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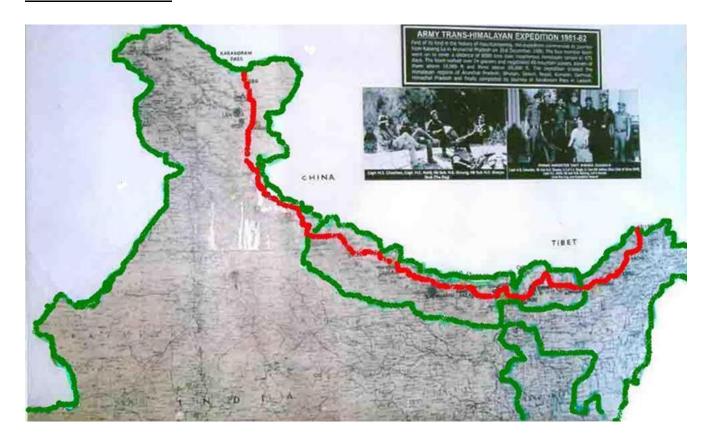
Decoration Sena Medal and the Vishisht Seva Medal

Fellowship FRGS (Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society,

London)

Government of India Award Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

Adventure Activities



- **8,000km Indian Trans Himalayan Expedition 1981-1982:** As Deputy Leader, trekked across the Himalayan Range from close to the Myanmar Border in the eat to the Karakoram Pass (Pakistan Border in the west) in 1981-82.

- Participated in more than two dozen mountaineering expeditions in India around the world and led several international expeditions including Indo-British/Indo-American/Indo-French/Indo-Argentina, Multinational/International Army.
- Participated in Skiing, White water rafting ,Winter Sports, Water-Sports and Paragliding events
- Represented India in various capacities at Adventure Associations in foreign countries
- Election Member of Management Committee of UIAA (4 years) the International Mountaineering Body.

Important Assignments in Adventure organizations

- Instructor, Mountaineering and Skiing, Army High Altitude Warfare School Gulmarg from 1982-1985
- Director of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali for 08 years from 1990-1995 and 2000-2007
- Principal of Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling from 1995-1999
 Total 18 years headed-National Mountaineering Institutes & its longest period in the country.
- President, **Himachal Winter Games Association** for three tenures from 1991-2003
- Office bearer at Indian Mountaineering Foundation since 2005 (Member Governing council- 2003-2005, Vice President from 2005-07, Honorary Secretary from 2007-10, President from 2011 till date)

Involvement with Central/ State Govt Departments

- Adviser Adventure, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India from 2009-12
- Adventure Activity Consultant Asian Development Bank Project (Sikkim State) in 2013-14

- Consultant for Adventure Activities Government of Assam in 2014-15
- Advisor Adventure, Himachal Government
- Chairman , Mountaineering Eqpt Selection Committee; Bureau of Indian Standards
- Chairman ,Advisory Committee of Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority
- Chairman Ministry of Human Resource Development All India Council for Technical Education framework for Tourism (Mountaineering Sector)

<u>Pilot Projects involving Youth Development and Adventure Activities</u>

- Introduced Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme (RGAS), Ministry of Youth & Sports.
- Introduced Youth to the Edge- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) identify opportunities for Adventure Activities / Sports in border areas of North East States.
- Ministry of Skill Development (For developing Qualification Packs (QPs) and National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Adventure Tourism
- Management Training of First Responders and Strengthening of Civil Defence Set up in Himalayan States
- Ministry of Tourism (Standardization Mountain / Adventure Guides & Mountain Safety & Rescue System)
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Adventure training for differently abled persons)
- Continuous full time association with adventure at State/National/International level from 1980 onwards till date (through Govt)- **Longest for any individual in the country.**