

INTRODUCTION

The Sixth Indian Expedition to Antarctica was launched on 26 Nov. 1986. The ship 'M.V. THULELAND' was chartered for the expedition. The team consisted of 90 members including 17 members for the winter team. The expedition landed on Antarctica on 21.12.1986 at 1715 hrs. IST. The scientific tasks for the expedition included on-going programmes in the disciplines of meteorology, biology, geology, oceanography and geomagnetism. The logistic tasks comprised of maintenance and repair of the existing facilities in Dakshin Gangotri, replenishment of the Maitree camp and setting up of scientific camp at the very hostile Petermann Massifs in the Wohlthat ranges. The logistic responsibilities were entrusted to the personnel of the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

The scientific work in Antarctica was continued till 20.2.1987. The expedition began the return journey at 0030 hrs. on 21.2.1987. During the return journey, oceanographic observations were undertaken. The expedition reached Goa on 22.3.1987. The Record of Activities undertaken during the expedition is given here.

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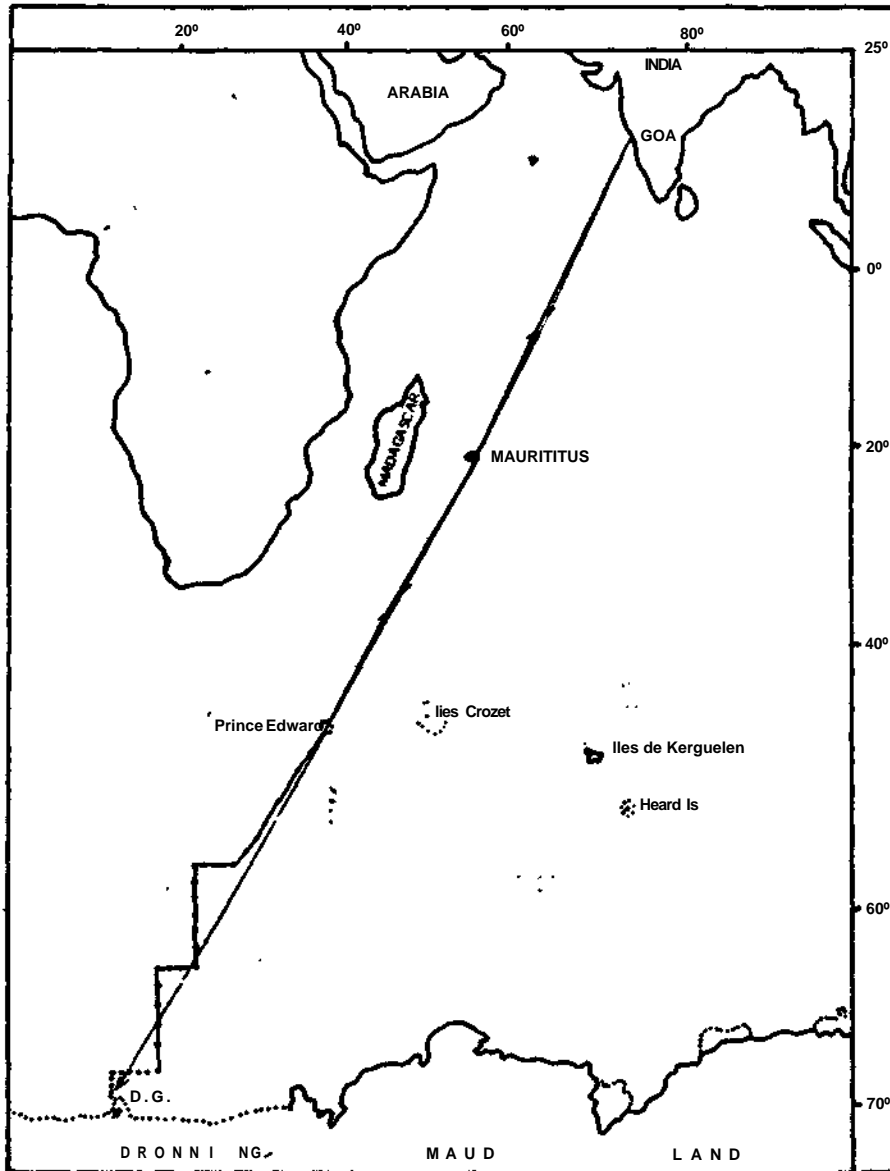
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