

Tsangyang Gyatso Peak

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Recently, a peak in **Arunachal Pradesh** was named '**Tsangyang Gyatso Peak**' after the 6th <u>Dalai Lama</u>, **Tsangyang Gyatso** on which China objected.

- China condemned the naming of the peak calling it an illegal operation in "Chinese territory".
 - China claims the entire Arunachal Pradesh <u>as "South Ti</u>bet". Beijing calls the region **"Zangnan**" in the Chinese language.
- Tsangyang Gyatso was born in Tawang and lived during the 17th-18th century CE.
- India described the naming as a **tribute** to Tsangyang Gyatso's "**timeless wisdom**" and his contributions to the Monpa community (an ethnic group native to the Tawang region).
- A team from <u>National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS)</u> scaled the **6,383-metre peak** facing steep ice walls, dangerous <u>crevasses</u>, and a two-kilometre-long glacier.
 - The peak is located in the **Gorichen range** of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas.
 - A crevasse is a deep, wedge-shaped opening in a glacier. Crevasses usually form in the top 50 metres of a glacier.
 - NIMAS comes under the Ministry of Defence.

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