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Incident: A recent expedition climbed Mount Khangchendzonga from the Nepal side, sparking strong reactions in Sikkim.

Reason for Outrage: The climb hurt the religious and cultural sentiments of indigenous communities in Sikkim.

Sacred Status:

The mountain is sacred to Bhutia, Lepcha, and other communities.

Recognised under the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991.

Spiritual Importance: Holds deep spiritual value; viewed not just as a peak but as a deity and protector.

Cultural Practices:

Pang Lhabso: An annual state holiday and festival in Sikkim to honour



Mount Khangchendzonga's spiritual significance.

Geographical Note: Though approached from Nepal, the mountain's summit and symbolism are integral to Sikkim's heritage.