



Chorten Nyima (6,927m), on Sikkim-Tibet border northeast of Kellas Peak, seen from east. *Jeremy Windsor*

opportunities in this area. Many can be located on the *Sikkim Himalaya* map published in 2006 by the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research. We spotted a number of attractive unclimbed peaks in the Lungnak, Muguthang, and Lhonak valleys. Provided access to these areas remains possible, the northwest corner of Sikkim should attract mountaineers for years to come.

A biography of Alexander Kellas, by Ian Mitchell and George Rodway, will be published in 2010 by Luath Press (Edinburgh).

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*Tinchenkang (6,010m), ascent and tragedy.* A team of five from the Mumbai Chakram Hikers Club attempted Tinchenkang in October. On the 19th the leader, Mangesh Deshpande, and Sadasivan Sekar, with Sherpas Ang Dorje and Mingma, reached the summit at 1:30 p.m. After descending 100m, the party fell 50m. Deshpande and Sekar were fatally injured, while the Sherpas were severely injured. Rescue operations were launched with the help of local government, high-altitude Sherpas, and military authorities. The remoteness of this area and poor weather made the rescue operation difficult, but eventually both Sherpas were evacuated by Indian Air Force helicopters and taken to a hospital, where they survived.

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