



Himalayan Trek (Himachal Pradesh, India, May 2007)

We had seven days of picnic
Which can only be called fantastic

We had to sleep in tents small
Where one couldn't stand up tall
Changing clothes wasn't easy at all
Even turning in bed was a tough call

The sleeping bag was tough initially
But we mastered to use it gradually
If there's one thing that the organizers should prevent
It was putting too many people in a small bus or tent

All these and the walking mile after mile
Was definitely unique 'n' worthwhile
We experienced trekking first hand
Far away from home, in Himachal's beautiful land

Snow on the peaks kept changing its own size
Wasn't that pleasing to our eyes!!
Tall trees & view that was overall green
Can't be captured in a photo, it must be seen

We wanted to stay here for weeks
But tired ourselves when we climbed the peaks
The nature & its inviting sloping hills
Tested our stamina & powers of our wills

Mornings were sunny and bright
But it rained when it came to night
Moment to moment, the weather kept changing its gears
At the same speed, we had to change our headgears

"Its warm and sunny, let me put on my goggle and cap!" you think
But after that, the weather too changed before your could blink
If you thought, "It shan't rain, till I reach the base camp"
Out came the rainfall, to make your clothes damp

We might put on weight, despite walking all those miles
Because of great food that we loaded on our plates in piles
If morning bed tea made us think, 'The night has perished!'
The evening soup was something that we all cherished

The hot rotis, vegetables and curries
Made us forget all our worries

The campfire that was lit at night
For fellowship; it was ambience, perfectly all right
Friendship developed, when in groups; we had talks
And helped each other, when we went out for walks

We had a group of 126 young hearts
Although it ranged 3 to 77 on the age charts

At Rohtang Pass, we had a historic Rotary meet
It must be a world record at fourteen thousand feet!

Even DG and DGN came here
And did all the treks & crossed river without any fear

We even celebrated some birthdays with cake
Overall, it was a great & fantastic trek!!

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Written during the trek to Manali 25~31 May 2007