

Mt. Gangotri III (6577 M) Expedition 2013

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South Calcutta Trekkers Association

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Expedition Report

Information as required in format specified by IMF	
1. Name of the Association	South Calcutta Trekkers Association
2. Name of the Expedition	Mt. Gangotri III (6577 Mt) Expedition 2013
3. Name of the Peak with height in metres and six figure co-ordinates	Mt. Gangotri III Height: 6577 meters Co-ord: 30°53' N, 78°52' E
4. Date on which permit given by IMF	5 th April 2013
5. Nominal role of the team	Leader – Sayantan Dutta Treasurer – Arupam Das Equipment In-charge – Ashish Gupta Medical Officer -- Dr Saibal Mishra
6. Commencement of Trek	09 th June 13 from Gangotri(10,420 ft)
7. Number of camps en route to Base Camp	One transit camp - Nala Camp (12,332 ft)
8. Interaction with local administration and other agencies	1. District Magistrate Office, Uttarkashi 2. Superintendent of Police Office, Uttarkashi 3. Forest Office, Uttarkashi 4. ITBP check-post, Kopang 5. Forest Office, Gangotri 6. Mr. Pitambar Singh Panwar (C/O High Land Trek n Tours, Uttarkashi) No assistance was required and no problems were faced
9. Establishment of Base Camp	Rudgaira Valley (14,947 ft) 10 th Jun 13
10. Establishment of higher camps	Camp – I (16,125 ft) on 13 th Jun 13
11. Technical difficulty on way to higher camps	<u>B C to Camp – I</u> Easy ascent through boulders and rocks at a gradient of 30 – 60 deg.
12. Snow & Rock condition	<u>Snow</u> Moderate snow up to Camp I. <u>Rock</u> Boulders and broken rocks till Camp-I.
13. Weather Condition	Throughout the entire expedition weather was bad. It got worse since 14 Jun 13. Since 11 Jun 13 moderate snowing was there even at the Base Camp. Snowing started at Camp I on 13 Jun 13. From 14 Jun 13 snowing became heavy and continuous, with wind speed nearly 40 kmph. Temperatures were more or less as per expectation. At Camp I temperature was sub zero.

14. Summit Report	Not applicable
15. Camp site cleaning activity & disposal of garbage.	All non bio degradable garbage were carried down and submitted at the forest office at Gangotri, where the garbage was disposed off in presence of concerned forest officials.
16. Maximum height attained and its date	4886 m (16125 ft approx), 13 th Jun
17. Name of Summiteers	Not applicable
18. Name of LO	Not applicable
19. Total Expenditure	Attached
20. Details of Day by Day events	Attached
21. Suggestion / Complain	Suggestion – Rules and regulations for all sorts of permits should be informed properly in advance.
22. Survey of India map or sketch marking accurately the route, camp site and their heights.	Attached

Details of Day-wise Events

DATE	ACTIVITIES
04 Jun, 2013	Departure from Howrah Station by Doon Express
05 Jun, 2013	In Train
06 Jun, 2013	Reached Haridwar in the morning. Reached Uttarkashi by jeep in the afternoon. Finished administrative work and marketing.
07 Jun, 2013	Started for Gangotri early morning by jeep. Reached Gangotri in the afternoon.
08 Jun, 2013	Rest day at Gangotri for acclimatization.
09 Jun, 2013	Trekked to Nala Camp (12332 ft).(TC- 1)
10 Jun, 2013	Trekked to Rudgaira Valley (14947 ft).(BC)
11 Jun, 2013	Took Rest at Base Camp for Acclimatization & Load rearrangement. 2 Sherpa and HAP ferried load to Camp I.
12 Jun, 2013	3 Members, 2 Sherpas and HAP ferried load to Camp I. 2 Sherpas stayed back at Camp I and established Camp I. Rest of the people came back to Base Camp.
13 Jun, 2013	2 Sherpas went up towards summit camp to open the summit route. 3 Members, HAP and Cook occupied Camp I. 2 Sherpas came back to Camp I at 4 pm. Rope was fixed till last 700 mt from the summit.
14 Jun, 2013	Due to snowfall, weather was bad and it was total whiteout. It was decided to stay back at Camp I.
15 Jun, 2013	Snowing was continuous and weather was getting worse. About 2 feet snow was accumulated at Camp I.
16 Jun, 2013	It was snowing continuously. So we decided to come back to Base camp. Enroute it was knee-deep snow throughout.
17 Jun, 2013	Snowing was continuous. So we decided to go back to Gangotri. Camp cleaning was carried out. But as there was no return porters, we had to leave all our equipments and tents at Base camp. All of us started for Gangotri . But due to heavy snowfall and landslide, we had to spent the night under a big rock.
18 Jun, 2013	All members and sherpas trekked down to Gangotri. Due to heavy landslide road was totally cut off towards Uttarkashi.
19 Jun, 2013	Full team reached stayed at Gangotri.
20 Jun, 2013	Full team started walking towards Uttarkashi as there was no transport available. Reached Gangnani in the evening and stayed there.
21 Jun, 2013	Reached Uttarkashi and carried out administrative work.
22 Jun, 2013	Full team started for Dehradun in the afternoon. Reached Dehradun in the night and stayed there.
23 Jun, 2013	We took a train from Dehradun in the morning and reached New Delhi in the afternoon. Caught a train in the evening for Howrah.
04 Jun, 2013	Reached Howrah in the evening.

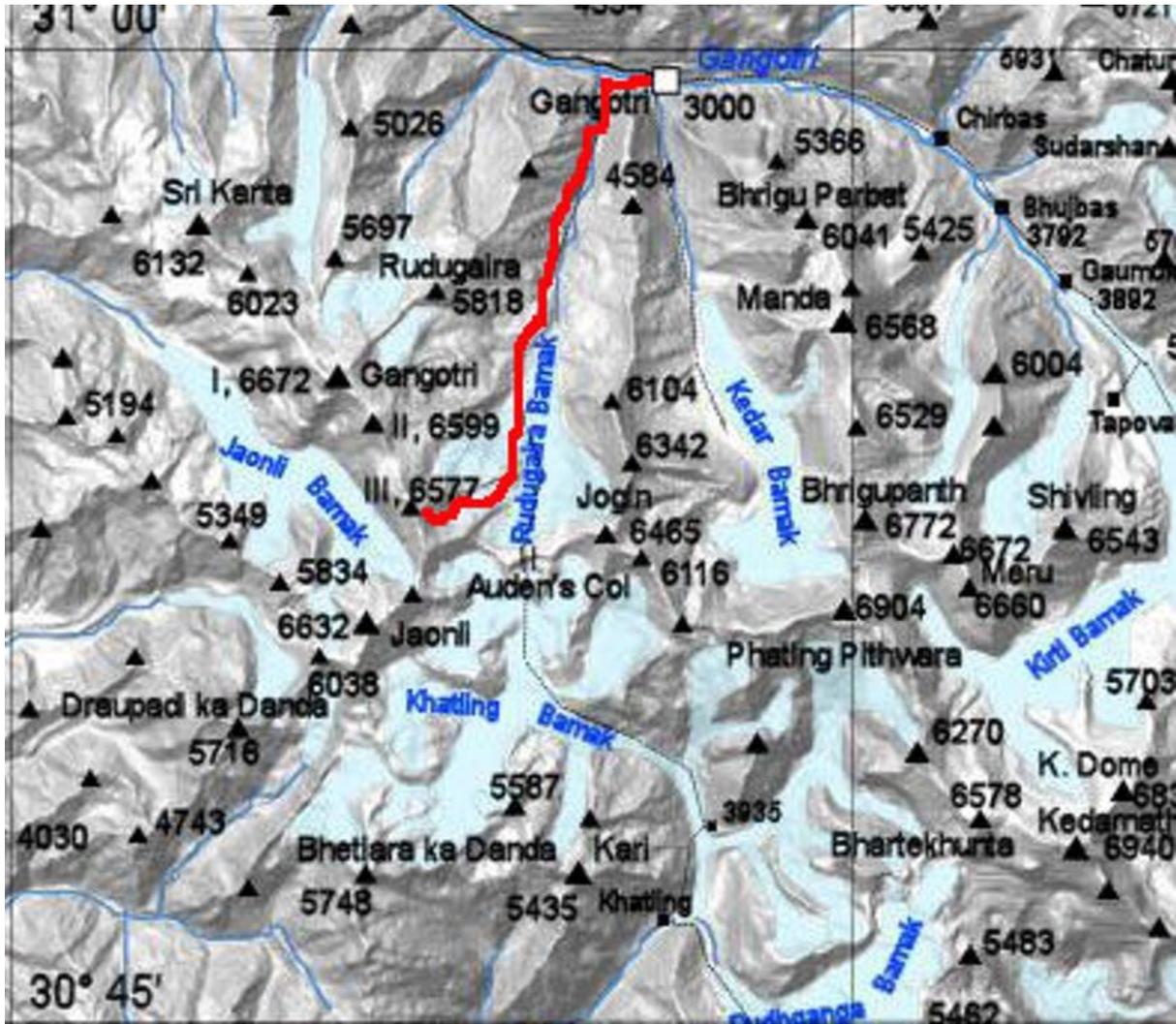
Mt. Bhagirathi II (6512 M) Expedition 2012

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Route Map



Sayantan Dutta

Leader

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Date: 20th Aug 2013

Place: Kolkata