



## Kailash Mansarovar in Tentative List of World Heritage Sites

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, the Minister of State of Culture and Tourism clarified that proposal for 'Sacred Mountain Landscape and Heritage Routes' (**Indian side of Kailash Mansarovar**) has been included in Tentative List of World Heritage Sites of India

- It was proposed as a Mixed site in April 2019.
- As per UNESCO's Operational Guidelines 2017, a site must be on the tentative list of UNESCO at least for a period of one year before proposing it for final nomination.
- Once the nomination is done, it is sent to the World Heritage Centre (WHC) by the stipulated deadline of 01 February of a calendar year.
- Accordingly, the decision of permanent inclusion of any site in the World Heritage list is taken by the members of the World Heritage Committee.

### World Heritage site

- World Heritage site, any of various areas or objects inscribed on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List.
- The sites are designated as having "outstanding universal value" under the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972.
- It provides a framework for international cooperation in preserving and protecting cultural treasures and natural areas throughout the world.
- There are three types of sites: Cultural, Natural, and Mixed.
  - Cultural heritage sites include hundreds of historic buildings and town sites, important archaeological sites, and works of monumental sculpture or painting.
  - Natural heritage sites are restricted to those natural areas that:
    - Furnish outstanding examples of Earth's record of life or its geologic processes
    - Provide excellent examples of ongoing ecological and biological evolutionary processes.
    - Contain natural phenomena that are rare, unique, superlative, or of outstanding beauty,
    - Furnish habitats for rare or endangered animals or plants or are sites of exceptional biodiversity.
  - Mixed heritage sites contain elements of both natural and cultural significance.

### UNESCO's World Heritage of India

Tangible Heritage			Intangible Cultural Heritage
Cultural	Natural	Mixed	Indian Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Taj Mahal, Agra</li><li>▪ Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Khangchendzonga National</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The tradition of Vedic chanting</li><li>▪ Ramlila, the</li></ul>

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