



## Tsangyang Gyatso Peak

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Recently, a peak in **Arunachal Pradesh** was named '**Tsangyang Gyatso Peak**' after the [6<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama](#), **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 as "[South Tibet](#)". Beijing calls the region "**Zangnan**" in the Chinese language.
- **Tsangyang Gyatso** was born in **Tawang** and lived during the **17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 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 [National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports \(NIMAS\)](#) scaled the **6,383-metre peak** facing steep ice walls, dangerous [crevasses](#), 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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