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The
Divisional Commissioner
Kashmir –J&K

DETAILED REPORT
RESCUE OPERATION BY JIM & WS

Sir,

A copy of detailed report of Rescue Operation conducted by Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports, Pahalgam –J&K at Dubjan (Shupyan) and Sinthan Pass (Daksum) during Mughal Road Car rally on 30 Jun 2012 to 01 Jul 2012 is enclosed herewith for your information.

Yours Sincerely

-Sd-
(Virinder Singh)
Colonel
Principal (JIM & WS)

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary to Hon,ble Chief Minister, Civil Secretariat Srinagar
2. Joint Secretary (G/Air), R.No.225 F, South Block, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
3. Commissioner /Secretary Tourism, Govt. of J&K, Civil Secretariat Srinagar –J&K
4. Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag-J&K

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30 JUN 2012 TO 01 JUL 2012

GENERAL

1. On 27 Jun 2012 Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports, (JIM & WS) Nunwan, Pahalgam received verbal directions from Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir to deploy Mountain Rescue Teams to deploy for Rescue Operation during Mughal Road Car Rally. Col Virinder Singh, Principal, JIM & WS planed & prepared to launched his two (02) Rescue Team composed of seven (07) & eight (08) well trained Mountain Instructors and Mountain qualified members. One Rescue team of 07 members including Technical advisor Hav. Hazari Lal, Team leader, Shri Pinki Singh, Shri G M Sheikh, Shri Karnail Singh, Shri Suhan Lal, Shri Raj Singh and Shri Ranbir Singh detailed to move on 29 Jun 2012 to Dubjan (Shopian) Rescue Site. Another Team of 08 members was standby and ready to deploy with in short notice on call in emergency at Institute, Headquarter, Pahalgam.
2. On 28 Jun 2012 at 1600hrs while taking details of actual deployment of the both the Mountain Search & Rescue teams, Mr Vijay Parmar, President, Himalaya Motorsports, Shimla directed that send one teams only with adequate qualified trained members along with the Mountain equipment at Heerpora Police Barrier on 30th Jun 2012 at 0500hrs and report to Mr Harjinder Singh Marshal, Himalaya Motorsport, Shimla and the team will be directed by Mr Harjinder for further deployment.
3. Mr Vijay Parmar, President further briefed us that the same Mountain Search & Rescue team will be used for another phase of rally on 01 Jul 2012, the team will be moved back on 30th Jun 2012 by evening and will be reported at Daksum and further directions will be given to them for the second day run of Mughal Road Car Rally.

JIM & WS, MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE TEAMS

4. The members of the rescue team had been specially trained over years in search and rescue missions at various renowned Institutes of the Country and abroad. They had conducted special rescue missions in disasters like avalanche, floods, rescue in high altitudes and Amarnath pilgrimages during Amarnath Ji Yatra.

5. In spite of the Institute having own regular courses running at full swing at its various centers viz, Headquarter Pahalgam, Sub Training Centre Sanasar, Sub Training Centre Baderwah and this time Institute was more in demand perforce established additional training centre at Sonamarg for rock and ice craft training. Despite of busy schedule Institute deployed one Rescue Teams of 07 members and one Rescue Team was stand by of 08 members for the Mughal Road Car Rally with necessary Rescue Equipment.

COMPOSITION OF MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE TEAMS

6. Composition of the Rescue Teams was as follows:-

RESCUE TEAM NO.1



S.No	Name	Mob. No	Remarks
1	Hav Hazari Lal	9622403912	Technical advisor
2	Shri Pinki Singh	9906967824	Team Leader
3	Shri G M Sheikh	-	
4	Shri Karnail Singh	-	
5	Shri Suhan Lal	-	
6	Shri Raj Singh	-	
7	Ranbir Singh	-	

RESCUE TEAM NO.2

S.No	Name	Mob. No	Remarks
1	Shri A R Padder	9906967825	
2	Shri Mahfooz Illahi	9906274000	
3	Shri Rishi Manhas	-	
4	Shri Mohd Farooq	-	
5	Shri Shabir Ahamd	-	
6	Shri Raj Kumar	-	
7	Shri Ajay Kumar	-	
8	Shri Karanbeer Singh	-	

MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE EQUIPMENT

7. The teams were equipped with necessary imported equipment. The details of equipment carried by Rescue Teams are as follows: -

LIST OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT CARRIED BY EACH TEAM

S.No	Item	Qty	Remarks
1	Rope	07	
2	Seat harness	07	
3	Mitten	04	
4	Carabineer	25	
5	Helmet	06	
6	Headlight	04	
7	Descender	03	
8	Pulley	03	
9	Jummar	06	
10	Piton	10	
11	Snow Bar	05	
12	Water bottle	06	
13	Rock Hammer	02	
14	Giri Giri	01	
15	Mattress	06	
16	Tent	02	
17	Sleeping Bag	06	
18	Siling	10	
19	Stretcher	01	
20	Rucksack	06	
21	Ice pitons tubular	06	

3RD MUGHAL ROAD CAR RALLY

8. 3rd Mughal Road Car Rally was sponsored by Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of J&K and J&K Bank and was organized by Himalayan Motorsport Association, Shimla. The participants from Jammu & Kashmir, Mangalore, Mumbai, Gujarat, Jaipur etc participated. The participants from other countries also participated in the rally. The vehicles for the rally were provided by the Maruti, Tata and Mahindra.



3RD MUGHAL ROAD CAR RALLY

MISSION

9. The mission of the Mountain Search & Rescue team deployment was to assist in smooth conduct of Mughal Road Car Rally and to save precious lives of the persons who were taking part in the Mughal Road Car Rally organized by J&K, Govt. The Mountain Search & Rescue team reached Dubjan (Shopian) and reported to Mr Harjinder Singh, Marshal, Himalayan Motorsport Association, Shimla at 1600hrs on 29 Jun 2012 as advised by Mr Vijay Parmar, President Motorsport, Association.



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH HARJINDER SINGH, MARSHAL

RESCUE OPERATION

10. The rescue team started working on 30 Jun 2012 at 0500hrs at Dubjan (Shopian) the team leader was aware of all the geographical and seasonal implication of the area, as a result he could judge and foresee the adverse effects of the situation and he could take timely action with the help of his well trained Instructors and staff in rescue mission. The mishap took place at around 1530 hrs on 30 June 2012 when a vehicle skidded off the road near Dubjan (Shopian) during the rally. The JIM & WS rescue team immediately reacted and assisted in recovery the vehicle and the driver timely.



JIM & WS RESCUE TEAM AT SITE

11. After performing the first day duty at Dubjan, team moved back at Daksum at 1800 hrs on 30 Jun 2012, night halted at Daksum. On 01 Jul 2012 at 0500hrs the same team again deployed near Sinthan Pass. On 01 Jul 2012 at 1730hrs they finished their task, reported and asked for permission to leave from the Mortorsport authority for Phalgam, accordingly they were told to go back.



TEAM REPORTED BACK AFTER COMPLITION OF RALLY

Recommendations

12. Based on the experience gained during these operations, following recommendations are proposed:-

(a) JIM & WS, being located at Pahalgam, the sub –centers being located in mountainous areas, The Institute must be provided with a minimum of 30 sets of imported, superior quality, water and wind proof items of clothing to undertake such rescue operations in inclement weather effectively and efficiently for prolonged periods. Procurement sanction may be accorded by concerned authorities.

(b) Units/ Institutes like JIM & WS conducting training activities in mountains must train and earmark Rescue Team equipped with adequate equipment to immediately undertake such operations. This will minimize loss of lives of persons as JIM & WS conducts several courses for Para Military forces, Police forces, School, college /university students and as well as for the students / employees of other agencies and civilian students.

(c) All the members involved in rescue mission should be rewarded for the excellent work done with high spirit and dedication. This will help them to keep their morale high and willingness to participate in similar natural / manmade tragedies.

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