

*First Ascent of Bhagirathi IV, V, and P 18,500.* The members of our team were Ganga Singh Negi, Minoo I. Mehta, Kripal Singh Negi, Padam Dutt Nautiyal (the last two high-altitude porters) and I as leader. We set up Base Camp at Nandanban (14,500 feet) on June 1. On June 3, we finally found a shepherds' campsite up the ablation valley along the glacier where Camp I was set up at 15,500 feet. Padam, Kripal and I went up through a cleft in the boulder ridge to have a close look at Bhagirathi V. From a plateau on top of the ridge, Bhagirathi V was visible from its base to top; From there a ridge led to a peak of 18,200 feet. Then there was a gap with a rocky face on both sides. Another peak of 18,500 feet was nearby. June 4 dawned very fine. Kripal and Padam left at eight A.M. and gained the top of the ridge quickly. They then gained the gap where the snow was thigh-deep. Beyond the gap a not too steep snowy ridge descended from P 18,500. The snow was good to the rocky summit. From the top they studied the approaches to Bhagirathi V, which was all rock. The gap and the ridge from the 18,200er seemed feasible. After descending to the gap, they climbed the ridge to the 18,200er and proceeded to the summit of Bhagirathi V (19,000 feet). On June 5 we set up Camp II at 16,500 feet on the left lateral moraine of the Vasuki Glacier. We decided to attempt Bhagirathi IV from the Vasuki Glacier. On June 6 Padam, Minoo and Kripal started up the ablation valley on the left. Where it disappeared, they crossed over to the slopes of the ridge, negotiated a few subsidiary ridges and reached the base of Bhagirathi IV. They zigzagged up its 45° slope and reached the summit (18,000 feet) at two P.M. On June 7 Ganga and I left for the northernmost peak on the ridge. The eastern face was steep, and there was not much snow on it. Near the summit it was all rock with the slabs standing in the wrong direction. We reached the summit (17,800 feet) at 9:30 A.M.

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*P 20,700 near Ganesh Parbat.* This virgin peak was climbed on July 13 by an Indo-Tibetan Border Police team led by R.K. Khanna.

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*Bauljuri.* Bauljuri (19,429 feet) in the Nanda Devi group was climbed on September 30 by a nine-member Nainital Mountaineering Club team. Among the group were Girish Sah, leader, Anup Sah and Sundaranand.

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*Sudarshan.* An expedition of the Gangotri Exploration Committee led by Biren Sarkar set up Base Camp at 15,575 feet near the Raktvarn Glacier on September 12, Camp I at 18,500 feet on the 19th and Camp II at 20,000 feet on the 24th. Two unnamed peaks were climbed on September 23: P 20,230 by Karuna Das, Asit Bose, Baren Mukherjee and Satinath

Sarkhel and P 20,570 by Amio Mukherjee, Sujol Mukherjee and Soilen Bhattacharui. Sudarshan (21,350 feet) was climbed on September 24 by Amio Mukherjee, Karuna Das, Sujol Mukherjee and Binit Das Gupta.

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*P 19,080 and P 18,560, Arwa Valley.* The nine-man team from the Mountaineers' Club of Calcutta led by Baidyanath Rakshit climbed two unnamed peaks north of the Arwa valley. T.S. Subramanian, Barun Ghosh, Provat Kumar Ganguly, two Sherpas Lakpa Tsering and Ang Nima, and a local porter climbed virgin P 19,080 east of the Baidum Glacier on October 13. They and Dhruba Jyoti Ghosh climbed P 18,560 on October 19. Base Camp was at 15,500 feet at Chandhumka.

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*P 20,370, Tons Valley.* This peak, west of Swargarohini, was attempted by a Dutagar expedition led by Amula Sen.

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*Kamet.* An expedition from the Assam Mountaineering Association led by Atanu Prosad Barua abandoned its attempt on Kamet (25,447 feet) when beaten back by a sudden and severe blizzard only 400 feet from the summit. They had set up Camp IV at 22,500 feet on the west face. Another assault team had set another camp at 21,660 feet on the east face at Abi Gamin.

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## **India—Himachal Pradesh**

*Lion, Central, Kulu.* Lion (20,100 feet) was climbed by its west face on June 27 by an expedition of Calcutta's Institute of Exploration led by Sanatan Bhattacharya. The summiters were Nitai Roy, Kesab Mukherjee, Asit Roy, Asit Moitra, and Sherpas Tsering Namgyal, Rinzing and Jangbu. Central (20,620 feet) was climbed two days later by its south face by Nitai Roy, Moitra, Kukherjee and four Sherpas. These peaks had been previously climbed only by a British ladies' expedition in 1962.

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*Deo Tibba, Hanuman Tibba, Manali Peak.* These continue to be popular targets for small parties and trainees from the Western Himalayan Mountaineering Institute at Manali.

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*Ravi Chandra Watershed, Kulu.* Tony Smythe and I made for the Bara Bangahal region west of Kulu in May. Our objective was the unre-