

India – Himachal Pradesh (Punjab)

Mulkillia. Mulkillia (21,380 feet) was climbed on July 1 by all 17 members of the team from the National Defense Academy, Poona, led by Flight Lieutenant K. P. Venugopal. They included four officers and 13 cadets. The later were all under 19 years old.

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P 20,130. A ladies' expedition was organized by Pathikrit of Calcutta which had P 20,130, called "Lalana" by them, as its objective. They left Manali on August 5 and got to Base Camp at 12,700 feet on the Chandra River, north-northeast of the snout of the Bara Shigri Glacier on the 8th. Camps I and II were on the Bara Shigri, the latter at 13,700 feet where the second tributary descends from P 20,130 on the west. The other camps were up the tributary: Camp III at 16,100 feet, Camp IV at 17,000 feet and Camp V at 18,000 feet, east-northeast of P 20,130. On August 21 Mrs. Sujaya Guha, wife of our kind correspondent Kamal K. Guha and leader of the expedition, Miss Sudipta Sen Gupta, Miss Kamala Saha and Sherpas Gyalchhen, Palgoun and Pasang made the first ascent of P 20,130 (on the same ridge as P 20,554). While on their way back from Base Camp, Mrs. Guha and Miss Saha tragically were swept away in the strong current and were drowned while crossing the Karcha Nala near Batal. The other members of the expedition were Miss Nilu Ghosh, Miss Shefali Chakraborty and Dr. Purnima Sharma. (Shri Kamal K. Guha provided this information.)

Dharamsura or White Sail. The third ascent of Dharamsura or White Sail (21,148 feet) in the Bara Shigri was made on May 31 by O. P. Sharma, G. S. Malia, Shamsher Singh, Naresh Bedi, Sherpa Ang Nima and two other Sherpas of an expedition of the Delhi Mountaineering Association led by Lieutenant Colonel P. P. S. Cheema. The assault was launched from the Tos Nala side.

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Menthosa. Menthosa (21,140 feet) in Chamba was scaled for the first time on October 13 by a British Servicemen team led by Captain S. Bemrose. The summit pair was Royal Marine Lieutenant Stewart Rae and REME Captain Rory Cape.

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