

Everest Summiteers Summit 2025

Honoring The Legends, Inspiring The Future



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Message from the President

Namaste and Warm Greetings,

It is with profound pride and sincere gratitude that I welcome you to the Everest Summiteers Summit — a landmark gathering organized by the Everest Alliance Nepal. More than an event, this summit represents the realization of a long-cherished vision — a dream deeply rooted in ambition and devotion. Today, that vision has evolved into a tangible manifestation, brought to life through the continuous support of our esteemed well-wishers and the unwavering efforts of a distinguished collective visionaries.

With over 15 years of experience in Nepal's tourism sector, I have had the privilege of witnessing the boundless energy of trekkers, the unspoken strength of guides and porters, and the deep admiration that people around the world hold for the Himalayas. These encounters led me to a profound realization: that I, too, share the responsibility to honor, preserve, and promote the legacy of Mount Everest—not only for our present generation but also for the aspiring future generations.

This summit is a global tribute to the legends of Everest, a sacred space where stories of bravery, dedication, and mountain spirit converge. It celebrates the heroes and legends of the mountains—the summiteers who have conquered the highest peak on Earth, and in doing so, have inspired humanity. It is also a tribute to our legendary Sherpas, guides, porters, environmentalists, and countless others whose contributions shape the soul of the Everest.

We are proud to welcome the Everest summiteers, international dignitaries, diplomats, policymakers and, leaders from across the globe. This gathering defines global and mountaineering solidarity—a union that surpasses borders, cultures, and languages, held together by our shared love and respect for the mountains.

I am overwhelmed with happiness to witness such a powerful and symbolic assembly. This is more than a summit—it is a platform for legacy, a voice for the future, and a sacred memory that will live forever in the hearts of mountaineers and mountain lovers worldwide.

This souvenir book is a heartfelt reflection of this unforgettable moment. It holds not only words and images, but also dreams, journeys, and the spirit of unity that binds us all. Let this be remembered not just as an event, but as a milestone—a turning point in how we honor our past, empower our present, and shape a stronger, more sustainable mountain future.

With the support of government bodies, mountaineering icons, and passionate allies, I am immensely proud to witness this event unfold with such comprehensive intent, courtesy, and purpose.

To all who have believed us in this journey—thank you. Together, we have built something that will certainly resonate through time.

With deep respect and warmest regards,

Sudarshan Nepal

President

Everest Alliance Nepal

The Team Behind the Dream

The Secretariat



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MESSAGE

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The President

I am pleased to learn about the publication of a souvenir on the occasion of *The Everest Summiteers' Summit* by the Everest Alliance Nepal.

On this occasion, I extend my warmest congratulations to all climbers who have reached the summit of the world's highest peak. Far more than physical achievements, your journey of expedition also reflect the stories of courage, discipline, global friendship and promotion of the Himalayan nation of Nepal, across the continents.

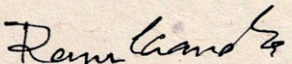
At this momentous moment, I also congratulate the organizers for hosting this grand commemorative event. This celebration of *The Everest Summiteers' Summit* is not only a tribute to mountaineering excellence but also to a moment of truth that honours the deep bond of friendship, which has been fostered among nations, cultures, and diverse communities. On this occasion, while I personally commend the international summiteers for embracing Sagarmatha with enormous reverence, I also thank our Nepali summiteers for continuing a proud legacy of innovation, bravery and services in the domain of mountaineering expedition.

Last but not the least, Nepal welcomes all of you with open arms and also adores your stories pertaining to adventures.

With best wishes for a promising future.

Jay Nepal!

Date: May 18, 2025


Ram Chandra Paudel







Prime Minister



Congratulatory Message

There are moments in history when human determination touches the sky. And atop the highest point on Earth -Mount Everest, our Sagarmatha, such moments have been lived time and again by those who dared to dream beyond limits. Nepal is a land blessed with natural grandeur, cultural depth, and a resilient spirit that echoes through the heights of the Himalayas. Sagarmatha stands as a timeless symbol of hope, aspiration and shared humanity that define our past and shape our future.

Nepal's mountains have long called to dreamers, adventurers, and seekers from every corner of the globe. They come not just to climb, but to connect with nature, with people, and often with something greater within themselves. These mountains hold memories of joy and loss, of triumph and humility, and of friendships forged beyond language. From the Sherpa guides whose footsteps have carried generations safely through the Himalayas, to international climbers who bring their dreams to our sacred heights each has added a thread to Nepal's fabric of history. This moment is not merely about a mountain conquered. It is about a mountain cherished. Sagarmatha is not a challenge to be overcome, but a guardian to be respected.

On the occasion of the **Everest Summiters Summit**, I extend my warmest congratulations to all climbers who have reached the summit of the world's highest peak. Far more than physical achievement your journeys reflect stories of courage, discipline, and global friendship. I also congratulate the organizers of this grand celebration of Everest and what it represents. This summit is not only a tribute to mountaineering excellence but also a moment to honor the deep bond Everest has fostered between nations, cultures, and communities. To our international summiters, thank you for embracing Sagarmatha with such reverence. To our Nepali climbers, thank you for continuing a proud legacy of guardianship, bravery, and service in the mountains.

I see in this gathering as a symbol of unity. You come from many lands and speak many languages, but you share one powerful experience that transcends borders.

Let this event serve not only as a tribute to those who dared to dream, but also as a gentle reminder of our shared responsibility—to preserve this sacred peak and the fragile ecosystems surrounding it for generations to come. May it reflect a harmony between humanity and nature, between the drive to ascend and the wisdom to protect, between the pursuit of progress and the promise of preservation—contributing meaningfully to the national aspiration of '**Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali**'.

Nepal welcomes you with open arms. We honor your stories, and we thank you for becoming part of ours.

With deepest regards,

KP Sharma Oli

May 19, 2025



Photos of Sir Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in camp IV during the 1953 Everest Expedition and the succesful summit on 29 May 1953



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Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
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Badri Prasad Pandey
Minister



Congratulatory Message

With deep respect and immense pride, I extend my warmest congratulations to all the distinguished climbers being recognized at the Everest Summiters Summit. I believe this event is not only a celebration of individual victories but also a tribute to the spirit of exploration, human endurance, and the timeless majesty of Mount Everest (Sagarmatha), the pride of Nepal and the highest peak on Earth.

Each summiteer, through their remarkable courage, discipline, and determination, has carved a unique story on the Himalayan slopes. The journey of these summiteers to the top of the world is not only a personal triumph but a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the unwavering will to rise above challenges, making the entire nation proud.

Nepal, blessed with the Himalayas, has long been a source of inspiration for adventurers and nature lovers alike. The achievements of Everest summiteers have placed Nepal prominently on the world map as a global epicenter for high-altitude adventure, mountain tourism, and cultural richness. These accomplishments have drawn the world's attention to our land, our people, and our enduring hospitality.

I commend the organizers of this summit for bringing us all together to celebrate these remarkable achievements and to engage in meaningful discussions on sustainable mountaineering, environmental preservation, and the safety and welfare of all who journey to Everest. Wishing you all continued success in your future endeavors. May this summit inspire many more to follow in your footsteps safely, responsibly, and with deep respect for the mountains.

Once again, congratulations to all the summiteers. You have honored the spirit of Everest and brought immense pride to Nepal and the global mountaineering community.

Best wishes,

April, 2025


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Congratulatory Message

The Department of Tourism is proud to be part of this significant occasion, the Everest Summiteers Summit an event that is celebrating not only extraordinary human achievement but also the enduring connection between Nepal and the global mountaineering community.

For decades, Mount Everest has stood as the ultimate dream for climbers around the world. Each successful summit represents years of preparation, intense effort, and personal sacrifice. I extend our deepest respect and heartfelt congratulations to all the climbers being honored, whether from Nepal or international.

All the achievements have helped shape Nepal's global image as the land of adventure and resilience. We salute all the summiteers, who carry the stories and play the ambassadors' role of the Himalayas, inspiring many.

As the government institution responsible for regulating and promoting mountaineering tourism, the Department of Tourism is committed to ensuring safety, supporting sustainable practices, and preserving the ecological and cultural integrity of our mountain regions. Together with our stakeholders, we aim to make high-altitude expeditions more responsible and rewarding for all.

The efforts of organizers of this summit for bringing together such a diverse and inspiring group of individuals is applaudable. This gathering reflects the unity, shared passion, and global spirit Everest represents.

May this summit foster new ideas, stronger partnerships, and continued excellence in mountaineering.

With best regards,

Dr. Narayan Prasad Regmi

Director General,

Department of Tourism,



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Deepak Raj Joshi
Chief Executive Officer





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मिति/Date : May 19, 2025

Congratulatory Message

On the Occasion of the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025



It is with great pride and admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the brave individuals who have successfully summited Mount Everest the highest peak in the world. Your remarkable feats of endurance, courage, and determination continue to inspire generations and elevate Nepal's prestige on the global stage.

The Everest Summiteers Summit 2025, organized by Everest Alliance Nepal, is a commendable initiative that not only celebrates these outstanding accomplishments but also highlights Nepal's unparalleled mountaineering heritage and its invaluable contribution to the world of adventure tourism.

As the Member Secretary of the Nepal Sports Council, I take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the development of sports and physical culture in Nepal. The achievements of Everest summiteers reflect the strength, resilience, and spirit of our people qualities that we aim to nurture in every aspiring athlete and citizen.

I extend my best wishes for the grand success of the summit and the publication of the souvenir. May this event continue to inspire unity, national pride, and global recognition of Nepal's natural and human triumphs.

Tanka Lal Ghising
Member Secretary
National Sports Council
Kathmandu, Nepal



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Shenzhen Mountaineering & Outdoor
Sports Association



Congratulatory Message

On behalf of the Shenzhen Mountaineering Association, we warmly congratulate Nepal on the upcoming Mount Everest commemorative event. This gathering celebrates the spirit of mountaineering and global camaraderie. Shenzhen, a vibrant city, boasts a flourishing mountaineering community. In 2024, 15 local climbers summited Everest, highlighting our city's adventurous drive. These achievements reflect Shenzhen's ethos of bold exploration.

As we mark the 70th anniversary of China - Nepal diplomatic relations, mountaineering stands as a symbol of our enduring friendship. Our joint efforts, like the 2024 elevation announcement of Everest, demonstrate strong cooperation.

We're confident this event will showcase Everest's grandeur, inspire climbers worldwide, and strengthen international bonds. It's a testament to shared passion and mutual respect.

Congratulations again. We look forward to future collaborations to promote mountaineering and deepen the China - Nepal partnership.

Best regards,

Shenzhen Mountaineering & Outdoor Sports Association



Kanchha Sherpa

The last surviving member of the first successful 1953 British Mount Everest expedition.

Everest Alliance Nepal is honored to present the Life Time Achievement Award to Kanchha Sherpa on the special occasion of Everest Summiters Summit.

In 1952, Kancha Sherpa, a 19-year old boy from Namche Bazaar, Nepal ran away from his home to seek work as a mountaineer in Darjeeling, India. Kancha and three of his friends decided to go to Darjeeling to see if they could get work on an expedition. Kancha's friends each had Rs.15 and 20 for the journey but he had none, so he hid some corn in his shirt without telling his mother. They left at night and got to Chaurikharka, constantly looking back to see if their family members were following them. It took them four days of walking over the hills to get to Darjeeling. While on their journey, they survived on makkai (popcorn) and Chyang (rice beer).

In Darjeeling, Kancha and his friends met a woman from Thame village, who guided them to Tenzing Norgay's little house.

Tenzing knew Kancha's father and so he took Kancha in to work right away, while his friends had to find work elsewhere. Tenzing liked Kancha's work, cleaning and getting firewood, which convinced him to take Kancha to Everest in a month. Kancha was so happy that he carried even more firewood. Thus, in 1953 Kancha was chosen as one of the 103 Sherpas to join the Sir Edmund Hillary-expedition to climb Mount Everest. Kancha agreed to work as a porter in the 1953

Everest Expedition for a daily wage of Rs. 5 which was paid in coins at that time.

Kancha worked on expeditions until 1973, after his wife told him to stop as many of his friends had been killed in the mountains. Afterwards, Kancha started working in trekking. Being illiterate, Kancha had to keep accounts on trek with his beads and would always have someone make his notes.

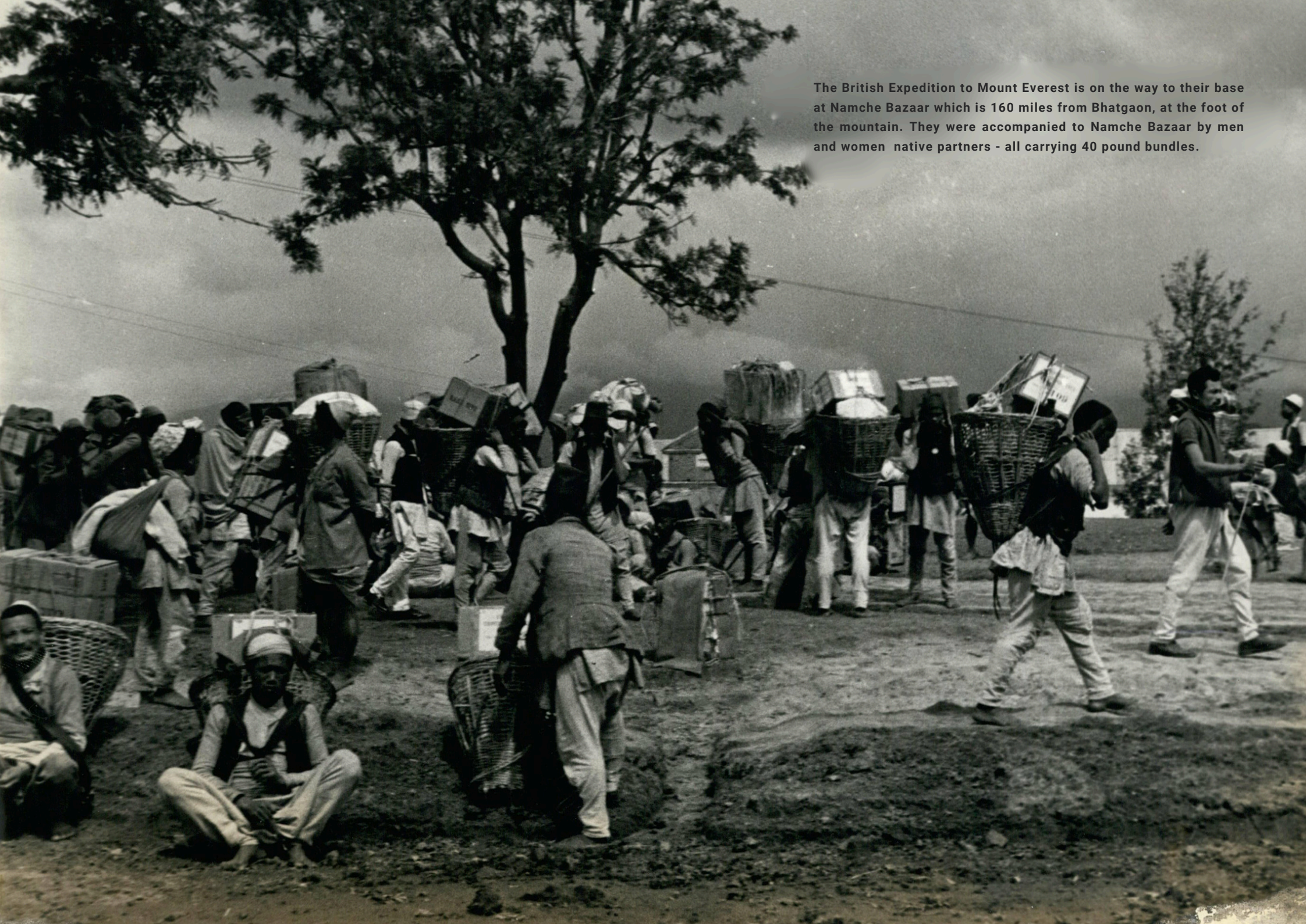
At present, Kancha is a happy, old man with his prayer wheels always by his side. He vividly remembers every moment of the 1953 Everest Expedition and reminisces the past old, hard days. He lives with his younger son, Tshering in his newly built lodge in Namche during the summer and goes to Kathmandu to stay with his elder daughter, Dawa during the winter.

Courtesy: Kanchha Sherpa Foundation

George Mallory at left with Andrew Irvine in
the last known photo of them on their fatal
Everest climb in June 1924.



The British Expedition to Mount Everest is on the way to their base at Namche Bazaar which is 160 miles from Bhatgaon, at the foot of the mountain. They were accompanied to Namche Bazaar by men and women native partners - all carrying 40 pound bundles.





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Congratulatory Message

It is a great pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA), to extend warm congratulations to Everest Alliance Nepal on the organization of the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025, a remarkable initiative dedicated to honoring the bravery, perseverance, and achievements of those who have reached the summit of Mount Everest.

Mountaineering has always been a proud symbol of Nepal's identity, resilience, and global recognition. Celebrating our Everest summiteers is not only a tribute to their remarkable achievements but also a celebration of Nepal's unmatched adventure tourism potential. This summit serves as a reminder of how far we've come as a nation in promoting mountain tourism, and how important it is to preserve the very landscapes that make our country unique.

It's especially encouraging to see this event go beyond celebration and bring into focus key issues like sustainability, mountain ecology, and responsible climbing. These conversations are essential as we look to protect the Himalayas for future generations and ensure Nepal remains a leading destination for travelers seeking meaningful and responsible experiences.

NATTA has always stood for collaboration, innovation, and progress in tourism. We are proud to support such initiatives and to work alongside passionate partners who are shaping the future of our industry. The Everest Summiteers Summit 2025 reflects the unity and shared pride of our tourism community.

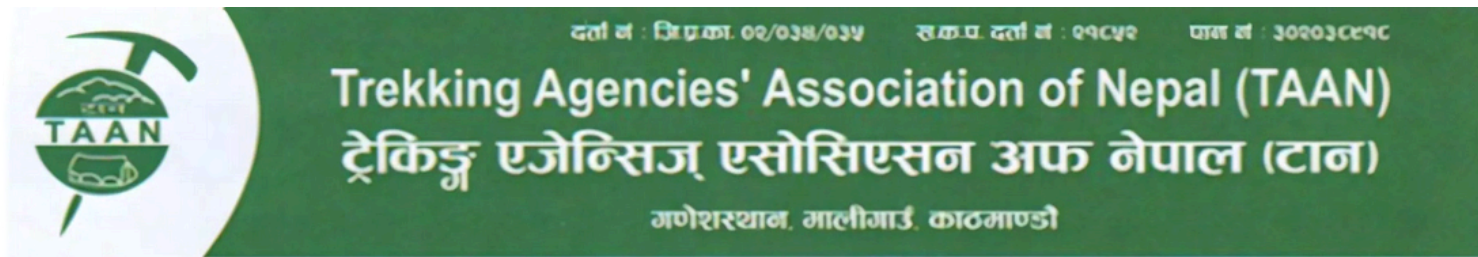
Once again, congratulations to the organizing team. We wish the event every success and look forward to continued efforts that uplift Nepal's tourism to even greater heights.

Kumar Mani Thapaliya

President

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA)

Kathmandu, Nepal



Congratulatory Message

Warm greetings from the Trekking Agencies' Association of Nepal (TAAN)!

On behalf of TAAN and the entire Nepalese tourism fraternity, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Everest Alliance Nepal for organizing the historic Everest Summiteers Summit 2025. This prestigious event, honoring the extraordinary achievements of those who have conquered Mount Everest, is a testament to Nepal's unparalleled mountaineering legacy and its global significance in adventure tourism.

The summit's focus on sustainability, mountain conservation, and responsible expedition practices aligns perfectly with our shared vision of preserving the Himalayas for future generations. We deeply appreciate your efforts to unite climbers, industry stakeholders, and policymakers in meaningful dialogue, fostering collaboration to address the challenges facing our fragile mountain ecosystems.

TAAN takes immense pride in supporting initiatives that celebrate Nepal's mountaineering excellence while advocating for ethical and sustainable tourism. The courage and determination of Everest summiteers inspire us all, and this event serves as a fitting tribute to their indomitable spirit.

We are honored to participate in this momentous occasion and commend Everest Alliance Nepal for this remarkable endeavor. I am confident that the summit will not only recognize past achievements but also pave the way for a brighter, more sustainable future for mountaineering and adventure tourism in Nepal.

Wishing you a successful and impactful Everest Summiteers Summit 2025. Let us continue working together to promote Nepal's majestic Himalayas with responsibility and pride.

Best Regards,

Sagar Pandey

President

Trekking Agencies' Association of Nepal (TAAN)

Kathmandu, Nepal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sagar Pandey', written over the printed name and title.



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Congratulatory Message

First of all, I take this opportunity to welcome you to Nepal: Home of Hospitality!

I am elated to know that the prestigious Everest Summiteers Summit 2025 is being celebrated in the land of the Himalayas. This remarkable event celebrates the true spirit of mountain life. It will also cherish the saga of the great mountaineers. Further, it showcases Nepal's living legacy of the Himalayas and amplifies love towards supporting mountain ecosystem.

I am confident that the program will pave a way towards bringing together summiteers, mountain enthusiasts, and will serve as a forum for advocacy on mountain tourism promotion.

Dear friends,

Nepal's mountain heritage is the cornerstone of our tourism industry. They are our identity, and also a lifeline to humankind. Protecting our mountains is not just about preserving nature; it is about safeguarding humankind's future as well.

It is therefore our duty to protect them because they balance life and help maintain nature's order.

I am confident that this program will inspire a global audience to appreciate and protect Nepal's mountains.

I wish for the continued success of the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025 and hope to see such impactful events grow with even wider global participation in the future too.

Let's join our hands to summit the common goal of development and shared prosperity by preserving mountains.

Let our actions be as pure as snows!

Let our commitment be as glorious as the majestic mountains!

Best wishes,

 B. Shah

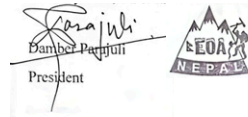
Binayak Shah

President



Congratulatory Message

On behalf of the Expedition Operator's Association, Nepal (EOA-Nepal), I extend heartfelt congratulations to all Everest summiteers. Your courage, resilience, and achievements continue to inspire the world and uplift Nepal's proud mountaineering legacy. We are honored to support your journeys and celebrate this remarkable milestone in adventure tourism. Wishing great success to the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025.



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FEDERATION OF HANDICRAFT ASSOCIATIONS OF NEPAL
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Congratulatory Message

On behalf of FHAN and on my own, I extend best wishes to the Everest Summiteers' Summit, a remarkable event celebrating Everest Day with pride and purpose. We are honored to showcase Nepal's rich handicraft heritage through live demonstrations and exhibitions, introducing our artisan traditions to global participants. This first-of-its-kind gathering unites Everest summiteers, evoking their triumph and inspiring future adventurers. We believe this event will not only boost adventure tourism but also promote Nepalese handicrafts worldwide. FHAN is proud to support this initiative and congratulates the Everest Alliance for its vision. Wishing all summiteers a meaningful reunion and successful networking experience in Kathmandu.

Mr Rabindra Shakya

President

Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal (FHAN)

Guardians of Everest: Courage, Commitment and Conservation

We honor victory to make history. On May 27, 2025, we rise together.

With every story written in the snow and every step carved into the cliffs, the spirit of Everest calls us—not merely to remember, but to unite; to gather in respect; to honor those who dared, and to rise together with renewed purpose. This is not just a summit of summiteers—it is a living legacy. A tribute to those who stood tall at the highest point of the Earth, carrying the dreams of a nation, the hopes of humanity, and the unbreakable spirit of the mountains. Their journeys show true strength and their stories live on in every Himalayan breeze, reminding us to stand together—not alone, but united.

This summit invites the next generation not only to dream higher and climb further but also to live consciously and embrace our shared duty to preserve and protect the mountains that shape our identity and future. Their climbing journeys are more than a quest to reach the summit. They are stories of perseverance, resilience, and purpose found in silence and struggle. This spirit inspires us all and reminds every young soul that true greatness lies in persistence and motivation.

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Mountains are crying for help—a mirror reflecting the climate crisis and the urgent responsibility we share. Everest is not just merely a mountain; it embodies the critical choices the world has made today. Its melting glaciers are more than warnings—they are urgent calls to action! So, together we must raise our voices—for the mountains, for our planet, and for the generations who deserve to witness the glory and majesty of these timeless peaks. We, the upcoming generation, should now walk in the footsteps of those who dared to climb before us—rise as guardians of the Earth, honoring their path and continuing their purpose.

With sincere honor and warm thanks, I extend my deepest thank you to the Everest Summiteers, the mountain heroes whose extraordinary achievements and consistent spirit have been the heart and soul of this remarkable journey.

I am equally honored to thank all national and international associates, organizations, diplomats, tourism leaders, and dignitaries as well as dedicated committee, team members, well-wishers and supporters. Your steadfast support, meaningful contributions, and sincere encouragement have transformed this moment into a symbol of unity, hope, and purpose.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to Everest Alliance Nepal for their visionary leadership and courageous steps toward this noble cause—honoring our heroes, uplifting the community, and inspiring the upcoming generation to rise with ambition and passion.

With sincere appreciation and warmest regards,

Aju Sitaula

COO , Everest Allaince Nepal

Program Head, Everest Summiteers Summit 2025



Mount Everest Expedition Timeline

A comprehensive year-by-year timeline of significant Mount Everest expeditions and milestones, compiled, sourced from Wikipedia

1921

In the first British expedition, Colonel Charles Howard-Bury led a team including Mallory, Bullock, and Wheeler, who reached the North Col (7,020m) but retreated due to strong winds.



1922

Led by General Charles Bruce, the expedition made the first Everest attempt, reaching 8,321m without oxygen. Tragically, seven Sherpa porters died in an avalanche during the third summit push.



1924

George Mallory and Andrew Irvine attempted to reach the summit but disappeared during their ascent. Their fate remained a mystery until Mallory's body was discovered in 1999.



1933

A British team conducted an aerial reconnaissance and attempted to summit via the North Ridge, reaching 8,570 meters (28,100 ft) before turning back.



1936

An attempt hampered by early monsoon conditions, preventing significant progress.



1938

Led by Bill Tilman, this expedition reached the North Col but was forced to retreat due to adverse weather and snow conditions.



1950

With Tibet under Chinese control, Nepal opened its borders, allowing climbers to approach Everest from the south.



1951

Led by Eric Shipton, this team explored the southern approach via the Khumbu Icefall, laying the groundwork for future ascents.



1952

Swiss climbers, including Raymond Lambert and Tenzing Norgay, reached 8,595 meters (28,199 ft) on the southeast ridge before turning back.



1953

On May 29, Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest via the South Col route.



1956

A Swiss team achieved the second and third ascents of Everest, with climbers Ernst Schmied and Jürg Marmet summiting on May 23, followed by Dölf Reist and Hansruedi von Gunten on May 24.



1960

1960 – First Ascent from the North Ridge
A Chinese team achieved the first ascent from the north side of Everest, reaching the summit via the North Ridge on May 24.



1963

An American expedition successfully reached the summit, with Jim Whittaker becoming the first American to do so. Later, team members Tom Hornbein and Willi Unsoeld completed the first traverse of Everest, ascending via the West Ridge and descending via the South Col.



1975

Junko Tabei of Japan became the first woman to reach the summit of Everest on May 16.



1978

Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler achieved the first ascent without supplemental oxygen, proving it was possible to climb Everest without bottled oxygen.



1980

Reinhold Messner made the first solo ascent of Everest without supplemental oxygen.



1996

A severe storm led to the deaths of eight climbers during summit attempts, making it one of the deadliest seasons on Everest.



1999

George Mallory's body was discovered at 8,155 meters (26,760 ft) by an expedition searching for evidence of his 1924 climb.



2001

American Erik Weihenmayer became the first blind person to reach Everest's top.



2003

At 70, Japanese climber Yuichiro Miura became the oldest person to reach Everest's summit, and a 15-year-old Sherpa girl, Ming Kipa, became the youngest.



2005

French test pilot Didier Delsalle made aviation and Everest history when he landed his AS350 B3 helicopter on the summit.



2007

The first cellphone call is made from the top of Everest by Rod Baber, a British climber.



2008

On May 22, 2008, Appa Sherpa climbed Everest for the 18th time, breaking his own record for the highest number of successful summits through his career.



2013

In 2013, Yuichiro Miura became the oldest person to reach the summit, at age 80.



2014

On April 18, 2014, a large icefall on Mount Everest's Khumbu Icefall resulted in the deadliest recorded accident on the peak, killing 16 Sherpas.



2015

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal triggered an avalanche on Everest, resulting in 22 deaths at Base Camp.



2016

Climbing resumed with improved safety measures after the disasters of 2014 and 2015.



2017

On May 27, 2017, Kami Rita Sherpa made his 21st climb to the summit with the Alpine Ascents Everest Expedition, one of three people in the world along with Apa Sherpa and Phurba Tashi Sherpa to make it to the summit of Mount Everest 21 times.



2018

807 climbers summited Mount Everest in 2018, including 563 on the Nepal side and 240 from the Chinese Tibet side. This broke the previous record for total summits in a year.



2019

A record number of climbers reached the summit in a single season, leading to concerns about overcrowding and safety.



2020

In March 2020, the Nepalese government suspended all climbing permits for Mount Everest and other peaks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



2021

Nepal resumed issuing climbing permits, totaling 408, while China's side remained closed to foreigners.



2024

Kami Rita Sherpa achieved his 30th summit of Everest on May 22, extending his own record.



2025

The 2025 climbing season began with tragedy, as four climbers, including Subrata Ghosh from India and Philipp Santiago from the Philippines, died due to exhaustion and altitude sickness.





In Memory of Those Who Became One with the Mountain

Everest Eternal

Above the clouds, where silence speaks and snow remembers, there are names the world must never forget.

They were Everest climbers brave souls from every corner of the globe, from distant lands and sacred valleys who rose with strength, purpose, and dreams no storm could shake. They came not to conquer the mountain, but to meet it to know it with every breath, every step, every heartbeat.

Their journey was not just one of altitude, but of spirit. And though their physical form may have fallen to the cold, their essence remains carved into the ridgelines, whispered through the prayer flags, and held in the heart of every climber who dares to follow their path.

Some were legends whose courage redefined the limits of human will. Others were quiet warriors whose names may not fill books, but whose actions echo louder than words. All were bound by a singular truth: that Everest calls only those who carry greatness within.

As we gather for this summit sharing stories, honoring triumphs, and uniting across borders we feel them here with us. In the flutter of the flags. In the stillness before the speeches. In every moment of reflection, their spirits rise with ours.

Their strength fuels our journey.

Their courage lights our path.

Their memory is forever woven into the soul of Everest.



We do not climb alone.

They are the wind at our backs, the fire in our hearts, the summit within us.

Not lost forever guiding, forever eternal.

We remember. We honor. We carry their light forward

In deepest honor and remembrance,

Everest Alliance Nepal



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Adriana Brownlee

Adriana Brownlee is a British mountaineer and adventure athlete renowned for her record-breaking ascents of the world's highest peaks. She summited Mount Everest on May 31, 2021, at the age of 20, marking the beginning of her pursuit to climb all 14 of the world's peaks over 8,000 meters. On October 9, 2024, she completed this remarkable feat by reaching the summit of Shishapangma, becoming the youngest woman to achieve this milestone. Her journey, filled with determination and resilience, has inspired many in the mountaineering community. Beyond climbing, Adriana is dedicated to promoting mental well-being among young adults through her role as an ambassador for the British Inspiration Trust.

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Aditi Vaidya

Aditi Vaidya is an accomplished Indian mountaineer who has made her mark by conquering some of the highest and most challenging mountains across the globe. She successfully summited Mount Everest on May 22, 2019, a defining milestone in her climbing journey. In addition to Everest, her notable achievements include Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, the highest peak in South America; Mount Denali in Alaska, North America's tallest mountain; and Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. These climbs reflect not only her technical skill and physical endurance but also her deep passion for exploring the world's most demanding environments.



Afsaneh Hesamifard

Afsaneh Hesamifard is a distinguished mountaineer who made history by summiting Mount Everest on May 14, 2022, becoming the first Iranian woman to reach the world's highest peak. Her achievement is part of a remarkable climbing career that includes successful ascents of 12 of the 14 eight-thousanders, such as K2, Manaslu, Broad Peak, Annapurna I, Lhotse, Gasherbrum I and II, Nanga Parbat, Dhaulagiri, Makalu, and Shishapangma. Beyond her climbing endeavors, Afsaneh is a certified mountain medicine instructor and a third-degree mountain climbing coach.



Alessandra Pepper

Alessandra Pepper, an elite Australian mountaineer, has established herself as a formidable force in high-altitude climbing. She has successfully summited Mount Everest (May 12, 2011), Manaslu, Annapurna I, Broadpeak, Makalu, K2, and Cho Oyu, with many completed without supplemental oxygen. Her transition to oxygen-free climbs including recent achievements on Annapurna I, Makalu, and Cho Oyu highlights her unmatched determination, endurance, and technical skill. Alessandra's fearless and focused approach to some of the world's most dangerous peaks exemplifies the true spirit of modern mountaineering.

Amit Negi

Amit Negi, a celebrated mountaineer from India, reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 31, 2021. With an impressive portfolio of climbs, his mountaineering accomplishments extend to Mount Kanchenjunga, Mount Annapurna, Mount Trishul, Deo Tibba, and DKD 2. Amit's journey into the world's most formidable mountain ranges reflects a rare blend of technical skill, endurance, and mental strength. His expeditions demand not only physical excellence but also deep resilience, forged through years of preparation and countless challenges at extreme altitudes.



Anuja Vaidya

Anuja Vaidya is a pioneering Indian mountaineer who has earned the prestigious distinction of completing the Seven Summits scaling the highest mountains on each continent. Among these remarkable achievements, she successfully summited Mount Everest on May 22, 2019, a defining moment in her global mountaineering journey. Her other summits include Aconcagua (South America), Denali (North America), Carstensz Pyramid (Oceania), Elbrus (Europe), Vinson (Antarctica), and Kilimanjaro (Africa). Completing the Seven Summits demands extraordinary physical strength, technical skill, and mental resilience qualities.



A Ruhuan

A Ruhuan, a dedicated mountaineer, reached the summit of Mount Everest on March 23, 2025. His previous high-altitude summits include Muztagh Ata and Mount Siguniang in China. A Ruhan's passion for fostering cross-cultural collaboration and driving societal impact led him to this summit. As a content creator focused on social responsibility, he aims to use his platforms to amplify the summit's core values—such as innovation, sustainability, and global cooperation—within the Chinese community. By sharing insightful content, interviews, and actionable takeaways, A Ruhaun hopes to inspire others to engage with these crucial global issues. His work bridges international perspectives with local contexts, motivating individuals and organizations to take meaningful action.

Ashish Gurung

Ashish Gurung reached the summit of Mount Everest on November 5, 2019, and has successfully climbed other major 8000-meter peaks including Lhotse and Manaslu. As an IFMGA-certified mountain guide, he is deeply committed to personal growth and professional excellence in high-altitude mountaineering. His journey in the mountains is driven not only by passion but also by a constant desire to challenge himself, gain valuable experience, and uplift the standards of guiding in extreme environments. For Ashish, every expedition is an opportunity to learn, lead, and share the beauty and responsibility that comes with mountaineering.



Ashish Singh

Ashish Singh achieved his Everest summit on May 23, 2023, marking a milestone in his mountaineering journey. Beyond climbing, he champions environmental preservation in the Himalayas, addressing urgent issues like glacier melting and mountain waste through sustainable tourism and responsible climbing practices. Ashish emphasizes collaborative efforts to reduce ecological impact, partnering with initiatives focused on climate resilience. Central to his mission is youth engagement; he believes empowering younger generations with conservation knowledge ensures lasting protection for fragile ecosystems.



Baljeet Kaur

Baljeet Kaur has redefined the boundaries of Indian mountaineering with her historic 2022 feat summing five 8,000m peaks in just 30 days. A pioneer of oxygen-free ascents, she conquered Manaslu (8,163m) in 2022, alongside groundbreaking climbs of Dhaulagiri (8,167m, 2021) and Pumori (7,161m, 2021). Her tactical precision and mental resilience have positioned her as a global icon. Kaur's philosophy emphasizes the duality of mountaineering: "Audacity to attempt the impossible, and reverence for nature's power." She advocates for ethical practices and safety protocols, inspiring a new generation of climbers to prioritize preparation over recklessness. As a symbol of India's rising prominence in alpine exploration, her legacy transcends summits, fostering a culture of discipline and innovation in extreme-altitude challenges.

Bhawna Dehariya

Bhawna Dehariya, a trailblazing mountaineer from Madhya Pradesh, India, made history in 2023 as the first woman from the state to receive the Vikram Award, its highest sporting honor for her pioneering contributions to adventure sports. This accolade recognizes her historic 2019 Everest summit, where she survived a critical oxygen leak at 8,000 meters by sealing it with her thumb. A Guinness World Record holder for Himalayan advocacy, she has summited four of the Seven Summits, including Kilimanjaro and Aconcagua. Her two-year-old daughter, Siddhi, became the youngest Everest Base Camp visitor. Bhawna champions "Advenger," her philosophy of resilient adventure, inspiring women through TEDx talks.



Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma

Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma, a skilled mountaineer from India, achieved the pinnacle of mountaineering by summiting Mount Everest on June 1, 2021. His ascent not only showcases his exceptional physical endurance but also reflects his unwavering determination and drive for adventure. Through this accomplishment, Bhupathiraju has demonstrated what is possible when perseverance meets passion. His journey serves as a powerful source of inspiration for climbers, reminding them that challenges are merely stepping stones toward greatness. Bhupathiraju's dedication continues to motivate and encourage future mountaineers to reach for the highest peaks, embodying the spirit of exploration and resilience in the face of adversity.



Bikash Karki

Bikash Karki summited Mount Everest on May 20, 2022, marking a major milestone in his mountaineering journey. Representing Nepal's rich climbing legacy, he is deeply committed to knowledge exchange and collaborative growth within the global mountaineering community. Karki believes every expedition teaches humility and resilience, fueling his dedication to continuous learning. Beyond personal achievements, he advocates for improved safety standards, ethical practices, and environmental preservation in Himalayan expeditions. Passionate about mentorship, he actively supports aspiring climbers in navigating high-altitude challenges responsibly.

Bishnu Bhusal

On December 5, 2022, Bishnu Bhusal made history as the first lawyer from Nepal to summit Mount Everest, championing the message of "Climate Justice." Prior to Everest, he also summited Ramdung Peak in 2021. With a deep passion for both mountaineering and social responsibility, Bishnu exemplifies the powerful intersection of legal advocacy and adventure. His achievements reflect not just personal ambition, but also a commitment to raising awareness of environmental and climate issues through high-altitude exploration. By using his expeditions as a platform for change, Bishnu continues to inspire others to align their passions with purpose.



Cao Jun

With more than 35 years of climbing experience, Cao Jun stands as one of China's most accomplished high-altitude mountaineers. His impressive record includes summiting Mount Everest on May 17, 2013, along with successful ascents of Cho Oyu (2017), Muztagh Ata (2011), Mount Vinson (2010), Carstensz Pyramid (2006), and Mount Elbrus (2004). Jun's long-standing commitment to mountaineering reflects not only his technical expertise but also an unwavering passion for exploration. His career spans continents and decades, demonstrating remarkable endurance and a deep respect for the mountains. Widely respected in the climbing community, Cao Jun inspires climbers across generations with his achievements, discipline, and lifelong dedication to pushing boundaries.



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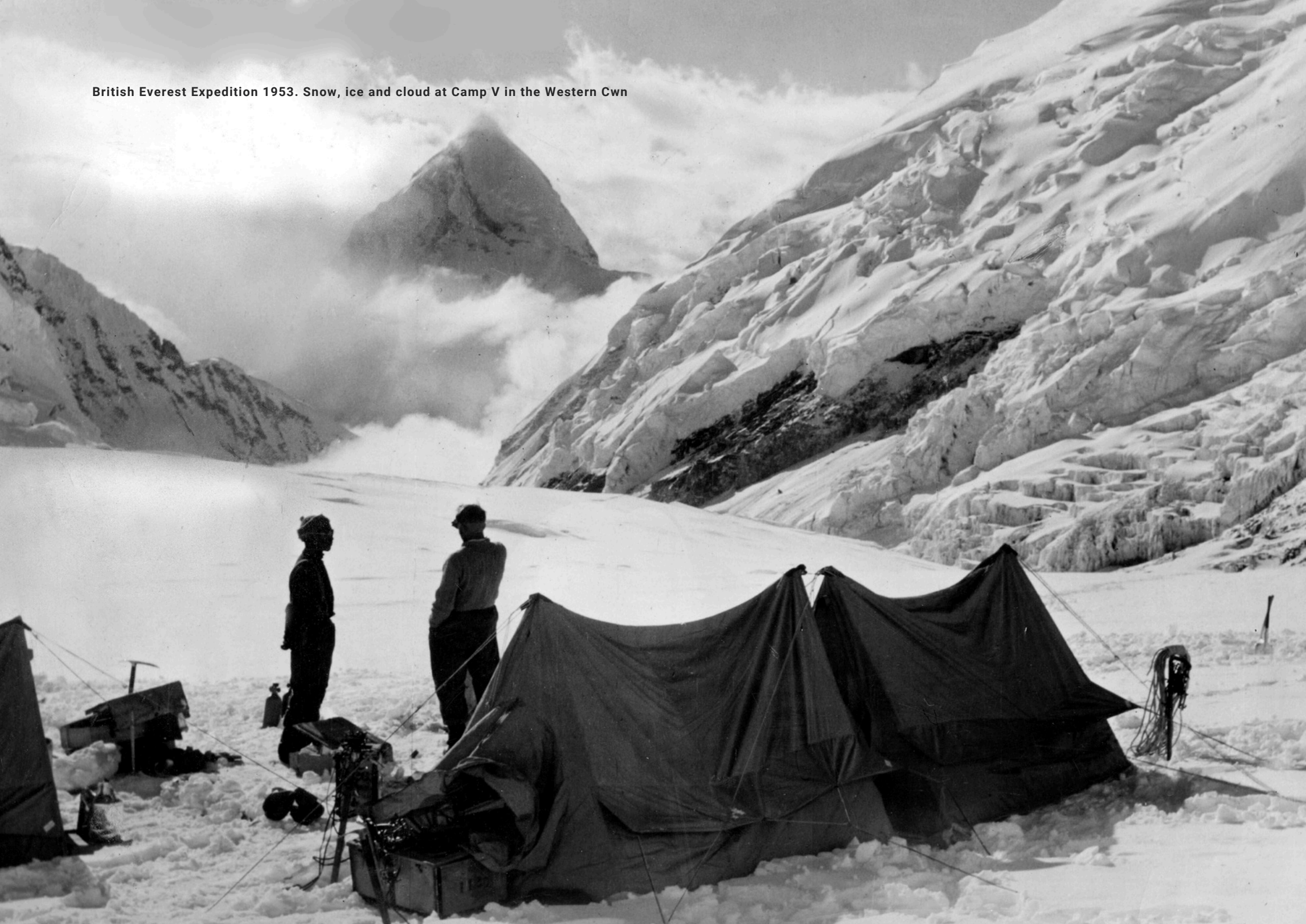
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The British expedition that conquered Mount Everest in May 1953.



British Everest Expedition 1953. Snow, ice and cloud at Camp V in the Western Cwm





Che Linping

Che Linping reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 15, 2019, marking a significant milestone in his climbing career. His experience in high-altitude mountaineering includes notable ascents such as Muztagh Ata, Lobuche East, and Yuzhu Peak. With each climb, Che has demonstrated not only technical skill but also a deep passion for exploration and personal growth through adversity. His dedication to mountaineering reflects a mindset focused on resilience, careful preparation, and respect for the natural world. The mountains, for Che, are more than physical challenges—they are places of reflection, endurance, and transformation. His journey continues to inspire those who strive to rise beyond limits and seek clarity amidst the clouds.

Chen Tao

On March 25, 2025, Chen Tao from China reached the summit of Mount Everest, adding another milestone to his impressive list of high-altitude achievements. He has also summited K2, Lhotse, Makalu, and achieved six successful ascents of Manaslu demonstrating not just endurance, but exceptional consistency in some of the world's most demanding environments. With a strong foundation in technical climbing and a drive for continuous growth, Chen seeks to stay updated on new trends, safety protocols, and gear innovations. For him, mountaineering is not only about personal challenge, but also about staying connected to the evolving global climbing community. His journey stands as a testament to what's possible through focus, preparation, and passion for the high mountains.



Cheng Wei

Chinese climber Cheng Wei reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 11, 2021, marking a remarkable achievement in his mountaineering journey. In addition to Everest, he has also conquered Manaslu, the eighth-highest mountain in the world, reflecting his strong commitment to exploring some of the world's most demanding peaks. Known for his resilience and quiet determination, Cheng exemplifies the qualities of a true high-altitude adventurer. His mountaineering path reflects not only physical endurance but also a deep respect for the mountains and the challenges they present. With each expedition, Cheng continues to grow his legacy as a committed and capable climber.



Chinmei Zhu

Chinmei Zhu, an accomplished Chinese mountaineer, successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 17, 2023, cementing her place among the elite climbers of the world. In addition to Everest, she has conquered Banji Peak, showcasing her versatility and resilience across various challenging terrains. Chinmei's journey is a testament to her unwavering dedication to mountaineering, where she continues to break barriers and push boundaries. Her achievements inspire climbers worldwide, especially those facing adversity, reflecting the spirit of perseverance, hard work, and excellence. With a deep passion for high-altitude exploration.

Chhang Dawa Sherpa

Chhang Dawa Sherpa is a renowned Nepalese mountaineer celebrated for his extraordinary achievements in high-altitude climbing. He, along with his brother Mingma Sherpa, holds the Guinness World Record as the first siblings to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks. Their accomplishment was completed in October 2024 when they also became the first siblings to conquer the Seven Summits—the highest peaks on each continent. Chhang Dawa has led numerous significant expeditions, including the historic K2 Winter Expedition. His dedication to mountaineering extends beyond personal feats, as he has been instrumental in organizing and leading successful climbs, contributing significantly to the global climbing community.



Dawa Finjok Sherpa

Dawa Finjok Sherpa is a renowned high-altitude climbing guide from Lukla, Nepal, celebrated for his remarkable achievements on Mount Everest. He gained international recognition after summiting Everest three times within just eight days on May 2024, setting a record for the most ascents in such a short span. With extensive experience across the Khumbu Valley, Karakoram Himalayas, and the Swiss Alps, Dawa has led numerous successful expeditions. His commitment to safety and professionalism has made him a trusted guide, including serving as the primary climbing partner for a blind veteran on Everest. Dawa is also known for his role in challenging rescue operations, such as retrieving a body from Everest in 2017, reflecting his deep dedication to mountaineering.



Dawa Futi Sherpa

Dawa Futi Sherpa is a dynamic Nepalese mountaineer and Operations Director who successfully summited Mount Everest in May 2021. As the youngest member of the “Three Sisters, Seven Summits” mission, she and her siblings set a world record by climbing the highest peaks on each continent. During college, she balanced academic pursuits with mountaineering courses, including rock climbing and mountain rescue training. In November 2019, Dawa climbed Ama Dablam alongside her sisters; she went on to summit Kilimanjaro and Elbrus in 2022. Her leadership in guiding international clients through remote Nepalese trekking routes highlights her expertise, resilience, and commitment to sharing Himalayan adventures.

Ding Yesheng

Ding Yesheng, an experienced mountaineer from China, reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 17, 2010. His impressive list of high-altitude ascents includes Cho Oyu (8201m), Muztagh Ata (7546m), Aconcagua (6961m), Kyizi (6206m), Kilimanjaro (5895m), Elbrus (5642m), and Mont Blanc (4808m). With over a decade of global climbing experience, Ding joins this summit to reconnect with the mountaineering community, reflect on his expedition days, and stay updated with new developments in the climbing world. He also looks forward to revisiting the cultural richness of Kathmandu and exchanging stories with fellow climbers from around the world. His journey reflects pure physical endurance.



Dipan Gurung

Dipan Gurung is a dedicated Nepalese mountaineer known for his achievements on some of the world’s most challenging peaks. In 2023, he successfully fixed the route on Mount Everest and has summited Mount Ama Dablam, among numerous other 6,000-meter peaks. As an experienced climber, Dipan works closely with the Nepalese mountaineering community, contributing to safe and successful expeditions. His passion for high-altitude climbing and commitment to the mountains reflect his deep connection to Nepal’s rich mountaineering heritage. Dipan continues to inspire aspiring climbers with his skill, resilience, and dedication to the sport.

The Spirit of Sagarmatha: Stories That Transcend Heights

There is something deeply humbling about standing in the presence of Sagarmatha, Mount Everest. She is not just the highest point on Earth, but as a sacred space where stories of courage, sacrifice, and transformation are written every day. In her silence, she speaks to the depths of who we are and who we might become. She does not demand attention, but commands reflection.

Everest has long been more than a mountain. A magnet for dreamers, a spiritual landmark that draws people from every corner of the world. From every corner of the world, those who come here are not only climbers, they are seekers, storytellers, and ambassadors of hope. With every ascent, they carry personal ambitions, but leave behind something even greater: a connection to a shared human story.

In the shadows of Sagarmatha, lives have been changed not just at the summit, but on the journey. For many, the mountain becomes a mirror, revealing the depths of one's resilience and the truth of one's purpose. The bitter cold, the howling winds, and the weight of every step taken at extreme altitudes strip away the superficial, leaving behind only clarity, strength, and a deep sense of connection. To nature. To people. To something far greater than oneself.

And in these unspoken reflections, we find the stories that transcend height.

We see the quiet resilience of the Sherpa community often unseen, yet utterly essential, whose names may not always make headlines but their strength, wisdom, and generosity make every summit possible. Inherited over generations, is woven into every rope, every rescue, every gesture of calm in a storm. They are not just guides; they are guardians. Their courage, compassion, and cultural wisdom have made it possible for thousands to dream big and ascend safely. Their spirit is Everest's heartbeat

There are also stories of boldness not against nature, but against limitation. Women who challenge history's silence to carve their place on the slopes. Climbers with disabilities who rise higher than doubt ever thought they could. Teams who trade ego for empathy, understanding that in the thin air of extreme altitude, the greatest summit is not individual glory, but shared success.

The Everest Summiteers Summit is about more than records or achievements. It's about honoring the human spirit. It brings together those who have walked in the clouds and returned with a deeper understanding of life's fragility and its immense beauty, bringing back not just photographs and flags, but wisdom. Here, languages may differ, but the heartbeat is the same. It is a summit not just of climbers, but of souls who believe in dreaming without borders

As we honor these achievements, let us also carry forward a shared responsibility: to protect this sacred mountain and the communities that live in its shadow. Sagarmatha is generous, but vulnerable. Her trails wear the weight. Her glaciers are receding. Her trails wear the weight of footprints not always made in care. Her villages welcome the world with open arms, yet quietly wonder who will stand with them when the mountain grows silent and the storms return.

The responsibility is ours. To protect her. To honor her not only in memory, but in action. To ensure that future generations may still look to her unchanged, untouched, unsilenced. In the spirit of Sagarmatha, let us continue to climb not only summits, but toward each other. Toward understanding. Toward a shared future where courage isn't just about summits reached, but bridges built.



SHRADDHA CHHETRI







Fan Qian

Fan Qian is an accomplished Chinese mountaineer known for his success on some of the world's most formidable peaks. On May 18, 2023, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on Earth, a testament to his physical endurance and technical expertise. In addition to Everest, he has also climbed Muztagh Ata, a 7,546-meter peak in China's Pamir Range. Also nicknamed the "Father of Ice Mountains," Muztagh Ata poses a distinct challenge due to its high elevation and remote location. Fan Qian's ascents reflect not only his strength and resilience in extreme environments but also his deep passion for mountaineering. His dedication to pushing limits continues to inspire climbers across the globe.

Gelje Sherpa

Gelje Sherpa is a renowned Nepalese high-altitude mountaineer, celebrated for his remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication to the climbing community. He began his mountaineering journey at a young age, progressing from a kitchen boy to a porter, and eventually becoming an "Icefall Doctor" on Everest, where he prepared routes through the treacherous Khumbu Icefall. Gelje gained international recognition as the youngest member of the historic Nepali team that achieved the first winter ascent of K2 on January 16, 2021. He has successfully summited all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks, including a notable ascent of Cho Oyu via a new route on the Nepal side, now known as the 'Gelje Couloir'.



Hari Budha Magar

Hari Budha Magar is a Nepalese mountaineer and former Gurkha soldier who made history on May 19, 2023, by becoming the first double above-knee amputee to summit Mount Everest. After losing both legs to an IED explosion in Afghanistan in 2010, he defied expectations by conquering peaks such as Mera Peak, Chulu Far East, Mont Blanc, Kilimanjaro, Denali, and Aconcagua. His Everest ascent not only shattered physical barriers but also challenged societal perceptions of disability. Hari's journey from a remote village in Nepal to the world's highest peak exemplifies resilience and determination, inspiring many to overcome their own challenges and conquer their dreams. He is currently in the process of conquering seven summits, of which Puncak Jaya and Mt Vinson are left.



He Jing

He Jing, a mountaineer from Xi'an, China, made history on October 9, 2024, by becoming the first Chinese climber to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks without the use of supplementary oxygen. Her journey began in 2016 with Cho Oyu and concluded with Mount Shishapangma. Along the way, she faced numerous challenges, including a failed summit attempt on Mount Everest in 2021. Demonstrating unwavering determination, she returned in 2022 and successfully reached the summit without the use of supplement oxygen. Her achievement is not only a remarkable display of strength and perseverance but also serves as an inspiration for climbers around the world—especially women pursuing high-altitude mountaineering.

Hu Jie

Hu Jie solidified his place in mountaineering history on May 17, 2010, conquering Everest and later summing K2 (8,611m), the world's second-highest peak. His achievements underscore adaptability across the Himalayas' most treacherous terrains, earning recognition as a pioneer of China's alpine pursuits. Beyond summits, Jie advocates for sustainable practices, emphasizing the delicate balance between human ambition and environmental preservation. "Mountains demand respect, not dominance," he asserts, merging technical rigor with reverence for nature. His journey marked by perseverance and meticulous preparation reflects China's growing influence in global mountaineering.



Hu Tao

Hu Tao is a distinguished mountaineer from China who reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 21, 2017. His climbing achievements include formidable peaks such as Lhotse, Annapurna, and Makalu, underscoring his relentless pursuit to conquer all 14 of the world's mountains above 8,000 meters. Beyond the summits, Hu Tao serves as a board member of the China Adventure Association, where he plays a pivotal role in promoting adventure tourism and enhancing cultural exchange between China and Nepal. With each expedition, Hu continues to inspire the global climbing community through his passion, resilience, and commitment to fostering international mountaineering collaboration.



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Hong Danhong

Hong Danhong, a passionate adventurer, reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 12, 2024. While she hasn't yet climbed other high-altitude peaks, her determination to learn and grow in the world of mountaineering drives her forward. Her participation in the Everest summit is rooted in her ambition to deepen her understanding of climbing and to meet like-minded individuals who share her passion. Hong danhong is eager to build connections and exchange knowledge with fellow climbers, making this event not just a personal achievement, but also an opportunity for valuable exchanges within the mountaineering community. Her journey is a testament to the power of curiosity and the importance of fostering friendships along the way.

Hong Genglong

Hong Genglong has cemented his legacy in mountaineering with his historic Everest summit on May 11, 2021, and the 2018 ascent of Muztagh Ata (7,546m). Renowned for his technical precision and resilience, Hong thrives in the world's most demanding alpine environments. His journey is fueled by a commitment to collaborative growth, as he emphasizes the value of exchanging knowledge within the climbing community. "Mountains teach us humility and perseverance," he asserts, advocating for sustainable practices and mentorship. Hong's achievements highlight China's rising prominence in global mountaineering, blending traditional discipline with modern techniques.



Huang Chunyan

Huang Chunyan reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 22, 2017, after climbing some of the world's most challenging peaks, including Siguniang Mountain, Muztagh Ata, Manaslu, and Kilimanjaro. Her climbing journey is more than just personal achievement, it's about sharing experiences and promoting mountaineering spirit. Huang's book, *My Everest*, is a climbing epic that chronicles her detailed experience of summiting Everest and Manaslu, capturing the difficulties, physical challenges, and her deep connection with nature. The book also shares her friendship with teammates and the profound respect for the mountains. Through her work, Huang seeks to inspire future climbers and raise awareness about environmental responsibility in mountaineering.



Huang Shilun

On May 27, 2024, Huang Shilun successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest, adding to his achievements on high-altitude peaks such as Manaslu and Cho Oyu. A dedicated mountaineer and environmental advocate, Huang uses each expedition as a platform to promote the values of outdoor exploration and sustainability. His belief that “caring for the environment starts with me” drives both his climbing philosophy and broader mission. Beyond personal accomplishment, Huang sees mountaineering as a means to inspire responsible adventure, where the thrill of reaching the top is balanced with the duty to protect the natural world.

Jeetendra Regmi

Jeetendra Regmi is a distinguished Nepali mountaineer known for his accomplishments in the field of high-altitude climbing. On May 22, 2024, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. In addition to this monumental achievement, he has also successfully climbed Yalung Ri, a striking peak in the Kanchenjunga region of eastern Nepal. These expeditions speak to Jeetendra’s unwavering commitment, endurance, and mountaineering expertise. His passion for the Himalayas and consistent pursuit of challenging adventures continue to inspire fellow climbers and outdoor enthusiasts across Nepal and beyond.



Jia Linchang

Jia Linchang, a distinguished mountaineer from China, has proven his expertise through successful ascents of some of the world’s most demanding peaks. On May 20, 2019, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on Earth, showcasing exceptional endurance and focus. He also climbed Mount Muztagh-Ata, a remote and formidable peak known for its altitude and harsh conditions. Linchang’s mountaineering accomplishments speak to his strong will, technical knowledge, and deep connection to the mountains. His continued efforts to explore high-altitude regions serve as an inspiration to climbers around the world, reflecting the spirit of adventure and the relentless pursuit of personal and physical limits.



Jenjen Lama

Jenjen Lama is a seasoned Nepali mountaineer known for his impressive achievements across some of the world's most formidable peaks. He reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 12, 2018, demonstrating his strength and skill at the highest level. In addition to Everest, Jenjen has successfully climbed Ama Dablam, one of the most technically demanding peaks in the Himalayas, and Mount Muztag Ata (7,546 meters) in China, a significant challenge in the Pamir Range. These climbs reflect his determination, endurance, and deep passion for high-altitude exploration. Jenjen's mountaineering journey continues to inspire others, especially in the climbing communities of Nepal and beyond.

Jyoti Ratre

Jyoti Ratre, a mountaineer from Madhya Pradesh, India, achieved her lifelong dream by summiting Mount Everest on May 19, 2024, becoming the oldest Indian woman to do so. Balancing family life and a small business, she discovered her passion for mountaineering at the age of 49. Despite societal expectations and age barriers, Jyoti trained independently, conquering peaks like Mount Elbrus, Kilimanjaro, Aconcagua, and Kosciuszko. Her second attempt at Everest tested her endurance and belief, but she reached the summit and proudly unfurled the Indian tricolor. Jyoti's remarkable journey from a middle-class upbringing to the world's highest peak is a powerful message that age is never a limitation.



Kalpana Maharjan

Kalpana etched her name in mountaineering history on May 23, 2019, when she summited Everest, Nepal's crown jewel. As a representative of her nation's rich climbing legacy, she emphasizes the importance of giving back to the alpine community. "Contributing to the mountains that shaped me is my calling," she shares, reflecting her commitment to safeguarding Himalayan ecosystems and traditions. While her portfolio focuses on Everest, Kalpana's journey embodies the spirit of perseverance intrinsic to Nepali climbers. She champions inclusivity in adventure sports, particularly encouraging women to break barriers in male-dominated fields. Her story rooted in humility and cultural pride resonates with climbers globally.



British Everest 1953 Expedition Hillary and Tensing on arrival back at the advanced based. June 19/1953.

Hillary and Tenzing, resting on the South Col on their descent, shows the size of the packs they carried. June 29, 1953.





Kami Rita Sherpa

Kami Rita Sherpa is a legendary Nepali mountaineer known for his extraordinary achievements in high-altitude climbing. Since his first summit of Mount Everest in 1994, he has set the world record with 30 successful ascents as of May 22, 2024. Beyond Everest, he has also climbed formidable peaks such as K2, Cho Oyu, Manaslu, and Lhotse. His vast experience has made him a trusted guide, playing a vital role in ensuring climber safety in the Himalayas. Kami Rita continues to push the limits, preparing for his 31st Everest summit, solidifying his place among the greatest mountaineers in history.

Kanchhi Maya Tamang

Kanchhi Maya Tamang, hailing from Bhotang, Sindhupalchowk, Nepal, achieved the remarkable feat of becoming the first woman from her community to summit Mount Everest on May 21, 2017. A survivor of human trafficking, she has climbed Everest three times and other significant peaks, using her expeditions to raise awareness about women's rights and education. Her advocacy is further demonstrated through her role as chairperson of the Save the Child Foundation Nepal, where she provides educational opportunities to over 30 students from remote areas of the Himalayas. Her journey continues to inspire women and girls worldwide.



Karma Sherpa

Karma Sherpa is a seasoned Nepali mountaineer who successfully summited Mount Everest on May 23, 2017, demonstrating exceptional skill, endurance, and determination. In addition to Everest, he has also reached the summits of other major Himalayan peaks, including Manaslu, Dhaulagiri, and Ama Dablam. His accomplishments across these formidable mountains reflect his deep commitment to the craft of high-altitude climbing. Karma values the spirit of camaraderie within the mountaineering community and is passionate about connecting with fellow climbers. Motivated by the desire to hear and share the voices of mountain heroes, he continues to play an inspiring role in Nepal's proud mountaineering legacy.



Korikala Venkata Suryaprakash

Korikala Venkata Suryaprakash, a pioneering Indian alpinist, has conquered Everest (2018), Elbrus, and Kilimanjaro the tallest peaks of Asia, Europe, and Africa. His expeditions highlight technical versatility, from navigating Everest's Khumbu Icefall to traversing Kilimanjaro's volcanic scree. Born in 1994, Suryaprakash embodies the spirit of modern mountaineering, blending physical endurance with cultural curiosity. He advocates for responsible adventure tourism, emphasizing environmental stewardship and community engagement in mountain regions. "Mountains connect humanity," he asserts, promoting cross-cultural collaboration among climbers. Beyond summits, Suryaprakash focuses on mentoring aspiring adventurers and sharing strategies for high-altitude survival.

Kaji Sherpa

Kaji Sherpa, a renowned Nepalese climber, made headlines in 1998 by claiming the fastest ascent of Mount Everest, reaching the summit from Base Camp in just 20 hours and 24 minutes. His approach mirrored that of earlier record-holder Marc Batard, climbing primarily at night with minimal rest at established camps. Kaji's remarkable speed and endurance remains widely respected in the mountaineering community. His 1998 ascent continues to inspire a new generation of speed climbers, with many considering his time the benchmark to beat in the pursuit of rapid, high-altitude ascents.



Kristin Harila

Kristin Harila is a record-breaking Norwegian mountaineer known for her extraordinary accomplishments in high-altitude climbing. In 2023, she made history by becoming the fastest person to summit all 14 of the world's highest peaks above 8,000 meters, completing this monumental feat in just 92 days. Her journey included Mount Everest and Lhotse, which she summited within an astonishing eight hours. Harila's achievement surpassed the previous record held by Nirmal Purja and captured the admiration of the global mountaineering community. With unmatched determination, physical endurance, and mental strength, she has emerged as one of the most inspiring figures in modern mountaineering, redefining what is possible in the realm of extreme adventure and high-altitude expeditions.



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Climate Change and Mountain Tourism in Nepal: Challenges, Responses, and the Way Forward

Nepal, the jewel of the Himalayas, has long been a haven for trekkers, climbers, and nature lovers. Home to eight of the world's 14 highest peaks, including Mount Everest (Sagarmatha), Nepal's pristine landscapes, vibrant cultures, and rich biodiversity have drawn adventurers from across the globe. However, the escalating impacts of climate change are now threatening the very core of Nepal's mountain tourism industry.



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The Rising Threat: Climate Change in the Himalayas

Nepal is experiencing the effects of climate change more rapidly than many other regions of the world. The Himalayan region is warming at nearly twice the global average. Glaciers are retreating at alarming rates, resulting in the formation of glacial lakes prone to sudden outburst floods. Traditional trekking routes are becoming increasingly unstable due to landslides, thawing permafrost, and unpredictable weather patterns.

Trekkers and climbers now face growing risks from erratic snowfall, avalanches, rockslides, glacier collapses, and rapid weather changes. Iconic trails like the Everest Base Camp Trek and the Annapurna Circuit have already suffered from trail damages and infrastructure stress. The 2012 flood in Pokhara, the 2017 flood in the Barun River in Makalu, the 2021 avalanche in Mustang, and the recent glacier-related disaster in Khumbu (Thame flood on August 16, 2024) all highlight the increasing vulnerability of mountain regions for both visitors and local communities.

These impacts pose serious safety concerns and also threaten Nepal's economy. Tourism contributes nearly 8% of the national GDP, with mountain tourism being a major component. Continued degradation of the mountain environment could endanger Nepal's standing as a world-renowned adventure destination.

Sagarmatha Sambah: A National Dialogue with Global Relevance

In response to these growing threats, Nepal has taken proactive steps to elevate the climate change dialogue. One landmark initiative is the Sagarmatha Sambah, an international platform initiated by the Government of Nepal. The first edition was successfully held from May 16–18, 2025, in Kathmandu.

Sagarmatha Sambah, meaning 'Everest Dialogue,' brought together global experts, Himalayan nations, development partners, scientists, and tourism stakeholders. The event underscored the critical link between climate change and the sustainability of mountain tourism. It served as a global call for climate justice, equitable financing, and international cooperation to address high-mountain vulnerabilities. Nepal's leadership in convening such a forum from the 'roof of the world' demonstrated its commitment to leading global climate action.

What Nepal Can Do Better?

While Nepal has made important strides, stronger and more comprehensive efforts are needed to address the multifaceted challenges of climate change in tourism. Key actions include:

1. **Early Warning Systems and Infrastructure Resilience:** Invest in resilient infrastructure and improve forecasting systems to reduce GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) risks.
2. **Satellite Monitoring of Glacier Dynamics:** Regular satellite imaging of major climbing routes can help monitor glacier movement and enhance climber safety.
3. **Glacial Lake Risk Reduction:** As done with Tsho Rolpa and Imja Lake, more than 20 potentially dangerous glacial lakes must be lowered to safe levels. Such lakes can be used for hydropower generation, turning threats into economic opportunities.
4. **Eco-Friendly Tourism Policies:** Enforce green trekking guidelines, ban single-use plastics in protected areas, and promote eco-lodges and sustainable transport.

5. **Community Empowerment:** Provide local communities with training in climate adaptation and sustainable tourism to reduce economic dependence on trekking alone.
6. **Preserving Local Culture:** Address the outmigration of high-mountain communities by creating incentives to preserve cultural heritage and promote community-based tourism.
7. **Scientific Research and Data Sharing:** Strengthen partnerships with international research institutions to inform policy and planning through real-time environmental monitoring.
8. **Knowledge Sharing and Indigenous Wisdom:** Incorporate local knowledge into trekking safety briefings and climate adaptation strategies. Host forums and sessions with global scholars to adopt best practices.
9. **Sustainable Base Camp Models:** Implement climate-resilient infrastructure in major mountain base camps, as proposed by the NeverRest project.
10. **Carbon-Neutral Tourism:** Launch national campaigns for reforestation, carbon offsetting, and eco-conscious travel, aiming to make Nepal a carbon-neutral trekking destination.

Becoming a Global Leader in Safe, Sustainable Mountain Tourism

Nepal is uniquely positioned to serve as a global leader in climate-resilient tourism. By harmonizing conservation efforts with responsible tourism development, the country can become a living laboratory for climate adaptation in mountain regions.

Government-led conservation efforts, such as the creation and management of national parks and protected areas, are already contributing to biodiversity preservation and tourism growth. The Annapurna Conservation Area, Sagarmatha National Park, and Chitwan National Park are prime examples of how nature-based tourism can be both economically rewarding and environmentally responsible.

Furthermore, platforms like the Adventure Travel Mart, Buddhism International Travel Mart (BITM), recent Visit Nepal campaigns, and various community-led ecotourism programs highlight Nepal's commitment to sustainable tourism development. These initiatives must now be scaled up, integrated into national climate policies, and supported by strong political will and international cooperation.

As the world watches the Himalayas melt, Sagarmatha Sambad and Nepal's climate initiatives offer a powerful blueprint. With innovation, resilience, and unity, Nepal can not only safeguard its mountains but also inspire the world with a bold model for climate-smart, safe, and sustainable tourism.





Lakpa Dendi Sherpa

Lakpa Dendi Sherpa, a seasoned Nepali mountaineer, has summited Mount Everest 11 times and has scaled peaks above 8000m a total 31 times, showcasing exceptional technical skill and endurance. His deep-rooted connection to the Himalayas and years of experience navigating its most formidable peaks make him a respected figure in global mountaineering. Beyond the summits, Lakpa embodies the values of humility, perseverance, and ethical climbing. As a guardian of Himalayan traditions and culture, he continues to inspire a new generation of climbers with his unwavering commitment to safety, environmental responsibility, and the true spirit of high-altitude exploration.

Li Chunsheng

Li Chunsheng stands out as the first individual from China's beauty industry to summit Mount Everest on May 16, 2025, merging his passion for adventure with professional leadership. He serves as General Manager of Hairdressing at Shenzhen Shounao Beauty & Hairdressing Chain and holds key roles such as Vice President of the China Hairdressing & Beauty Association and the Asia Hairdresser Association (China Region). Beyond his professional accomplishments, Li has successfully climbed Manaslu, Mount Elbrus, Kilimanjaro, Haba Snow Mountain, Yuzhu Peak, and other significant peaks. His journey exemplifies a rare blend of dedication to both career and extreme mountaineering, inspiring excellence in all pursuits.



Li Shengtao (Muzi)

Li Shengtao, also known as Muzi, is a climber and paraglider pilot from Gansu, currently residing in Tibet. On May 18, 2023, he achieved a groundbreaking feat by launching a motorless solo paraglider from an altitude of 8,000 meters on the South Col of Mount Everest. This bold and technically challenging endeavor marked the first time a Chinese individual flew at such an extreme height on Everest. Li's achievement showcases not only his mountaineering experience but also his passion for pushing the boundaries of adventure sports. His journey represents innovation, courage, and the pursuit of extraordinary goals in the Himalayas.



Li Xiangping

On May 21, 2007, Li Xiangping stood atop Mount Everest, an achievement that reflects his deep commitment to mountaineering. Having also summited Mt. Cho Oyu, one of the world's 8,000-meter giants, Li brings valuable high-altitude experience to the climbing community. He is particularly passionate about fostering cross-cultural dialogue among Everest summiteers from different nations. For him, the mountain is more than a physical challenge—it's a platform for global connection and mutual respect. His approach to climbing is grounded in discipline, teamwork, and above all, safety. Li believes that sharing insights and learning from others not only enhances technical skills but also builds lasting friendships.

Lin Zhiyong

Lin Zhiyong achieved his Everest summit on April 30, 2022, marking a milestone in China's mountaineering legacy. His portfolio includes ascents of Manaslu (8,163m) and Cho Oyu (8,188m), showcasing adaptability across Himalayan terrains. A disciplined alpinist, Zhiyong emphasizes meticulous preparation and respect for mountain ecosystems. Invited by the Shenzhen Climbing Association, he advocates for collaborative growth within the climbing community, mentoring aspirants to prioritize safety and ethics. "Mountains test both body and spirit," he reflects, underscoring the balance between ambition and humility. His journey—rooted in technical precision and cultural pride—highlights China's evolving role in global mountaineering.



Liu Qiucheng

On May 21, 2024, Liu Qiucheng stood atop Mount Everest, marking a pinnacle moment in a journey that also includes ascents of Muztagh Ata, Yuzhu Peak, Elbrus, and Lobuche East. Her climbing reflects more than personal endurance, it is about forging lasting connections and embracing the deep bond shared by those who chase heights together. Having visited Nepal twice, she cherishes the special stories and cultural experiences that shaped her path. Liu climbs for the love of adventure, the joy of friendship, and the spirit of continual self-improvement. She believes that through mutual understanding, climbers from all backgrounds can become lifelong companions united by the mountains and their shared dreams.



Liu Yongzhong

Liu Yongzhong, an accomplished climber from Shenzhen, Guangdong, is a passionate outdoor adventurer with a career spanning decades. He has summited Mount Everest three times: first from the north side in 2009, followed by two successful ascents from the south side in 2019 and 2024. Between 2009 and 2018, Liu achieved the extraordinary feat of climbing all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks. He has also reached the highest summits on five continents, including Asia, Europe, Africa, Oceania, and South America. From 2017 to 2023, he completed a full cycling tour around China, exemplifying his enduring spirit of adventure and exploration.

Liu Zheng

Liu Zheng, a dedicated Chinese mountaineer, summited Mount Everest on October 2, 2018, showcasing his strength and determination in high-altitude climbing. He has also successfully ascended Cho Oyu, further establishing his capability to take on some of the world's most demanding peaks. Liu's commitment to extreme exploration reflects not only technical skill but also deep personal resolve. His mountain journeys continue to inspire climbers worldwide, especially those drawn to the spirit of endurance and adventure. Through every ascent, Liu Zheng reinforces the values of perseverance and passion that define the true essence of mountaineering.

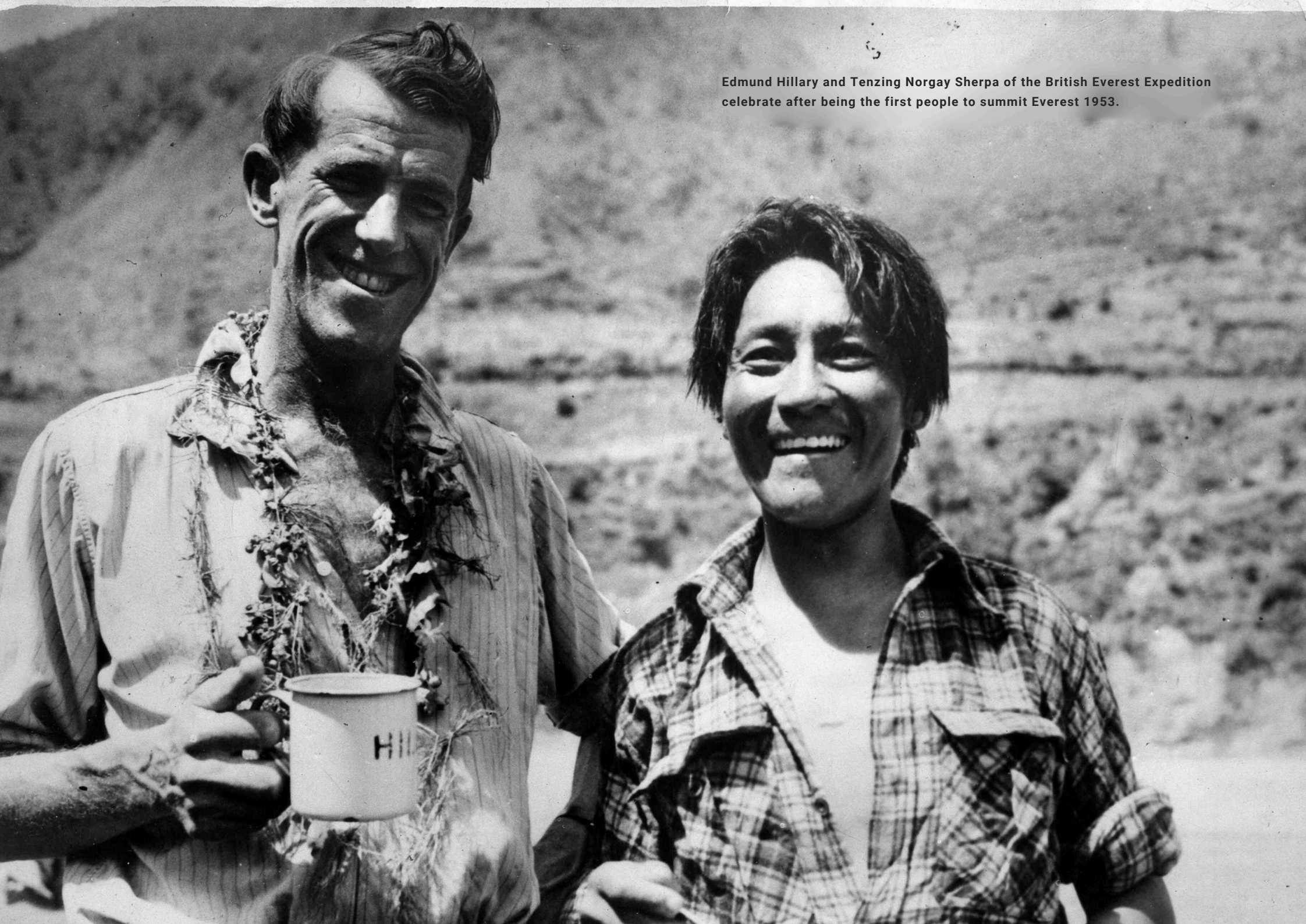


Long Jiang

Long Jiang summited Mount Everest on October 6, 2013, and has gone on to conquer several other major Himalayan peaks, including Manaslu, Makalu, Annapurna, and Cho Oyu. A passionate and seasoned climber from China, Long brings with him years of mountaineering experience and a deep appreciation for the challenges of high-altitude expeditions. He sees this gathering as an invaluable chance to meet other Everest summiteers, engage in meaningful conversations, and listen to the remarkable journeys that define the spirit of mountaineering. For Long, sharing stories and exchanging knowledge with fellow climbers is as enriching as the summits themselves.



Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of the British Everest Expedition celebrate after being the first people to summit Everest 1953.





Long Wen

Long Wen, a committed mountaineer from China, has demonstrated remarkable skill and perseverance in the realm of high-altitude climbing. On April 29, 2025, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, the highest peak on Earth a milestone that speaks to their resilience, preparation, and love for the mountains. In addition to Everest, Long Wen has also successfully climbed Island Peak, a challenging Himalayan summit that further showcases his technical ability and adventurous spirit. His achievements highlight a profound dedication to exploration and a deep connection to the Himalayas. Long Wen continues to be an inspiration to the mountaineering community, embodying the courage and determination.

Luo Shen

Luo Shen made history on May 21, 2003, as one of China's foremost mountaineers to summit Everest. His illustrious career includes ascents of K2 (8,611m), Lhotse (8,516m), Makalu (8,485m), Cho Oyu (8,188m), and Shishapangma (8,027m), demonstrating unparalleled skill across diverse Himalayan and Karakoram terrains. A symbol of endurance and precision, Shen's achievements highlight China's growing prominence in global alpinism. Beyond summits, he champions cross-cultural collaboration, fostering friendships within the international climbing community. "Mountains are bridges, not barriers," he asserts, advocating for shared learning and ethical exploration. Shen's legacy lies in merging technical rigor with a spirit of unity, inspiring future generations to pursue high-altitude challenges.



Luo Weijian

Luo Weijian, a renowned Chinese mountaineer, achieved the prestigious summit of Mount Everest on April 30, 2022, one of the most iconic challenges in high-altitude climbing. Her ascent highlights her exceptional strength, resilience, and commitment to mountaineering. This achievement not only marks a significant milestone in her career but also exemplifies the true spirit of perseverance and adventure. Luo's journey to the world's tallest peak serves as an inspiration for climbers around the globe, motivating future generations to pursue their dreams and push their limits, both on and off the mountain.



Luan Yukun

Luan Yukun is an accomplished Chinese mountaineer celebrated for his resilience and consistent achievements in extreme-altitude expeditions. On May 18, 2023, he successfully summited Mount Everest from the northern side of Tibet, one of the most demanding routes due to its challenging terrain and harsh conditions. Demonstrating remarkable endurance and determination, Luan reached the summit once again in 2024, solidifying his standing in the global mountaineering community. These repeated feats highlight not only his technical climbing abilities but also his deep commitment to pushing boundaries in high-altitude exploration. His journey serves as an inspiring example of courage, preparation, and dedication in the face of nature's most extreme environments.

Lukas Furtenbach

Lukas Furtenbach is a pioneering Austrian mountaineer recognized for redefining the standards of modern high-altitude expeditions. He has summited Mount Everest four times—including notable climbs in recent years—alongside successful ascents of Lhotse, Broad Peak, and Cho Oyu. His contributions go beyond personal achievements; Furtenbach is known for introducing advanced expedition models that emphasize safety, efficiency, and innovation. His groundbreaking "Flash™ Expedition" concept, which incorporates pre-acclimatization and optimized oxygen systems, has significantly reduced the duration of traditional climbs while maintaining high safety standards.



Luming Yong

Luming Yong, a passionate mountaineer from China, reached the summit of Mount Everest on March 30, 2025. Motivated by a desire to connect with fellow climbers and broaden his understanding of the global mountaineering community, he values opportunities to observe, learn, and share. His participation is driven by curiosity and a commitment to growth through dialogue and mutual exchange. With prior involvement in the 2024 National Everest Enthusiasts Conference, Luminyong continues to immerse himself in learning opportunities. Though he aims to share his personal experiences in the future, his current focus is on gaining wisdom from the mountaineering fraternity.



Ma Xiao

Ma Xiao is an accomplished Chinese mountaineer with a solid track record of high-altitude expeditions. His mountaineering achievements include summiting Muztagh Ata twice, Cho Oyu, and both the south and north slopes of Mount Everest. His steady progression through challenging peaks demonstrates his strong skills, endurance, and commitment to the sport. Ma Xiao views mountaineering not only as a personal challenge but also as a meaningful way to connect with others. He values the opportunity to engage with fellow climbers, exchange knowledge, and build lasting friendships. His journey reflects a deep passion for exploration and a desire to grow within the global mountaineering community.

Madhusudan Patidar

Madhusudan Patidar is a distinguished Indian mountaineer known for his unwavering dedication and exceptional achievements in high-altitude climbing. He successfully summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2017, marking a significant milestone in his adventurous journey. His accomplishments extend across continents, including notable ascents of Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, Kangyatse I & II, Reponimalai Ri I & II, Hanuman Tibba, Titidhar, Lakdhaki, Friendship Peak, Mt. Edge, Jagatsukh Peak, Norboo Peak, and Meru Africa. Each expedition highlights his technical expertise, resilience, and passion for exploration. Madhusudan's inspiring commitment to mountaineering continues to motivate young climbers in India and around the globe, making him a true ambassador of adventure and determination.



Miao Zhong

Miao Zhong is an accomplished Chinese mountaineer who reached the summit of Mount Everest on June 1, 2021. Born on September 6, 1985, she has built an impressive climbing resume that includes ascents of Denali (6,190m) in North America, Manaslu (8,163m) in the Himalayas, and Mount Kenya (5,199m) in Africa. Zhong has worked with the renowned Arnold Coster Expeditions, demonstrating her technical skills and endurance in extreme high-altitude environments. Her achievements highlight the growing prominence of Chinese climbers in the international mountaineering community. Through her expeditions across multiple continents, Zhong has proven her ability to adapt to diverse alpine conditions while pushing the boundaries of female mountaineering.



Congratulatory Message

The Alpine Sports Federation-Nepal is extremely honored and excited to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Everest Alliance Nepal for the organizing of the Everest Summiteers Summit, which celebrates and acknowledges the bravery of all climbers and professionals especially of Everest Summiteer, enhances the historic Nepal-China friendship, empower international relationship, sustainability and development of trans-Himalayan region and.

Alpine Sports Federation-Nepal is a national federation that has been actively involved in sustainable development, environmental conservation, and enhance nation's prestige and outreach through Alpine, Adventure, Mountain and Tourism Sports. We are proud to be a part of the movement to promote the greatness of our Himalayan region, winter and alpinism.

Nepal, world renowned for being country of the Everest and the Himalayas, is the home to courageous, adventurous and myth-filled Sherpa community. It is the country of brave Gurkhas, land of hospitality, biodiversity and social harmony ranging from high Himalayas to fertile plain Terai. We have the proud heritage of beautiful nature, serpentine rivers and green forest along with religious wonders like birthplace of Lord Buddha; Lumbini, God of God Pashupatinath and living goddess Kumari.

We applaud the efforts of the organizers for bring the group of this adventurous Summiteers from around the world that will then bring forth innovative ideas, long-lasting partnership and future collaboration for the betterment of the Himalaya.

We are excited to join in the talks about Climate Change, Knowledge & Skill Transformation for Climbers, Biodiversity & Environment Conservation, Professional Security & Sustainability of Climbers, Athletes, and Professionals and holistic development of Himalayan through Sports and Tourism.

We would like to once again convey our congratulations in advance on the success of the Summit that will bring positive reforms in the Himalayas and the world.

With best regards,

Govinda Bhattarai
Chairperson



Migmar Sherpa

Migmar Dhondup (Dendi Sherpa) is a highly experienced Nepali climber who summited Mount Everest on May 10, 2024. Serving as the rope-fixing leader for the Everest–Lhotse expedition that year, he played a critical role in ensuring route safety at extreme altitudes. Migmar has also successfully climbed multiple 8,000-meter peaks, including Annapurna I, Nanga Parbat, and Kanchenjunga. His deep knowledge of high-altitude terrain, combined with years of hands-on experience, makes him a respected figure in the mountaineering community. With every summit, Migmar continues to demonstrate resilience, precision, and an unwavering commitment to the spirit of Himalayan climbing.

Mingma Sherpa

Mingma Sherpa, a pioneering Nepali mountaineer, holds the distinction of being the first South Asian to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks without repetitions. His notable ascents encompass Everest (2004), K2, Kangchenjunga, Lhotse, and Makalu, among others. Beyond his climbing feats, Mingma serves as the Chairman of Seven Summit Treks, one of Nepal's leading expedition company. His journey from humble beginnings to becoming a global mountaineering icon exemplifies resilience, dedication, and leadership, inspiring climbers worldwide.



Mingma Gyabu Sherpa

Mingma Gyabu Sherpa, also known as Mingma David, is a distinguished Nepalese mountaineer and rescue climber renowned for his exceptional achievements in high-altitude mountaineering. Born in Taplejung, Nepal, he began his climbing career as a porter and swiftly ascended the ranks to become one of the most accomplished climbers of his generation. He was the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's eight-thousanders until 2024 and holds the Guinness World Record for the fastest ascent of Mount Everest and K2 within 61 days. In January 2021, he was part of the historic Nepali team that achieved the first-ever winter ascent of K2. Beyond his climbing feats, Mingma Gyabu is also recognized for his dedication to mountain rescue operations, having successfully rescued over 100 climbers during his career.



Mingtemba Sherpa

Mingtemba Sherpa (Mikel), one of Nepal's most accomplished mountaineers, holds an extraordinary record of 26 successful ascents of 8000-meter peaks, including five summits of Mount Everest. His unparalleled experience at extreme altitudes showcases his technical mastery, mental resilience, and unwavering dedication to the craft of high-altitude climbing. Known for his calm leadership and strength in the world's harshest environments, Mingtemba's contributions have left an indelible mark on global mountaineering. His achievements reflect not only personal excellence but also the rich legacy of Nepal's Sherpa community, which continues to guide and inspire climbers from around the world, through his legacy.

Nayla Nasir Al-baloushi

Nayla Nasir Al-baloushi made history on May 14, 2022, as the first Emirati woman to summit Everest, cementing her place in mountaineering lore. Beyond the Himalayas, she shattered barriers in diving, becoming the UAE's first certified ice diver (2024) and a respected scuba master. A polymath of adventure, Nayla embodies resilience, balancing free-diving depths with high-altitude extremes. Her philosophy "I'm never ready, but I do it anyway" fuels her pursuit of uncharted challenges. As a role model, she empowers Emirati women to break stereotypes in male-dominated fields. Nayla's journey transcends sport, symbolizing the UAE's rise in global exploration.



Nima Gyalzen Sherpa

Nima Gyalzen Sherpa summited Everest on May 12, 2021, completing his quest to conquer all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters a historic first for Rolwaling. His ascents span K2 (8,611m), Kangchenjunga (8,586m), and Annapurna I (8,091m), alongside technical climbs like Makalu and Lhotse. A vocal advocate for sustainable mountaineering, Sherpa emphasizes conservation and safety protocols in fragile alpine environments. His work bridges traditional Sherpa wisdom with modern practices, promoting community-led initiatives to protect the Himalayas. "Mountains are our heritage, not just challenges," he asserts, mentoring climbers to prioritize respect over conquest.

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Nisha Kumari

Nisha Kumari, a trailblazing Indian athlete, summited Everest on May 17, 2023, and has tackled Himalayan giants like Manaslu. Beyond mountaineering, she cycled 8,000 km from Vadodara, India, to London, UK, advocating for climate action through her initiative "Change Before Climate Change." Her dual commitment to high-altitude exploration and environmental activism reflects a unique fusion of passion and purpose. "Mountains and nature demand our respect," she asserts, promoting sustainable adventure tourism. Kumari's journey marked by physical endurance and advocacy inspires a global audience to balance ambition with ecological responsibility, as a role model for aspiring female adventurers.

Nelly Attar

Nelly Attar, a trailblazing mountaineer from the Lebanon/Saudi Arabia, has left a lasting mark on the world of high-altitude climbing. On May 25, 2019, she summited Mount Everest, joining the ranks of elite climbers who have conquered the world's tallest peak. Her impressive list of achievements also includes summits of Mount K2, Lhotse, Matterhorn, Eiger, Aconcagua, and Elbrus, among others. In 2025 Nelly became the first Arab woman to summit Mount Makalu, the world's fifth highest peak. Nelly's accomplishments reflect not only her physical strength and technical skills but also her relentless passion and resilience in the face of extreme challenges. As a role model for women in adventure sports, she continues to break barriers and inspire countless individuals to chase their dreams and explore the world's highest and most demanding mountains.



Congratulations to all the Everest Summiteers! Your courage and determination inspire us all. As we celebrate your achievements, let us also reaffirm our shared responsibility to protect the fragile mountain ecosystems that are under increasing threat. Together, we can ensure that the majesty of Everest remains for generations to come.

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Pan Feng

Pan Feng, a passionate mountaineer from China, has proven his strength and commitment through a series of remarkable high-altitude expeditions. On April 27, 2025, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain. In addition to Everest, he has also climbed Mount Muztagh-Ata, a striking peak in the Pamir Mountains of Central Asia. His mountaineering experience extends to challenging summits such as Cho Oyu, Ninjingkansha, and Que'er Mountain. Pan Feng's accomplishments highlight his resilience, technical ability, and love for adventure. His journey reflects a deep dedication to the sport of climbing and continues to inspire aspiring mountaineers across borders with his pursuit of the world's most demanding peaks.

Pasang Gelu Sherpa

Pasang Gelu Sherpa is a seasoned Nepali mountaineer with extensive experience across the Himalayas who successfully summited Mount Everest on May 11, 2021. His notable ascents include Dhaulagiri, Ama Dablam, and several other prominent peaks. With years of high-altitude climbing under his belt, he brings deep insight into the physical and mental challenges of the mountains. Pasang believes that mountaineering is not just a profession but a calling — a vital part of his identity. He values opportunities where climbers can come together to share experiences, address important issues, and celebrate their shared journey. His dedication to the mountaineering community reflects a strong commitment to its growth, safety, and recognition.



Pasang Phurba Sherpa

Pasang Phurba Sherpa is a veteran Nepalese mountaineer with extensive experience in high-altitude expeditions. He has successfully summited Mount Everest one time and led climbs on peaks such as Ama Dablam, Lobuche East, Mount Elbrus, and Kilimanjaro. He has completed four of the Seven Summits, showcasing his expertise on both Himalayan and international mountains. Renowned for his leadership, humor, and deep understanding of the mountains, Pasang has guided countless climbers to their goals with a focus on safety and professionalism. His decades of dedication to mountaineering have made him a respected figure in the global climbing community, inspiring many with his knowledge and commitment.



Pema Tasi Tamang

Pema Tasi Tamang is a dedicated mountaineer from Nepal who has earned recognition for his impressive accomplishments in the high Himalayas. Pema summited Mount Everest twice, first in 2023 and again in 2024—an extraordinary demonstration of strength, endurance, and consistency. In 2024, he expanded their mountaineering legacy further by conquering two additional 8000-meter giants: Manaslu and Shishapangma. These accomplishments not only highlight Pema's technical climbing abilities but also underscore his deep passion and resilience in pursuing some of the world's most challenging peaks. His continued efforts in extreme environments inspire both fellow mountaineers and adventure seekers around the world.

Phurba Tenjing Sherpa

Phurba Tenjing Sherpa reached Everest's summit on May 22, 2024, marking his 16th ascent of the peak. With 20+ Everest climbs and three Guinness World Records, he stands among Nepal's most accomplished climbers. A fierce advocate for Sherpa welfare and mountain conservation, Sherpa has pioneered first ascents of peaks like Khang Karpo, Dorje Phagmo, and Bamongo. His portfolio includes technical giants such as Lhotse, Manaslu, and Muztagh Ata. Born into a Rolwaling mountaineering family, he champions climate resilience and ethical practices in Himalayan expeditions. "Mountains demand respect, not conquest," he asserts, merging Sherpa traditions with modern advocacy.



Priti Bhusal

Dr. Priti Bhusal, a trailblazing Nepalese climber and medical professional, reached Everest's summit on December 5, 2022. Balancing her MD residency in General Practice and Emergency Medicine at Kathmandu University, she applies her medical skills as a basecamp doctor for Himalayan Shepherd expeditions. Her climbing achievements span Lobuche East (2021 summit), Manaslu (Camp 4, 2022), and Ama Dablam (Camp 3, 2022). Selected for the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025, Dr. Bhusal exemplifies the synergy of healthcare and high-altitude resilience. Her dual dedication to medicine and mountaineering underscores a commitment to safeguarding adventurers in extreme environments while advancing Nepal's legacy of Himalayan exploration.



Purushottam Nepali

Purushottam Nepali is a dedicated Nepali mountaineer and songwriter who made history as the first police personnel to summit Mount Everest carrying the flags of Nepal Police and Interpol. On May 16, 2023, he reached the summit of Mount Everest. His achievement symbolizes national pride, discipline, and a deep connection to both his profession and passion. In addition to Everest, he has also successfully climbed Lobuche Peak (6,119 meters), further highlighting his mountaineering capabilities. His journey is a powerful blend of courage, creativity, and patriotism. As a climber and lyricist, he brings a unique perspective to the mountains, using his experiences to inspire others and foster pride in Nepal's mountaineering legacy and cultural richness.

Qian Zhu

Qian Zhu is a highly respected mountaineer from China, known for his successful ascents of some of the world's most iconic and demanding peaks. On May 16, 2016, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, demonstrating exceptional endurance, preparation, and resilience at the highest level of climbing. In addition to Everest, Qian has also summited Mount Muztagh Ata, a prominent peak in the Pamir range that presents its own unique set of challenges due to altitude and weather conditions. His achievements reflect a deep commitment to the spirit of adventure and a passion for exploring high-altitude landscapes. Qian Zhu continues to be a source of inspiration to fellow climbers through his unwavering pursuit of excellence in mountaineering.



Qi Wei

Qi Wei is a highly accomplished mountaineer from China, known for his impressive achievements in high-altitude climbing. On May 12, 2024, Qi Wei reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak—an extraordinary feat that highlights his strength, preparation, and perseverance. Beyond Everest, Qi Wei has also completed successful ascents of several iconic mountains within China, including Four Girls Peak, Otaina Snow Mountain, Jade Everest, and Muztag Peak. These challenging climbs demonstrate Qi Wei's advanced mountaineering skills and deep-rooted passion for exploration. His continued pursuit of some of the most demanding summits in the region reflects an inspiring spirit of adventure, making Qi Wei a respected figure in the mountaineering community.





Rabin Karki

Rabin Karki, a dedicated Nepali mountaineer, summited Mount Everest on May 22, 2019, marking a major milestone in his climbing journey. In addition to Everest, he has also successfully scaled Island Peak, reflecting his technical skill and deep-rooted passion for mountaineering. Rabin values not just the challenge of the climb, but also the camaraderie among those who have stood atop the world's highest peak. His motivation to connect with climbers from other countries highlights his respect for the global mountaineering community. His experiences and humility continue to inspire those who share a love for the mountains and the spirit of adventure.

Ratnesh Pandey

Indian mountaineer Ratnesh Pandey reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 21, 2016, capping a mountaineering career that spans peaks across the globe. From Kilimanjaro and Elbrus (four times) to challenging Indian summits like Deo Tibba, Friendship Peak (five times), and Stok Kangri, his expeditions showcase deep resilience and skill. Beyond climbing achievements, Ratnesh is a dedicated advocate for sustainable mountaineering. He has led mountain cleanup efforts in India, retrieving over 2.5 tons of trash, and has witnessed firsthand the environmental changes in regions like the Khumbu Glacier. His ethos blends legacy with responsibility—believing in ethical climbing, global collaboration, and giving back to mountain communities.



Reena Bhatti

Reena Bhatti summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2024, and in just 20.5 hours, also climbed Mount Lhotse, setting a national record as the fastest Indian female mountaineer to complete the Everest–Lhotse expedition. She is the first Indian woman to summit Mount Elbrus from both sides in 24 hours, and the first from her state to scale Snow Leopard Peak, Ama Dablam, Kang Yatse, and Dzo Jonglo in record time. Representing the spirit of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, Reena has carried the Indian flag to unimaginable heights. Her journey reflects fearless passion and commitment to breaking boundaries. For Reena, the mountains are more than summits they are a call to rise above limits. With each ascent, she proves that courage, not gender, defines one's peak.



Sacheen Kumar Khatri

Sacheen Khatri, known as Everester Sacheen Kumar, achieved his Everest summit on May 22, 2024, followed by the Lhotse expedition the same season. His ascents highlight technical proficiency and adaptability in extreme-altitude environments. A lifelong learner, Khatri emphasizes the importance of collective wisdom in mountaineering, advocating for knowledge exchange to enhance safety and sustainability. "The mountains teach patience and humility," he shares, inspiring climbers to prioritize teamwork and respect for nature. Khatri's dedication extends beyond summits; he aims to bridge gaps between seasoned alpinists and emerging adventurers, fostering a culture of mentorship.

Satyarup Siddhanta

Satyarup Siddhanta is a distinguished Indian mountaineer who summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2016, and is among the elite few to complete both the Seven Summits and the Volcanic Seven Summits. His other notable climbs include Mt. Brammah, Gupt Parvat, and Mt. Nelion. Satyarup's contribution to the mountaineering community goes beyond summits—he played a key role in exposing false summit claims in 2016 by providing evidence that helped uphold the integrity of Everest ascents. His commitment to clean, ethical climbing reflects his values and dedication to the true spirit of exploration. Through his journey, Satyarup continues to inspire climbers to pursue adventure with honesty, humility, and respect for the mountains.



Sanu Sherpa

Sanu Sherpa, a legendary Nepalese mountaineer from Makalu, Sankhuwasabha, achieved a historic milestone on July 21, 2022, by becoming the first person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks twice. His mountaineering journey began in 2006 with the ascent of Cho Oyu, and over the years, he has demonstrated exceptional dedication and resilience. Sanu's accomplishments include multiple ascents of Mount Everest, with successful summits in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2025. His remarkable feat of completing double ascents of all 14 eight-thousanders underscores his unwavering commitment to high-altitude climbing and cements his legacy in the annals of mountaineering history.



Shaik Himamsa

Shaik Himamsa, a dedicated Indian alpinist, has conquered Everest (2018), Elbrus (Europe), Kilimanjaro (Africa), and Aconcagua (South America), showcasing his adaptability across diverse terrains. He aims to enhance technical skills in high-altitude rescue, leadership, and expedition tracking. Born in 1995, Himamsa embodies the spirit of modern mountaineering, blending physical endurance with a thirst for knowledge. His participation reflects a commitment to learning from seasoned climbers while contributing to safer, more ethical Himalayan exploration. A firm believer in collaborative growth, he seeks to inspire future adventurers through shared experiences and disciplined practice.

Sharmila Lama

Sharmila Lama, a pioneering Nepali climber, summited Everest on May 22, 2019, cementing her place among Himalayan achievers. Her high-altitude portfolio includes Manaslu (8,163m, 2019), Annapurna I (8,091m, 2021), and Lhotse (8,516m, 2021) all summited with Prestige Expedition Pvt Ltd. Lama aims to redefine expedition leadership and ethical practices while fostering global partnerships. As a role model for Nepal's female mountaineers, she embodies resilience and precision in navigating treacherous terrains. Her participation underscores a commitment to elevating Nepal's mountaineering legacy and empowering the next generation of climbers through shared expertise.



Sheetal Raj

Sheetal Raj redefined boundaries in Indian mountaineering by summiting Everest on May 16, 2019, and Kanchenjunga (8,586m) as the youngest woman to achieve this feat. Her portfolio includes Annapurna I (8,091m) and pioneering ski-mountaineering expeditions, showcasing versatility across ice, rock, and snow. Honored with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award—India's highest recognition in adventure sports—Sheetal embodies perseverance and innovation. "Every climb is a lesson in humility," she reflects, emphasizing respect for nature and sustainable practices. A vocal advocate for women in extreme sports, she mentors aspiring climbers, proving that age and gender are no barriers to high-altitude excellence.



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Shehroze Kashif

Shehroze Kashif, a celebrated Pakistani mountaineer, made history by becoming the youngest Pakistani to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks. His mountaineering journey began at age 17 with Broad Peak and concluded with Shishapangma on October 9, 2024. His notable ascents include Mount Everest on May 11, 2021, and K2 on July 27, 2021, making him one of the youngest climbers to conquer both. Shehroze's determination, resilience, and passion for the mountains have not only set new national records but have also ignited inspiration across Pakistan and the global climbing community. His story reflects the spirit of perseverance and the power of youthful ambition in the world of high-altitude mountaineering.

Shi Lei

Shi Lei reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 18, 2023, adding to his high-altitude accomplishments that include Manaslu. With a profound appreciation for mountains and a spirit anchored in resilience, his climbs embody both technical excellence and a cultural bridge among global climbers. Shi Lei values the rich traditions, stories, and camaraderie found in mountaineering, seeking not only personal growth but also a deeper exchange of climbing culture. For him, every ascent is more than a physical challenge—it is an opportunity to connect with nature and with others who share a similar calling. His continued pursuit of summits reflects both respect for the environment and a deep commitment to the values of global climbing communities.



Sikai Du

Sikai Du, a dedicated mountaineer from China, successfully summited Mount Everest on May 15, 2023. With extensive climbing experience across Asia, his high-altitude achievements include peaks such as Muztagh Ata, Siguniang, Yuzhu Peak, Haba Snow Mountain, Chola Shan, Anemaqen, Nama Peak, and Zhongshan Feng. Driven by a profound love for the mountains and a deep admiration for Nepal's local culture, Sikai has returned to the region multiple times to explore its breathtaking landscapes and connect with its traditions. He believes events like these are valuable in building a global community of climbers and hopes such gatherings continue to flourish. Through his climbs and cultural curiosity, Sikai embodies the true spirit of international mountaineering and cultural exchange.



Simone Moro

Simone Moro is an acclaimed Italian alpinist renowned for his pioneering achievements in high-altitude winter mountaineering. He is the only climber to have completed first winter ascents on four of the world's 8,000-meter peaks: Shishapangma, Makalu, Gasherbrum II, and Nanga Parbat. With over 70 expeditions to his name, Moro has also summited Everest multiple times. Beyond climbing, he is a skilled helicopter pilot who has conducted numerous high-altitude rescues in the Himalayas, including a record-setting long-line rescue on Lhotse. His dedication to both exploration and humanitarian efforts has earned him global recognition, making him a respected figure in the mountaineering community and an inspiration to adventurers worldwide.

Song Xuehua

Song xuehua, an accomplished mountaineer from China, successfully summited Mount Everest on May 18, 2023. In addition to Everest, she has conquered several other significant peaks, including Kilimanjaro in 2025, Elbrus in 2024, and Puncak Jaya in 2024. Through these climbs, she has not only enhanced her own mountaineering skills but also deepened her appreciation for cross-cultural exchanges. With a strong desire to learn more, Songxuehua is dedicated to fostering better relations between China and Nepal. Her journey embodies the spirit of exploration, self-improvement, and mutual understanding. She is excited to share her experiences and learn from fellow mountaineers on this shared platform.



Sujan Gurung

Sujan Gurung is a dedicated Nepali mountaineer who successfully summited Mount Everest on May 14, 2022. With over seven years of experience in high-altitude mountaineering, he has achieved impressive milestones, including two summits of both Everest and Manaslu, five ascents of Ama Dablam, and over ten other peaks above 6,000 meters. Sujan's commitment to guiding and mountaineering reflects his passion for the Himalayas and Nepal's outdoor heritage. He believes in the power of connection and shared experiences within the climbing community and hopes to contribute to the growth of Nepali tourism through meaningful interactions, inspiration, and collective achievements among fellow Everest summiteers.





Suvidha Kadlag

Suvidha Kadlag etched her name in mountaineering history on May 17, 2023, as the first person to carry a traditional sari to Everest's summit. Her high-altitude achievements include ascents of Kangyake 2 (likely K2), Mt. Nun, and Jogin 3, showcasing her technical versatility. A certified mountaineer, ultra-hill runner, and triathlete, Kadlag embodies resilience across disciplines. Beyond climbing, she empowers women through motivational speaking, advocating for cultural preservation and gender equality in adventure sports. "Adventure is a celebration of heritage and courage," she asserts, blending athleticism with cultural symbolism. Her journey from Himalayan trails to global stages highlights India's evolving role in mountaineering, inspiring a generation to pursue bold goals while honoring tradition.

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Taibi Adel

Taibi Adel is a distinguished Moroccan mountaineer known for his outstanding achievements across the world's most formidable peaks. On May 23, 2021, he reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain. In 2023, he successfully ascended K2 (8,611 meters), widely regarded as one of the most difficult mountains to climb. His mountaineering résumé also includes summits of Denali, Mount Elbrus, Aconcagua, Codron Del Plata, and Mount Lenine, demonstrating his exceptional versatility and strength. With a career that spans decades, Adel has become a respected figure in the mountaineering community. His continued dedication to exploring extreme altitudes reflects not only his technical expertise but also his enduring commitment to the spirit of adventure.



Tang Bin

Tang Bin, a distinguished Chinese mountaineer, achieved the summit of Mount Everest on May 17, 2023, solidifying his reputation in the world of high-altitude climbing. Along with Everest, Tang has conquered several other challenging peaks, including Mount Muztagh Peak, a notable feat in the Pamir Mountains. His accomplishments reflect a deep passion for mountaineering, a commitment to pushing physical and mental limits, and an unwavering determination to reach the highest points of the earth. Tang's journey is a powerful testament to the spirit of adventure and perseverance that defines the world of extreme sports.

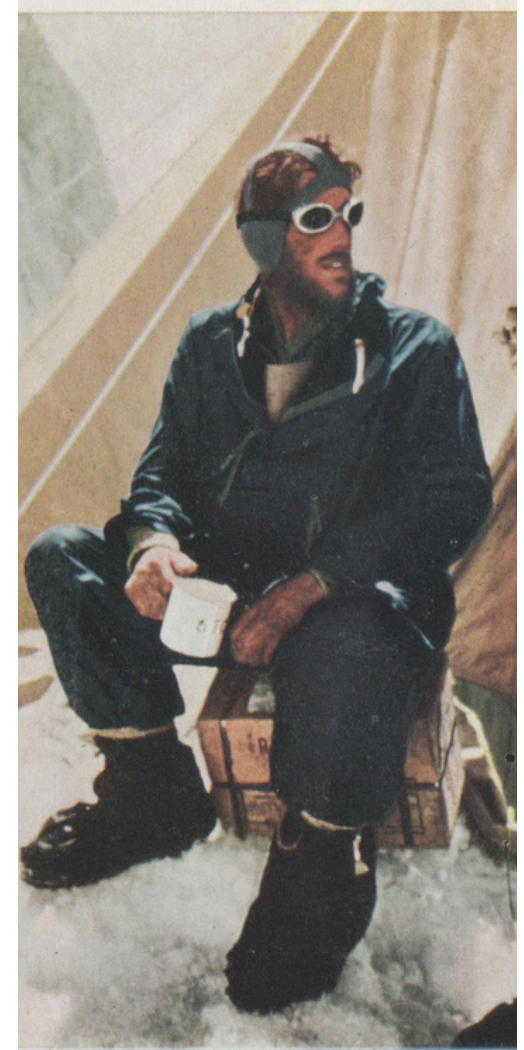


Tenzi Sherpa

Tenzi Sherpa is a skilled Nepali mountaineer who reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 16, 2019. Since then, he has continued to push boundaries in the high Himalayas, successfully climbing some of the world's most formidable peaks, including K2, Lhotse, Manaslu, and Ama Dablam. Known for his technical expertise and calm leadership under extreme conditions, Tenzi has earned a reputation for guiding teams safely through challenging terrain. His commitment to excellence and passion for the mountains inspire both peers and aspiring climbers. Drawing on his extensive experience, Tenzi remains dedicated to sharing knowledge and fostering a spirit of adventure within the global mountaineering community.

Trishala Gurung

Trishala Gurung, an accomplished Indian mountaineer, summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2016, marking a significant milestone in her mountaineering journey. Her impressive expeditions include Deo Tibba (6001m), Trishul (7120m), BC Roy (5445m), and Renoke (5028m). Trishala is not only a skilled climber but also a recognized explorer and adventurer, having earned prestigious honors such as the Raksha Mantri Padak, Governor's Medal, and Citizen's Award. Her name is also listed in the Limca Book of Records, celebrating her achievements and dedication to high-altitude exploration. With each climb, Trishala exemplifies courage, discipline, and national pride, inspiring countless young women in India to take up adventure sports and strive for excellence in mountaineering.





Udaya Kerung

Udaya Kerung has emerged as a formidable presence in Himalayan mountaineering with his ascents of Everest (May 19, 2024) and Manaslu (8,163m, autumn 2023). His portfolio includes Lobuche East (6,119m) and Mera Peak (6,476m), demonstrating versatility across varied terrains. Currently targeting all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters, Kerung combines meticulous planning with a profound reverence for Nepal's mountain ecosystems. "Mountains demand resilience and humility," he asserts, advocating for sustainable practices and community learning. His philosophy underscores the balance between human ambition and environmental stewardship.

Vincere Zeng

Vincere Zeng, a passionate mountaineer from Singapore, summited Mount Everest on May 18, 2023, further cementing her legacy as the first Singaporean female to scale K2, Lhotse, and Manaslu. Her climbing journey is a testament to determination, grit, and the pursuit of inspiration through high-altitude challenges. Vincere is driven not only by her love for the mountains but also by the opportunity to meet like-minded individuals, build lasting friendships, and celebrate the essence of mountaineering. For her, every summit is more than a personal achievement—it's a celebration of community, connection, and the relentless human spirit. Her story continues to inspire both in Singapore and beyond.



Wang Shi

Wang shi, an accomplished Chinese alpinist, summited Everest on April 23, 2025, alongside Cho Oyu (8,188m) and Kilimanjaro (5,895m). His expeditions span diverse terrains, from Himalayan icefalls to African volcanic slopes, showcasing adaptability and endurance. Driven by a desire to innovate, Wangshi actively engages with global mountaineering communities to discuss cutting-edge techniques and sustainability. "Progress lies in shared knowledge," he emphasizes, advocating for collaborative advancements in climbing safety and environmental stewardship. A lifelong learner, his journey blends traditional mountaineering values with modern advancements, inspiring climbers to prioritize ethical exploration.

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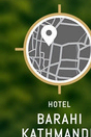
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Wang Xiaoning

Wang Xiaoning is a passionate mountaineer from China who summited Mount Everest on April 30, 2022. Her journey in high-altitude climbing reflects dedication and perseverance. She has successfully climbed Cho Oyu (8,201m) in September 2020, Muztag Ata (7,546m) in July 2019, and most recently Aconcagua (6,962m) in January 2024. Each summit marks a significant milestone in her mountaineering career, showcasing her strength and determination in some of the world's most challenging environments. With a calm presence and unwavering focus, Wang Xiaoning continues to inspire with her achievements in high-altitude mountaineering across Asia and South America.

Wangda Sherpa

Nepali mountaineer Wangda Sherpa successfully summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2024. With a notable ascent of Ama Dablam, Wangda brings a strong connection to Nepal's iconic peaks. His journey into high-altitude mountaineering reflects both skill and a deep respect for the Himalayas. Passionate about sharing his knowledge and understanding of the mountains, he believes in fostering a community built on learning and experience. Though his climbing résumé is still growing, Wangda's enthusiasm and dedication shine through, making him a valued voice in the mountaineering world. His participation in mountaineering events underscores his desire to give back, connect with fellow climbers, and contribute to a broader cultural and environmental dialogue within the global climbing community.



Xia Boyu

Xia Boyu, a Chinese climber, achieved a historic milestone on May 14, 2018, by becoming the first double amputee to summit Mount Everest from the Nepal side. His journey began in 1975 when he lost both feet to frostbite after giving his sleeping bag to a teammate during a storm. In 1996, he underwent further amputations due to lymphoma. Undeterred, Xia made multiple attempts to conquer Everest, facing challenges like avalanches, earthquakes, and severe weather. His fifth attempt culminated in success, marking a 43-year quest to reach the summit. Xia's remarkable perseverance earned him the 2019 Laureus Sporting Moment of the Year award. His story stands as a testament to human resilience and the indomitable spirit of mountaineering.



Xiaohan

Xiaohan, a passionate and resilient mountaineer from China, has marked his name among the world's elite climbers through successful ascents of two of the most iconic Himalayan peaks. On May 16, 2018, he stood atop Mount Everest, the highest point on Earth. Earlier, on September 30, 2016, he reached the summit of Mount Manaslu, the eighth-highest mountain in the world. His relentless pursuit of excellence in extreme environments demonstrates not only physical endurance but also a deep commitment to the spirit of exploration. Xiaohan's journey continues to motivate and inspire fellow climbers around the world, highlighting the strength and determination required to conquer nature's greatest heights.

Xi Zhao

On May 22, 2024, Xi Zhao successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest, adding to her growing list of high-altitude achievements, including her ascent of Mount Manaslu. For Xi, the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025 represents a unique opportunity to celebrate the spirit of adventure and honor the climbing community's accomplishments. It is not only a platform for building valuable connections but also a space for exchanging knowledge and promoting sustainability within the mountaineering world. The experience of summiting Everest holds a special place in her heart, having shaped her understanding of the mountains and strengthened her commitment to personal and communal growth.



Xiaolin Li

Xiaolin Li, a passionate mountaineer from China, successfully summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2019. With a strong background in high-altitude climbing, his impressive ascents include Lhotse, Manaslu, Lobuche, Denali, Aconcagua, and Mount Vinson, covering multiple continents and extreme terrains. Xiaolin is committed to promoting the spirit of mountaineering and raising awareness about environmental responsibility in the high mountains. He views mountaineering not just as a personal pursuit, but as a fellowship that connects climbers across borders. Guided by the belief that an invincible will always prevail, Xiaolin continues to inspire through his resilience, global adventures, and commitment to the mountain community.





Xiong Min

Xiong Min, a prominent Chinese mountaineer, summited Mount Everest on May 23, 2017, and Cho Oyu (8,188m), the sixth-highest peak in the world. His ascents exemplify technical proficiency and adaptability in extreme-altitude environments. Beyond climbing, Xiong fosters international camaraderie as a member of the Mount Everest Football Team, competing in the China-Nepal Football Match to celebrate cross-cultural unity through sports. A staunch advocate for adventure diplomacy, he emphasizes how mountains and athletic collaboration transcend borders. Xiong's dual dedication to mountaineering and cultural exchange positions him as a modern ambassador of global goodwill, inspiring climbers to pursue excellence while bridging communities through shared passion.

Xu Jianglei

Xu Jianglei, a native of Changsha, Hunan Province, is a national-level sports champion in mountaineering and serves as the vice chairman of the Hunan Mountaineering Sports Association. On May 24, 2007, he summited Mount Everest via China's north slope, a testament to his strength and skill. Beyond Everest, he has undertaken bold expeditions, including a 31-day trek across the Kokonor Plateau – China's largest uninhabited region – and rafting the misty and rugged upper reaches of the Yellow River, the revered mother river of China. His achievements reflect both athletic excellence and a deep commitment to wilderness exploration, adventure, and the preservation of China's natural heritage.



Xu Zhuoyuan

Xu Zhuoyuan, a national-level mountaineering athlete and high school senior, summited Mount Everest from the South Side on May 16, 2023, becoming China's youngest female climber to reach the top from this route. Starting her mountaineering journey at just 10 years old in Grand Teton National Park, she has since conquered numerous high-altitude peaks, including Muztagh Ata (7,546m), Kilimanjaro (5,895m), Elbrus (5,642m), and Yutong Peak (6,178m). At 16, she reached the summit of Everest, Mount Haba, and the Half-Ridge Peak of Siguniang Mountain. Her impressive achievements reflect not only athletic excellence but also strong leadership, having served as student council president and principal's assistant.



Xudong Sun

Xudong Sun, MSc, is a seasoned mountaineer born in Daqing, Heilongjiang Province, China. He holds the distinction of being the first male climber from Heilongjiang to summit Mount Everest, a proud milestone for his region. With a strong academic background and a deep commitment to the mountains, he has successfully climbed numerous high-altitude peaks throughout his career. His achievements reflect not only physical strength and perseverance but also a pioneering spirit that continues to inspire climbers across China. Through each ascent, Xudong Sun has demonstrated the power of determination and the pride of representing his province on some of the world's most formidable summits.

Xue Wei

Xue wei is a Chinese mountaineer who successfully summited Mount Everest on May 20, 2016. He has demonstrated remarkable dedication to high-altitude climbing through expeditions with Xizang Holy Mountain Expedition. His mountaineering experience includes ascents of challenging peaks like Cho Oyu (8,188m), showcasing his technical skills in extreme environments. Passionate about learning from global climbing communities, Xuewei actively participates in mountaineering conferences and explores Nepal's climbing culture. As one of China's accomplished climbers, his Everest achievement represents years of preparation and perseverance.



Yaohu Lin

On March 25, 2025, Yaohu Lin successfully stood atop Mount Everest, marking a significant milestone in his mountaineering journey. While he has not yet completed K2, it remains a peak of aspiration for him. Eager to deepen his understanding of climbing techniques and mountain safety, Yaohu views each expedition as a learning experience. His dedication to continuous growth and exploration drives him forward in the high-altitude world. With an open mind and strong will, he embraces every opportunity to expand his knowledge and skills. Though he describes himself as being at the beginning of his mountaineering experience, his passion for the mountains and desire to challenge himself make him a promising figure in the climbing community.





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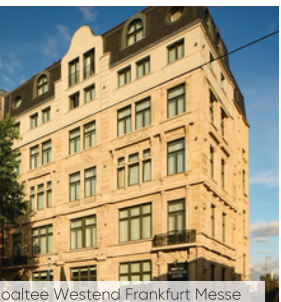
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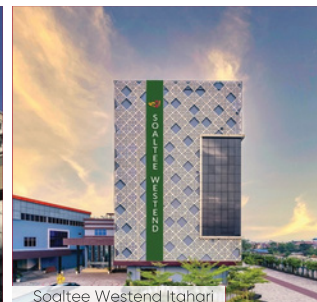
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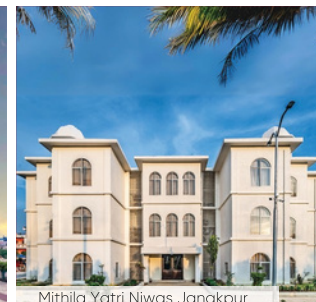
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Yin Yunfeng

Yin Yunfeng is a Chinese mountaineer who successfully summited Mount Everest on May 11, 2025. His journey to the top of the world reflects a deep personal passion for exploration and adventure. With a summit elevation of 8,848.86 meters, Yin has demonstrated not only physical endurance but also mental resilience. He values the opportunity to connect with fellow climbers, share experiences, and build lasting friendships within the mountaineering community. Alongside his love for high-altitude pursuits, he also expresses a strong interest in involving and inspiring his family through these achievements, making his climbing journey both personal and impactful.

Yu Jianhong

Yu Jianhong is a respected Chinese mountaineer celebrated for his accomplishments on some of the world's most formidable peaks. On May 21, 2017, he successfully summited Mount Everest, marking a key milestone in his mountaineering journey. His other major ascents include Mount Aconcagua (6,962 meters) in January 2024, Mount Cho Oyu (8,201 meters) in September 2020, and Mount Muztagh Ata (7,546 meters) in July 2019. These climbs reflect not only his physical endurance but also his strong technical ability and unwavering determination. Yu's impressive portfolio of summits across different continents highlights his dedication to pushing limits and embracing the challenges of high-altitude expeditions.



Yu Senhua

Yu Senhua is a passionate mountaineer from China who successfully summited Mount Everest on May 22, 2024. With a strong background in high-altitude climbing, he has also scaled notable peaks such as Manaslu and Ama Dablam. Yu's journey in the mountains reflects his deep commitment to adventure and resilience in extreme conditions. His climbing experiences highlight not only his technical ability but also his appreciation for the natural world and the spirit of mountaineering. Through his achievements, Yu continues to inspire others and promote a strong connection between climbers across borders, contributing to the global mountaineering community with dedication and enthusiasm.



Yuan Wei

Yuan Wei is a national-level mountaineering athlete from China who summited Mount Everest on May 16, 2007. As President of the Gansu Mountaineering Association and Vice President of the Gansu Sports and Cultural Development Promotion Association, he has been a leading figure in China's climbing community. His mountaineering achievements include ascents of Altyn-Tagh, Tianshan, Muztagh Ata, Elbrus, Kilimanjaro, and several other domestic and international peaks. Yuan Wei's extensive experience reflects his lifelong dedication to high-altitude exploration and mountain sports. He looks forward to engaging with fellow climbers from around the world, sharing experiences, and celebrating the spirit of Everest and global mountaineering unity.

Zhang Genzhen

Zhang Genzhen (aka "Voyaging Old Captain") is a celebrated Chinese mountaineer and CMA-certified instructor who summited Everest's south slope (8,848.86m) on May 19, 2024, crowning 16 years of alpine excellence. His credentials include conquering 7,546m Muztagh Ata, leading ascents of Sigunlang's Three Peaks, and summiting six 6,000m+ peaks like Yuzhu's dual slopes. A national first-level mountaineer since 2008, Zhang blends high-altitude expertise with endurance sports mastery - having run 100+ marathons (Chicago, Berlin, Tokyo) and trail races. As coach for Shenzhen Mountaineering Association, he mentors new generations while continuing pioneering climbs that bridge China's mountaineering heritage with modern alpinism.



Zhang Hong

Zhang Hong, a trailblazing Chinese mountaineer, became the first blind person in Asia to summit Mount Everest. After losing his sight at 21, he pursued his dream of standing on the world's highest peak, dedicating six years to rigorous training and personal transformation. His Everest summit is not only a mountaineering achievement but also a symbol of hope and determination. Now transitioning into the world of cinema, Zhang is working toward becoming the first blind director globally. Through his unwavering spirit and inner light, he continues to redefine what's possible, inspiring countless others to pursue their dreams despite all odds.



Zhang Jian Guo

Zhang Jian Guo, a seasoned mountaineer from China, successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest on March 26, 2025. With prior high-altitude ascents including Mount Maijishan and Aconcagua, he has demonstrated both physical resilience and a deep commitment to mountaineering. Beyond the mountains, Zhang brings a wealth of experience from sailing voyages and exploratory expeditions, showcasing his adventurous spirit and passion for discovery. His journey is marked by a continuous pursuit of learning and growth, often through collaboration and exchange with fellow explorers. Zhang Jianguo stands as a dedicated adventurer whose achievements reflect both personal endurance and a broader vision of shared knowledge and exploration.

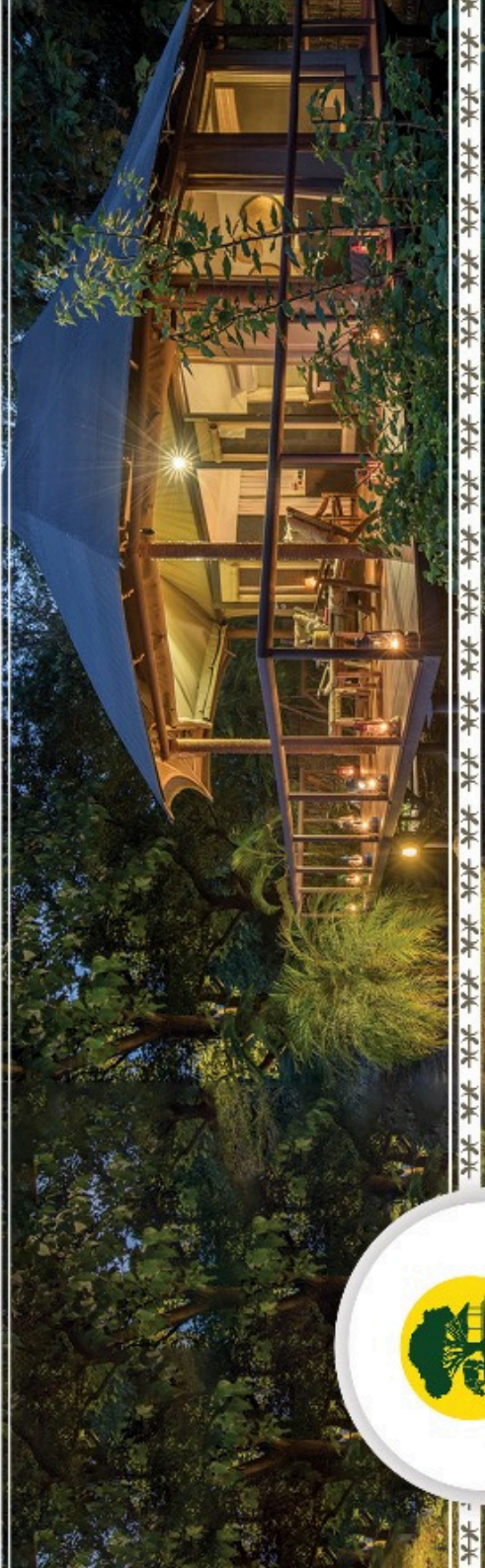
Zhao Zhihua

Zhao Zhihua reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 12, 2025, having previously conquered it from both its northern and southern approaches. His mountaineering portfolio includes major climbs such as Cho Oyu, Muztagh Ata, Haba Snow Mountain (three times), Que'er Mountain, and multiple summits of Siguniang Mountain's third peak. Beyond climbing, Zhao sees mountaineering as a platform for expanding horizons – both personally and professionally. He is passionate about building a strong circle of fellow adventurers, staying updated with the pulse of the mountaineering industry, and acquiring fresh knowledge to continually challenge himself. His presence reflects a mindset driven by progress, curiosity, and the spirit of meaningful exploration.



Zou Jisong

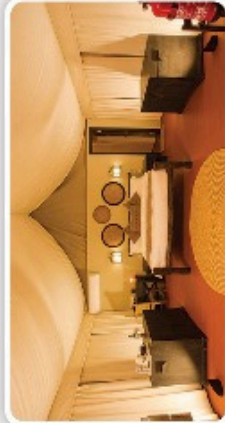
Zou Jisong, an accomplished mountaineer from China, has made a mark in the world of high-altitude climbing through a series of significant summits. On May 20, 2024, he successfully reached the top of Mount Everest, the highest point on Earth. In addition to Everest, Zou has also scaled Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa; Mount Elbrus, the tallest in Europe; and Mount Manaslu, the eighth-highest mountain in the world. His climbing journey is driven by resilience, determination, and a deep passion for challenging expeditions. Zou continues to inspire the global mountaineering community through his unwavering commitment to exploring some of the world's most demanding and breathtaking summits.



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Newly added climbers



Junyi Luo

Junyi Luo, PhD, is a senior professor-level engineer and accomplished entrepreneur with a deep passion for alpine-style climbing. On May 14, 2025, at 8:08 AM, he successfully summited Mount Everest, marking a significant milestone in his mountaineering journey. Renowned for his scientific curiosity and physical endurance, Dr. Luo has climbed numerous high-altitude peaks across challenging terrains. What sets him apart is his dedication to integrating scientific research into his expeditions, contributing valuable insights into high-altitude environments. His pursuit of excellence in both academia and adventure exemplifies the spirit of modern exploration—where science and mountaineering converge to inspire, educate, and expand human understanding of extreme environments.

Rao Jianghua

Rao Jianghua is a law postgraduate from Sichuan University, a military veteran, and an accomplished legal professional with diverse qualifications in law and science. He holds certifications in fund and securities practice, psychological counseling, and is also a nationally certified first-class athlete. He serves as Deputy Director of the Veterans Legal Affairs Department at Beijing Jingshi (Chengdu) Law Firm, and holds various committee roles within the firm. As a long-term legal advisor to startups and large private enterprises, he brings deep expertise in real estate, construction, corporate law, asset recovery, and tax law. On May 14, 2025, at 6:52 AM Nepal time, Rao successfully summited Mount Everest.



Zheng Ye

Zheng Ye is a veteran Chinese mountaineer whose passion for exploration has spanned decades. At the age of 64, she achieved a crowning milestone by reaching the summit of Mount Everest on May 14, 2025, standing at 8,848.86 meters with exceptional endurance and meticulous preparation. Having spent a lifetime exploring China's mountain ranges, Zheng has refined her technical climbing skills and emerged as a mentor to younger climbers. Her steadfast commitment to safety, environmental stewardship, and the spirit of adventure has earned her deep respect within the outdoor community. Through each ascent, she embodies unwavering perseverance and continually inspires global mountaineers to pursue lofty ambitions.





Nisha Adhikari Malla

Nisha Adhikari Malla, a prominent Nepalese actress, filmmaker, and mountaineer, successfully summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2013, becoming the first Nepali actress to reach the world's highest peak. Nisha did not allow the spark in her to be extinguished, by successfully scaling the Mount Kilimanjaro in 2015, further emphasizing her passion for adventure and the outdoors, unwavering commitment and strength. Being a multifaceted personality, Nisha has expanded her creative pursuits through her media platform Yuva Productions, where she aims to inspire and motivate the youths by sharing stories of resilience, creativity, and personal growth. Nisha's achievements have been celebrated for her contributions to both the entertainment industry and mountaineering.

Dabuti Sherpa

Dabuti Sherpa, also known as Dawa Sherpa, is a pioneering mountaineer from Dolakha, Nepal. She made history by becoming the first barista to summit Mount Everest and serve coffee at its peak, earning her a place in the World Book of Records. Her achievement was recognized in a formal ceremony attended by Nepal's Vice President and various dignitaries, highlighting her unique blend of adventure and hospitality. Beyond this remarkable feat, Dabuti Sherpa exemplifies the spirit of innovation and determination, inspiring many within the mountaineering community and beyond. Her journey underscores the limitless possibilities that arise when passion meets perseverance



Phurba Sonam Sherpa

Phurba Sonam Sherpa is a distinguished Nepali mountaineer, guide, and cinematographer with nearly two decades of experience in the Himalayas. He has successfully summited 13 of the world's highest peaks over 8,000 meters and has been instrumental in high-altitude rescue operations. Beyond climbing, Phurba has contributed to adventure filmmaking, capturing the majesty of the mountains through his lens. His dedication to promoting safety in mountaineering and his role as an educator and mentor have made him a respected figure in the climbing community. Phurba's multifaceted career reflects his unwavering commitment to the mountains and those who venture into them.



Nepal's Leadership in Conservation: Achievements, Challenges, and Road ahead

May 26, 2025

Nepal, despite its modest size and economic limitations, has emerged as a global leader in biodiversity conservation and climate-resilient ecosystem management. Its varied topography ranging from sub-tropical plains to snow-covered alpine mountains—harbors some of the world's most iconic wildlife species and ecosystems. Through a blend of policy innovation, community stewardship, science-based management, and international collaboration, Nepal has set a standard for how conservation and development can go hand in hand, even in the face of intensifying climate change induced risks.

Flagship Achievements: A Model for the World

Over the last two decades, Nepal has achieved what few countries in the Global South have been able to replicate—the recovery of large mammals such as tigers and rhinoceroses, once on the brink of local extinction. Nepal's Bengal tiger population has nearly doubled since 2009, now estimated at 355 individuals, fulfilling its commitment to the global TX2 target. This milestone reflects strong political will, transboundary cooperation, and grassroots conservation efforts.

Equally notable is the recovery of the greater one-horned rhinoceros, with consistent growth in numbers of thanks to rigorous anti-poaching operations, habitat management, and community participation. Nepal has achieved “Zero Poaching” of rhinoceros, with a recent streak of over 500 consecutive days without a poaching incident—a remarkable feat that places the nation among the top wildlife protection and conservation regimes globally.

Nepal's role in global snow leopard conservation has also received significant recognition. With the release of its first consolidated national population estimate, Nepal has confirmed hosting the fourth largest snow leopard population in the world, with 397 individuals identified through robust scientific assessments, including camera trapping and genetic sampling.

The country has made the adoption of science and technology a cornerstone of its conservation strategy. Tools such as GPS collaring, remote sensing, real-time SMART patrolling, and genetic barcoding are now regularly employed in wildlife management. These innovations not only enhance protection but also enable data-driven policymaking.

Nepal's efforts have garnered increasing international acclaim. The Terai Arc Landscape (TAL)—a vital transboundary ecological corridor—has been recognized as a World Flagship Landscape by the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Similarly, the Khata Corridor and Phewa Lake restoration initiatives have been designated among the best restoration sites in the Asia-Pacific region, acknowledging Nepal's commitment to ecological connectivity and freshwater ecosystem revival. The international tiger conservation coalition of INGOs has recognized Bardia National Park with the prestigious TX2 Award for quadrupling its wild tiger population, while the adjacent Khata Corridor has been honored with the Tiger Conservation Excellence Award for its role in supporting corridor connectivity through community-based conservation initiatives.

One of Nepal's most remarkable conservation stories is its forest management success. The nation has maintained forest cover at 45%, with over 23% of its territory under formal protection. More recently, the National Forest Inventory revealed an increase to 46.08% forest cover, largely due to the Community Forestry Programme, which empowers over 23,000 registered community forest user groups. These groups play a vital role in sustainable forest use, improved watershed management, and local biodiversity conservation.

Emerging Challenges in a Changing Context

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The expansion of linear and non-linear infrastructure projects—including roads, hydropower dams, and urban settlements—is placing intense pressure on both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. These developments often proceed without adequate environmental safeguards, disrupting wildlife corridors, fragmenting habitats, and altering river systems essential for aquatic biodiversity.

Poaching and illegal wildlife trade, although significantly reduced, continue to threaten species. The growing proliferation of invasive species—such as *Mikania micrantha* and *Parthenium hysterophorus*, and among others—poses a long-term risk to native flora and fauna, particularly in protected and community-managed areas.

Another serious concern is river aggregate mining, which is widespread across Nepal's river systems. This activity, often unregulated, has degraded riparian habitats, disturbed sediment flows, and endangered freshwater species like the gharial and river dolphins. It also undermines water quality and ecosystem services upon which downstream communities depend.

Climate Change: The Defining Conservation Challenge

Overlaying all these threats is the accelerating impact of climate change, which now poses a fundamental risk to Nepal's biodiversity, ecosystems, and the people who depend on them. The country is already experiencing increased frequency and severity of climate-induced hazards such as flooding, landslides, forest fires, heatwaves, droughts etc.

These climate risks have long-term and cascading impacts. Biodiversity faces new stressors, including altered hydrological regimes, altered species ranges, mismatched ecological interactions, and climate-induced habitat degradation. Human assets and health, water security and food security are severely at risk: rising temperatures and erratic rainfall patterns reduce agricultural productivity, increase vector-borne diseases, affect livestock health etc. Last year the entire country was engulfed in forest fires, it was largely triggered by higher average temperatures, which increased evapotranspiration and reduced moisture in soil and plants, creating ideal conditions for fires to ignite and spread across the area. The increasing temperatures is bound to threaten both human life, wildlife, and ecosystem.

Despite being one of the least contributors to global greenhouse gas emissions, Nepal is among the most vulnerable countries to climate-induced disasters. Nepal's vulnerability is compounded due to various factors from complex topography, low adaptive capacity, limited knowledge and technology. The compounding effects of climate change and high vulnerability demand urgent, systemic, and inclusive solutions.

Policy Leadership and Strategic Response

Recognizing these urgent threats, Management of existing wildlife population has been priority rather than its recovery and strategically focused on management of HWC and strategic response through its prioritization in multilateral funding such as GEF 8 project. The Government of Nepal has demonstrated remarkable foresight and policy innovation. Nepal is to become first country in South Asia- at final stage of its submission of its Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) under the Paris Agreement. This updated NDC includes ambitious mitigation targets, such as increasing renewable energy capacity, expanding electric public transport, and reducing fossil fuel dependency for 2030 and 2035. Equally important are the adaptation components, which focus on climate-resilient agriculture, ecosystem-based adaptation, disaster risk reduction and promotion of nature-based solutions. These strategies are directly aligned with Nepal's long-term vision for sustainable development and conservation under a changing climate.

The Road Ahead

Nepal's story is one of hope and resilience—a testament to what is possible when community stewardship, scientific rigor, and policy leadership converge. However, the road ahead demands even deeper understanding, cooperation, investment, and commitment from all sectors of society.—government agencies, civil society, academia, the private sector, and local communities—is fundamental for long-term biodiversity conservation in Nepal. Only through integrated and participatory approaches can withstand and adapt to the cascading effects of climate change. In this decisive decade for planetary health, Nepal has shown that conservation is not merely about protecting nature—it is about securing the future of people, ecosystems, and the planet. As global threats mount, Nepal's achievements offer a powerful blueprint for resilience, equity, and hope.



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Melting Summits: The Changing Face of Everest in the Age of Climate Change

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Rising majestically as the highest point on Earth, Mount Everest captivates adventurers and thrill-seekers alike. Its iconic presence and unparalleled challenge have made it one of the world's most sought-after climbing destinations. Since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first reached the summit in 1953, the number of climbers attempting the ascent has grown exponentially. As of November 2024, more than 12,800 climbers have successfully reached the top of Everest (Himalayan Database). Yet despite its fame, Everest remains one of the planet's most inhospitable environments, and nearly 340 lives have perished in pursuit of its summit. Over the decades, advances in weather forecasting, fixed-rope installations, and accumulated logistical expertise have steadily reduced the fatality rate. But despite these safety measures, changing weather conditions and avalanches continue to account for the majority of deaths, and as climate change intensifies, these extreme events are poised to become more frequent.

Beyond its well-known dangers, Everest is undergoing profound transformations due to the influence of climate change. Recent findings from the HIMAP report by ICIMOD reveal a phenomenon known as elevation-dependent warming, where the warming trend of temperature accelerates with increasing altitude, making high-elevation zones especially vulnerable to climate change (Wester et al., 2019). This is further supported by meteorological observations from the Everest region, which indicate a rising trend in mean temperatures.

In addition, ICIMOD's Snow Outlook Report shows that snow persistence, which is the number of days snow remains on the ground has decreased, with 2024 marked as an extraordinarily below-normal snow year. This is particularly concerning because snow is a key ingredient for glaciers. Without sufficient snow, glaciers cannot replenish the ice lost through melting. Moreover, snow provides a natural insulating blanket that slows down glacier melt. Without this crucial cover, we may see a significant increase in ice melt.



Figure 1. Panoramic view of Everest Base Camp situated atop the hummocky, debris-covered surface of the Khumbu Glacier, with the summit of Mount Everest in the background. (Photo credit: Tenzing Chogyal Sherpa)

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These simultaneous changes i.e. warmer temperatures and reduced snowfall, place the region's glaciers in a worst-case scenario. In fact, glaciers across the Hindu Kush Himalayas have been losing mass at a rate 65% higher in recent decades compared to earlier periods (ICIMOD, 2023). Those surrounding the Everest region have experienced especially rapid mass loss, with many thinning by over 100 meters in just six decades (King et. al., 2022). Since the 1960s, these glaciers have been thinning at an average rate of about 0.2 meters per year, a rate that has now increased to over 0.3 meters annually (King et. al., 2020). Even more concerning is that this thinning is now occurring at extreme altitudes above 6,000 meters above sea level. Among the most affected is the iconic Khumbu Glacier, which originates directly from Mt. Everest and encompasses more than 80% of the climbing route, including the base camp. Field investigations in 2018 revealed that even the coldest ice within the Khumbu Glacier was 2°C warmer than the region's mean annual air temperature, which is clear evidence that these glaciers are warming more rapidly than previously understood.



Figure 2. A section of the debris covered portion of Khumbu Glacier

All of these changes, particularly the warming and retreat of glaciers will undoubtedly have far-reaching impacts on communities living downstream. However, some of the most immediate and direct effects may be felt by mountaineers who summit Everest every year. As snow and ice continue to melt, more of the underlying rock is exposed, gradually transforming sections of the ascent from ice climbing to more technically demanding rock climbing. This transformation doesn't just change the nature of the climb; it also introduces new risks. The exposure of rock surfaces can lead to the thawing of permafrost within rock fractures, increasing the likelihood of rockfalls. Such hazards may force climbers to alter established routes for safety. At the same time, the warming of glacial ice makes it more fragile and brittle, raising the chances of ice collapses and avalanches.

In particular, the Khumbu Icefall, which is already one of the most dangerous segments of the climb could become even more unstable as melting accelerates. Adding to these challenges are shifting monsoon precipitation patterns, which directly affect the availability and predictability of weather windows for summit attempts. With narrower and less reliable windows, more climbers tend to converge at the same time, contributing to overcrowding on the route. This was starkly illustrated by Nirmal Purja's widely circulated photograph in 2019, showing a long line of climbers queued just below the summit. Such overcrowding in the "death zone" is not just a logistical issue, it's a life-threatening one. At those extreme altitudes, wind chill temperatures can plunge to as low as -83°C , and facial frostbite can begin in under three minutes of exposure (Sherpa et al., 2023). In these harsh conditions, even a brief delay can escalate into a deadly situation, putting every climber in the vicinity at risk.

These mounting changes make it increasingly clear that the impacts of climate change are no longer distant or abstract, they are unfolding now, even at the highest point on Earth. Mountaineers, more than anyone, are on the front lines of these transformations, facing firsthand the consequences of melting glaciers, shifting weather patterns, and unstable terrain. But the implications extend far beyond the climbing routes. These changes also threaten the livelihoods and water security of downstream communities that rely on the Himalayas, and they serve as a stark warning to the rest of the world about the accelerating pace of global climate change.

It is therefore essential that we recognize and document these changes, amplify the stories and observations of those witnessing them, and strive to understand their broader significance. Only through such efforts can we begin to adapt effectively—for the safety of the mountaineers who venture into these extreme environments, for the resilience of communities living in their shadow, and for the shared responsibility of safeguarding our planet's most vulnerable and vital regions.

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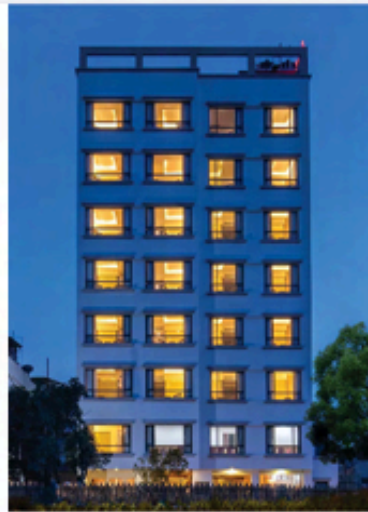
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Enjoying Mountain Wonders, Sharing a Beautiful Life- Everest Summiteers Summit 2025 Initiative

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Mount Everest stands as the pinnacle of our planet and a symbol of spiritual elevation, embodying the splendor of nature and the essence of human civilization. On May 29, 1953, humanity achieved the monumental feat of conquering the summit of Mount Everest. This groundbreaking accomplishment not only established an immortal monument to the pursuit of human limits and the exploration of the unknown, but also epitomized the international spirit of "scaling new heights together", profoundly influencing scientific discovery and the cultural and spiritual legacy of humankind. In 2018, the International Mountain Tourism Alliance (IMTA) established "International Mountain Tourism Day" on May 29, a date dedicated to raising global awareness of protecting mountain resources, preserving mountain civilizations, and fulfilling the responsibility to promoting mountain economies and benefiting the livelihoods of mountain communities.. Through the theme "Enjoying the Wonders of Mountains , Sharing the Natural Beauty", it conveys the vision of harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, striving to create a favorable environment for mountain tourism and to advance its sustainable development. As the International Mountain Tourism Day 2025 approaches, IMTA joins hands with the Everest Alliance Nepal and the Everest Summiteers Summit 2025 to issue an initiative

I Safeguard our ecological home and champion the climbing spirit

Climbing represents a distinctive dialogue between humanity and nature, embodying reverence for nature and the drive to challenge oneself. Everest climbers, as the elite among mountaineers, have penned inspiring tales through their ascents. As we gather for the International Mountain Tourism Day and the Everest Summiteers Summit, they will stand with us as advocates for the "leave-no-trace climbing" ethos. This international standard embeds environmental protection at the heart of climbing culture, shunning any adventure that harms the ecosystem. By embracing green travel and low-carbon consumption, they turn mountain activities into conscious, eco-friendly endeavors. They urge explorers to approach nature with humility preserving every plant and leaving no trace of their passage. Through these practices, they champion a modern climbing spirit that "takes only memories, leaves only footprints", ensuring that each mountain journey becomes an act of ecological preservation and that the pristine beauty of our mountains endures for future generations.

II Address climate challenges and foster adaptive tourism

Confronted by the grave impacts of climate change, such as receding mountain glaciers, worsening soil erosion, and more frequent extreme weather, we urge all mountain tourism professionals and travelers to embrace climate responsibility. By integrating climate science into climbing plans and deepening our understanding of glacier retreat, snowline changes, and geological hazards, we can prioritize ecology and safety in every aspect of mountain travel, from route selection to equipment choice and itinerary planning. We advocate for climate-adaptive planning and design, the widespread use of low-carbon facilities and renewable energy, and the inclusion of climate risk assessments as a fundamental criterion in the feasibility studies of mountain tourism projects. By establishing cross-disciplinary collaboration, we can enhance the early warning systems and resilience of mountain destinations against extreme weather, steering the industry from a resource-dependent model to one that is climate-adaptive. Through visionary leadership and coordinated efforts, we can make climate adaptability a cornerstone of sustainable mountain tourism development.

III Technology empowers the future, and innovation ignites development

As ancient mountainous areas meet modern civilization, technology has emerged as a bridge linking tradition and the future. By embracing innovative thinking, we can unlock the multifaceted values of mountain resources. Digital technology can be harnessed to safeguard cultural heritage, while intelligent methods can enhance ecological monitoring. In this way, technology can serve as a "gentle yet powerful force" for mountain protection. The wisdom of mountain civilization, accumulated over millennia, must be passed down from the harmonious coexistence of indigenous people with nature to the pioneering spirit of mountaineers who dare to reach the highest peaks. By innovating while preserving the core, we can infuse mountains with new vitality in the face of progress and turn them into a prime example of harmonious human-nature development

IV Enhance collaborative efforts and forge a community with a shared future

Mountains stretch across rivers and regions, and addressing issues such as ecological protection, cultural heritage, and sustainable development calls for a global mindset and collective action. Governments, international organizations, businesses, communities, and travelers must work together, transcending geographical and industrial boundaries to create a cooperative framework that promotes equal dialogue, resource sharing, and collective responsibility. Efforts should be intensified to enhance cooperation in key areas, including mutual recognition of standards, resource sharing, and crisis management. Embracing an open and inclusive mindset, we can foster a shared understanding of "cross-civilization exchange" and channel the spirit of "scaling new heights" into a powerful force for mountain cultural and tourism collaboration. In doing so, we can make every mountain a shining example of interconnected civilizations and shared beauty, ultimately fulfilling the vision of "beauty in diversity, harmony in coexistence"





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