

# 7 teens conquer Mt. Kilimanjaro

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IN a rare feat for teenagers, seven students of Classes 9 and 10 of Indus International School scaled Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa at 19,336 feet. The students are Siddharth Singh, Tarush Harris, Mihir Kansal, Aryaman Verma, Jasmehar Singh, Rahul Rao and William Joseph.

A 10-day expedition called 'Peak to Lead' was conducted from September 24 to October 3. The expedition was organised by the school to impart experiential leadership training to students. The students reached the peak on September 29 after trekking 36km through the Ma-

rangu route.

"I broke down the minute I set foot on the peak. I felt all the effort that I had put into this endeavour was worth it. I felt honoured and proud that life had presented me with such an opportunity. It was indeed one of the greatest moments of my life," Tarush, a Class 10 student, said.

The first night halt was at Mandara Hut (2,725m) in a rainforest followed by a two-night rest at Horombu hut (3,780m) nestled in grasslands. On September 28, they moved to Kibo Hut and, after a few hours of rest,

they moved towards the final lap. After a spirited struggle for six to seven hours, the team finally conquered the peak.



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