by purchasing local handicrafts
- Keep your national ID Card/ passport along with you
- Engage local guide for trekking/ camping
- Use LPG or kerosene for cooking and avoid using firewood
- Respect local culture, traditions and religious places
- Do not harm the environment, flora and fauna
- Avoid excessive breaks while driving at Babusar, Deosai and Khunjerab
- Using heavy gears minimize risk and ensure safety
- Dispose of your litter properly and leave the camp site clean
- Cooperate with GB Tourist Police

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