

GSI participates 26th Antarctica Expedition



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The 26th Indian Antarctic Expedition was launched from National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), Goa on 2nd January 2007, in a ceremony presided over by Dr. P.S. Goel, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences. GSI team members S/Shri A. Dharwadkar and A.K. Nath were on board ship MV Emerald Sea, which reached Antarctica on

The GSI team carried out geological studies/mapping at Veteheia nunatak, Schirmacher Oasis, Gruber, Larsemann Hills area, McLeod, Stornes and Fisser Islands. Iceberg monitoring on the voyage route, ice-core drilling near Dakshin Gangotri Station, rock sampling for geochemical, petrological and magnetic studies from helicopter drop-points in Gruber and Zweissel Mountain Ranges were also carried out by the team as part of the expedition. High values of radioactivity (~0.6 mR/hr) were recorded in the pegmatites of the Larsemann Hills area.

