

EXPEDITION BRIEF AND PRESS RELEASE

HISTORIC IMF INDIAN EVEREST MASSIF EXPEDITION

2021

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

The expedition was organized and conducted by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation or IMF, which is the Apex National Body for Mountaineering and Allied activities in India. The expedition was sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt of India.

The expedition and has been path breaking in many ways as follows :-

1. Never before in the history of the Everest Massif, **04 major peaks** namely **Mt Nuptse** (7861 M), **Mt Pumori** (7161 M), **Mt Lhotse** (8516 M) and **Mt Everest** (8848.86 M) have been attempted by an Indian team or even perhaps from any other country in the world.
2. This was the smallest Indian team comprising of **14 climbing members** to attempt 4 major mountains, with an average of **3.5 climbers per mountain**, thus ensuring **minimum environmental foot print** and **human impact** on the already fragile environment of these hard pressed mountains.
3. The expedition was undertaken during the **very challenging pandemic times of Covid 19** and faced the full onslaught of **Cyclones Yaas** and an extended fallout of **Tauktae**. Following all protocols and observing mountain safety at all times, the expedition achieved its assigned objectives in excellent shape and form, without any mishap or injuries. **The expedition did not have a single case of Covid.**

4. This was the **first** Indian team to attempt the very challenging **Mt Nuptse (7861 M)** and reached within striking distance of the summit from the north face of the mountain.
5. IMF Indian Everest Expedition -2021 team made the first Indian ascent of **Mt. Pumori (7161 M)** also known as the 'Killer Mountain', from the north west ridge of the mountain. **100%** members of Team Pumori climbed, including the first Indian woman.
6. **Mt Lhotse (8516 M)**, the fourth highest mountain of the world was successfully scaled from the west face. **100%** members of the Team Lhotse climbed, including the second Indian woman.
7. **Mt. Everest (8848.86 M)**, was climbed from the traditional South East ridge of the mountain. **100%** members of Team Everest climbed the mountain.
8. **Mt Lobuche (6119 M)** was climbed by all team members during the acclimatisation phase.
9. In keeping with the spirit of '**Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**' and the effort of the Nepalese Army to clean the mountain, the expedition contributed its bit, by undertaking cleaning of the Khumbu Glacier, **despite the Covid threat and adverse weather conditions.**
10. The expedition earned **enormous goodwill** as it treated many Sherpas for medical ailments at the Base Camp. This was gratefully acknowledged by the Sherpas. In addition, the team treated and provided medical aid to the hardy Yak herders, as requested.