

## Mt. Makalu

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The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** successfully scaled **Mt. Makalu**, the fifth highest peak in the world.

- Mt. Makalu: Resides in the Mahalangur range of the Nepal Himalayas, straddling the border between Nepal and Tibet, and is 8,485 meters above sea level.
  - Located southeast of Mount Everest, Makalu is renowned for its striking pyramid shape with four sharp ridges.
  - Mt. Makalu, located in Makalu Barun National Park, overlooks the scenic Barun Valley.
  - Makalu also features two prominent subsidiary peaks, Makalu I and II, located about 3 km from the main summit. The Mt. Makalu was first ascended in 1955 by a French expedition led by Jean Franco.
- **ITBP:** The ITBP under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is a **Central Armed Police Force** specializing in high-altitude border guarding along the 3,488 km India-China border.
  - ITBP has now climbed 6 of the world's 14 'eight-thousanders', and 229 peaks overall, including Mt. Everest, Mt. Kanchenjunga, Mt. Dhaulagiri, Mt. Lhotse, and Mt. Manaslu



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