

tions out of the region but this group pressed on to reach Base Camp at 15,500 feet at the confluence of the Raktvarn and Thelu glaciers on September 24. Camps I at 17,500 feet and II at 18,200 feet were occupied on September 26 and 28. On September 29 Chowdhury, Samarendra N. Dhar, Ranjan K. Mondal, Robin Banerjee, Amitava Majundar, Sherpas Mingma and Pasang Tsering and high-altitude porter Dawa climbed Koteswar (19,800 feet). On October 1 Dhar, Mondal, Banerjee, Sherpa Pasang and high-altitude porter Kripal Singh pushed up the Swetvarn Glacier and set up Camp III at 18,300 feet. On October 2 they climbed virgin P 20,214.

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*Srikanta.* A ten-man team led by Milan Sen Gupta from Asanol climbed Srikanta (20,120 feet) on May 16. Details are not known.

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*Manda II.* On May 31 Samrjit Ghosh and Sherpa Gyalzen climbed Manda II (21,547 feet). No further details are known.

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*Kinnuar Kailash or Jharkanden and Kailash.* Technically difficult Kinnuar Kailash had remained virgin despite nine attempts. Captain Kiran Kumar was selected as leader of a Western Command Expedition, with Captain Lakha Singh as deputy. Base Camp was at 15,800 feet. It was easy enough to Advanced Base and the moraine saddle between Kinnuar Kailash and Kailash. The north ridge of the former was exposed and steep and a knife-edged ridge culminated in the summit. Camp I (18,950 feet) was on the north face. A first summit attempt on June 9 was turned back by a blizzard at 20,350 feet. Finally on June 13 a party left Camp I at 8:30 A.M. and at noon reached a rock step which took them three hours. A howling storm set in but they continued as the weather cleared. Though three turned back, Kumar, Lakha Singh, Havildar Major Puran Chand and Havildar Kuchar Singh kept on up the difficult route to reach the summit (21,237 feet) at 7:30 P.M. Another team made the summit on June 16. Kailash (19,850 feet) was climbed on June 18.

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*Koa Rong Valley, Lahul, 1977.* An expedition from the Mazovia district of Poland climbed in the Koa Rong valley. They were led by Andrzej Zboinski. They approached via Darcha, which is some six miles northwest