

# एवरेस्ट फतह को निकले लारेंस के छात्र



**शिमला।** लारेंस स्कूल बनारस के छात्र छात्रों का दल माउंट एवरेस्ट फतह को निकलेगा है। यह अगिले की दिसम्बर से यह छात्र स्मारिका 'शाबा के लिए क्राइमिड' रचना होगी। वहां से 45 दिन की यात्रा करेगे। स्कूल के 60 साल पूरे होने के उपलक्ष्य पर छात्र एक और इतिहास रचने का रहे हैं।

प्रिंसिपल प्रवीण बलिष्ठ ने दल को सूचकांकवर्ती पी। दल में युव इन्द्रावत, सुशी चडला, इकीकत सिंह, राघव, अजय स्टोडर, तथा सुभम करिष्क शामिल हैं। राघव जनेजा की उम्र अभी 16 साल से कम है। ऐसे में शाबा पर जाने की अनुमति नेपाल सरकार पर निर्भर करेगी। दल के प्रशिक्षक कर्नल नीरज राणा और सीफ कोऑर्डिनेटर कर्नल पीरल प्रेवाल ने बताया कि छात्रों का प्रशिक्षण वीरगढ़ हुआ है। यात्रा का पूरा खर्च उपस्थितका देता रहे है। प्रति छात्र 17 लाख खर्च देता रहे है।

छात्रों का इशारेस करवाया गया है। दल में महाराष्ट्र की शिवांग मोहिते, दिल्ली की सावी सोनी भी शामिल है। बर्नल राणा ने बताया कि इससे पूर्व अमेरिका के सबसे जॉर्डन रोमन (13) एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ा कर इतिहास रच चुके हैं। नीरजा के 16 वर्षीय अनुभूत काजपेरी भी यह इतिहास रच चुके हैं।

# Lawrence school team sets out to climb Mount Everest

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**SHIMLA, April 2**  
A seven-member team of The Lawrence School, Sanawar, set out to scale Mount Everest today to mark the 60th anniversary of the first conquest of the world's highest mountain by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.

If the attempt is successful, it will etch the names of the participants - Hakikat Singh, Guribadat Singh, Prithvi Singh, Ajay Sohal, Shubham, Fateh Singh and Raghav Joneja - in the history as it will be the first school team in the world to reach the mountain's summit. The expedition was flagged off by Chief Minister Vichhadra Singh here today. Parveen Vashisht, headmaster of the school, said the boys are 16-17 years old and four of them are from Punjab and one each from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

Encouragement to the young boys for embarking on the adventure came from their parents, a majority of whom have an Army background. They provided Rs 17.60 lakh each to fulfil the dreams of their sons and some of them volunteered to be a part of the support team.

The boys were selected for the expedition after undergoing a procedure which put their mental toughness and



Students of The Lawrence School at Sanawar who will attempt to scale Mount Everest.

physical endurance to test. Thereafter, they were sent for advanced training to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute at Darjeeling.

After honing their skills in rock craft, black and blue ice craft, crevices crossing and other specialised trainings, they were given lessons on effective use of mountaineering tools like crampons,

pitons, jumars, harnesses, laddering and cabiners and were taught rope techniques. They were also given tips on first aid and survival and mountain rescue techniques. Thereafter, they were made to climb two major peaks in the Kanchenjunga area - BC Roy peak and Frey peak - to provide them practical experience at altitudes ranging

from 18,000 ft to 21,000 ft.

From the snowy heights they were taken straight to the deserts of Rajasthan for a cycling expedition during which they peddled about 1,000 km in nine days. It was followed by high altitude training at over 6,000 m in temperatures as low as minus 25 degrees Celsius in Ladakh.

The boys will fly to Kathmandu on April 6 and further to Lukla on April 10 from where they will undertake a nine-day trek to the base camp. After acclimatisation, they will begin the trekking on the mountain.

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# School team sets sight on Mt Everest



Lawrence School Sanawar boys pose for the media on Tuesday. The students are set to create history by making an attempt to scale Mt Everest on the 60th anniversary of the first ascent.

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AS 16-YEAR-OLD Ajay Sohal espouses his passion for the hills, he also makes it a point to thank his mentor - Colonel Neeraj Rana, a former director of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) - and his parents. Having grown up beside the Rohtang Pass, Sohal, the son of a Manali businessman, is excited about his latest challenge. He is the only Himachali in a six-member team from Lawrence School, Sanawar, aiming to create history by scaling Mount Everest next month.

Comprised of boys in the 16-17 age bracket, barring Raghav Joneja - who at 15 years and 7 months is the youngest - the team will be the first from a school to attempt the feat. The six - Hakikat Singh, Guribadat Singh, Prithvi Singh, Ajay Sohal, Shubham and Raghav Joneja - have undergone a gruelling seven-month training regimen under the guidance of Colonel Rana.

"Though there are certain issues to be resolved with the Nepal government regarding Raghav's age as rules in Nepal provide for minimum age of

16 years, yet he will definitely going to be there as he meets all other parameters of fitness and training," said Col Rana, flanked by school Headmaster Parveen Vashisht as they interacted with media here on Tuesday.

The group will begin their two-month adventure from Kathmandu on April 6 and will proceed to the base camp on April 11. The final ascent has been scheduled for May 5-6. "This will be the first-ever school team in the world to attempt the climb. The youngest Indian to have scaled the peak is Arjun Vajpayee (at 16 years and 11 months), while American Jordan Romero (at 13 years and 4 months) is the youngest in the world," Col Rana added. The expedition, however, is a self-sponsored trip with each parent coughing up Rs 17 lakh.

"Like every addict, including those who love liquor, we are addicted to the heights - the mountains. We are setting off for something that will make history and our school and country proud," says Fateh Singh. The boys will be assisted by four others including two women Sakshi Soni (a Delhi girl) and Priyanka from Maharashtra.