

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA PLANS HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION BY YOUTHS OF THE STATE

In an unique venture, Sports and Youth Services Department of Govt. of Odisha, in collaboration with Eastern Zonal Chapter of Indian Mountaineering Foundation, the apex body of all land based adventure in the country, is undertaking an expedition to scale a mountain peak above 6000mtrs high in Indian Himalaya during post monsoon period of 2016 for the youths and students of the state.

The idea of this mission is to bring Odisha in the adventure map of India and also to instill team spirit, discipline and leadership among the youths to help them to become an ideal citizen of the country.

Prior to the mission, three preparatory camps will be arranged in order to train the participants in different mountain skills and techniques of survival in adverse weather conditions in high altitudes.

The mission, funded by the Deptt of Sports & Youth services, Govt of Odisha, will start with a trek to about 12000 feet high Sandakphu in Eastern Himalaya for about fifty youths, both boys and girls, during second part of November this year. This would be followed by a 5-day rock climbing training camp at Panchalingeswar Hills in the state during the last week of January 2016.

The participants who will do well in the trekking and rock climbing would be chosen for a grueling Ice craft training camp on the glacier of Sikkim Himalaya near 16,400 high Guicha-La for a fortnight under Indian Himalayan Centre For Adventure & Eco Tourism, Govt of Sikkim, Chemchey during February- March 2016.

The candidates will be shortlisted to only 15 nos. who will excel in all the Preparatory Training Camps would then be sent for higher training to different mountaineering institutes like HMI Darjeeling, NIM Uttarkashi & JIM Pahalgam during summer next year so that they are qualified to join the first ever mountaineering expedition to be launched by the Dept. of Sports and Youth Services, Govt. of Odisha, the finale of this Mission.

The Boys and girls who are interested to join the Mission must have completed 18yrs and not more than 25yrs of age as on 1st Aug.2015 having physical and mental fitness and must have attended any Adventure Camp organised by IMF/State Govt./ any other Adventure Sports Organization within the State. However, preference will be given to those candidates having Advance Mountaineering Course from any recognized Institutes OR have participated in any State level sports events.

The application in plain paper with supporting documents of proof may be sent by Registered posts/Courier/By hand to ***Sri Susanta Das, C/O IMF- East Zone Committee, Odisha Chapter, 634 Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007 Mob: 9437629450*** on or before 22nd August,2015.