Sanakdank, probable first ascent. This peak is situated near Gushal village on the Manali-to-Leh Highway, 7km before Keylong. From Gushal a seven-member team from the Climbers Circle, Kolkata, trekked southwest for two days to establish base camp on August 9 at an altitude of just under 4,600m. The team needed two more camps to get to the foot of the mountain. On the 15th Aun Kanti Das, Dibyendu Halder, and Tapan Kumar Mukherjee, with two high-altitude porters reached the 6,044m summit.

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Koa Rong II, rare ascent, west ridge. A 12-member team from West Bengal led by Govinda Mondal and employing high-altitude Sherpa support established base camp, on August 21, at 5,100m on the banks of Panchi Nala. After placing two high camps, Sanjay Bhowmik, Bikramjit Debnath, Sonam Lama, and Amiya Sarkar reached the 6,187m summit of Koa Rong II on the 28th from Camp 2 (5,895m). The climbers followed the west ridge. [This peak was first climbed by a Polish expedition in 1984 by the southeast ridge. It has received very few subsequent ascents, and it is not clear if any of these has been by the west ridge—Ed.]. The Koa Rong is a range of peaks that are the centerpiece of Lahaul. They can be approached from Pachi Nala.

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Koa Rong V, rare ascent, southeast ridge. A 10-member expedition from West Bengal led by Biplab Sengupta made a relatively rare ascent of Koa Rong V (6,258m), situated near the Suraj Tal and east of the Baralacha Pass. They placed base camp at 4,780m and established two more camps, the highest at 5,900m. On September 3 Raju Kumar, Subrata Mujumdar, Tsar Paul, Alamchand Thakur, Khemraj Thakur, and Nanakchand Thakur reached the summit by the southeast ridge, probably following the 1998 Japanese Route.

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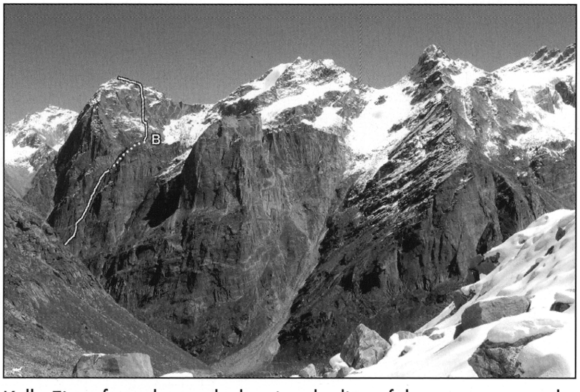
KULLU

Kullu Eiger, second ascent, new route, west face to south face. In the autumn Oscar Pérez and I went to the Kullu Eiger, because our agent in India showed us a picture of the north face and an article written by the Scottish expedition that reached the top in 1996. This was our only information on what appeared to be a beautiful and spectacular peak. [The first ascent of Kullu Eiger was made on September 21, 1996,



Kullu Eiger from the south showing the line of the new route on the west face to south face, Baral Karasta, and (B) marking the top bivouac site. *Pepín Valdivia*