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## CISF sub-inspector scales Everest, first by an officer of the force

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**New Delhi:** Sub-inspector Geeta Samota has become the first CISF personnel to scale Mt Everest, the world's highest peak at 8,849 metres. The feat is a culmination of her "seven summits" dream that took wing in 2019 with her becoming the first woman from a central armed police force to climb Mount Satopanth in Uttarakhand.

Having trained at ITBP's mountaineering training institute in Auli, Geeta went on to scale Mount Lobuche in Nepal the same year. Even Covid could not break her streak, as she went on to climb four more peaks

over a span of six months and 27 days between 2021 and early 2022. These included Mount Kosciuszko (2,228 mtrs) in Australia, Mount Elbrus ((5,642 mtrs) in Russia, Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895 mtrs) in Tanzania, and Mount Aconcagua (6,961 mtrs) in Argentina.

Geeta comes from a modest background, having grown up with four sisters in Chak village of Sikar district, Rajasthan. Growing up, she would hear tales of boys' accomplishments but noticed a void in stories celebrating girls' achievements, an observation that ignited a quiet determination within her to make her mark.