

Diary of Events, Highlights of Achievements and Overview of 28th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica

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Sr No	Day & Date	Event
1	Thursday, November 06, 2008	Arrival Maitri
2	Saturday, November 08, 2008	Commissioning of a defunct Excavator
3	Saturday November 08, 2008	Planning started for LAN Layout
4	Thursday, November 13, 2008	Joint Russian Convoy starts from Maitri
5	Thursday, November 13, 2008	Digging of a tunnel on permafrost started at Maitri for LAN Layout
6	Friday, November 14, 2008	Maitri celebrates the success of Chandrayan
7	Sunday, November 16, 2008	Pisten Bully Workshop & Training starts with Kasbohrer Engineer
8	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	Change of old plumbing ductline at Maitri
9.	Thursday, November 20, 2008	Tunnel completed for cables for LAN Layout
10	Monday, November 23, 2008	LAN Layout completed at Maitri
11	Tuesday, November 25, 2008	Hospitality extended to Dr Asim Bej from NASA
12	Monday, December 01, 2008	Electric Field Meter installed by IIG
13	Monday, December 01, 2008	Departure for Visit to Troll Station by 2 Scientists from GSI
14	Friday, December 05, 2008	First Joint Convoy & Pole marking of the Route

15	Friday, December 12, 2008	Inauguration of Internet Facility at Maitri
16	Sunday, December 14, 2008	Recce of Dozer Point Road Repair
17	Friday, December 19, 2008	Dozer Point Road repaired for smooth transportation
18	Friday, December 19, 2018	Installation of Air Earth - Current Measurement by IIG
19	Saturday, December 20, 2008	Raising & repositioning of Summer Camp Toilets
20	Sunday, December 21, 2008	Visit of Santa Claus from Russia
21	Friday, January 09, 2009	Return from Visit to Troll Station by 2 Scientists from GSI
22	Sunday, January 11, 2009	New Earthing connection for Summer Huts
23	Wednesday, January 14, 2009	Road prepared from Staircase to Penguin I & Penguin II
24	Thursday, January 15, 2009	Road prepared from IMD Brewer to NPL Hut
25	Saturday, January 17, 2009	Commissioning of New Eastern Lounge
26	Sunday, January 18, 2009	Visit of Russian Delegation from Novolazarevskaya
27	Monday, January 19, 2009	Visit of Prince Albert II of Monaco
28	Wednesday, January 21, 2009	Waste Water Treatment Plant Cleaning & Enlargement of treated Waste Water collection Pond
29	Monday, January 26, 2009	Republic Day Celebrated & Charge Taken Over from the Leader of 27th ISEA
30	Friday, January 30, 2009	Departure of Team Members of 27th ISEA

31	Monday, February 02, 2009	Commissioning of Sherpa Snowmobiles
32	Tuesday, February 03, 2009	New Earthing connection for Maitri Station
33	Tuesday, February 10, 2009	Visit of Directors from MoES Dr Ms Vasudha Gupta & Shri Taranjeet Singh
34	Friday, February 13, 2009	Information received of wife of Deepchand suffering from Signet Ring cell Adenocarcinoma
35	Tuesday, February 20, 2009	First attempt of installation of Digital Ionosonde Antenna by NPL SUMMER TEAM ARRIVES
36	Thursday, February 26, 2009	Second attempt of installation of Digital Ionosonde Antenna by NPL
37	Friday, February 27, 2009	Decanting starts at DG
38	Sunday, March 01, 2009	GSI completes mountain work
39	Monday, March 02, 2009	IL76 Last flight of the season - Deepchand Shivrayan Leaves for home. Helicopter HDE damaged blades & Ring. cannot fly
40	Tuesday, March 03, 2009	Convoy starts back from shelf at 5 PM meets a crevasse
41	Wednesday, March 04, 2009	Final Adjustment of Digital Ionosonde Antenna installation Convoy reaches Maitri at 1830 hrs
42	Thursday, March 05, 2009	Wind Mill installation starts
43	Friday, March 06, 2009	Helicopter on trailer, Lashed & removed from helipad, Group photograph
44	Saturday, March 07, 2009	Damaged Helicopter sent to Ship
45	Tuesday, March 10, 2009	Earth Station was inaugurated officially by Dr. P. S. Goel from NCAOR at 5 AM LT
46	Wednesday, March 11, 2009	Summer Team departs for India Bay after celebrating Holi. Convoy Team with 34 passengers started at 9-30 AM. At Sankalp 10 were shifted to the Ship & more afterwards. At night vehicles ran out of fuel & parked enroute.

47	Thursday, March 12, 2009	Helicopter brought fuel from Ship & convoy contnued normally on shelf
48	Sunday, March 15, 2009	Convoy returns at 1300 Hrs. / Emerald Sea sails out at 15-10 Hrs
49	Tuesday, March 17, 2009	Installation of 2nd Wind Mill
50	Friday, March 20, 2009	Summer Camp Closed.
51	Sunday, March 25, 2009	Earth station stops working
52	Sunday, March 29, 2009	Earth Station Electric Cable layed again to repair Earth Station Fault
53	Saturday, April 4, 2009	Provis ion of computer to each member
54	Saturday, May 16, 2009	Installation of Air Earth - Current Measurement by IIG
55	Thursday, May 21, 2009	Completion of Summer Convoy
56	Monday, June 01, 2009	Sudden Sad Demise of Kuldeep Wali due to massive Acute Myocardial infarction.
57	Tuesday, June 09, 2009	Cremation done
58	Thursday, June 11, 2009	Mortal remains taken care Memorial service performed
59	Saturday, June 13, 2009	Lounge upgradation starts
60	Tuesday, June 16, 2009	Carpet changed, Home Theatre System Installed
61	Sunday, June 21, 2009	Mid Winter Day celebrated with 20 Russian friends from Novo lazarevskaya
62	Monday, June 22, 2009	14 members from our team went to Novo for Mid Winter Day celebrations.
63	Mid Winter Activities Saturday June 27 , 2009 Thursday, July 2, 2009	Participation in International Film Festival of Antarctica and Organising National Contest of Antarctic Photography

64	Wednesday, July 08, 2009	Change of IT Hub & repair of Aviation band antenna
65	Sunday, July 12, 2009	Wind Mill No. 1 destroyed during blizzard
66	Tuesday, July 14, 2009	Information to NCAOR regarding defective trailers
67	Sunday, July 19, 2009	Video Conference with Dr. Manju Mehta AIIMS Mid Winter Counselling
68	Tuesday, July 21, 2009	Visit of Members to Novo for ECG. Russians ask for Workshop support for Everest vehicle.
69	Wednesday, July 22, 2009	Visit of Members to Novo for ECG & Workshop support to Russians
70	Thursday, July 23, 2009	Visit of Members to Novo for ECG & Workshop support to Russians. Russian Everest vehicle repaired by our logistic team.
71	Monday, July 27, 2009	All Demands submitted
72	Friday, July 31, 2009	2nd Wind Mill brought down & cracks detected in its base plate. Blades dismantled & decommissioned. Aviation Band Antenna re-installed.
73	Saturday, August 15, 2009	Celebrations of 15th August
74	Sunday, August 16, 2009	Inhouse cold water pipes frozen
75	Saturday, August 22, 2009	Canadian Trailer Company agrees for compensation for defective trailers
76	Thursday, September 10, 2009	Establishment of Veteheia Hill Outpost
77	Monday, September 28, 2009	Fresh sealing of the Eastern Lounge done

78	Monday, October 26, 2009	Sankalp Renovated
79	Monday, October 26, 2009	Banjara Renovated
80	Tuesday, 1 st December, 2009	Visit of Scretary MoES
81	Wednesday 2 nd December, 2009	Handing over of Charge of Maitri to Leader of 29 th ISEA
