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An Appeal

As you are all aware, Chakram Hikers lost two of its experienced and much-loved trekking & climbing members in an accident during our Tinchin Khang Expedition in the Sikkim area last year. We lost one of our highly skilled and experienced mountaineer and trekker - Mangesh Deshpande and a budding climbing and mountaineering enthusiast who had a lot of promise - Sadasivan Sekar, in this expedition. Their bodies still lie in the snow clad slopes of Tinchin Khang.

Our club, the relatives of the deceased and the Sikkim Government have been continuously coordinating with each other and seeking out avenues for retrieving the bodies of the climbers from the 19,000 + feet high mountain. Bad and adverse weather conditions have thwarted all our attempts in our recovery efforts so far. Hence, we have envisaged a recovery expedition this year taking into consideration the general weather conditions in the Himalayas. We have had the unstinted support from all of you in all these activities.

The forthcoming expedition and the expeditions carried out till date are all very capital intensive and require a huge resource pool to fund them. To ensure that the entire financial burden does not fall on a few individuals, we have envisaged the collection of resources through a Relief Fund in which the trekking community is being approached for donations. Donations and funds have been flowing in not only from the Chakram Group but also from well wishers.

Keeping the aim of the total expedition cost of Rs 8 lakhs in mind, an appeal is being issued to the trekking community to donate at least Rs. 2,000 on an individual capacity and collect at least Rs. 10,000 from other donors / corporates.

Through this collection drive, it is not only proposed to carry out the recovery expedition but also create a memorial in memory of the two expedition members. This memorial would be one that would inspire all mountaineers to excel in this sport and keep the spirit of adventure burning in their hearts. To this end, we are in the process of planning the erection of an artificial climbing wall in or around Mulund in association with another body corporate. We need your wholehearted support in this venture.

We hope to complete the above two activities as soon as possible and we are sure that the whole trekking community would stand behind us and support us in completing them successfully

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