



The Himalayan Club

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The Himalayan Club Annual Seminar 2010 (OPEN TO ALL)

To celebrate the 82nd year of the Himalayan Club, which falls on 17th February 2010, a two day programme is planned at Mumbai, the headquarters of the Club. Several speakers will be presenting illustrated talks, providing a rare opportunity to listen to some leading mountaineers and scholars. The programme will include Kaivan Mistry Memorial Lecture.

The venue is Y. B, Chavan Auditorium, Chavan Center, 4th Floor, General J.N. Bhosale Marg, opposite Sachivalaya, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021, and the timings are as follows:

20th February 2010– Saturday Evening 4 to 7 pm.
 21st February 2010 – Sunday 11 a.m. to 5p.m.-Full Day

Saturday : 4.00 to 4.30 pm.	
Inauguration by Dr M S Gill, Honorable Minister for Sports, Govt of India and Past President, the Himalayan Club. A revised edition of his book <i>Himalayan Wonderland</i> will be released.	
4.30 to 5.45 pm	<u>The Kaivan Mistry Memorial Lecture</u> Nicholas Clinch : The first ascent of Masherbrum in the Karakorams . This historic first ascent was in company of many other famous members.
5.45 to 6 pm	TEA BREAK
6 to 7 pm.	Divyesh Muni : The attempt on Plateau Peak , a high virgin 7000 m peak in the eastern Karakoram. This expedition was sponsored by the Himalayan Club.

Sunday 21st February 2010	
11 am to Noon	Harish Kapadia : Two Extremes: trekking in Zanskar and in Arunachal Pradesh, 2010
Noon to 12 15 pm	TEA BREAK
12.15 to 1.30 pm	Jim Lowther : My hardest climbs - covering Greenland, British mountains and high peaks in the Himalaya.
1.30 to 2.30 pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.30 to 3.15 pm	Vijay Crishna: He reflects on a topic not often analyzed or even discussed. And yet it has been a reality for many. A fascinating mystery-the talk titled- THE OTHER
3.15 to 4 pm	Dr. Raghunath Godbole: the achievements and experiences of Doctors on Everest.
4 to 4.15 pm	TEA BREAK
4.15 to 5 pm	Cyrus Shroff: The First ascent of Lamapak North in the Kalla Bank glacier in Garhwal in 2009. He was the leader of this expedition sponsored by the Himalayan Club.
5 to 5.15 pm	Summing up and Vote of Thanks

REGISTRATION: Kindly register your names with the Himalayan Club office on telephone or E mail as above. Contribution of Rs. 100 is to be paid, which includes tea. Lunch can be purchased at the venue by prior intimation.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER: Open to Members and their guests.

The Annual Club dinner (contributory) will be held on Saturday, 20th February 2010, at 8 pm at Bombay Gymkhana. Dr M S Gill and all the speakers will be present of the occasion.

CV of speakers is attached separately.

Details of Registration and schedule is available on the website: www.himalayanclub.org

Divyesh Muni
Programme Coordinator

CV of Speakers at the Himalayan Club Annual Seminar on 20th and 21st February 2010

Nicholas Clinch: Lawyer, Businessman, Environmentalist. He is one of the senior members of the Club and Hon. Local Secretary of the Club, USA for several decades. A senior mountaineer and honoured by the American Alpine Club.

He has climbed on five continents, especially in Yosemite, Grand Tetons, and Canada. Organized and led successful Himalayan expeditions to Hidden Peak, 26,470 ft. (1958) and Masherbrum, 25,660 ft. (1960). Reached summit of Masherbrum with Captain Jawed Akhtar Khan. Leader, 1966 American Antarctic Mountaineering Expedition that made the first ascents of the highest mountains in the Antarctic. Organizer and Co-Leader, 1985 Ulugh Muztagh Expedition, a joint Chinese-American expedition that surveyed and made the first ascent of Ulugh Muztagh, 22,977 ft, the highest peak in the Kun Lun Range on the northern border of Tibet. Organized and led eight other expeditions to British Columbia, the Andes, the Himalaya and Tibet.

Publications: A Walk in the Sky, co-author, Through a Land of Extremes, The Littledales of Central Asia. Articles in the Saturday Evening Post and National Geographic Magazine. Various articles in mountaineering journals.

Awards: National Geographic Society John Oliver La Gorce medal, The American Alpine Club Gold Medal.

Jim Lowther: A leading British mountaineer who has long association with climbing in the Indian Himalaya. Jim has been exploring the Greater Ranges since the age of 18. His career started in Greenland, where he climbed, skied and sledged through numerous unexplored ranges and made about 45 first ascents of peaks up to 3500 m high over the course of ten expeditions. As well as overwintering twice and living with the Eskimo, Jim learned the art and misery of sledge hauling and thus undertook many long unsupported ski journeys and climbing challenges through the east coast mountains and across the ice cap in late winter.

In 1991 Jim teamed up with Sir Chris Bonington and sailor Sir Robin Knox-Johnston for a trip north of the arctic circle in Robin's yacht Suhaili, the 31 ft boat in which Robin made the first singlehanded non-stop circumnavigation of the world. That trip proved to be a turning point in Jim's life and through Chris he met most of the people he has subsequently climbed with in the Himalaya, including Harish Kapadia, Divyesh Muni, Satya Dam, Graham Little, Jim Fotheringham, Mark Wilford and Mark Richey. With them, he has explored in the Nyainqentanglha Shan mountains of East Tibet, and made many ascents and attempts in Kumaun, Kinnaur, Pangji, Kullu and the Indian Karakoram.

Vijay Crishna : A Life Member of The Himalayan Club since 1973 - and now its Honorary Secretary - he has trekked in the Garhwal, to Kailash and Manasarovar, Annapurna base camp, the Muktinath area, Green Lakes in North Sikkim and to Ladakh.

He established in 1991 the Naoroji Godrej Centre for Plant Research, which researches and propagates rare and endangered species of medicinal plants endemic to the Western Ghats. He is active in the Business world and is currently the Executive Director of Lawkim Motors Group, a division of M/s. Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co Ltd. He has enjoyed being a part of the theatre scene since 1965.

Harish Kapadia: Harish Kapadia has made a unique contribution to our knowledge of the Himalaya: as editor of the *Himalayan Journal*, one of the most authoritative and comprehensive records of exploratory activity in the Himalaya; through his 16 books and as a leader and organiser of countless expeditions over the years. Harish was invited to many countries to lecture on his Himalayan exploits and is a member of several organisations. His main contribution to Himalayan climbing has been to explore unknown areas and, in number of cases, to open up climbing possibilities. He has personally climbed more than 30 Himalayan peaks, many of them first ascents. Moreover he has crossed more than 150 Himalayan passes to explore different valleys.

He was elected Honorary Member of the leading Alpine Clubs; of London, USA, Japan and Poland. In the year 2003, in which the 50th Anniversary of the first ascent of Everest was celebrated, Her Majesty the Queen of England, honoured him with the 'Patron's Medal', of the Royal Geographical Society. The President of India honoured him with the prestigious 'Tensing Norgay National Adventure Award" (2003) for Life Time achievements, the highest Adventure Award in India. In 2006 he received the prestigious 'King Albert I Mountain Award' in Switzerland.

Divyesh Muni : Chartered Accountant by profession, he is one of the leading climbers of India. He has climbed more than 20 himalayan peaks and has made several first ascent of difficult peaks. His climbs include a new route on Chong Kumdan I (7071 m), first ascents of Rangrik Rang (6656 m), Bhujang (6560 m), Abale (6560 m), Khhang Shiling (6360 m), ascents of Kagbhusand (5830 m), Kamet (7756 m), Manirang (6696 m), Sujtilla West (6273 m), etc. He has been the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the Club and is currently a member of the managing committee of the Club.

Dr. Raghunath Godbole : Hon. Local Secretary, Pune. A Gastrointestinal Surgeon, he is the founder member of B.J. Medical College Mountaineering club in 1976, he is presently chairman of Indian Medical Association Trekking Club in Pune and medical advisor to Saad mountaineers (Mumbai) , South Calcutta Mountain Lovers Association (Kolkatta), Giripremi (Pune).

He has organised 15 High Altitude trekking Expeditions in various parts of Himalaya and over 100 treks in the Sahyadris and was medical officer in 2 mountaineering expeditions (Satopanth 2003 and Mukut Parvat East 2007).

Recently , his CD book on High Altitude Medicine was released at Leh in Aug.2009, based on experience of prevention and treatment of high altitude sickness. While trekking Everest region for 4 times since 1995, he developed keen interest in history of Everest climbs and read about several Doctors who have participated in Everest Expeditions not only as medical officers but also as leaders, climbers and photographers.

Cyrus Shroff: An engineer and senior manager with Godrej, he is a well-known climber from Mumbai, he has climbed several peaks including Ghya (6932 m), Satopanth (7030 m), Sri Kailash (6932 m), first ascents of Bhujang (6560 m), Abale (6560 m), Hansbeshan (5232 m).