

west ridge was abandoned at 19,800 feet on April 13 as the route beyond Camp II was difficult and dangerous.

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Tirsuli I. O.P. Sharma and Sherpa Mingur climbed Tirsuli I (23,210 feet) on October 6. Sharma suffered severe frostbite. (First ascent by N. Mallik, S. Chakravorty and two Sherpas, October 9, 1966.)

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Kak Bhusand, Rajrambha, Gangotri III. All three of these peaks were climbed by members of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. Kak Bhusand (19,210 feet) was climbed on May 14 by J.S. Negi, leader, Nafe Singh, Mingur and Ang Chettar, a first ascent. This difficult peak lies 12 miles northwest of Ghamsali in the Amrit Ganga valley, surrounded by Kamet, Deoban, Mana and Rataban peaks. Rajrambha (21,446 feet), second highest peak in the Panch Chuli group, was climbed for the first time on June 11 by J.C. Ojha, M.S. Panwar, Lakpa Tshering, Lakpa, Mohan Chandra, Sunder Singh, Fateh Singh, Prahlad Singh, Pritam Singh and Jeewan Singh. N.C. Tripathi, leader, Sohan Lab, Nimputher and Angputher made an ascent of previously climbed Gangotri III (21,578 feet) on June 26.

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Jogin II. An expedition led by Amulya Sen finally succeeded in making the first ascent of Jogin II (20,208 feet) after previous unsuccessful attempts. They established Base Camp on the Kedar Glacier on September 30. On October 11 from Camp II at 19,400 feet Asit Moitra and the Sherpas Ajiba, Nima Dorje and Ang Chhutar reached the top after an earlier attempt had failed.

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Kedarnath Dome. This summit (22,410 feet) was again climbed on September 15 by R.S. Varma, Swaran Singh, B.P. Lama, Hirday Ram, Narain Singh, Nima Thondup and Nima Puther, of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. This team originally was attempting Kedarnath (22,770 feet) but had to give up in unfavorable weather.

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Mandani and Sumeru. Base Camp for the Mountain Lovers Association of Asansol was placed at 14,850 feet at the junction of the Gangotri and Kirti glaciers. On October 1 Pranesh Chowdhury, Anil Deb, Tusar Sakar and Sherpas Tshering and Kami climbed Mandani (20,320 feet).