

Mt. Manirang (6593 m) Expedition 2014

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South Calcutta Trekkers Association

14 Chakraberia Lane, Kolkata 700020

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. Manirang (6593 Mt) Expedition 2014
3. Name of the Peak with height in metres and six figure co-ordinates	Mt. Manirang Height: 6593 meters Co-ord: 31°57'12" N, 78°22'00" E
4. Date on which permit given by IMF	15 th July 2014
5. Nominal role of the team	Leader – Sayantan Dutta Quarter Master – Pradeep Kumar Bar Equipment In-charge – Ashish Gupta
6. Commencement of Trek	19 th Aug '14 from Maane (3500 m)
7. Number of camps en route to Base Camp	One transit camp - Yong Lake (4100 m) 19 th Aug '14
8. Interaction with local administration and other agencies	1. District Magistrate Office, Manali 2. Superintendent of Police Office, Manali No assistance was required and no problems were faced
9. Establishment of Base Camp	Sopana (4580 m) 20 th Aug '14
10. Establishment of higher camps	Camp – I : Sojana (5150 m) on 21 st Aug '14 Camp – II : Manirang Pass (5550 m) on 23 rd Aug '14 Summit Camp : (5950 m) on 25 th Aug '14
11. Technical difficulty on way to higher camps	<u>Base to Camp - I</u> No technical difficulty faced. Trek with gradual height gain. <u>Camp – I to Camp - II</u> Trek through boulders and rocks with gradual height gain. <u>Camp – II to Summit Camp</u> Difficult mix of boulders and loose rock , at 75 – 85 deg gradients with fix rope. Very poor rock and condition.
12. Snow & Rock condition	<u>Snow</u> Small snow patches up to Summit Camp. Summit ridge: Stable hard ice deposition along the ridge. <u>Rock</u> Boulders and broken rocks till Camp - II. Camp-II to Summit Camp: Very poor rock condition. Unstable rocks on the way at 75-85 deg gradients. Summit ridge: Last part consists of broken rocks at 80-85 degree gradient.
13. Weather Condition	Throughout the entire expedition weather was fine. Only on 28 th Aug in the afternoon weather became bad and it started snowing. It was white out all around. Had snow fall that night. Temperatures were more or less as per expectation. The lowest recorded was on the very early morning of 26 th Aug at 4 deg below Zero.
14. Summit Report	Attached
15. Camp site cleaning activity & disposal of garbage.	All non bio degradable garbage were carried down and disposed off at Kaza.
16. Maximum height attained and its date	6593 m (21750 ft approx), 26 th Aug '12, 11:15 hrs
17. Name of Summiteers	Sayantan Dutta, Ashish Gupta, Pradip Kumar Bar, Phurba Sherpa, Passang Sherpa, Dawa Sherpa

18. Name of LO	Not applicable
19. Total Expenditure	Attached
20. Details of Day by Day events	Attached
21. Suggestion / Complain	Nil
22. Survey of India map or sketch marking accurately the route, camp site and their heights.	Attached

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Details of Day-wise Events

DATE	ACTIVITIES
14 Aug, 2014	Departure from Howrah Station by Doon Express
15 Aug, 2014	In Train
16 Aug, 2014	Reached Chandigarh in the morning. Reached Manali by bus in the evening. Finished administrative work and marketing.
17 Aug, 2014	Started for Maane early morning by sumo. Reached Maane in the evening.
18 Aug, 2014	Rest day at Maane for acclimatization.
19 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas trekked to TC-I : Yong Lake (4100 m).
20 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas trekked to Base Camp : Sopana (4580 m).
21 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas trekked to Camp I : Sojana (5150 m) .
22 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas did load ferry to Camp II and returned to Camp I.
23 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas occupied Camp II : Manirang Pass (5550 m). Sherpas started opening route and rope fixing for summit camp.
24 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas did load ferry to Summit Camp and returned to Camp II.
25 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas occupied Summit Camp (5950 m). Sherpas started opening route and rope fixing for summit.
26 Aug, 2014	All members and sherpas started their summit attempt at 5:45 am. After initial climbing through hard ice they reached the South ridge at around 7:30 am. They reached at the foot step of the final rock tower of Mt Manirang at around 8:30 am. Then they started climbing the rock tower. Finally they reached Summit at around 11 am. All members and sherpas reached the summit. They were at the summit for almost 30 min, offered Puja, took photographs. They returned back to Summit camp, did their packing and descended further down to Camp II.
27 Aug, 2014	Camp cleaning was carried out. All members and sherpas descended down to Base Camp.
28 Aug, 2014	Rest day at Base Camp. Return mule reached Base Camp in the afternoon.
29 Aug, 2014	Camp cleaning was carried out. . All members and sherpas descended down to Maane. Full team reached Kaza by sumo.
30 Aug, 2014	Reached Manali by bus. Finished administrative work.
31 Aug, 2014	Reached Chandigarh by bus. Boarded train at night.
01 Sep, 2014	In train.
02 Sep, 2014	Team reached Howrah.

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Route Map



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Summit Report

On 26th August at 5:45 a.m. Sayantan, Ashish, Pradip, Phurba, Passang and Dawa started for summit attempt. Weather was clear. The route was covered with hard ice at a gradient of 60-75 deg. Fix rope was there and all the members used jumars. They reached the West ridge of Mt Manirang at around 7:30 am. After that the gradient became 30-45 deg. At that point only self anchoring was required. There were 3 crevasses on the way to the final rock tower. The crevasses were negotiated and the team reached at the footsteps of the final rock tower at around 8:30 am. The gradient of the final rock tower was 75-85 deg. Rope was fixed by the sherpas till summit and members used that for jumaring. There were a few rockfall zones enroute to summit. All of them reached summit at around 11:00 a.m. All along the route to the summit climbing rope of 08 mm diameter was fixed using mostly blade rock pitons of various sizes. They were at the summit for almost 30 min, offered Puja, took photographs. They returned back to Summit camp, did their packing and descended further down to Camp II.

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