

to these names. *Swetvarn* also refers to Rama, one of the incarnations of Vishnu, the preserver, namely "The God with the White Complexion." Another incarnation of Vishnu is Krishna, also known as *Shyamvarm*, "The God with the Blackish Complexion." The peaks' names are mostly based on Hindu Gods and their attributes:

Chaukhamba = Brahma, the Creator.

Shivling = the penis of Shiva, the destroyer and renewer of life.

Sudarshan Parbat. Sudarshan is the weapon of Lord Krishna or Vishnu.

Parbat = mountain, a name tied to Parvati, Shiva's consort.

Chaturbhuj = one with four hands. This is one of the names for Vishnu, who has four hands and holds the Sudarshan. The peak has four distinct ridges falling off in four directions.

Yogeshwar. A name for Krishna when serene. It thus applies to this high, snowy peak.

Saife = the sword carried by Rama.

Koteshwar = God of the Edges. The mountain has sword-edge-like ridges.

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Jaonli Tragedy. A five-woman expedition from Tokyo was overwhelmed by an avalanche on September 23. The leader Yoko Kominami, Yoko Tajime, Reiko Kato and an Indian porter died.

Gangotri I, 1980. We climbed Gangotri I (6672 meters, 21,890 feet) by the northeast ridge, first climbed by British in 1952. We placed Base Camp at 14,750 feet at Rudugaira Kharak on September 15, 1980. Camp I was established on the 17th at 16,900 feet and Camp II on the 21st at 18,575 feet. We followed a narrow, steep ridge and steep snow to Camp III at 20,650 feet, pitched on the 23rd. All members, Fukaya, Yokota, Hara, Kuramoto, Morishita, Ishizuka and I, got to the summit on either September 24 or 25, 1980.

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Leo Pargil. An expedition of the Indian Dogra Regimental Centre on June 15 reached the summit of Leo Pargil (6791 meters, 22,280 feet). Reaching the top were Captain Haripal Singh, leader, Havildar Khem Singh, Lance Naik Lalit, Captains Govil and Jayant Rao, Havildar Prem, Naik Thakur, Havildar Ranjit, Naik Hari Ram, Angrej and Narboo.

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