

A JOURNEY FROM A STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
TO THE TOP OF EVEREST

1. The greatest mountain in the world, the Mt Everest has always posed the greatest challenge and has attracted international attention since the times of its discovery in 1887. Adventure activities like mountaineering demands physical prowess, determination, courage, endurance, spirit, craving for the conquest and also offer a variety of soldiering experience in this demanding and challenging setting. But this young man from the State of Jammu and Kashmir was not worried for anything.

2. The officer was the deputy leader of Indian Army Women Everest Expedition in 2012 in which he led the climbing team to top of Mt Everest on 25 May 2012 and again in 2013 the officer was the leader of Joint Indo-Nepal Army Everest Expedition in which he led the record number of 20 climbers on top of the world on 19 May 2013. Thus the officer has the distinction of summiting Everest twice in a span of less than 12 month. The officer has also climbed peaks in Europe, Africa and South America. Major Ranveer is also a trained rescue specialist from Switzerland and has been actively involved in various rescue expeditions in J&K and Garhwal Himalayas.



Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM
On Top of the World
0845 hrs, 19 May 2013



Summit Ridge of Mt Everest
Also Called the Cornice Ridge

MAJOR RANVEER SINGH JAMWAL, VSM



Back Ground. Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM was born on 26 Dec 1975 in a small village called Badhori in Samba District in Jammu and Kashmir, and spent his entire childhood there. His Father Sh Onkar Singh is an Ex-serviceman and presently leading a retired life in the Village. His mother is a housewife. He has one elder sister and one younger brother, both are married. Major Ranveer is married to Mrs Kiran Jamwal and they have two Children.

Inspiration Towards Uniform. Since his early years, he had always dreamt of joining the elite Indian Army and serving the nation. He has done his schooling from Army School, Ratnuchak. He was enrolled in the army on 24 Oct 1994 and joined the DOGRA Regiment (15 DOGRA). With his sheer hard work, dedication and will power, he cleared the Officer Examination (Army Cadet College) and joined Indian Military Academy in 1998. After four years of strict disciplinary training from Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, got commissioned into 11 JAT in Jun 2002.

Opportunity. He had an inclination towards sports and adventure since his childhood days. After joining 11 JAT, he volunteered to undergo a course in Mountaineering at High Altitude Warfare School, Gulmarg where he was adjudged the Best Student and was given an instructor grading in mountaineering and skiing. After spending three years in the school as instructor of mountaineering and skiing from Apr 2006 to Dec 2008 he learnt various new things about mountaineering and became more experienced. From the school he was sent to Switzerland for the course in Search and Rescue in Mountains. Where he was again adjudged the Best Student. He has done six rescue operation in the mountains and has summited almost 14 peaks including Everest twice. Before getting a call for the Everest Expedition Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal had already created a record in the Army by leading three consecutive major mountaineering expeditions of the JAT Regt which ultimately became the first regiment in the Indian Army to do so. Maj Jamwal has also done three expeditions in one year i.e. in 2010 when he summited Mt Bandarpunch (6320M) in May 2010, Mt Bhagirathi-II (6512M) in Aug 2010 and the highest peak of African Continent, Kilimanjaro in Sep 2010.

He is one of the few Indians to have such a varied experience in mountaineering with 20 peaks under his belt which includes **Mt Everest (Two Times)**, the highest peak of the world, **Mt Aconcagua**, the highest peak of South American Continent and **Mt Kilimanjaro**, the highest peak of Africa. He is also the known mountain rescue specialist of Indian Army.

Details of His Experience in the Field of Mountaineering is as Given Below :-

Ser No	Name of Peak	Year	Remarks
(a)	Mt Machoi (5658M)	2007	The officer was the leader of the group of students at High Altitude Warfare School and summited the peak in May 2007 with 35 students.
(b)	Mt Weisshorn (4506M & Mt Dom (4545M)	2007	The officer was a student in Andermatt (Switzerland) for a course "Search & Rescue in Mountains" and climbed these peaks as training peaks.
(c)	Mt Nanda Devi East (rescue)	2007	As a leader of the Rescue Team, the officer was picked from Sonamarg and dropped at Nanda Devi East base camp (Garhwal) to facilitate the Rescue of five missing climbers of Kumaon Regiment. Major Ranveer reached height of 6500 Mtr.
(d)	Mt Chaukhamba (Rescue)	2008	The officer was selected for this high profile Rescue operation as the previous two years, teams had failed to even locate the bodies of Missing climbers of AD Regiment. The officer was able to trace the remains of soldiers.
(e)	Mt Mana (7273M)	2009	The officer was the leader and summitter of the first ever successful JAT Regimental expedition to Mt Mana (7273M). The technically most difficult peak in India. During the summit attempt, the team got caught in a blizzard and remained out in extreme cold conditions for 17 hours. But Major Jamwal got the team safely back to the summit camp and then down to Base Camp. He lost the left hand ring finger because of extreme exposure to cold. Because of his selfless devotion and fearless leadership, the officer was awarded Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card.
(f)	Mt Bandarpunch (6320M)	2010	In this expedition, the officer led the Recruits of JAT Regiment to the Summit of Mt Banderpunch and created a new Record.
(g)	Mt Bhagirathi-II (6512M)	2010	The officer was selected as a leader of this prestigious Joint expedition with Kazakhstan Team. The team was called back from the summit camp (6200M) because of the fatal Accident at Mt Kamet.
(h)	Mt Killimanjaro (5895M (Highest peak of African Continent)	2010	To explore outside India and the passion of mountaineering took Major Ranveer to a self financed trip to the highest peak of African Continent (Mt Kilimanjaro). He climbed with Sweden, USA and Ireland climbers and probably became the first from J&K state to do so.

Ser No	Name of Peak	Year	Remarks
(j)	Mt Trishul-I (7120M)	2011	The officer was selected to lead this expedition to a very difficult technical peak in which no expedition was successful in last 10 year. Major Ranveer led the team to summit, With Meticulous planning and conduct. The Chief of Army Staff General VK Singh received the team at Delhi.
(k)	Momostong Kangri (7516M)	2011	After the successful conduct of Nine expeditions, Major Ranveer was selected as the climbing leader of the prestigious Indian Army women Everest Expedition in 2012. In the selection trials, Major Ranveer led the team of 20 women climbers to Mamostong Kangri, Pt. 5940 and Pt. 6335 in Ladakh and Mt Shitidhar in Himachal Pradesh.
(l)	Pt 5940 (5940M)	2011	
(m)	Pt 6335 (6335M)	2011	
(n)	Mt Shitidhar (5294M)	2012	
(o)	Mt Everest (8848M)	2012	As a climbing leader of the first ever women Everest expedition from Nepal side, The Army climbing team led by Major Ranveer created a history by putting all seven women climbers on top of Mt Everest.
(p)	Unnamed Peak (6565M) Raktavarn Glacier)	2012	After the successful conquest of Mt Everest, Major Ranveer was selected to lead the climbers of India and England to an unclimbed peak. This peak helped establishing Indian climbers in World Mountaineering Map. After the completion of this expedition the officer volunteered to go for Rescue expedition to Mt Kedar Dome in which five climbers were trapped in an avalanche.
(q)	Kedar Dome Rescue (6830M)	2012	
(r)	Mt Bonete (5003M)	Dec 2013	Passion of Mountaineering again took Major Ranveer to a self financed journey to Argentina (South America). He climbed with the team of Swiss, German, Belgian and Brazilians climbers and summited on 01 Jan 2013.
(s)	Mt Aconcagua (6962M) (Highest Peak of South American Continent)	Jan 2013	
(t)	Mt Everest (8848M)	2013	Seeing the exploits in the field of mountaineering Indian Army Selected Major Ranveer again, to lead the Diamond Jubilee Expedition to Mt Everest. This expedition under the leadership of Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal , made a mark in the history of mountaineering by cleaning 4000 Kgs of non-biodegradable waste from Everest higher camps and putting a record number of 20 climbers on top of the world.

Note :- Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM is a known rescue specialist of Army. Trained in Swiss Mountain School, Major Ranveer has done various successful rescue expeditions. The famous one was in Gurez sector (old Naini Post) where four civilians and six Army Members got trapped in an avalanche in Nov 2008. Major Ranveer was picked up from

Gulmarg and within 24 hours he was successful in taking out all 10 bodies from avalanche. This was very well appreciated then, by Army and Local Media.

Awards and Recognition :-

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| (a) | Awarded Governor of J&K's Appreciation for Recee of Amarnath, the year after the Shivling at Amarnath was not Formed. | - | 2008 |
| (b) | Awarded Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card for Mt Mana. | - | 2009 |
| (c) | Awarded General Officer Command in Chief Commendation Card for Mt Banderpunch. | - | 2010 |
| (d) | Awarded Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card for Mt Trishul-I. | - | 2011 |
| (e) | Awarded Appreciation by Social Welfare Minister in the State foundation day for bringing laurels for the region. | - | 2012 |
| (f) | Awarded Vishist Seva Medal for Indian Army Women Everest Expedition. | - | 2013 |
| (g) | Awarded Appreciation Certificate by Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee (SPCC) for cleaning the non-biodegradable waste from Everest Region. | - | 2013 |
| (h) | Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2012 awarded by his Excellency of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India on 31 Aug 2013. | - | 2013 |

ACHIEVEMENTS : INDIAN ARMY WOMEN EVEREST EXPEDITION - 2012

The major achievements of the Indian Army Women Everest Expedition 2012 are as under:-

- (a) First time a very high figure of seventeen members summited Mt Everest.
- (b) First time the expedition was a cent percent success.
- (c) IC-62115W Maj Ranveer Singh Jawal, VSM was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest and paved the way other sixteen members to summit, the leading the way to phenomenal success story.
- (d) First time the Internationally renowned Discovery Channel broadcasted one hour documentary and will follow it up with showing this 52 times in next two year, world over.

ACHIEVEMENTS : JT INDO-NEPAL ARMY EVEREST EXPEDITION - 2013

The major achievements of the Joint Indo-Nepal Army Everest Expedition 2013 are under :-

- (a) Highest No. of 20 summitteers on Mt Everest by a single team.
- (b) 100% success of the expedition.
- (c) Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal was again leading from the front and led the first summit team on top of the world on 19 May 2013 and also guided the second summit team by staying for additional 24 hours at height of 27000 ft (South Col), also called the death zone.
- (d) First time any Indian expedition cleaned 4000 Kg of Non-biodegradable waste from the higher camps of Everest. This was appreciated by environmental agencies all around the world.
- (e) First time, an Army expedition team participated in Everest Marathon (highest marathon in the world) and claimed first and third position.
- (f) Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM, a resident of Village Badhori, Teh and District Samba of J&K, became the **first person from the J&K to summit Everest twice and that too in a span of less than 365 days.**



**Maj RS Jamwal, VSM Receiving an Appreciation from His Excellency
Lt Gen (Retd) SK Sinha, Governor of J&K**



Summit of Mt Killimanjaro, Tanzania (Africa)



Getting Best Achiever Of JAT Regiment Award From Col Of The Regiment



Flagging In Of Mt Trishul Expedition 2011

By Chief of Army Staff Gen V K Singh



Team 1 On The Top Of The World On 25 May 2012



Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM Introduced to the Hon'ble President Smt Pratibha Devi Singh Patil



Maj RS Jamwal with Chief of Army Staff Gen Bikram Singh and Commanding Officer 11 JAT



**Summit of Mt Aconcagua, on 01 Jan 2013 in Argentina
The Highest Peak of South American continent**



Team On The Top Of The World On 19 May 2013



“Flagging In” Jt Indo-Nepal Everest Expedition By
Indian and Nepal Army Chiefs at Kathmandu



**With His Excellency The Ambassador Of India To Nepal, KAthmandu
Shri Jayant Prasad**



**Receiving Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award
from The Hon'ble President Sh Pranab Mukherjee**

**Mount Everest
: 2012**

summit Certificate



**Mount Everest
: 2013**

summit Certificate



Appreciation certificate awarded by
Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee



Letter of Appreciation
Awarded to
Indo-Nepal Army Everest Expedition 2013

This Letter of Appreciation is awarded in recognition of your valuable contributions and outstanding service by collecting, removing and disposing 4.1 tons of waste from Mount Everest. We sincerely appreciate your efforts and dedication displayed in keeping the mountain clean.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ang Dorjee Sherpa', is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Ang Dorjee Sherpa
Chairperson
Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee (SPCC)

CITATION OF MAJOR RANVEER SINGH JAMWAL, VSM

TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARD-2012

1. Born on 26 Dec 1975, Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM, is from Army and hails from Jammu region of J & K State. The officer is regular in the field of mountaineering since 2004. Till now the officer has led 20 expedition in India and abroad. The officer was Dy Ldr of Indian Army Women Everest Expedition in 2012 in which he led the climbing team to top on 25 May 2012. The officer was leader of Jt Indo-Nepal Army Everest Expedition in 2013 in which a record number of 20 members including himself summited the peak on 19 May 2013. Thus the officer has the distinction of summitting Everest twice in a span of less than 12 months. The officer has also climbed weishorn & Dom peak in Switzerland, Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mt Aconcagua in South America and Mt Trishul and Mt Mana in India to name a few.
2. Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM is an outstanding mountaineering who has displayed exemplary and fearless leadership and exceptional devotion and duty and conspicuous courage in the pursuit of adventure and also rendered distinguished service of the most exceptional order.
3. In recognition of his notable contribution towards mountaineering Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM is presented with Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2012 for Land Adventure.



Receiving National Adventure Award from The President



Shri Pranab Mukherjee
Hon'ble President of India



Smt. Sonia Gandhi
Hon'ble Chairperson, UPR



Dr. Manmohan Singh
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India



Shri Jitendra Singh
Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports (IC)
Minister of State for Defence



Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Government of India

Congratulates

The National Sports & Adventure Award Winners, 2013

Shri Pranab Mukherjee
Hon'ble President of India

will confer the awards at 1800 hrs. on Saturday 31st August, 2013
at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratan Award, 2013

Shri Ronjan Sodhi, Shooting

Dronacharya Awardees

1. Ms. Purnima Mahato - Archery
 2. Mr. Mahavir Singh - Boxing
 3. Mr. Narender Singh Saini - Hockey
 4. Mr. K.P Thomas - Athletics*
 5. Mr. Raj Singh - Wrestling*
- *Life Time Contribution in Coaching

Arjuna Awardees

1. Ms. Chekrovolu Swuro - Archery
2. Mr. Renjith Maheshwari - Athletics
3. Ms. R.V. Sindhu - Badminton
4. Ms. Kavita Chahal - Boxing
5. Mr. Rupesh Shah - Billiards & Snooker
6. Mr. Virat Kohli - Cricket
7. Mr. Abhijeet Gupta - Chess
8. Mr. Gaganjeet Bhullar - Golf
9. Ms. Saba Anjum - Hockey
10. Ms. Joehna Chinappa - Squash
11. Ms. Rajkumari Rathore - Shooting
12. Ms. Mouma Das - Table Tennis
13. Ms. Neha Rathi - Wrestling
14. Mr. Dharmender Dalal - Wrestling
15. Mr. Amit Kumar Saroha - Athletics (Para)

Dhyan Chand Awardees

1. Ms. Mary D'souza Sequeira - Athletics
2. Mr. Syed Ali - Hockey
3. Mr. Anil Mann - Wrestling
4. Mr. Girraj Singh - Para Sports (Athletics)

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, 2013

1. Community Sports Identification and Nurturing of Budding Young Talent - Dr. U.K. Mishra, Founder and President, National Sports Academy, Allahabad
2. Financial Support for Sports Excellence - Services Sports Control Board
3. Establishment and Management of Sports Academies of Excellence - Pallela Gopichand Academy of Badminton, Hyderabad
4. Employment of Sportspersons and Sports Welfare Measures - Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar - 2010-11
Punjab University, Patiala - 2011-12
Punjab University, Patiala - 2012-13

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards, 2012

1. Shri Basante Singh Roy - Land Adventure
2. Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, Vam - Land Adventure
3. Lt. Cdr. Abhilash Tomy - Water Adventure
4. Naib Subedar Parmjit Singh Sidhu - Air Adventure
5. Shri Prem Singh - Life Time Achievement
6. Shri Hira Ram, AC/GD - Life Time Achievement



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**Tenzing Norgay National Adventure
Award - 2012**

is presented to

Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, VSM

in recognition of his unmatched dedication

in

Land Adventure

Ranveer Singh
Secretary
Government of India

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**

31st August 2013, New Delhi

NEWS PAPER CUTTINGS

HINDUSTAN TIMES, JALANDHAR
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J&K mountaineer gets Tenzing Norgay award



■ Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal being awarded by President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, a native of Badhori village in Samba district, was given the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award by the President on Saturday for scaling the Mount Everest twice.

He is the first person from Jammu region to be conferred with the prestigious honour. Born on December 26, 1975, Maj Jamwal has been a mountaineer since 2004.

In a short span of time, Maj Ranveer has made a name for himself as a mountaineer by scaling more than 20 peaks in India and abroad.

He is also the first person from the state to have climbed Mount Everest twice and that too in a span of less than a year.

He led a women's team of the army in 2012 and then a joint Indo-Nepal expedition to the Everest in 2013.

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J&K mountaineer aims to climb seven summits in 2 years

Major Jamwal first from the state to climb Mt Everest twice

ARTEEV SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

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Rough weather and near death experiences have been no deterrent for Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, who is aiming to scale seven summits across seven continents in the next two years.

"Despite extreme weather conditions and threat of frostbites, each summit encouraged me to crave for conquering the seven tallest peaks on seven different continents of the world," Major Jamwal, who hails from Badhori village in Samba district, told The Tribune.

"I would like to accomplish my dream of climbing all the tallest peaks in next two years," the officer from the 11th Battalion of JAT Regiment said.

Major Jamwal, who received the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards, 2012 from President Pranab Mukherjee on August 31, is the first mountaineer from the restive state of Jammu and Kashmir to climb the Mount Everest twice.

The 38-year-old has so far scaled 20 peaks, including the Mount Everest (twice), Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America



Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal

and Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak of Africa.

So far only 11 mountaineers from Jammu and Kashmir have been able to climb the Mount Everest.

"The mountaineering not only demands prowess and endurance, but it also needs the spirit and determination to reach on the top of world."

"It is a great privilege for me to become the first mountaineer from Jammu and Kashmir to climb the Mt Everest twice, that too, in a span of less than a year," he said.

The officer added that he was planning to climb the seven tallest peaks located across different continents in next two years.

The peaks include Mount

Everest in Asia, Mount Aconcagua in South America, Mount McKinley in North America, Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mount Elbrus in Europe, Mount Vinson in Antarctica and Mount Kosciuszko in Australia.

So far, around 350 people from across the world have been able to climb all the seven summits.

"You never know what lies ahead while climbing the icy peaks, win or death. A small mistake may put you in great trouble and that is why mountaineering requires great skill, expertise and courage," he said.

"I have been lucky enough to summit 20 peaks so far. I have lost one of the middle fingers of my hand in one of the expedition, but it that hasn't stopped me from carrying forward my mission," the mountaineer said.

Major Jamwal joined the Army on October 24, 1994 as a Sepoy in Dogra Regiment (15 Dogra). He, however, cleared the Officer Examination (Army Cadet College) and joined the Indian Military Academy in 1998.

Major Jamwal got commissioned into 11 JAT regiment in June 2002.

रणवीर ने फतह की माऊंट एवरेस्ट

25-5-2012

विश्व की सबसे ऊंची चोटी पर चढ़ने वाला राज्य का दूसरा पर्वतारोही बना

साम्बा, 9 जून (संजीव): विश्व की सबसे ऊंची चोटी एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ना प्रत्येक पर्वतारोही का सपना होता है और सबसे बड़ी चुनौती भी। जम्मू-कश्मीर से आज तक एक ही पर्वतारोही राम सिंह सलाथिया ने वर्ष 2008 में इस उपलब्धि को

अर्जित किया था लेकिन इसी कड़ी में दूसरा नाम जुड़ा है रणवीर सिंह जम्वाल का। इससे भी बड़ी बात यह है कि ये दोनों ही साम्बा जिले से संबंधित हैं। जिले के गुडा सलाथिया गांव के राम सिंह सलाथिया ने कुछ वर्ष पूर्व एवरेस्ट पर कदम रखे थे जबकि अब इस भूखला में जिले के ही बड़ोदी (चढ़ी-ब्राह्मणा) के रहने वाले रणवीर (घर का नाम बबली) का भी नाम जुड़ गया है। रणवीर सिंह जम्वाल सेना की जाट रेजीमेंट में सेवानिवृत्त हैं व गत 5 वर्षों से पर्वतारोहण कर रहे हैं।

इस महान उपलब्धि को अर्जित कर एक विश्व स्तरीय पर्वतारोहियों में अपना नाम सुमार करने के बाद वापस जम्मू में रणवीर ने बताया कि वह अपनी इस उपलब्धि से बेहद खुश हैं व इसे अपने परिजनों के अलावा पर्वतारोहियों को समर्पित करते हैं। रणवीर ने बताया कि वह एवरेस्ट पर



दुनिया की सबसे ऊंची चोटी माऊंट एवरेस्ट को फतह करने वाला सेना का दल, (इनसेंट) मेजर रणवीर जम्वाल।

चढ़ाई के लिए गई भारतीय सेना की टीम का नेतृत्व कर रहे थे जो 22 मार्च को दिल्ली से काठमांडू के लिए रवाना हुई थी व थलसेना अध्यक्ष ने इसे झंडा दिखा कर रवाना किया था।

उन्होंने बताया कि 13 अप्रैल को काठमांडू से साऊथ ईस्ट रूट से एवरेस्ट की चोटी की ओर जाने वाले पर्वतारोही दल में सर्वाधिक 25 सदस्य थे जिनमें 18 पर्वतारोही थे जिनमें नया रिकार्ड बनाते हुए पहली बार 7 लड़कियां भी शामिल की गई थीं। एवरेस्ट अभियान दल में शामिल सभी सदस्यों ने एक साथ चोटी पर पहुंच कर नया रिकार्ड भी बनाया।

राज्य व जिले का नाम रोशन करने वाले मेजर जम्वाल ने बताया कि चूंकि इस बार एवरेस्ट के रास्ते में तूफान भी काफी आए थे व इसी साल करीब 10 पर्वतारोहियों की चढ़ाई के दौरान मौत भी हो गई थी जिसके चलते कुछ डर भी था जो रास्ते में मारे गए पर्वतारोहियों के शव देख

कर और भी बढ़ गया था लेकिन आखिरकार टीम ने इस अभियान को सफलतापूर्वक पूरा किया व नया इतिहास रचा।

पर्वतारोहण के शौकीन रणवीर में पहाड़ों पर चढ़ने का जन्मा इस कदर भरा है कि वह दुनिया में सबसे ऊपर 8848 मीटर की ऊंचाई पर एवरेस्ट की हिमाच्छादित चोटियों को छूने से पहले यूरोप, अफ्रीका में भी कई पर्वतारोही अभियानों में हिस्सा ले चुके हैं। वह मैट्टहार्न (स्विट्जरलैंड) के अलावा अफ्रीका की सबसे ऊंची चोटी किलिमंजारो को भी फतेह कर चुके हैं। पर्वतारोहण के लिए अपने इसी जुनून में वह हादसे के दौरान अपने हाथ की एक उंगली भी गंवा चुके हैं। अपनी इस अद्वितीय उपलब्धि से आह्लादित रणवीर का कहना है कि जिस प्रकार के मौसम संबंधी हालात में इस अभियान को सफलतापूर्वक पूरा किया गया उससे सेना के अधिकारी भी हैरान थे।

Bari Brahmana boy makes it to the top of the world

PARVEEN SLATHIA

Bari Brahmana, June 9

25-5-2012

THE tallest mountain in the world Mt Everest standing tall at 8848mtr may have seemed daunting to a lay person new to mountains and altitudes but not so for Ranveer Singh Jamwal, a native of Village Badhori in Samba District who led the climbing team of Indian Army to set foot atop the world's highest mountain on May 25.

Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal fondly called Babli in his village is only the second person from Jammu region to climb Everest. His passion for Mountaineering has taken him to Europe and Africa where he has climbed various peaks including Kilimanjaro, the Highest peak of Africa.

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Maj Ranveer Jamwal is an officer in the JAT Regiment and has been climbing since he first



climbed the Matterhorn in Switzerland in 2006. He got opportunity to lead his first mountaineering Expedition in 2008 when he climbed Chaukhamba with army climbers. Unfortunately for him, he lost one of his fingers to frostbite, a condition bought on by extreme cold, but that was not enough to deter him from continuing his passion. The eldest son of Onkar Singh, this intrepid climber is father of two children.

एवरैस्ट विजेता मेजर रणवीर का गांव पहुंचने पर स्वागत



दुनिया की सबसे ऊंची चोटी माऊंट एवरैस्ट फतेह करने वाले मेजर रणवीर जम्वाल का स्वागत करते गांववासी व उनकी माता सावित्री देवी।

(पवीण)

साम्बा, 16 जून (संजीव): विश्व की सबसे ऊंची पर्वत चोटी एवरैस्ट को फतेह करने वाले पर्वतारोही मेजर रणवीर सिंह का आज घर पहुंचने पर नायक की भांति जोरदार स्वागत किया गया। एवरैस्ट पर चढ़ाई करने के बाद पहली बार घर पहुंचने पर मेजर रणवीर का परिजनों व गांव के लोगों द्वारा बेंड-बाजों के साथ गर्मजोशी से स्वागत किया गया।

जात रहे कि साम्बा जिले के बड़ोढ़ी गांव के रहने वाले मेजर रणवीर राज्य के दूसरे ऐसे पर्वतारोही हैं जिन्होंने इस उपलब्धि को अर्जित किया है। रणवीर सिंह जम्वाल सेना की जेट रेजिमेंट में मेजर हैं जो 5 वर्षों से पर्वतारोहण कर रहे हैं। इससे पहले

गुड़ा सलाथीयां गांव के राम सिंह सलाथिया ने वर्ष 2008 में इस उपलब्धि को अर्जित किया था। इस मौके पर मेजर रणवीर के माता-पिता ओमकार सिंह और सावित्री देवी का खुशी का मानो ठिकाना न था।

मेजर रणवीर ने कहा कि एवरैस्ट पर चढ़ाई के लिए गई भारतीय सेना की टीम का वह नेतृत्व कर रहे थे जो 22 मार्च को दिल्ली से काठमांडू के लिए रवाना हुई थीं व थल सेना अध्यक्ष

ने इसे झंडी दिखा कर खाना किया था। उन्होंने बताया कि 13 अप्रैल को काठमांडू से साऊथ ईस्ट रूट से एवरैस्ट की चोटी की ओर जाने वाले पर्वतारोही दल में सर्वाधिक 25 सदस्य थे जिनमें 18 पर्वतारोही थे जिनमें नया रिकार्ड बनाते हुए पहली बार 7 लड़कियां भी शामिल की गई थीं। एवरैस्ट अभियान दल में शामिल सभी सदस्यों ने एक साथ चोटी पर पहुंच कर नया रिकार्ड भी बनाया।

एवरैस्ट की चोटी चूमने से ज्यादा खुशी गांववालों के सम्मान से मिली

पर्वतारोहण के शौकीन मेजर रणवीर ने कहा कि दुनिया में सबसे अधिक ऊंचाई (8848 मीटर) वाली पर्वत चोटी एवरैस्ट को चूमना कम रोमांचक और सुखदायी नहीं था लेकिन उन्हें इससे भी अधिक खुशी गांववालों द्वारा दिए गए सम्मान से मिली है। परिजनों व अन्य लोगों से मिले प्यार और सम्मान से मेजर रणवीर भावुक हो उठे। इस दौरान क्षेत्र के सरपंच जगदीश सिंह, नैका नेता विजय सिंह, जगदोप सिंह, सुरजीत सिंह आदि भी उपस्थित थे।

From sepoy to major to Mt Everest, Samba lad has come a long way

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JAMMU Major Ranveer Singh Jaiswal of the 11 Jat Battalion has earned a distinct reputation of being the first person from Jammu to have led a strongest contingent of 17-member team to summit the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.

He, however, is the second from Jammu after constable Ram Singh Sathia who scaled the highest peak in 2008.

The history was created on May 24, when Ranveer led his 17-member team, including seven women, representing various nations, gained success by conquering the Himalayas.

"I and my team wouldn't have survived in the Himalayas, if it was not for the grace of almighty. No one can win over the Himalayas," said Ranveer while talking to *Hindustan Times* from New Delhi, his place of posting.

The achievement would not have crowned Jammu's lad, when just short of 100



Major Ranveer Singh who led a team of 17 people to scale Mt Everest.

metres, the entire team was struck by a deadly snow blizzard that left Ranveer to take a decision either to stay and stand the testimony or quit and return.

"It was a united decision of all my mates to fight the deadly storm that tested us for 13 hours while we clung to our positions undeterred, just with one motive -to con-

quer death and summit the Everest," said Ranveer.

Native of village Barorhi in district Samba, Ranveer passed out from Army School Ratnchak and joined the army as a sepoy.

"I was commissioned into the army in 1998 and later I passed through the tests to rise to this position," said Ranveer, 36, with an air of pride.

The Major said his love for mountaineering automatically got imbibed when in a routine training course he had to attend mountaineering course from High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS), Gulmarg. "Later a sense developed to do something different which drove me towards mountaineering," said Ranveer Singh.

Ranveer said his team started from the base camp Jiri at Kathmandu. And after camping at four different altitudes, his team made successful attempt for the summit on May 24.

"We started on March 27 at Katmandu from the Jiri base camp and stopped at total four camps.

We faced blizzards storm at the fourth camp, at Southcol for 13 hours on May 19 and decided to postpone our summit which was a wise decision as other teams from other nations, which went for the summit on the day, lost four of their members due to bad weather. However, we scaled the Everest successfully on May 24.

Recalling his other expeditions, Ranveer said besides his love for the Himalayas, his most adventurous expedition was on Mount Mana in Uttarakhand in 2009, as he lost one of his left hand's finger due to frostbite in that expedition.

Ranveer, who so far has undertaken 12 different expeditions throughout the world, recalls Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa at 5,895 metres or 19,341 feet above sea level and another one at Indo-Kazakhstan expeditions as some of his most memorable ones.

"I have a dream to summit seven highest peaks of the world," Ranveer concludes.

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MAJOR RANVEER SINGH JAMWAL OF 11 JAT BATTALION INFANTRY, WHO SUMMITTED THE WORLD'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN PEAK, THE MOUNT EVEREST, ON MAY 28, 4, WITH A TEAM OF SEVENTEEN PEOPLE INCLUDING SEVEN WOMEN AND RETURNED BACK SAFE REPORTING NO CASUALTIES, SHARES HIS EXPEDITION MEMOIRS WITH TOJ



Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal

Mission Mount Everest

How are you feeling after this success? I would not say that I have won over the Himalayas, rather I would say that I and my team survived in the Himalayas with the

grace of the Almighty. I think someone who over the mighty Himalayas.

What attracted you for such an adventure? Right from the beginning, I wanted to do something different. But I had never thought that it would be mountaineering. It all started after I pursued a mountaineering course from High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) in Gulmarg, while serving the Indian army and met to my my relatives.

What do you think was the best part of the journey? Mountaineering is a matter of life and death. If you commit a single mistake, you do not have another chance to correct it. I am thankful to the Almighty

that my name was chosen back home.

What was the most memorable time or point in this expedition? We got stuck in the Himalayas for around thirteen hours because of the heavy snow storm. It was chilly and the snow was blowing near Indian. It was the most crucial time in this entire voyage, as we were just 100 meters away from the first summit and I had to

decide, whether to go back or move ahead. It was really tough to take a decision, as I had the responsibility of seventeen more lives. With all the facts on the Almighty, I and my team that we will march ahead and go back together as a team. Fortunately all my teammates agreed upon it and together on May 24, we summited the Mount Everest.

Which was your most adventurous expedition?

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Victory: The team in a jubilee mood after conquering the Mount Everest

expeditions have you everied on? Though all teams were impacted but Mount Everest was the highest mountain peak in Asia at 8848 meters or 29,017 feet above sea level was very challenging and also the most interesting due to its unique location in both Kashmir.

Tell us something about the start of the journey? We started on March 27 from Delhi.

We took 15 hours to reach Leh. The reason of this was because of the road and decided to stay in Leh. After staying in Leh for 10 days, we were expected to be in base camp by May 10.

What are your future plans? I want to continue all

around India and also to visit my family in Leh.

When did you join Army? I joined the Army in 1994 as a sergeant after clearing 12th from Army Boys School. Later on I was commissioned in 1998 as a subedar.

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Everest hero Maj Jamwal accorded reception at his village

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MAJ Ranveer Jamwal, son of soil, who led the Army expedition to set foot a top the world's highest mountain on May 25, was accorded rousing reception on reaching at his native village Badori in Simba district, today. The officer arrived at Jammu Airport at 2.30 PM and then reached his native village at 3.30 PM.

The people garlanded him and danced to the tune of drums on reaching at the village. It is to be mentioned here that Maj Ranveer Singh Jamwal fondly called Babji in his village is only the second



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गांव बढोड़ी निवासी मेजर रणवीर सिंह जंवाल ने अपने गांव का नाम किया रोशन

संवाद सहयोगी, बड़ी इलाहाबाद : विश्व की सबसे ऊंची चोटी हिमालय को फतेह कर पर लौटे मेजर रणवीर सिंह जंवाल का उनके पैतृक गांव बढोड़ी में लोगों ने जोरदार स्वागत किया। सेना की जट रेजीमेंट में तेजाब मेजर जंवाल शनिवार दोपहर कई बजे जम्मू एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचे, जहां पर उन्हें लेने के लिए उनके परिजन व कुछ दोस्त पहले से ही मौजूद थे।

जैसे ही मेजर जंवाल दोपहर करीब तीन बजे अपने गांव बढोड़ी में पहुंचे तो अपने स्वागत में हजारों लोगों की भीड़ को देखकर हैरान हो गए। उनके स्वागत के लिए न



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संवाद। विश्व की सबसे ऊंची चोटी माउंट एवरेस्ट भी जम्मू के जोशिल भारतीय सेना के मेजर के आगे बौनी पड़ गई। सेना के मेजर रणवीर सिंह जंवाल भारतीय सेना के उस 18 सदस्यीय दल में शामिल थे, जिस दल ने 25 मई को विश्व की सबसे ऊंची चोटी पर तिरंगा झंडा फहराया। यह एक कीर्तिमान था कि 18 सदस्यीय दलने बड़े भारतीय सेना के दल ने ऐसा कारनामा किया हो। संवाद जिला के बढोड़ी गांव के जट रेजीमेंट में तेजाब 36 साल के मेजर रणवीर सिंह जंवाल ने इस कीर्तिमान में शामिल होकर न केवल देश, बल्कि जम्मू रियासत के संवाद जिला का नाम भी रोशन कर दिया। माउंट एवरेस्ट पर फतेह पाने के लिए भारतीय सेना के

जवानों को करीब 65 दिनों का समय लगा। 18 सैन्य अधिकारियों और जवानों के इस दल में शामिल मेजर जंवाल को पर्वतारोहण का खासा लगाव रहा है। यही कारण है कि वह इससे पहले भी कई कठिन पर्वतों को अपने कदमों से नाप चुके हैं। बर्कौल जंवाल वर्ष 2006 में उन्होंने स्विटजरलैंड की विल्हास और कठिन मेनहार्टन चोटी पर अपने कदमों के निशान छोड़े हैं। इसके अलावा साल 2008 में चौखंबा चोटी को भी फतेह किया है। मेजर जंवाल

को माने तो दुर्गम चौखंबा चोटी को चढ़ाई के दौरान उड़ और बर्फ खराब हो गई, जिसे बाद में गंवाना पड़ा। बर्कौल मेजर जंवाल उनकी माउंट एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ाई के दौरान उन्होंने और उनके दल में शामिल सेना के अफसरों और जवानों ने जहां कठिन परिस्थितियों का सामना किया, वहीं बीच-बीच में काफी आनंद भी लिया। उन्होंने बताया कि माउंट एवरेस्ट की चोटी को फतेह करने पर देश की महामहिम राष्ट्रपति द्वारा 18 जून सोमवार को उन्हें दिल्ली में कार्यक्रम के दौरान दल को फ्लैग इन किया जाना संभावित है।



मेजर का स्वागत

संवाद (घ्यूरो)। एवरेस्ट पर फतेह कर पर लौटे मेजर का शनिवार को यहां बजे जम्मू हवाई अड्डे पर जोरदार स्वागत किया गया। गांव के लोगों ने हवाई अड्डे के बाहर उनको फूल मालाओं के साथ जोरदार स्वागत किया। गांव पहुंचने पर महिलाओं ने उनको आरती उतार कर उनका स्वागत किया। मेजर रणवीर सिंह ने अमर उजाला को बताया कि 22 लोगों के दल में 18 लोग ही एवरेस्ट पर चढ़े थे। इनमें सेना की सात महिला अधिकारियों भी शामिल थीं। उन्होंने बताया कि महिला अधिकारियों के साथ एवरेस्ट फतेह करना एक रिकार्ड है। उनके दल का नेतृत्व कर्नल अजय कोठियाल कर रहे थे। मेजर ने बताया कि इससे पहले उन्होंने यूरोप और अफ्रीका में भी अपना अभियान चलाया था।

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A Man No Cliff Can Stop

An Indian soldier-turned-Army officer, Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal, is setting new benchmarks in scaling the world's most perilous peaks and pulling off impossible rescue missions in the mountains
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This isn't exactly a rags-to-riches story, but is every inch as exciting. Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal did not start life in penury, nor is he rolling in wealth. But what he possesses in abundance is grit, an attribute that has propelled him to the summit of Mount Everest twice in a span of less than 12 months.

Needless to say, Jamwal is no ordinary climber. He has not only led a record number of 20 climbers to the summit in a single expedition, but also masterminded a successful campaign to clean up the mountain that he has scaled.

Major Jamwal, decorated with the Vishisht Sewa Medal (VSM) this year for his courage and leadership qualities, grew up in the nondescript village of Badhori in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir. He always dreamed of joining the Army and made it to the ranks as an ordinary soldier of the Dogra Regiment. He subsequently became a commissioned officer. Today, he is a proud officer of the Jat Regiment.

His feats as a mountaineer may not have made him a household name, but has fetched Jamwal the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award. He received the nation's highest award in the field of adventure from President Pranab Mukherjee on August 31 last.

Jammy, as his friends call him, is effusive in his praise of the Army. "I am a typical soldier who is ready to give his best in everything I am asked to do. Whatever I have achieved is a result of the constant encouragement I have received from my seniors," he says.

Jamwal's father, Onkar Singh, is a retired havaldar of the Army from whom he imbibed the virtues of hard work and tenacity. The major's motto has always been: 'do not think in terms of limitations; always think in terms of possibilities'.



He joined the army on October 24, 1994. The officers of Dogra Regiment guided him through the early years. With his hard work, dedication and will power, he cleared the officer examination (Army Cadets College) and joined the Indian Military Academy in 1998 and got commissioned as an officer in the Jat Regiment in June 2002.

He was always inclined towards sports. The army proved to be a catalyst for what began as a voluntary course in mountaineering at the High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS), Gulmarg. He was adjudged the best student and was posted back to the HAWS as an instructor.

He was then sent to Switzerland for a course in mountain search and rescue operations. There, too, he was rated the best student. Armed with skills thus acquired, Jamwal has saved many lives since.

Major Jamwal says, "Every person in my regiment used to be aware of every step forward that I took. They all wanted me to do well. In fact, I am indebted to my regiment, my unit and my commanding officer Colonel TS Hothi. They were always there in every difficulty."

His family, too, has been a constant source of motivation. He mentions his father, mother, younger



brother, wife and two children.

Says Jamwal: “Every award and recognition is actually shared by my parents, wife and children for they never burdened me with any responsibility related to the family.” He is especially grateful to his wife, Kiran, who raised their two children while he pursued his dream.

Says Kiran: “I wanted him to be the best in whatever he was doing. We as a family feel good that he has made the Army and the country proud.”

When their first child, Daksh, was born in 2007 Jamwal was in Switzerland. It was only when complications developed during the birth of their second child in 2012 that Jamwal left the training of the first army women officers Everest expedition in Siachen.

Jamwal was on the summit by the side of the first IAS officer to climb Mount Everest, Ravindra Kumar. Says the latter about Jamwal, “Once you are at base camp, the focus is on being safe and reaching the summit. That makes people very cautious. But here was a man who was always laughing even in the most difficult conditions and was ready to leave his safe area to assist others. He is a born leader and motivator, but is very strict on discipline.”

Major Jamwal plans to achieve the feat of conquering the highest points of all the seven continents.

Leading the joint Indo-Nepal Army Everest Expedition in 2013, Jamwal created a record of leading 20 climbers to the top of the world on May 19, 2013. By then he had already been part of several successful expeditions. He was deputy leader of the Indian Army Women’s Expedition in 2012 in which he led the climbing team to the top of Mt Everest on May 25, 2012. All seven women climbers reached the summit.



Thus the officer has the distinction of scaling Everest twice in a span of less than 12 months. During his second climb to the summit, he had planned for more than just an expedition. He motivated his team and they for the first time not only participated in Everest marathon (highest marathon in the world) but also claimed first and third positions.

His passion for climbing has taken him to other continents as well. He has scaled Mt Aconcagua, the highest peak of the South America continent, and Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak of Africa.

Each summit has been a test for him, none less demanding than Mount Mana, which is technically the most difficult peak in India. It is here that his training enabled him to save many lives.

In the process of saving his men he overlooked his own safety. He suffered severe frostbite, necessitating the amputation of one finger. Because of his selfless devotion and fearless leadership, the officer was awarded Chief of Army Commendation Card.

He has been actively involved in various rescue expeditions in J&K and Garhwal Himalayas. In 2012, he was selected to lead the climbers of the Indian and UK armies to an unclimbed peak. Right after reaching the summit, he volunteered to go for a rescue expedition to Mt Kedar Dome where five climbers were trapped in an avalanche. He was involved in saving the lives of six soldiers and four civilians in Gurez in 2008.

He and his team made a mark in the history of mountaineering by cleaning 4000 kg of non-biodegradable waste from Everest and the higher camps. The Government of Nepal acknowledged this feat and he was also awarded an appreciation certificate by Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee.

Ravindra Kumar says, “Jamwal has a lot of respect for the mountains. He collected garbage not for completing a task but because he wishes to see it clean.”

Now, the only thing that Jamwal wishes is to see his parents, especially his mother, happy. He believes his mother had to sacrifice a lot as father used to be away. Omkar Singh is a veteran of three wars of 1962, 1965 and 1971.

Surjit Singh Slathia, the Member of Legislative Assembly representing the constituency to which Major Jamwal belongs, says, “We are proud of his achievements as he has brought laurels to our country and to Jammu and Kashmir. I will provide all the assistance and will even request our Chief Minister to extend all the support so that he becomes a figure to emulate.” He is after all a true hero.