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ITEM 17 : ANY OTHER BUSINESS : HISTORIC
SITES AND MONUMENTS : DRAFT RECOMMENDATION
(Submitted by the Delegation of India)

EXPLANATORY NOTE AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

The First Indian Expedition to Antarctica landed on Antarctica on 9 January 1982 along the coast of Dronning Maud Land. After landing, the expedition team crossed the ice shelf, and about 80 kilometres inside, selected a site in the hilly terrain of Wohlthat Mountains for setting up a solar-powered, automatic weather station. It was named as "Dakshin Gangotri". A large, suitable in_situ rock was selected and its exact position was retorded using satellite position fixing system (JMR). The exact coordinates of Dakshin Gangotri were Latitude 70° 45' 12.963"S and Longitutde 11° 38' 13.618"E. A brass plaque commemorating the landing of the First Indian Expedition was permanently cemented on the selected rock and the Indian National Flag was hoisted on the plaque-bearing rock. The plaque gives the name of the station, the names of all members of the team along with their institutions. The site and plaque are of much importance and form a prominent landmark in the area with an adjoining freshwater lake. The plaque-bearing rock is now considered a historial monument as it signifies the first landing of India's expedition.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

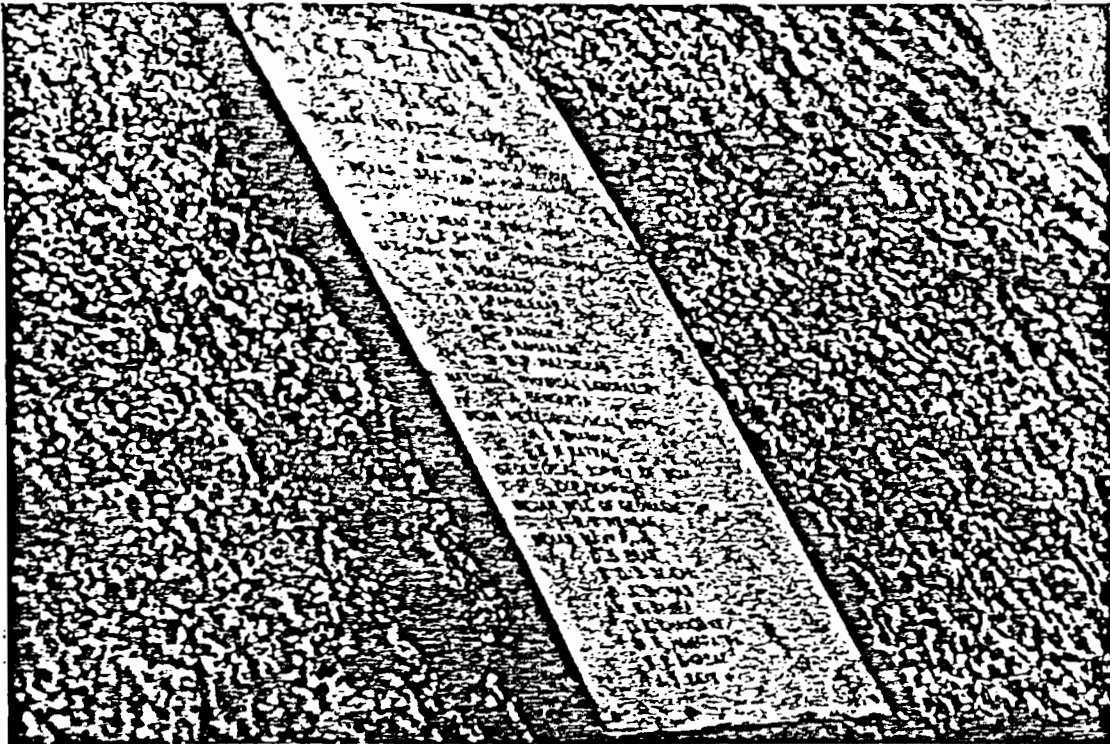
Historic Monuments

The Representatives,

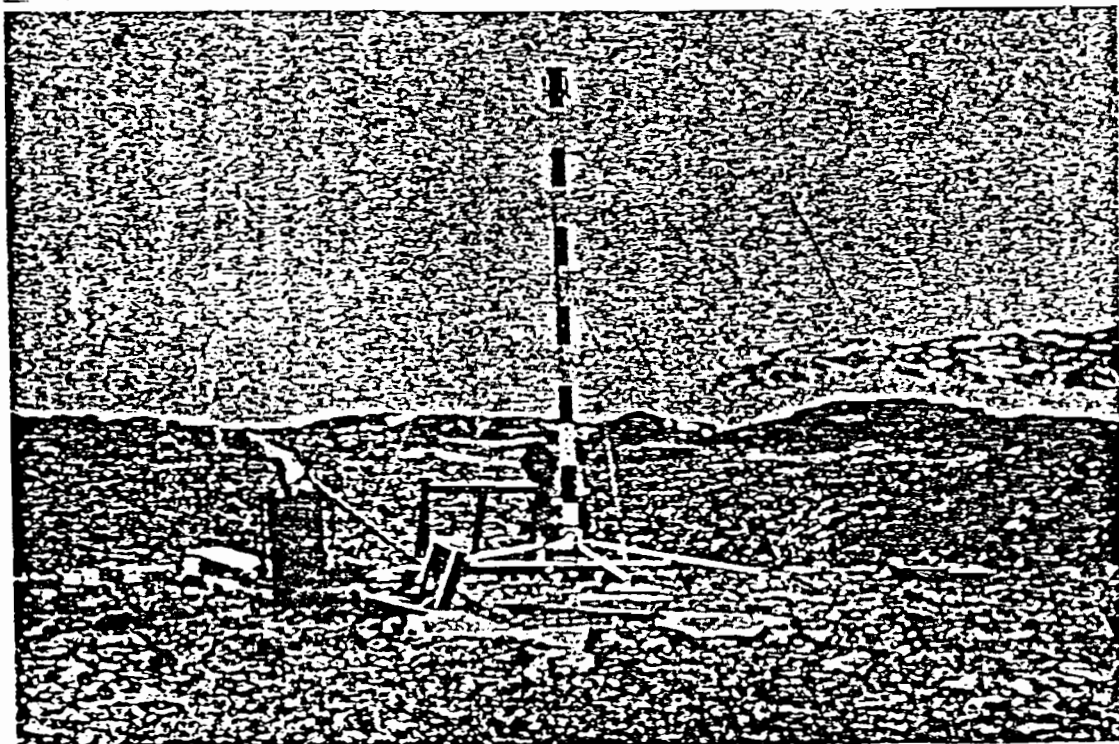
Recalling Recommendations I-IX, V-4, VI-14 and VII-9

Recommend to their Governments that the following historic monument be added to the "List of Historic Monuments Identified and Described by the Proposing Government or Governments" annexed to Recommendation VII-9 and that thereafter it be accorded the respect and protection required by the Recommendations recalled above:

44. Plaque erected at the temporary Indian station "Dakshin Gangotri", Princess Astrid Kyst, Dronning Maud Land, listing the names of the members of the First Indian Antarctic Expedition which landed nearby on 9 Januiary 1982. (Lat. 70°45'S., Long. 11°38'E.)



Plaque installed at *Dakshin Gangotri* in the rock.



Automatic weather recording station at *Dakshin Gangotri* set up by the Indian Team on the foothills of the Antarctic mountain ranges.