

Youngest Ice Climber in the World from Salesian College Siliguri



It was a proud moment for Salesian College, Siliguri campus when Nihal Sarkar, a first year Geography Honours student was selected to represent India in the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (Union International des Associations d'Alpinisme - UIAA) Ice Climbing World Cup at Cheongsong Korea, which was held from 15th January, 2016 to 17th January, 2016.

The world cup was organised by (UIAA) International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, Switzerland and was sponsored by The North

Face. There were 90 participants from 18 countries with 44 of the participants hailing from Asia. During the opening ceremony on 15th of January, India was especially welcome by the President of the Jury of UIAA, Mr. Thomas Kihl as India had participated in the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup for the first time.

In August 2015, when Nihal Sarkar had visited Lahaul-Spiti, at Bara Shigri Glacier for a 30 day Alpine Mountaineering training, he had proposed to participate in the Ice Climbing World Cup in Korea to the President and the Secretary of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation, Col. H.S.Chauhan and Wing Commander Sudhir Kutty respectively. “I climbed Gunthers Col (5399 m), they became impressed and satisfied and took the decision to send me to represent India in the World Cup as the first representative of India”, said Nihal Sarkar.

Among the 90 athletes from around the globe, Nihal Sarkar ranked 24th and among 44 Asian participants he secured the 12th rank. He was also declared the youngest Ice Climber in the history of the Ice Climbing World Cup and UIAA.





