

to Cape Ostryi, the first Indian station, Dakshin Gangotri, was established five years ago. Its staff co-operates fruitfully with scientists from the USSR and the GDR. Scientific and technical information is exchanged by radio.

At the invitation of P. Ganesan, the leader of the Indian expedition, his base was visited by a group of Soviet and German polar explorers on three tracked vehicles. We shared in celebrations of the 41st anniversary of the proclamation of India's independence. The national flags of the three countries were flown. We learned about the research being done at the station, we visited the scientific facilities and laboratories, and we exchanged souvenirs.

The Republic of India intends to open another station, called Métri, in the area of Shirmakher's oasis. The location chosen is three kilometres from Novolazarevskaya on the shores of Lake Zub. Three snowmobile convoys from Dakshin Gangotri have already been through, delivering bulldozers, materials and equipment. We helped the Indians with our own means of transportation in the more difficult parts. We were delighted to receive these guests, we showed them our little research town, and we organized a film show. During our meetings it was stressed that successful co-operation, friendly relations and mutual assistance bring together the scientists of the USSR, the GDR and the Republic of India, who have become close neighbours in the Antarctic.

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