

Amarjit Singh, Baljit Singh and Sudhir Upadhyay. All reached the top of Kala Nag (6387 meters, 20,956 feet) in mid June. The ascent by the 60-year-old leader Sharma is commendable. In early October an expedition led by S.K. Ghosh climbed Bandarpunch II (6302 meters, 20,675 feet).

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Himachal Pradesh, Indian Ascents. A team from Dum Dum was led by Pabitra Bhusan Sanyal. The summit of CB53 (6095 meters, 19,995 feet) was gained on September 8 by Soumitra Ganguly, Chandan Lohia and high-altitude porter Maniram. This was the first Indian ascent of this peak. An 11-member team was led by Jishnu Dutta Goswami. Details are awaited but apparently they were successful on Menthosa (6443 meters, 21,140 feet) and Phabrang (6172 meters, 20,250 feet). A six-member ladies' team from New Delhi consisted of Rani Puri, Bharati Dubey, Vasanti, Nzeen Katrak, Vimla Negi and Anita Rekhi. Beyond Batal they set up two transit camps, Base Camp and three more camps. Katrak had pneumonia at Camp I and had to be brought down. Despite this and porter problems, Vasanti, Rekhi and a high-altitude porter reached the summit of Central (6213 meters, 20,620 feet) at the end of September. Kulu Pumori (6533 meters, 21,500 feet) was climbed by five members of an expedition led by Mahendra Sharma in September. A team led by Nisth Chakraborty climbed Chau King Nilda, also known as Guan Nelda (6303 meters, 20,680 feet), in the autumn. Devachan (6187 meters, 20,300 feet) was climbed in September by an expedition led by Sunil Das.

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KR6. Japanese climbers Shoichi Hasegawa and Atuhisa Kasugadani left Patisio to make their Base Camp on August 1 north of KR2 at 4650 meters. They went over a col in the northwest ridge of KR2 and descended to the Chandra River, where they put Advance Base. They ascended the glacier northeast of KR6 to place Camp I at 5200 meters. On August 9 they reconnoitered to 5550 meters. On August 10, with porters Labato Lama, Lhato Chando and Tikam Ram, they headed for the summit. From 5600 meters they had 40° to 50° ice along the ridge. In all they fixed some 750 meters of rope. The last 200 meters before the summit (6187 meters, 20,300 feet) were particularly steep.

Karcha Parbat. Base Camp of the expedition I led was set up on the true right bank of the Karcha Nala at 14,550 feet beneath the southwest face of Karcha Parbat on August 11. Advance Base was placed at 16,000 feet on August 15. Camp I was established on the west ridge at 17,500 feet on August 19 and Camp II at 18,800 feet on August 22. On August 23, Samarendra Nath Dar, Rabindra Nath Pal, Chayan Chakraborty and high-altitude porters Yograj Thakur and Alam Chand at 5:45 A.M. set out for the summit (6270 meters, 20,570