



**INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY 2024
COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR SHEET
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SALIENT FEATURES

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International Mountain Day is observed annually on December 11th, and in 2024, this significant day will be celebrated with renewed emphasis on the importance of mountains to life. Mountains are the cradles of rivers, the sources of freshwater, and the homes of a rich array of flora and fauna. However, they are facing unprecedented threats from climate change, deforestation, and unsustainable land use. On International Mountain Day 2024, the global community will come together to raise awareness about the crucial role mountains play in supporting biodiversity, regulating the climate, and providing livelihoods for millions of people. The day will be marked by events, campaigns, and initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable mountain development, protecting mountain ecosystems, and preserving the cultural heritage of mountain communities.

The theme for International Mountain Day 2024 is "**Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation, and youth**". This year's theme focuses on empowering mountain communities through innovation, adaptation, and engaging the youth, recognizing their pivotal role in shaping a sustainable future.

K-2

K-2, also known as Mount Godwin-Austen or Chhogori is the second highest mountain in the world, after Mount Everest, at 8,611 metres (28251 ft) above sea level. It is located on the China-Pakistan border in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of northern Pakistan. K-2 is known as the Savage Mountain due to the extreme difficulty of ascent. It has the second-highest fatality rate among the eight thousanders. With around 800 successful summits and 100 fatalities, about one person dies on the mountain for every four who summit. It is more difficult and hazardous to reach the peak of K-2 from the Chinese side, thus it is usually climbed from Pakistan side.

Nanga Parbat

Nanga Parbat (literally, Naked Mountain) is the ninth highest mountain in the world at 8,126 meters (26,660 ft) above sea level. It is the western anchor of the Himalayas around which the Indus river skirts into the plains of Pakistan. It is located in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan and is locally known as 'Deo Mir', 'Deo' meaning 'huge' 'Mir' meaning 'mountain'. Nanga Parbat one of the eight-thousanders, is an immense, dramatic peak rising far above its surrounding terrain, Nanga Parbat is also a notoriously difficult climb. Numerous mountaineering deaths in the mid

and early 20th century lent it the nickname "killer mountain". Nanga Parbat forms the western anchor of the Himalayan range and is the westernmost eight-thousander. It lies just south of the Indus River in the Diamer District of Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan. Not far to the north is the western end of the Karakoram range.

Gasherbrum-I

Gasherbrum-I also known as Hidden Peak or K-5, is the 11th highest mountain in the world at 8,080 metres (26,510 ft) above sea level. It is located on the Pakistan-Chinese border in Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan and Xinjiang region of China. Gasherbrum-I is part of the Gasherbrum massif, located in the Karakoram region of the Himalaya. Gasherbrum is often claimed to mean "Shining Wall", presumably a reference to the highly visible face of the neighboring peak Gasherbrum IV, but in fact it comes from "rgasha" (beautiful) + "brum" (mountain) in Balti, hence it actually means "beautiful mountain". There are six Gasherbrum peaks and Gasherbrum-I is Highest of them.

Broad Peak

Broad peak is the 12th highest mountain in the world at 8,051 meters (26,414 ft) above sea level. Broad peak is part of the Gasherbrum massif in Baltistan on the border of Pakistan and China. It is located in the Karakoram mountain range about 8 kilometers (5.0 mi) from K-2. It has a summit over 1.5 kilometres (0.93 mi) long. The mountain has several summits: Broad Peak, Rocky Summit, Broad Peak Central, Broad Peak North, and Kharut Kangri. The first ascent of Broad Peak was made between June 8 and 9, 1957 by Fritz wintersteller, Marcus Schmuck, Kurt Diemberger, and Hermann Buhl of an Austrian expedition led by Marcus Schmuck. A first attempt by the team was made on May 29, 1957 where Fritz wintersteller and Kurt Diemberger reached the forepeak (8,030 m). This was also accomplished without the aid of supplemental oxygen, high altitude porters nor base camp support. In July 2013, a group of five Iranian climbers attempted to ascend through a new route from the southwestern face. Three of them-Aidin Bozorgi, Pouya Keivan, and Mojtaba Jarahi ascended successfully but during descent all three of them were lost and declared dead.

Muhammad Ali Sadpara was a renowned Pakistani mountaineer and adventurer. Born on February 2, 1976, in Skardu, Gilgit-Baltistan, Sadpara made history by becoming the first Pakistani to climb all 14 eight-thousanders, including Mount Everest, K2, and Nanga Parbat. His remarkable achievements and fearless spirit earned him international recognition and accolades. Tragically, Sadpara went missing on February 5, 2021, during a winter expedition to K2, leaving behind a legacy of courage and determination that continues to inspire generations of mountaineers and adventure-seekers.

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