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NOTIFICATION

Ladakh, the 15 days of September, 2026

S.O. 266.— Whereas the Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act, 2010 (Act No. XV of 2010) (hereinafter referred to as the *said Act*) provides, inter alia, for the conservation and preservation of heritage, both tangible and intangible, of historic, cultural, religious, aesthetic, architectural or environmental significance and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

2. **And whereas** Section 3 of the said Act provides for the declaration of buildings, structures, streets, areas, precincts, natural features and sites of scenic beauty having historic, architectural, aesthetic, cultural or environmental significance as heritage or heritage sites, to be protected and graded in accordance with the provisions of the said Act;

3. **And whereas** the survey, research and documentation of the historic settlement of Kumik and its associated cultural landscape have been undertaken, and the material so documented establishes its significance as an integrated cultural landscape comprising traditional habitation, Buddhist religious and sacred heritage, vernacular architecture, agricultural terraces, traditional irrigation and water-management systems, historic stone walls, and water-powered *ranthaks* (water mills).

4. **And whereas** the Deputy Commissioner Zaskar and Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, UT of Ladakh, has, on the basis of the aforesaid survey, research and documentation, recommended consideration of Kumik for declaration as a Heritage Site under the said Act;

5. **And whereas** the settlement of Kumik, situated within the Revenue Village of Thungday Khumik, Zaskar Tehsil, Union Territory of Ladakh, together with its associated cultural landscape, possesses distinctive historical, architectural, cultural, religious and environmental significance warranting its consideration for protection and grading under the said Act;

6. **And whereas** the heritage significance of Kumik is not confined to individual structures but is expressed through the interrelationship of its settlement pattern, traditional houses, sacred spaces and practices, agricultural and irrigation systems, historic wall, traditional water mills, oral traditions and the mountain-water landscape associated with the settlement;

7. **Now, therefore**, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Jammu and Kashmir Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act, 2010 (Act No. XV of 2010) and the rules made thereunder, notice is hereby given of the intention to declare the historic settlement of Kumik and its associated cultural landscape, situated within the Revenue Village of Thungday Khumi, Zaskar Tehsil, Union Territory of Ladakh, as a Heritage Site, to be protected and graded under the said Act.

8. **Notice is hereby given** for a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, inviting objections or suggestions in writing from any person, member of the public or organisation in respect of the aforesaid intention. The notification shall also be published in leading newspapers and affixed at a conspicuous place near the site, in accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the said Act.

9. **And whereas** upon expiry of the aforesaid period of thirty days and consideration of the objections and suggestions, if any, received, the Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Authority may, where it considers appropriate, recommend to the Administration the declaration of Kumik as a Heritage Site under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the said Act.

10. Upon such declaration, the Heritage Site shall be graded by the Authority according to its heritage significance.

11. **And whereas** following such declaration and grading, a Heritage Conservation and Preservation Plan may be prepared in accordance with Section 10 of the said Act, having regard to the character and requirements of Kumik as a living cultural landscape, and may provide, inter alia, for—

- a. *regulations for preservation, conservation and administration of heritage;*
- b. *listing and grading of heritage;*
- c. *development control for conservation of heritage;*
- d. *appropriate rural design and settlement-management measures for preserving and protecting the character of the area;*
- e. *incentives, where considered necessary, for the protection of heritage or heritage sites; and*
- f. *case-specific relaxation of development control regulations, where necessary for the protection and enhancement of heritage value;*

12. **And whereas** the conservation framework contemplated under the said Act and the rules made thereunder is intended to secure the long-term conservation of Kumik while enabling community participation, continued habitation and traditional practices, heritage education and research, conservation infrastructure and appropriate sustainable Heritage/Eco-Tourism, consistent with the heritage character of the settlement.

13. It is hereby clarified that this notification constitutes a notice of intention under sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the said Act and shall not, by itself, constitute the final declaration of Kumik as a Heritage Site, nor shall it, by itself, alter the existing ownership, title, revenue status or revenue boundaries of any land or property within the area proposed to be considered for heritage designation.


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Secretary / सचिव

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1. Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh, for information of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
2. Administrative Secretary, Law and Justice Department, UT of Ladakh.
3. Administrative Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, UT of Ladakh.
4. Deputy Commissioner, Zaskar, UT of Ladakh.
5. Director, Tourism & Culture, UT of Ladakh.
6. Joint Director, Information Department, UT of Ladakh, for publication of the notification in leading newspapers and wide publicity.
7. Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, UT of Ladakh.
8. OSD to Chief Secretary, UT of Ladakh, for information.
9. State Informatics Officer/Technical Director, NIC, UT of Ladakh, for uploading the notification on the official website of the Administration.
10. Concerned e-office file.