Nepal’s Push for Recognition of Six New 8,000-m Peaks

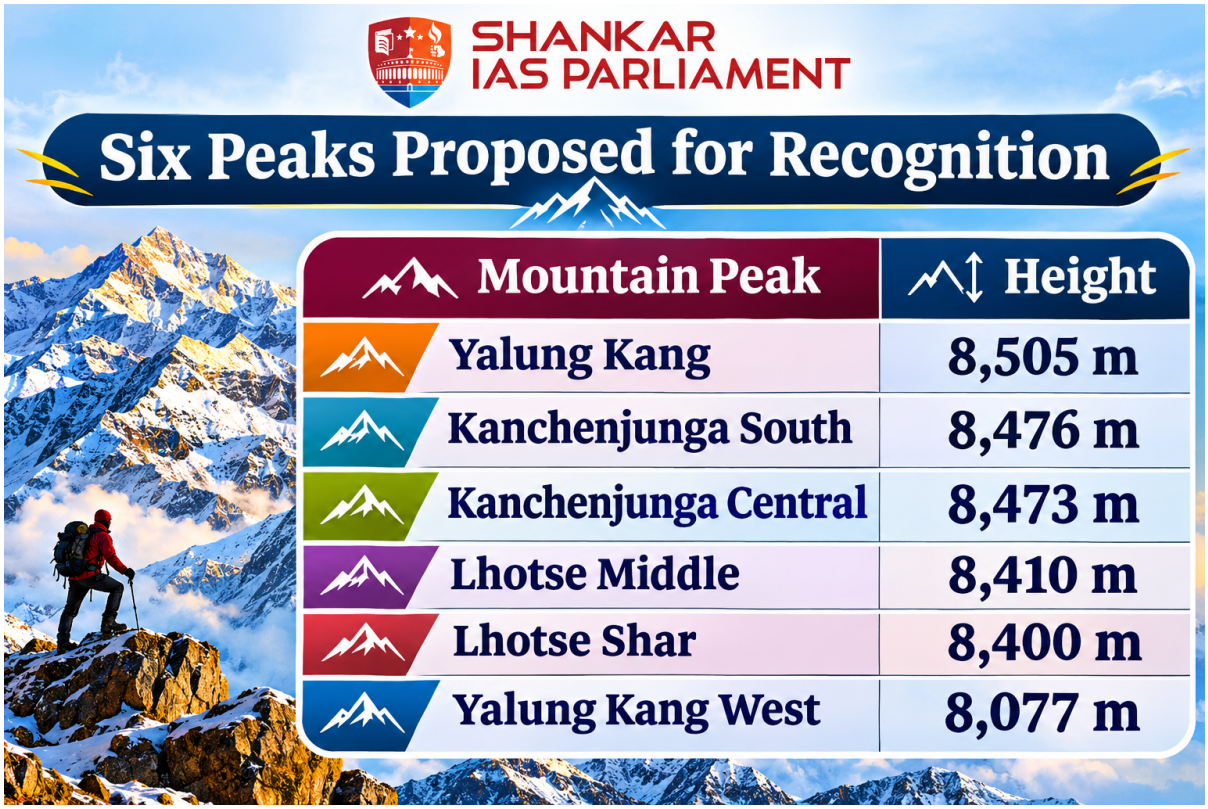
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Why in News?

Nepal has requested international recognition for six more Himalayan peaks that exceed 8,000 metres in elevation.

Current Status of Eight-Thousanders

- At present, 8 of the 14 internationally recognised peaks exceeding 8,000 metres are situated in Nepal.
- In 2025, Nepal's Department of Tourism updated its national records to include 14 peaks above 8,000 metres.
- However, six of these peaks have not yet received separate international recognition.
- If these peaks are approved for international recognition:
    - The total number of globally recognised eight-thousanders would increase from 14 to 20.
    - Nepal would then account for 14 of these 20 peaks.



International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA)

- Nepal submitted its proposal to the UIAA through the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA).
- The proposal advanced during the 2026 UIAA General Assembly held in Kathmandu.
- The proposal requests a formal assessment based on the following criteria:
    - Geographical identity
    - Distinct summit features
    - Separate climbing routes

Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA)

- The NMA presented the proposal in collaboration with Nepal's Tourism Minister.
- The proposal was supported by a technical assessment led by Madhusudan Adhikari.

UIAA General Assembly
• The 2026 General Assembly was held in Kathmandu, Nepal. • Participated by 95 delegates from 45 countries. • Key topics discussed included: - Global mountaineering priorities. - Mountain safety. - Climate change. - Issues concerning the international mountaineering community. • Nepal has previously hosted the UIAA General Assembly in the following years: - 1982 (first), - 2011 (second), - and 2026 (third). **Kathmandu Declaration (1982)** • Adopted during the 1982 UIAA General Assembly in Nepal. • The declaration called for the protection of the following: - Mountain environments. - Natural resources. - Cultural heritage of mountain communities.

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