

Ladakh's First Heritage Village

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Why in News?

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, has officially declared Kumik village in Zaskar as the region's first designated 'Heritage Village'.

Cultural Significance

- Kumik is recognized for the preservation of the following:
 - Kanjur manuscripts
 - Tibetan Buddhist texts
 - Traditional Buddhist textual heritage
 - Local cultural traditions of the Zaskar region
- **Kanjur (Kangyur)** - It denotes the Tibetan Buddhist canonical collection comprising texts considered to be the words or teachings of the Buddha.
- **Distinction between Canonical Collections:**
 - **Kanjur/Kangyur** - Contains teachings attributed to the Buddha
 - **Tengyur** - Comprises commentaries and treatises authored by Indian and Tibetan Buddhist scholars
- Both collections are integral components of Tibetan Buddhist literature.



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KUMIK

Ladakh's First Designated Heritage Village

	Village	Kumik
	Region	Zaskar
	Union Territory	Ladakh
	Geographical setting	High-altitude Zaskar Valley
	Significance	Ladakh's first designated Heritage Village
	Cultural association	Tibetan Buddhist textual tradition
	Important heritage	Kanjur manuscripts and other Tibetan Buddhist materials

Heritage Status



India's first
Heritage Village

Pragpur, Himachal Pradesh



Ladakh's first designated
Heritage Village

Kumik, Zaskar

Preserving
Our Heritage
in the Himalayas

PEOPLE
CULTURE
HERITAGE
A STRONGER INDIA

Ancient Texts
Living Traditions
Stronger Communities

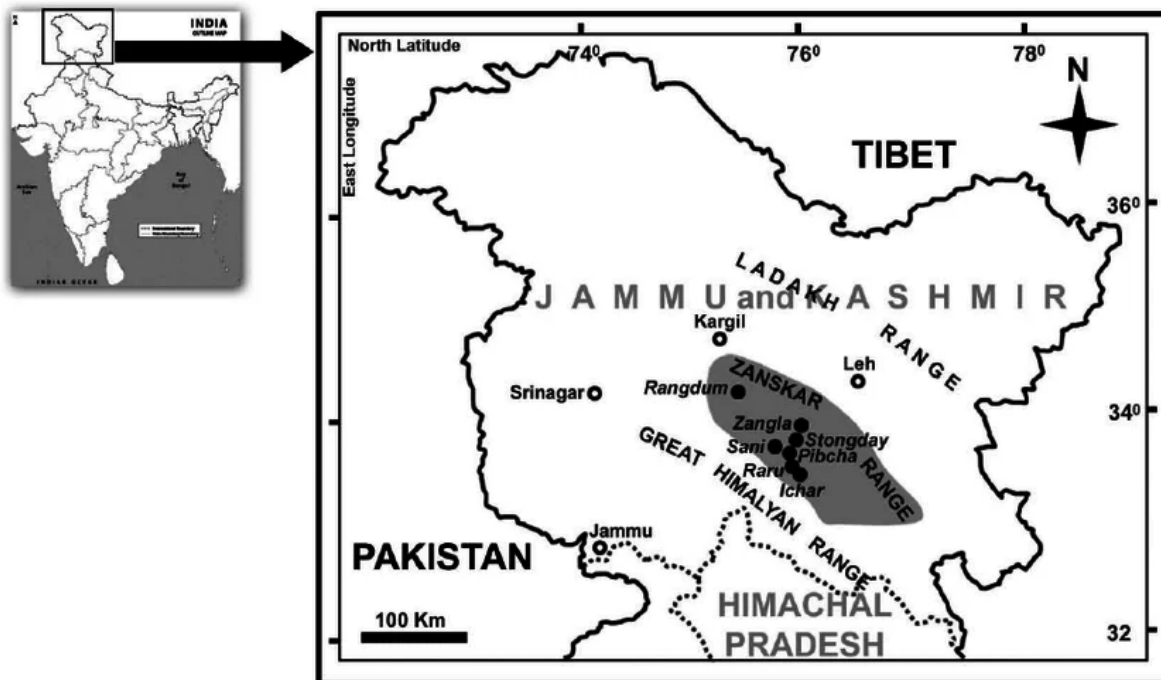
KUMIK
ZASKAR
LADAKH

Heritage Today
A Sustainable Tomorrow

Geographical Context

- Zaskar is a high-altitude region located within Ladakh.
- It is situated in the Trans-Himalayan region.
- The region is notable for the following features:
 - High-altitude valleys
 - Buddhist monasteries
 - Tibetan Buddhist cultural traditions
 - Mountainous terrain

*Pragpur in the Kangra Valley of Himachal Pradesh is officially recognized as **India's first heritage village**, having received the title in 1997.*



Reference

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