



Umesh Zirpe

A Legendary Mountaineer
and Visionary Leader



Umesh Zirpe is an acclaimed mountaineer, leader, and mentor who has left an indelible mark on Indian mountaineering. As the only Indian to lead eight successful 8000er expeditions, he has been instrumental in taking Indian mountaineering to new heights. A recipient of the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2023 (Lifetime Achievement), he has been actively involved in mountaineering for over four decades, combining his expertise with an unwavering commitment to promoting adventure sports in India.

PERSONAL INFO

Birth Date

2 March 1965

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B.Com, LL.B, D.T.L,
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HIGHLIGHTS

- First Indian leader of Eight 8000er expeditions, a unique record.
- Mentored 16 climbers who summited 8000er peaks.
- Founder of several key initiatives, including the Guardian Giripremi Institute of Mountaineering (GGIM)
- Led groundbreaking expeditions that set benchmarks in Indian mountaineering.

NOTABLE AWARDS

- Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (2023) - Lifetime Achievement.
- Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Award (2014-15) - Maharashtra's highest adventure award.
- Numerous accolades including the Giritmitra Giryarohan Award, Krida Maharshi Awards, and ABP Majha Gaurav Award.

8000ER EXPEDITIONS

Mt. Everest (2012, 2013)	Mt. Dhaulagiri (2016)
Mt. Lhotse (2013)	Mt. Manaslu (2017)
Mt. Makalu (2014)	Mt. Kangchenjunga (2019)
Mt. Cho Oyu (2016)	Mt. Annapurna-1 (2021)

KEY ROLES

Founder - Director

Guardian Giripremi Institute of Mountaineering (GGIM).

President

Akhil Maharashtra Giryarohan Mahasangh(AMGM).

Founder

Maharashtra Mountaineers Rescue Coordination Centre (MMRCC).

Mentor

5000+ students through GGIM's Avhaan-Nirmaan-Udaan syllabus

Core Committee Member

Giripremi

Founding Member

The 8000er Club and Swaroopseva

BOOKS AUTHORED

Goshta Eka Dhyasachi: Everest (Marathi and English)

Parvatputra Sherpa (Marathi and English)

Mountaineering for Kids (Marathi and English)

Himalayatil Diwas (Marathi)

OTHER LANDMARK EXPEDITIONS

- India's first civilian expedition to Mt. Manda-1 (2021)
- World's first expedition to Mt. Meru West Face (2023)
- Solo climb of Mt. Mera (2019)
- Over 50 Himalayan high-altitude expeditions and 80+ climbs in the Sahyadri ranges.

MOUNTAINEERING CAREER

- Completed **Basic and Advanced Mountaineering Courses with top grades.**
- Pioneered **climbs on previously untouched peaks like Mt. Bhriugu Parbat and led India's first successful big-wall expedition on Dhakoba.**
- Authored several books on mountaineering, inspiring generations of climbers.

PROMOTION OF MOUNTAINEERING

- Initiated India's first diploma course in mountaineering with Savitribai Phule Pune University.
- Conducted over 500 seminars, 1000 lectures in schools and colleges, and 300 corporate sessions.
- Regularly contributes articles and appears on national TV channels to promote adventure sports.
- Established a 5-year syllabus for adventure and nature education for school students.

RESCUE AND RELIEF

Founded MMRCC, enabling 800+ successful rescues in remote regions.

Led relief efforts during disasters like the 2013 Uttarakhand floods, Nepal Earthquake (2015), and Konkan floods.

Played a pivotal role in evacuating stranded climbers from high altitudes, including rescues on Mt. Kanchenjunga and Mt. Nun.

Umesh Zirpe's journey stands as a testament to the power of passion, perseverance, and a vision for the greater good. His leadership has not only elevated Indian mountaineering but also inspired countless individuals to embrace the spirit of adventure.

