

**Government of India  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Sub: Debasish Biswas, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax awarded the Tenzing Norgay National Award for Adventure 2015 by the Honourable President of India**

Sri Debasish Biswas, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax presently posted at Patna, was awarded the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Award for Adventure - 2015 by the Honourable President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee, at the Khel Ratna Awards Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award instituted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is the highest award in the field of Adventure Sports given by the Indian Government.

Sri Biswas is the only Indian civilian to have climbed five of the nine peaks with height more than 8000 metres located in India & Nepal successfully. He has scaled the Mt. Everest in 2010, Mt. Kanchenjunga in 2011, Mt. Annapurna in 2012, Mt. Makalu in 2014 and Mt. Manaslu in 2015. He is also an active member of the West Bengal Mountain Rescue team and member of the Governing Body of the W.B. Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Foundation.

Sri Biswas is also a recipient of the Radanath Sikdar – Tenzing Norgay award - the highest honour in Adventure Sports by West Bengal Government; the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) Gold Medal 2015 and a Special Award from Central Revenue Sports and Cultural Board, New Delhi in 2016. He is also Director & Photographer of many films on mountaineering expeditions and has authored many books in Bengali on the subject. He has formed a group “Aarohan Wanderlust” to promote adventure among general people including aged persons and students and is a regular guest lecturer in various Schools, Colleges, Engineering Institutions, Clubs & Public gatherings in West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Bangladesh.

The Income Tax Department congratulates Shri Debasish Biswas on the honour conferred on him and wishes him many more successful peaks.

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