



## 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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