

BIO DATA

I) GENERAL

- Name : Colonel Prem Chand, KC,SM,VSM
- Fathers : Late Sh. Chhey Ram.
- Marital Status : Married with two son
- Nationality : Indian.
- Sex : Male.
- Permanent Address : “Gheypang View”, Village, Upper Badah,
PO, Mohal. Pin – 175126 Dist: Kullu.HP.
- Mailing Address : PO Box: 26, Kullu, 175101. Dist: Kullu.HP.
- Date of birth : 07 June, 1942, Vill: Lindoor, PO: Jahlman,
Dist: Lahoul & Spiti, HP. Pin- 175139.
- IC – NO : IC – 21802 X.
- Date of Commission in the Indian Army: 03, May 1964.
- Permanent Regiment : The DOGRA Regiment. Infantry.
- Date of Retirement : 09, April 1992.

II) COURSES ATTENDED

- Winter Warfare High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) 1965- 1966
- Mountain Warfare -- do -- 1966
- Winter Warfare Advance -- do -- 1967
- Mountain Warfare Advance -- do -- 1970
- Anti Tank and Commando -- do -- Infantry School Mhow. (MP)
- Junior Command and senior command from college of combat Mhow. (MP)
- Third Regional Training Seminar on ICE & SNOW HYDROLOGY organized by UNESCO and SASE from March 14 to April 01 in 1986 at HQs SASE Manli.

- Diploma in Tourism and Travel Management Course – organized by Dte Gen Resettlement Ministry of Defence in 1992.

III) PEAKS CLIMBED:

Harmukh	5425M	J&K	1969	HAWS	With training course as Institutions
Kolhoi	5148M	--do--	--do--	--do--	School boys & girls from sri nagar
Mt Lashi	5,900M	Korakoram		--do--	Alpine style
Mamonstang Kangri	7516M	Korakoram		1969	3 in fo division. Maidan attempt
Mt. Umba	19600ft.	J&K	1969	HAWS	With advance course
Chomolhri	22,997ft.	Bhutan	1970	Indo	Bhutan Expedition.
Parikang	22,300ft	--do--	1971	--do--	--do--
Chomolhari kangri	23,000ft.a ppx.	--do--	1971	--do--	Attempted.
Ganger punsum south	20,000ft. appx.	--do--	172		Indo Bhutan expedition attempted.
Thelu	6000M	UA	1972	NIM	With training courses.
Koteshwar	6035M	UA	1973		--do--
Peak west of bander punch west	5800M	UA	1974		--do--
Jaonli	6632M	UA	1974	--do--	Alpine style
Nanda Devi	7816M	UA	1975	Indo	French expedition
Nanda devi east	7434M	UA	1976	Indo	Japanese expedition
Sinialchu	22800ft. approx.	Sikkim	1976		Kanchendzonga attempted.
Kanchendzonga	28028ft.	Sikkim	1977		Maiden success from NE spur route. (only living summitter from the route in the world)
Nun	7135M	J&K	1978		Dogra regiment. As leader leader west ridge.
Saser kangri	7675M	Karakoram	1979		Ind army/ 3 in div.
Hanuman tibba	5928M	H P	1980		IMF. First winter ascent
Menthosa	6300M	H P	1980		Dte. DM & AS Manali. Attempted
Falung kang	5900M	Sikkim	1981		HMI. Ladies course.
Manna	7274M	UA	1983		IMF. Pre Everest.

					Summit ridge, as I/C training.
Everest	8848M	Nepal	1984		Summit camp as deputy leader.
K- 12	7428M	Karakoram	1984		Pre Everest army summit camp as leader Everest selected. First Ind climb.
Thajiawas peak	5800M	J&K	1984		Pre Everest training.
Mt Machoi	6000M	J& k	1984		-- do – direct route
Everest	8848M	Nepal	1985		Autumn. Leader attempt along the traditional and SW face route, Due Injury did not lead. Was re inducted after accident
Rimo	7385M	Karakoram	1989		Leader indo Australian expedition attempted.
Tambo and Jori	6096 & 5996M	H P	2003		IMF Alpine camp explored.

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISGNMENTS HELD:

- Instructor high altitude warfare school 56 APO 1968 – 1970.
- Instructor Indian Military Training Team Bhutan 1971- 1972. Specially selected for the job.
- Vice Principal Nehru Institute of Mountaineering Uttarkashi (UA) 1972. – 1974.
- Do – Himalayan mountaineering Institute Darjeeling (WB) 1974 (was sent from NIM)
- Director Directorate of Mountaineering & Allied Sports Manali. HP. 1986 – 1989.
- Director High Altitude Training Center Shillaroo – shimla (SAI) H P. 1989 – 1990.
- Director Army Adventure Cell Sena Bhavan New Delhi. 1991- till retirement.

COURSES / CAMPS CONDUCTED: (After Retirement)

- Indian Mountaineering Foundation
- Winter Game Federation of India.
- National Adventure Foundation.
- Tata Adventure Foundation.
- Singapore NCC.
- Malaysian Chaukhamba Expedition 1996.
- Malaysian Everest 1997.
- China Everest from WB.
- Indo – Nepalese Women Expedition.
- YPS Chandigarh.
- Malwa School Gidderwah. PB.
- BCS Shimla.
- E & A Mumbai.
- Department of Tourism & civil Aviation HP. (Series of courses for tribal youth)
- Earth Watch Groups from UK.

WINTER SPORTS:

- Was selected to lead the first Indian Olympic team to Sapporo (Japan) Winter Olympics in 1972 as team captain cum manager. Team later did not go.
- Skied down Rohtang Pass alone in 1969, April.
- Skied down from about 20000 ft. on Mt Chomolhari to Base Camp in 1970.
- Was selected/ appointed as Co Chairman, Chairman Technical Committee and Member of jury of all the Indian National Winter Games held in Manali and first Himachal Cup.
- Lead the junior team to Shamsaki International Junior Winter Games in Iran 1997.
- Is a veteran ice hockey player and playing captain of 3 Int'l div champion team in 1970's.

DECORATION / AWARDS IN THE FIELD:

- Kirti Chakra.
- Sena Medal.
- Vishist seva medal.
- Mention – in – dispatches.
- George Macgregor medal for exploration. First service personal to receive it after 1947.
- Indian Mountaineering Foundation GOLD MEDAL for sustained excellence in the field in the country.
- Indian Mountaineering Foundation SILVER MEDAL for excellence in the field.
- French Medal for Nanda Devi climb.
- Certificate of Appreciation by Govt of SIKKIM, Ministry of TOURISM in appreciation deep sensibility to the sentiments of the people of Sikkim, honoring their tradition while climbing the Sacred Mt Kangchendzonga in May 1977, and joining in celebrating the “Pang Lhabso” Ceremony and the 50th year of the first successful expedition to Mt Kangchendzonga on 17 Sept 2005 at Gangtok Sikkim.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Indian Mountaineering Foundation Delhi (Ex Vice President)
- Himalayan Mountaineering Institute Darjeeling.
- Nehru Institute of Mountaineering Uttarkashi. UA.
- Non Official Member Tourism Development Council for Manali in HP.
- Member Executive Committee Layul – Spiti Jan Kalyan Samiti Badah Kullu. HP.
- Member Executive Committee Society for preservation of Buddhist Culture Badah Kullu. HP.
- President Society for Conservation and preservation culture in Lohouli & Spiti HP.
- Hon. Member number of adventure clubs in the county.
- Life Member Red Cross Dist. Kullu.
- Ex- President & Honorary member Himachal Winter Games Assn.
- Ex-President and member Manali Sports Club. (Oldest in the area)

Being born in village Lindoor in Lahoul & Spiti Distt, to begin with, I had to do mountaineering for my survival. Later on, I got opportunities to trek, explore and climb the highest in the adventure are of the Himalayan and Eastern Karakoram. I have the unique distinctions of having worked in all the mountaineering Institutes in the country. I am probably the only summitter of both the Nanda devi from the country and ONLY SURVIVING summitter of Kanchendzonga from the maiden climb along the most difficult North East Ridge route in May 1977. have crossed over 75 known and unknown high passes in the entire length and breadth of Himalayan and Eastern Karakoram in my more than five decades of high adventure. Have the distinction of having commanded a company of troops in the North most sector – Karakoram pass axis and East Most sector ie the point where Lohit River enters India, Commanded a Battalion in the most famous Logewal sector in Ladakh. Was tasked to final movement and domination of the highest battle ground in the world by the Indian Army.

My trainees include: Ms Bachendri Pal – first women Everest Summitter from India, Ms Dickey Dolma – the youngest women Everest summitter in the world, Ms Deepou Sharama – Everest Summitter, Naib Subedar Amar Praksh: Assam Riles, Everest sum miter from south Col route and from Kangshung Face and Sh Magendra from Malaysia – summitter from Everest in the Malaysian maiden Everest in 1997. I have also carried out some daring search and Rescue Mission during my high adventure along the length and breath of the Himalaya and Eastern Karakoram.

Presently I am deeply involved in supervising and conducting Himalayan OUT DOOR Skill training camps, preservation and conservation of Himalayan flora and fauna and the culture of the people there and helping expeditions visiting HP with technical advice and local liaison and administrative support – thus giving back to the system from where I got so much.

The above BIO DATA is true to the best of my memory and belief.

Col Prem Chand, retd,