

Kande Hiunchuli Attempt. British climbers Garry Kennard and Mark Adams attempted to reach the northern of the two northeast summits of Kande Hiunchuli. [This peak has erroneously been called Sisne Himal by earlier expeditions. The *A.A.J.*, 1981 on page 272 used that name for the peaks when reporting a climb of the Swiss. Sisne Himal actually lies farther west.—*Editor.*] On April 19 Adams alone reached the expedition's highest point of 5800 meters on the northeast ridge, which leads from Bhulu Lhasa to the two northeastern summits, in a bid to get to the 6470-meter northern one. They abandoned the climb the next day. Kennard was exhausted and feeling the altitude, their fuel supply was finished and the route to Base Camp far too long to get fresh supplies. Above Adams' high point was a steep rock step. They had gone to a completely unexplored ridge after having switched from their original intention to repeat the Swiss 1980 northwest-ridge climb. They made four high camps.

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Uja Tirche. The objective of Ajit Shelat and me was Uja Tirche (6202 meters, 20,348 feet) in eastern Garhwal. It lies on the Siruanch Glacier. Ours was the third ascent, following the Scots Weir and Murray in 1950 and a team from Calcutta in 1974. We followed the route of the Indians up the west ridge. We established Base Camp at 14,000 feet on the Siruanch Glacier on October 9. We climbed a scree-filled gully to Camp I at 17,000 feet on the 14th. Camp II was placed at 18,000 feet two days later. We then climbed up to gain the west ridge and reached the summit on the 18th. The climb was mostly on scree and loose boulders. We found little snow.

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Kamet. An Indian expedition led by Pradyut Chatterjee is said to have made a successful ascent of Kamet, but at this time there are no details.

Bidhan, Third Ascent. Bidhan (6520 meters, 21,390 feet) was first climbed by Frank Smyth in 1937 and again by a Calcutta team in 1966. All ascents, including ours, were by the rather easy northwest spur. The peak lies at the head of the Deoban Glacier south of Kamet. We were Nandu Page, Shared Natekar, Ravi Palkar and I as leader. Base Camp was placed on May 14 near the snout of the Bankund Glacier. We established Camp IV at 5700 meters on May 21. On May 22 we crossed the Deoban Glacier and all reached a 6100-meter col on the spur. Page and two high-altitude porters, Indra Singh Pal and Chandra Singh Negi, reached the summit at 3:30 P.M.

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