

## AnnexureD: Expedition Reporting Guidelines

(Leader is required to forward Expedition report to IMF within two months of first summit attempt. The guidelines for filling the report are available on IMF website.)

1.	Route with Itinerary (Beyond and up to base Camp)	Attached
2.	Summit Attempts (Brief description enclosing photographic proofs)	On 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 at around 5:30 a.m. summit team comprising Sayantan Dutta, Subhajt Banerjee, Roop Singh Danu, Mohan Singh Danu and Narender Singh Danu left for summit. The whole route was having knee deep soft snow. There were also a few hidden crevasses. At around 10:30a.m. we reached summit. There was a summit cornice. To pay respect to the local rituals we went till 2 m before the end point of that cornice. We performed Puja and returned to Col camp and further down to Camp 2.
3.	Have you left the mountain clean and brought back all the garbage as per laid down environment guidelines	YES
4.	Note on local culture, flora and fauna	The Sundardunga Besin is very rich in terms of forest resources and diversity. From the valley region to alpine meadows, rich diversity of herbs and bushes we found. Below that till 3300m we found Pine, Deodar, Bamboo and fir forest till Kanthalia. Various species of birds (Mainly Flycatchers, Himalayan Golden Eagle, Common Pheasant, Alpine choughs and Robins) and butterflies we found in the Sundardunga as well as in Maiktoli basin. The area is home of Black Bears, Bharals and Himalayan Thars. We witnessed a community of Bharals at a distance on grassy slopes on the way to basecamp. The higher slope of mountains are home of Snow leopard but we could not witness any.

## Annexure E: Grade Assessment Reporting

The expeditions are required to articulate the technical difficulties encountered during the expedition as under:

Subject	Details
Name of Mountain	Mt Baljuri (5922m)
Face/ Ridge Attempted	North West ridge Attempt made from Sundardunga Basin side to Baljuri Col
Nature of the face e.g. rock, snow, ice, seracs, overhangs etc.	Base Camp to Camp 1 : Grass land & Hard rock Camp 1 to Camp 2 : Hard Rock mixed with hard ice Camp 2 to Col Camp : Hard ice and soft snow Col Camp to Summit : Soft snow
Gradient of the route in approximate degrees and description of artificial technical aids used to negotiate difficulty.	Camp 1 to Camp 2 : 45-60 deg Camp 2 to Col Camp : 45-75 deg Col Camp to Summit : 30-45 deg  Fixed rope and Ascender used wherever required.
Technical Difficulty with Grade (refer to grade description)	Grade 3

# Annexure E: Continued

## GRADE DESCRIPTION

Technical Grades	Description
<b>Grade 1</b>	Easy approach on rock/ snow/ ice slopes with shallow gradient
<b>Grade 2</b>	Rock/ snow/ ice slopes up to 45 degrees where climbing may require anchoring, belaying and or abseiling due to objective hazard
<b>Grade 3</b>	Fairly difficult rock/ snow/ ice slopes at an angle between 45 degrees & 60 degrees with considerable exposed face. Needs belaying with safe anchor due to significant objective hazard.
<b>Grade 4</b>	Hard more exposed slope at 50-70 degrees angle on longer routes with sustained difficulty. Such a grade poses serious objective hazard.
<b>Grade 5</b>	Very hard route with high level of objective hazards on rock/ snow/ ice slopes at an angle between 65 and 80 degrees. Requires various technical safety aids on very long sections of hard climbing.
<b>Grade 6</b>	Extremely difficult pitches with exceptional objective hazards, climbing involves vertical rock/ snow/ice slopes using multiple technical aids.
<b>Grade 7</b>	Difficulty and danger at their limits. Climb involves negotiating dangerous and maximum exposed overhanging rock/ snow/ ice faces multiple technical aids.

# Annexure F: Incident Reporting

1. All expeditions are expected to report in detail on any incidents which has taken place during the expedition involving members or support staff. Following type of incidents should be reported:

- a) CLIMBING ACCIDENTS : **N/A**
- b) CASES OF SEVERE ALTITUDE SICKNESS : **N/A**
- c) ANIMALS ATTACK : **N/A**
- d) SEVERE WEATHER DISTURBANCES: **During the expedition, weather got bad almost every day after 11 a.m. We experienced heavy blizzard and continuous snowfall for 5 hours when we reached Col camp.**
- e) AVALANCHES AND LANDSLIDES: **Avalanches took place on the nights we were at Camp 1 and Camp 2 from Mt Panwalidwar side. But fortunately it did not cause any damage to our campsite.**

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