

# From 22 yards to top of the world: 1st woman from Arunachal's Nyishi tribe scales Everest

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GUWAHATI: Mountaineer and cricketer Kabak Yano etched her name in history on Tuesday by becoming the fifth woman from Arunachal Pradesh to scale Mt Everest. She is also the first woman from the Nyishi tribe to do so.

Yano accomplished this remarkable feat at 11:50 am on Tuesday alongside five other members of the summit team — Babu Sherpa, Ngima Dorjee Sherpa, Subash Rai, Lakpa Nurbu Sherpa and Shere Sherpa — all hailing from Nepal.

Yano's journey from the cricket pitch in the hilly terrain of Itanagar to the pinnacle of the Earth is a testament to her indomitable spirit and unwavering determination. Originally from Kabak village in Kamle district of Arunachal, Yano's humble origins did

not deter her from pursuing her dreams. Despite losing her father at a young age and facing financial hardships, she kept her eyes on the goal.

"It will be a privilege for me to represent Arunachal Pradesh as an example of women empowerment," Yano had said before embarking on the Everest mission.

Yano's talent extends beyond mountaineering. She has represented the Arunachal cricket team in the first-class domestic season, playing in the Women's U-23 T20 League (Plate Group) in New Delhi during the 2018-19 season.

Additionally, Yano has showcased her skills on the football field as well, representing Kamle district in various tournaments.

Yano's journey to the top of the world was fraught with challenges. Raising the estimated Rs 30 lakh required for the expedition was a daunting task. However, well-wishers rallied behind her, initiating financial resource mobilization. Everester Sorang Tagit Abraham played a pivotal role in mentoring and providing initial training to Yano, helping her transition from a cricketer to a mountaineer. "While her physical fitness on the cricket field was an asset, the technical aspects and skills required to scale Mt Everest demanded a different level of mental fortitude," Tagit told TOI.

Dr Kabak Tamar, assistant secretary of health at the Nyishi Elite Society and general secretary of the Arunachal Pradesh Doctors' Association, highlighted the need for the state government to develop a proper policy for job recruitment in adventure sports. Such initiatives would inspire more youth to pursue these activities and contribute to the nation and state. "Her journey from being a cricket player and a student at Rashtriya Raksha University in Pasighat to conquering the highest peak in the world is an inspiration to aspiring adventurers and athletes alike," added Kabak, who led the fundraising drive for Yano.

Yano had completed the basic course from the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in Darjeeling and advanced mountaineering course from National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports, Dirang.