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Kumbhalgarh Fort Wall Ranked Second Longest Continuous Wall in the World

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The wall of Kumbhalgarh Fort in Rajasthan has received global recognition after being ranked as the second-longest continuous wall in the world after the Great Wall of China. The recognition was highlighted through an official survey recorded under the UNESCO World Heritage Convention.

Key Highlights:

Fort Name: Kumbhalgarh Fort

Location: Rajsamand district, Rajasthan

Mountain Range: Aravalli Hills

Length of Wall: Approximately 36 kilometres

Global Rank: Second-longest continuous wall in the world

First Position: Great Wall of China

UNESCO Recognition: Part of the "Hill Forts of Rajasthan" UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2013.

Historical Significance:

Kumbhalgarh Fort was built in the 15th century by Rana Kumbha of the Sisodia Rajput dynasty.

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The fort is popularly known as the “Great Wall of India”.

It served as an important defensive fortification for the Kingdom of Mewar.

The fort is also known as the birthplace of Maharana Pratap, one of the greatest Rajput warriors.

Architectural Features:

The fort wall stretches across rugged Aravalli terrain and is wide enough in several places for eight horses to walk together.

The fort has:

Seven fortified gateways

More than 360 temples (Hindand Jain)

Palaces and stepwells inside the complex

The chief architect of the fort was Mandan, a famous architect of medieval India.

Additional Key Facts:

UNESCO included Kumbhalgarh Fort in the “Hill Forts of Rajasthan” group during the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2013.

Other forts included in the UNESCO Hill Forts of Rajasthan group are:

Chittorgarh Fort

Amber Fort

Jaisalmer Fort

Ranthambore Fort

Gagron Fort.

Kumbhalgarh Fort is considered one of the largest fort complexes in the world.

The wall remained nearly unconquered for centuries because of its strategic hilltop location and massive fortification.

Important Facts:

UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France

UNESCO Established: 1945

Great Wall of China: Longest continuous wall in the world

Aravalli Range: One of the oldest fold mountain ranges in the world

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Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur

Rajsamand district is famous for its historical forts and marble production.

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