

Mt Aconcagua

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Recently, the Defence Minister flagged off a joint mountaineering expedition to Mount Aconcagua in Argentina from New Delhi.

About Mt Aconcagua

- **Location:** It is located in **Argentina** (near the border with Chile).
- It is the **highest mountain in South America** and the tallest mountain outside of Asia.
- It is one of the **mountains in the Principle Cordillera**, a mountain range in the Andes making up the boundary between Argentina and Central Chile.
- It is considered as **one of the world's "Seven Summits"** (each of the seven tallest mountains in each continent).
 - Aconcagua is of volcanic origin, but it is not itself an active volcano.
- **Formation of Mt Aconcagua:** The Mountain was formed when the **heavier Nazca Plate** dived beneath the **South American Plate** through a process known as subduction.

- It is a **folded mountain composed** of sedimentary and metamorphic rock.
- **Climate Zones on the Mountain:** Dry and desert-like with sparse vegetation, Alpine desert zone and arctic conditions at the top.
- The mountain also **contains glaciers**, of which **Ventisquero Horcones Inferior** is the largest.

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