

Fields and Caves: Semantic Transitions in the Cultural Lexicon of a Mountain Region: case of Kullui

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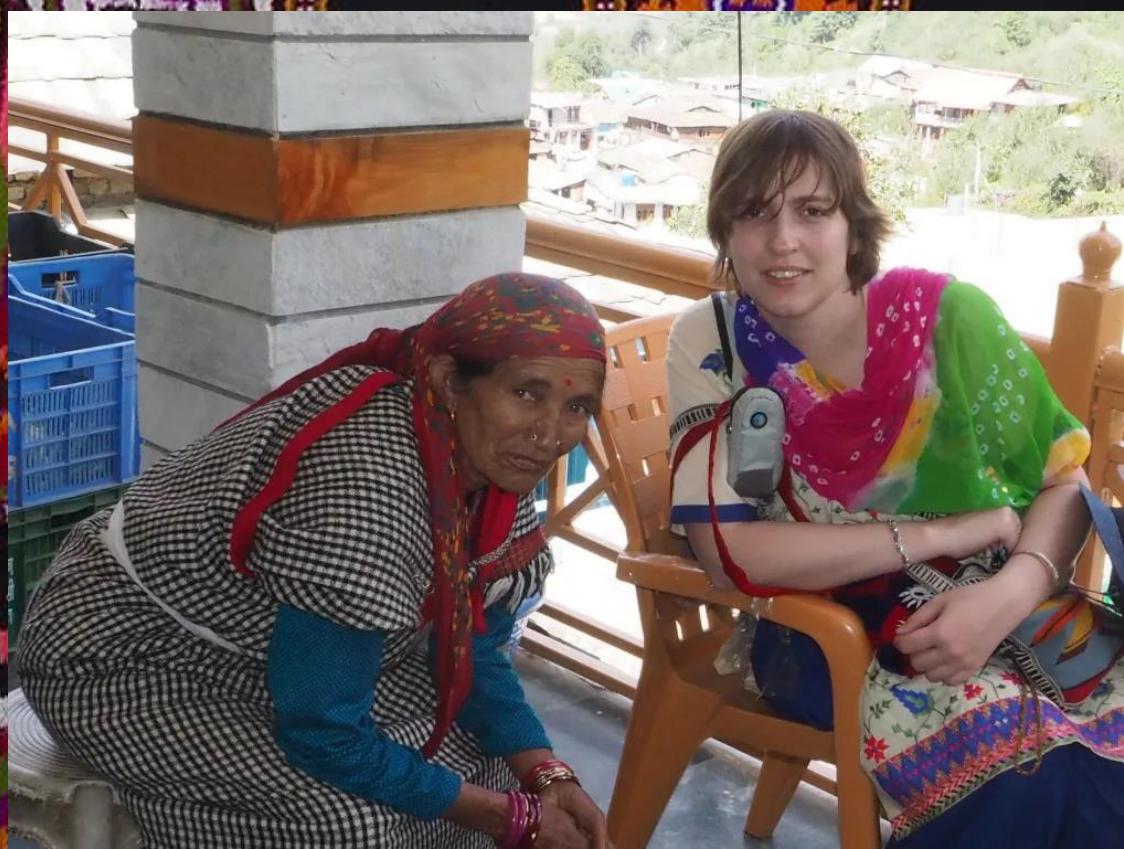


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Housing and storage

Kullui	OIA
<i>dartʰa</i> 'grain storage closet'	<i>daratha</i> 'cave'
<i>gompʰa</i> 'a small window in ancient houses'	* <i>gupphā</i> 'cave'
<i>kʰobru</i> 'storage niche'	* <i>khōppa</i> 'hole'

Kullui	OIA
<i>drug^h</i> 'closet or box for keeping grain'	<i>durgá</i> 'impassable', 'difficult passage, danger' (through Mandeali)
<i>dzugli</i> 'cave'	<i>durgá</i> 'impassable', 'difficult passage, danger'
<i>dzugla</i> 'tunnel'	

Terrace field: outer border

Kullui	OIA
<i>bew̥i</i> 'outer/lower border of the terrace field'	*vētuka- 'cane, reed' or *vēdu 'reed, bamboo'
<i>bir</i> 'outer/lower border of the terrace field'	bíla/vila-/*vira- 'cave, hole, pit, opening' or *vēdu 'reed, bamboo'
<i>dzangli</i> 'outer/lower border of the terrace field' (also command to an ox)	jāngala 'arid, sparingly grown with trees' 'desert region'

Terrace field: inner border

Kullui	OIA
<i>d^hek</i> 'fence fortifying terrace field', 'inner/higher border of terrace field'	* <i>dhēkka-</i> 'lump'
<i>b^het</i> 'inner/higher border of the terrace field'	* <i>bhēṭṭa-</i> 'mound'
<i>b^heti</i> 'inner/higher border of the terrace field' (also command to an ox)	

Beas river flow orientation

Derivation

Etymology

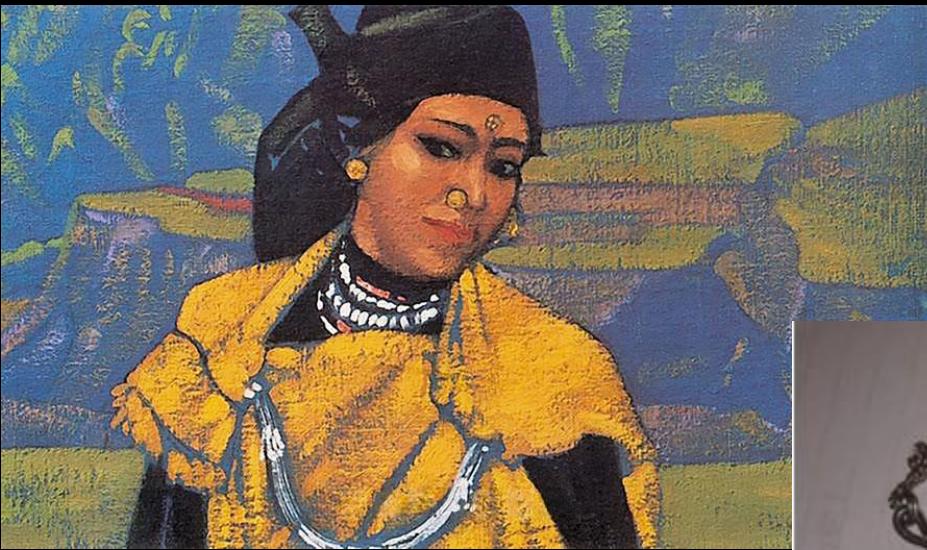
udžira, džetſa ‘Manali inhabitant’

udž ‘top’, *udže* ‘atop’

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pɔ̄tu ‘woolen plaid worn by women’

bumṇi ‘buckle of *pɔ̄tu* consisting of two pins and some chains between them’



Derivation	Source
<i>ʃlau</i> ‘pins of <i>bunŋi</i> ’	Kullui <i>ʃlai</i> ‘knitting pin’
<i>bun-</i> ‘weave’	OIA * <i>vunāti</i> ‘weaves’
<i>bun̥ti</i> ‘knitted ornament on the cloths’	* <i>bun-</i> ‘knit’
<i>b^həŋaga</i> ‘thread between pins of <i>bunŋi</i> , as it was earlier’	Proto-Kullui * <i>bun-</i> ‘knit’ + <i>d^haga</i> ‘thread’
<i>bunŋi</i> ‘buckle of <i>pɔ̃tu</i> ’	Proto-Kullui * <i>bunŋa</i> ‘knitting’

thank you!

