

JAWAHAR INSTITUTE OF MOUNTAINEERING & WINTER SPORTS



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LIDDER VAISHAV RESCUE OPERATION AT CHECKPORA

KULGAM ON 09 SEP 2012

DETAILED REPORT
RIVER VAISHAV RESCUE OPERATION AT CHEKPORA KULGAM BY
JIM&WS,NUNWAN PAHALGAM

General

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS) is a joint venture of Ministry of Defence and Govt of J&K (Tourism) Rakhsha Mantri is the President and Chief Minister, Jammu & Kashmir is the Vice President of the Institute. The Institute carried out several rescue operations in the 2012. 1st rescue operation of the year was carried out at Mughal Road Car Rally from 30 June to 01 Jul 2012 in which two teams consisting of fifteen well trained members were deployed in Dubjan (Shopian) and Daksum rescue sites, another team of eight members was standby at Pahalgam and ready to deploy within a short notice on call in emergency at Institute. 2nd rescue operation on call by Mr Abdul Gaffar Tehsildar of Pahalgam was carried out at Shekhpora, Sallar-Pahalgam on 22 Aug 2012.

2. On 09 Sep 2012, after an uneventful accident happened at Checkpora area of Kulgam, where four persons stuck in the river Vaishav due to heavy rains, at around 7.30 pm Col Virinder Singh Principal, Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM&WS) received a call from Divisional Commissioner Office for carrying out Rescue operation and to extend helping hand being a pioneer of search and rescue operations in the state. This was the third operation of the year which was conducted by JIM&WS. Taking in consideration the Principal JIM&WS without wasting a single minute directed the team to launch rescue team adequate number of rafts composed of 17 (seventeen) well trained members including Kashmir rafting operators association recently trained by JIM&WS in skill testing & certification course in river rafting under Hunner Se Rozgar, from 23 to 29 Aug 2012.



CARRYING RAFT FOR RESCUE



DC KULGAM WITH MEDIA

3. The team worked hard applying various methods of rescue to save the young persons mentioned below, who were stuck in the middle of the river. JIM&WS managed and rescued the persons alive within one hour and ten minutes, rescued persons as follows.

- (a) Mohd Yaseen Bhat S/O Mohd Anwar
- (b) Mohd Waseem S/O Mohd Ramzan Parrey
- (c) Sheeraz Ahmed Parrey S/O Mohd Amin Parrey
- (d) Mohd Imran Rishi S/O Mohd Amin Parrey



FOUR TRAPPED PERSONS RESCUED

MISSION

4. The rescue mission was to save precious life of four persons who were found trapped in flash flood in river Vaishav happened near Checkpora, Kulgam (J&K)

JIM&WS, RIVER VAISHAV RESCUE TEAM

5. On 09 Sep 2012, at around 7.30 pm after receiving information and request for help in an uneventful accident happened at Checkpora, Kulgam, where four persons stuck in the Vaishav River due to heavy rains. Col Virinder Singh, Principal JIM&WS taking in consideration without wasting a single minute, launched his rescue team composed of seventeen well trained members. The members of the rescue team had been specially trained over years in search and rescue mission at renowned Institutes of the Nation. They had conducted special rescue missions in disasters like avalanche, floods, mechanical accident, rescue in high altitudes and amaranth pilgrimages during Amarnath Ji Yatra. It is pertinent to mention that members of the team members belong to Kashmir rafting operators association recently trained by JIM&WS in skill testing & certification course in river rafting under Hunner Se Rozgar from 23 to 29 Aug 2012.

River Rescue Team

6. Composition of the River Vaishav Rescue Team was as follows:-

S.No	Name of member	Remarks
1.	Shri Pinki Singh	Team Leader
2.	Shri DN Raina	Dy Team Leader
3.	Shri AR Padder	Member
4	Shri GM Sheikh	Member
5	Shri GM Ganie	Member
6	Shri Mohd Ibrahim	Member
7	Shri GM Dar	Member
8	Shri GA Lone	Member
9	Shri Irshad Ahmed Lone	Member
10	Mohd Yousuf Lone	Member
11	Shri Sukhman	Member
12	Shri Sameer	Member
13	Shri Sandesh	Member
14	Sweet Nain Singh	Member

15	Mukhtar Ahmed Kumar	Member
16	Mohd Rafi Raina	Member
17	Sh Zahid Lone	Member

SITUATION AT VAISHAV RIVER

7. The rescue team reached Checkpora, Kulgam at 2030 hrs where the team leader brief the situation on mobile telephone to Col Virinder Singh Principal, JIM&WS who was out of station to expedition to Golup Kangri, Leh (Ladakh) and continuously in touch planning, coordinating and exercising his command and control over the rescue mission and passing the instructions to the team leader on mobile how to rescue the four persons stuck in the river, as a result the team leader alongwith his deputy team leader judge and foresee the adverse effects of the situation and they take timely action with the help of his well trained other team members in rescue mission. The mishap took place at around 1400 hrs on 09 Sep 2012 when four persons stuck and were shouting for help in the river due to heavy rains. The rescue operation was carried out from 1600 hrs by JKP, 18 Bn CRPF, 9 RR, Fire Service. All efforts were being made by the administration to complete the mission but could not succeed. The complete rafting team of JIM&WS reached 2030 hours on the spot and carried out the mission. The weather conditions had further deteriorated, even under extreme poor visibility, the team continued the rescue to save the life of the victims trapped in adverse situation.



PHOTOGRAPH OF RIVER VAISHAV IN NIGHT

CONDUCT OF RESCUE

8. On 09 Sep 12, the JIM&WS Vaishav river rescue team reached 2030 hours on the accident site and carried out initial search to identify potential recovery site under the expert guidance of Col Virinder Singh, Principal JIM&WS on phone, the team commenced launching rafts in selected area under extremely adverse weather conditions with low visibility, continuing fast flow of water and threat of more heavy rains.



JIM & WS RESCUE TEAM RESCUE TEAM

RESCUE METHODS APPLIED

9. It was decided and six members of the team were immediately involved in launching the rescue raft from selected location in one end and other members were put on the other location of the river. They tried their best and managed to reach the opposite bank of the river and threw rope to the persons stuck on the central part a small island of the river tied them with seat harness and the method became fruitful and the team succeeded in rescuing the persons one by one.



JIM&WS RESCUE TEAM LAUNCHING RAFT

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. Keeping in view the limited resource of training Instructor staff and increased number of training activities of JIM&WS in all centers viz Pahalgam, Sub Training Center Bhaderwah, Sanasar, Leh. It is felt some time difficult to organize plan and execute the rescue missions, after completion of the above recent rescue mission, it is recommended that 32 State Response Force personals (04 teamsx08 personnel = 32 Personnel) trained by Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports should be deployed permanently under command & control of JIM&WS as a separate

rescue cell and their continuous training will be honed up regularly under supervision of well trained Instructors and can be deployed during different disasters or mishaps for all kind of eventualities.

CONCLUSION

11. Showing indomitable spirit, giving an example of chivalry the JIM&WS rescue team worked hard in the rescue operation guided by Col Virinder Singh, Principal JIM&WS to his own team members. The four persons stuck in the middle of the river Vaishav were rescued alive within 25 minutes. The efforts put in, dedication, bravery, fearlessness showed by JIM &WS rescue team members is indeed commendable which has been appreciated by **Shri Amir Ali OSD Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Shri Mir Jhangeer,DC Kulgam, Sh Mohd Shafi Mir SP Kulgam, Shri Zulfkar Shaheen DSP Kulgam Shri Shabir Ahmed SHO Kulgam** who were the eye witness of the rescue made by JIM&WS and may be appreciated by Secretary JIM&WS.

(Virinder Singh)
Col
Principal

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