

## **GANGSTANG EXPEDITION – 1988**

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### **South Calcutta Trekkers Association**

#### **Synopsys of Leader's Report**

Name of the peak	GANGSTANG
Height of the peak	6162 mt. / 20218 ft.
Location	Latitude 0 - 32°45' N; Longitude - 76°76' E State : Himachal Pradesh District: Lahul
Team members	Ranjan Dutta (Leader), Shyamal Dey (Dy. Leader), Amal Nandi (Treasurer), Indranath Dutta (Qt. Master), Dr. V.K. Bose (Medical Officer), Anjan Ghosh, Chinmoy Bhattacharya, Shyam Sundar Paul, Kanak Kumar Ghosh, Dr. Soumitra Roy, Sutanu Chakraborty, Sankar Bhadra
Route	<p>The team arrived at Billing by availing bus from Manali on 30-07-1988. We took the true right bank of the Billing Nullah flowing through the outskirts of Keylong and established our Transit Camp I (11,200 ft) 2 km away from the road head, on the same day.</p> <p>The Transit Camp II (13,000 ft) was established on the next day.</p> <p>The Base Camp was laid on 01-08-1988 at an altitude of 14,000 ft, 3 km before the snout of Billing Nullah, on a grassy field.</p> <p>The team then took the left lateral moraine ridge of the Gangstang Glacier and established Camp I (16,500 ft) on 04-08-1988.</p> <p>On the way to Camp II (16,500 ft) we had to avoid the glacial bed because of unfathomed crevasses and in this process we opted for about 300 ft rock climbing of totally exposed rock. The camp was established on 05-08-1988 on a virtual scree.</p> <p>We established Camp III (18,700 ft) on 06-08-1988.</p> <p>And climbed the peak on 07-08-1988 at 12 noon.</p> <p>From Camp III to the summit we faced some crevassy ice walls of 60°-70° gradient and had to fix some 500 ft. of rope before attaining the top.</p>
Summiters	Chinmoy Bhattacharya, Anjan Ghosh, Indranath Dutta, Amal Nandi and Alam Chand Thakur (HAP).