

INDO - BANGLADESH JOINT MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION, 2007

Organised by : Mountaineers' Association of Krishnanagar, Nadia
and
Kewkradong, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Name of the Peak : Rubalkang (6187 mtr.)

Date of journey from Howrah : 15/5/2007.

Return date at Krishnanagar on 09/6/2007.

On 13/5/2007 - A function held at Nadia Zila Parishad Conference Hall, Krishnanagar at 5.00 p.m. where Mr. Mohammad Imran, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh, District Magistrate of Nadia, Chairman of Krishnanagar Municipality and both the team members were present. National and Club Flag of both the team handed over in this function. Many well wishers and mountain lovers were also present in this occasion.

Total team 10 Indian, 4 Bangladeshi, 3 Sherpa, 2 Cook, 1 Guide and 1 L.O.

Indian

1. Basanta Singha Roy (Leader)
2. Asok Roy
3. Ajay Krishna Bhattacharjee
4. Sourav Sinchan Mondal
5. Subrata Brahma
6. Biswanath Saha
7. Tapan Roy
8. Dr. Sanjib Raha
9. Buddhadeb Haldar
10. Supriya Chitra

Bangladeshi

1. SM. Muntasir Mamun, (Dy. Leader)
2. H. Md. Shirajul Haq
3. Saad Bin Hossain
4. Md. Ataur Rahman Khan

Sherpa

1. Thendup Sherpa
2. Pema Sherpa
3. Karma Sherpa

Guide

1. Chaman Singh Rana

Liaison Officer

Debasis Biswas

IMF charged peak booking fees from Bangladesh USD 1500 + 500 as L.O.'s equipment hire charges in this peak. IMF also not sanctioned any financial assistance to us because this is a joint venture. On return IMF changed rules and they charged USD 900 for 4 Bangladesh members and USD 500 for L.O.'s equipment hire charges. They returned the balance to the Bangladesh team.

All of us avail Kalka Mail on 15/5/2007. L.O., myself and 4 member of Bangladesh reached IMF on 17th May and complete all the formalities and on the same night by Bus we left Delhi and reached Kulu on 18th morning and we met with S.P., D.M. and ITBP of Kulu and reached Barseni (road head) on the same afternoon. Rest team directly reached Chandigarh by Kalka Mail and then reached Bhuntar by bus from Chandigarh on 17th afternoon and stayed there. Next day i.e. on 18th after completing marketing and arrangement of Kerosene, they reached Barseni at noon.

Chaman Singh Rana met with us at Barseni on 18th afternoon and we stayed at Rana's house at Barseni. Next day Chaman arranged Mule for reaching our loads to Base Camp. Though he earlier told us for Porter. A hydle project was in progress so this village is now very dirty due to dust. Barseni is about 30 k.m. from Manikaran.

We hired 12 Mules @200/- per Mule and per Mule we paid 1200/- (upward 4 days and 2 days for downward). Guide charged Rs.300/-, Cook charged Rs.250/- and Rs.200/- per day.

20/5 - We left Barseni and stayed at our Tent at Khirganga. It is 14k.m. distance. It took 5 hours. The route is through forest. There is a hot spring at Khirganga and this area is crowded by foreign tourist.

21/5 -We stayed at our Tent at Tundabhuji (12000'). It is 12 k.m. distance. It took 5 hours. The route is through forest.

22/5 - We stayed Thakurkuan (13000') in a temporary built house. It is 6 k.m. distance. It took 2 and half hours. The route is through valley. Upto Thakurkuan we proceeded through the right and left bank of Parvati River.

23/5 - We left Parbati river and entered Dibibokri nala route. It took 5 hours to reach Ratiruni Base Camp. The route is through the valley. Base Camp established at an height of 14436 ft.

*After starting from Barseni an incident occurred. One Mule slipped and fell in to the river Parbati and died. Our loads also damaged. We collect all our loads but later we recognise at base camp that 15 kg. Dal lost. So we faced lot of difficulty with Musur Dal.

24/5 - Load ferry at Camp - I (15750').

25/5 - Occupy Camp-I by 5 members and 3 Sherpas and 1 Cook.

26/5 - Load ferry at Camp - II (17050').

27/5 - Occupy at Camp - II.

28/5 - Load ferry at Camp - III (18370')

29/5 - Occupy at Camp - III (Summit Camp).

30/5 - Summit - Myself, Biswasnath Saha, SM. Muntasir Mamun, H. Md. Shirajul Haq and Saad Bin Hossain and 2 Sherpa - Thendup and Pema start for summit at 4.00 a.m. and reached the top of Rubalkang (6187 mtr. / 20393 ft.) at 11.30 a.m. and return to Summit Camp at 2.30 p.m.

31/5 2007 - Summit - Debasis Biswas (L.O.), Ajay Krishna Bhattacharjee, Subrata Brahma, Sourav Sinchan Mondal and Buddhadeb Halder and 2 Sherpas start for summit at 4.00 a.m. and scaled Rubalkang at 10.30 a.m. and reached summit camp at 12.30 p.m.

Weather was all along good up to morning to noon. Snow fall started every day after 12 noon and continued till evening.

6 Mule arrived on 4/6/2007 and we left Base Camp on 5th June and reached Khirganga on the same day.

Next day i.e. on 6th June we reached Barseni and then from Barseni to Kulu by Bus. On the same night we avail night service for Delhi.

7/6/2007 - We visited IMF for briefing.

8/6/2007 - We avail Toofan Mail and reached Krishnagar on 9th June night.

10/6/2007 - Dy. High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Kolkata invited our team and the entire expedition member attended at his residence at night.

The Bangladesh team left Kolkata on 13/6/2007 by air.

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