

Mt. Khangchendzonga

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Sikkim Chief Minister recently urged the Centre to ensure that Mt. Khangchendzonga, the world's third-highest peak, regarded as sacred by the people of the State, is made out of bounds for mountaineers.

About Mt. Khangchendzonga

- Mt. Khangchendzonga (also known as Kanchenjunga) is the **highest peak in India** and the **third-highest peak in the world** after Mount Everest (Chomolungma) in Nepal and K2 in Pakistan.
- It is situated in the **eastern Himalayas** on the **border between Sikkim** state, northeastern India, **and eastern Nepal**, 74 km north-northwest of Darjeeling, Sikkim.
- It has an elevation of 28,169 feet (**8,586 metres**).
- It is part of the **Great Himalaya Range**.
- The name Khangchendzonga has been variously translated as "Five Treasuries (or Strongboxes) of the Great Snow" or "**Great Five-Peaked Fortress of Snow.**", a **reference to its five separate summits**.

- Kanchenjunga **has four ridges** extending north, east, south, and west. **Between them are four glaciers:** the **Zemu** (northeast), the **Talung** (southeast), the **Yalung** (southwest), and the **Kanchenjunga** (northwest).
- The mountain and its glaciers **receive heavy snow during the summer monsoon** season and a **lighter snowfall during the winter**.
- To the east, **Khangchendzonga National Park in Sikkim** is a mountain wilderness with a wide variety of animal species.
- **Charles Evans in 1955** led a British expedition up the southwest face in the **first successful ascent** of Kanchenjunga.

Mt. Khangchendzonga FAQs

Q1: Where is Khangchendzonga located?

Ans: It is situated in the eastern Himalayas on the border between Sikkim state, and eastern Nepal, 74 km north-northwest of Darjeeling, Sikkim.

Q2: What is Kanchenjunga famous for?

Ans: It is the highest peak in India and the third-highest peak in the world.

Q3: What is the elevation of Mt. Khangchendzonga?

Ans: 8,586 metres

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