

next day at 21,500 feet on the "Balcony." From there we climbed a broad snow face to the summit (6981 meters, 22,904 feet). On April 27 Segi, Yamamoto, Sugita and Sherpas Nawang Choklang and Ang Temba got to the top, followed on April 28 by Dr. Wada, Sherpa Nawang Chiri and me.

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Api Attempt. A Polish expedition of eight, led by Stanisław Rudzinski, attempted the northwest ridge in alpine style in the post-monsoon season but failed at 22,000 feet. Several members who were not in on the actual attempt did place two supporting camps in case they were needed.

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Nanda Devi. Our five-man, six-woman team left the road at Lata on August 12 and walked in the rain for a week to reach Base Camp at 16,400 feet on August 22. We were Misses Chandraprabha Aitwal, Sushama Mahajan, Rekha Sharma, Bharati Das, Dr. Kukum Saluja and Harsha Bisht and Rattan Singh, Lhatoo Dorjee, Nandalal Purohit, Sonam Paljor, Dr. R.S. Sanhu and I as leader. We followed the original south ridge route until it met the west ridge route. The camps were first occupied as follows: Camps I, II, III and IV at 18,375, 20,350, 22,300 and 24,275 feet on August 24, 27, 31 and September 9 respectively. Camp III was evacuated due to high winds and reoccupied on September 2 and Camp IV had to be left to be reoccupied on September 14. As we opened the route to Camp II, two members were hurt by stonefall. Deep snow lay between Camps II and III and we kept running out of snow stakes. Where the south ridge comes to the west ridge, it was iced and offered the hardest climbing of the expedition. An attempt by four women and three men on September 16 failed 1000 feet from the summit due to high winds. Winds prevented another attempt until the 19th when three women, Rekha Sharma, Chandraprabha Aitwal and Harsha Bisht, and three men, Rattan Singh, Lhatoo Dorjee and Sonam Paljor, left camp at three A.M. and reached the summit (7816 meters, 25,645 feet) between five and 6:30 P.M. They returned to Camp IV by five A.M. the next day. Rattan Singh suffered a frostbitten foot and later lost two toes. On September 20 Nandalal Purohit left Camp IV at sundown and was on the summit at five A.M. on September 21. We left Base Camp on September 23. The expedition had four high-altitude porters, of whom two worked above Camp II and only one above Camp III. We fixed about 10,000 feet of rope. We had 80 porters and 200 goats for the walk-in.

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