

## Report

### Trekking at Sandakphu in the month of January 2014

#### Organized by Photography and Trekking Club, JIS College of Engineering



Photography and Trekking club had organized a 6- day trek to Sandakphu (3636 m; 12,400 ft) from 03/01/2014 to 08/01/2014. An approximate of 55 to 60 interested club members were requested to join this trek.

More than 10 female student members expressed their ardent interest to join this trek but organizing committee failed to find even a single female staff or faculty member to accompany those students at the trek. Consequently, we had to limit this particular event for male students only. They were requested to apply for this trek and submit parent consent form before the initiation of journey.

Club authority collected 15 applications from student members as per their fitness certificate and appointed 7 faculty members as mentors in 2:1 ratio. In the mean time the club booked railway tickets in advance before collecting parent consent form from the students.

However, only 4 parent consent forms were submitted out of 15 willing students. Going by the strict rules & regulations of this trek, only 4 male students became finally eligible to join this trek. By then, it was too late to cancel the already booked rail tickets and trekking equipments. Club management decided to start the trek with 4 student members and 7 faculty members as its first initiative supported by college authority. In this entire venture, 30% of the total expenditure was funded by College and rest was collected from individual trek members.

## **Itinerary:**

- ) On the first day (03/01/2014) we formally initiated our journey from college at noon and boarded Teesta Torsa Express from Naihati Station. Overnight we stayed in the train.
- ) Next day (04/01/2014) in the early morning we reached New Jalpaiguri station. From there we went to Dhotrey (Base Camp for this trek) by car. Overnight stay at camp.
- ) On 05/01/2014 we started trekking and reached to Tonglu pick(10000ft) after 3hrs. of trek. Then at evening we reached Sandakphu (12400ft). Overnight stay at Sandakphu.
- ) On 06/01/2014 we started trekking for Shrikhola via Gurdum village. After 12 hrs of rigorous trekking we reached to Shrikhola at night at 8.30pm. Overnight stay at Shrikhola.
- ) On 07/01/2014 we reached New Jalpaiguri Station by car via Rimbik, Manebhanjan at 2.30pm and boarded Teesta Torsa Exp. Overnight at train.
- ) We returned to college on 08/01/2014 in the morning.

With Regards,

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