



## Chillai Kalan

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### Why in News

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The **40-day intense winter period “chillai kalan”** started in Kashmir valley on 21<sup>st</sup> December with sub-zero night temperatures across the region.

It will continue till January 31.

### Key Points

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- Chillai Kalan is followed by **Chillai-Khurd** and **Chillai-Bachha**.
  - **Chillai Khurd (small cold)** is a 20-day long period which starts from January 31 to February 19.
  - **Chillai-Bachha (baby cold)**, a 10-day long period which occurs between February 20 and March 2.
- Considered to be the core of winter, Chillai Kalan usually brings snowfall, sub-zero temperatures causing freezing of water bodies including the Dal lake, closure of highways, etc.

**Source: HT**