

Preet Chandi Sends Updates Throughout Historic South Pole Trek

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– Preet Chandi, endurance athlete and the first woman of color to complete a solo trek by land to the South Pole



700
miles covered

-50 C°
temperatures endured

24/7
coverage

AT A GLANCE:

THE CHALLENGE

Preet Chandi needed to remain connected with family, friends, and social media followers while attempting a solo trek to the South Pole.

THE SOLUTION

Supplied by Global Telesat Communications, an Iridium GO!® and Iridium Extreme® satellite phone allowed Preet to share photos and voice blogs from one of the most remote locations on earth.

THE IMPACT

Preet became the first woman of color to complete a solo expedition to the South Pole, covering 700 miles by sled in just 40 days.

THE CHALLENGE

In November 2021, Capt. Preet Chandi, an endurance athlete and former British army physiotherapist, sought to push her boundaries once again. The goal: Complete the 700-mile journey from Hercules Inlet to the South Pole on her own in 45 days, pulling all her provisions and supplies behind her in a pulk (sled). To stay in touch with her family, friends and followers, she needed a reliable means of voice and data communications far beyond cellular coverage.

THE SOLUTION

Each day of her journey, Preet used an Iridium Extreme satellite phone to call her support team and her partner with her location and condition, and to make blog entries by voice. She also carried an Iridium GO!, which allowed her to send photos and could have

served as a secondary means of voice communication if needed. Preet dubbed both devices “amazing.” “It’s pretty incredible to think I could send photos back from Antarctica,” she said.

THE IMPACT

Preet completed her 700-mile trek on Jan. 3 – five days ahead of schedule – with 24/7 connectivity provided by GTC and Iridium. In the following months, she held speaking engagements at schools throughout the UK, inspiring younger generations. “It is OK to push your boundaries, and I want to encourage you to do so,” Preet said on day 15 of the expedition via her voicemail blog. “You can achieve anything you want, and it soon becomes addictive when you start pushing those boundaries. You’ll soon realize what you are capable of – I have (I say sitting in Antarctica).”

