

Kagmara Attempt, Kanjiroba Himal. Netherlanders led by Pieter de Visser attempted to climb Kagmara (5962 meters, 19,560 feet) from the Kagmara La and then along the ridge running south from the pass. Kick Kortekaas and Hans Oostindien climbed to 5700 meters on October 22 and then gave up because of bad snow conditions. Actually they devoted only four days to the climb.

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Saipal Traverse. After having pitched their second high camp on October 5, but not sleeping there, the Spanish expedition, led by Joaquim Prunés, waited at Base Camp for the next eleven days for constant heavy snowfall to cease. On October 18, climbing resumed up the west ridge and on October 22, six members went to the summit via this ridge. They were the team's only Frenchman Serge Benêt and Francesc Dalmases, Jorge Agullo, Miquel Llloch, Narcis Serrat and Francesc Zapater. Meanwhile another party made a series of three bivouacs on the southwest face and on October 24 Antonio Bros and Jorge Angeles gained the summit and descended to Camp III on the west ridge route. On October 25 the southwest-face summiters waited in Camp III while Frederic Parera went solo to the top and rejoined them, whereupon all went down to Base Camp along the ridge that same day.

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Kamet, Probable Ascent and Tragedy, 1984. A 16-man team from Calcutta arrived at Base Camp at Basudhara Tal at 16,800 feet on August 29, 1984. It was led either by Prodyot Chatterjee or Pranesh Chakraborty; it is not quite clear who was the leader. Camp III (Advance Base) was set up on the East Kamet Glacier at 19,000 feet on September 4. Camp III was established on September 17. A summit attempt on September 18 by Chakraborty, Pulak Majundar, Sukhendu Mukherjee, Sherpa Lhakpa and Sherpa Kami failed 800 feet from the top. On September 19, 1984 Chakraborty dropped out but the other four again attempted the climb. As they approached the top, the weather deteriorated. At five P.M. they "thought" they were on the summit. Descent in the dark was difficult. Just before reaching Camp VI, Mukherjee fell into a crevasse. He hung on the rope until he died since the others were unable to bring him to the surface. Further details are given in *Himavanta* of December 1984 and February 1985 but as its editor explains there are serious doubts as to exactly what happened.

Kamet, 1984. The Assam Rifles of the Indian Army organized an expedition to mark the beginning of their 150th anniversary celebrations due in 1985. The 25-member team was led by Brigadier P.L. Kukreti. Base Camp was set up at 16,000 feet on September 17, 1984 and the summit was reached on October 2, 1984.

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