

Peak 8060m (8051m): Gasherbrum IV 7929m (7925m). As for Everest, the height arrived at from our measurements is 8872 meters, *plus or minus 20 meters*. This is 24 meters greater, therefore, than the figure previously considered the most valid.

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### First Ascents of Routes on Mount Everest, 1963-1987

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<i>Year</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Route</i>	<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Climbers</i>
1953	5/29	South Col, South Ridge	British, New Zealand, Indian	Edmund Hillary Tenzing Norgay
1960	5/25	Northeast Ridge	Chinese	Wang Fu-chou Chu Yin-hua Gonpa (Tibetan)
1963	5/22	West Ridge, Hornbein Couloir	American	Tom Hornbein Willi Unsoeld
1975	9/24	Southwest Face, ramp to above South Summit	British	Dougal Haston Doug Scott
	9/26			Peter Boardman Pertemba Mick Burke (?—disappeared)
1979	5/13	West Ridge Direct	Yugoslavian	Andrej Štremfelj Nejc Zaplotnik
	5/15	-ditto-	"	Stane Belax Stipe Božić Ang Phu (Sherpa)
1980	2/19	South Buttress	Polish	Andrzej Czok Jerzy Kukuczka
1980	5/10	Japanese Couloir, Hornbein Couloir	Japanese	Tsuneo Shigehiro Takashi Ozaki
1980	8/20	Upper North Face, Great Couloir	Italian Tirol	Reinhold Messner
1982	5/4	Southwest Buttress	U.S.S.R.	Eduard Myslovsky Vladimir Balyberdin
	5/4	-ditto-	"	Sergei Bershov Mikhail Turkevich
	5/5	-ditto-	"	Valentin Ivanov Sergei Ephimov
	5/8	-ditto-	"	Kazbek Valiev V. Khrishchaty
	5/9	-ditto-	"	Yuri Golodov Vladimir Puchkov Valery Khomutov
1983	10/8	Kangshung Face	American	Carlos Buhler Kim Momb Louis Reichardt

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1983	10/9	Kangshung Face	American	Jay Cassell George Lowe Daniel Reid
1984	10/3	Great Couloir Direct from Rongbuk Glacier	Australian	Tim McCartney-Snape Greg Mortimer Andy Henderson (to 150 ft below top)
1984	10/20	Central North Face, Great Couloir	American	Phil Ershler

### India—Sikkim

*Kabru Dome, Forked Peak and Rathong.* An Indian Army expedition led by Major K.V. Cherian climbed these three peaks in western Sikkim. After establishing two high camps, they climbed Kabru Dome (6600 meters, 21,655 feet) on May 15 and Forked Peak (6108 meters, 20,040 feet) on May 16. They then crossed the Rathong La to the Yalung Glacier and on May 24 climbed Rathong (6679 meters, 21,911 feet).

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*Chomoyummo, 1986.* As preparation for the 1987 Kangchenjunga expedition, the Indian Army Assam Rifles climbed Chomoyummo (6823 meters, 22,368 feet) in northern Sikkim. (The first ascent was made by Dr. Kellas in 1911. It was again climbed in 1945 by T.H. Tilly, but recently this region has not been open to foreign expeditions.) They put two officers, two women, Dikila Gyatso and Pempa Bhutia, and 35 soldiers onto the summit on October 29, 1986.

*Kangchenjunga Ascent and Tragedy.* A 62-member team from the Indian Army Assam Rifles, including three women, was led by Major General Prem Lal Kukrety. They left Gangtok on March 8, heading for the northeast face of Kangchenjunga, the route previously climbed by Colonel Narinder Kumar's expedition in 1977. Base Camp was established at Green Lake at 4690 meters on March 15 and Advance Base at 5000 meters on March 24. Camps I, II, III, IV and V were established at 5600, 6000, 6300, 6650 and 7250 meters on March 31, April 2, 20, 30 and May 16. Finally on May 22, loads were dumped at the site of Camp VI at 7750 meters, but during the return to Camp V the climbers were caught in a blizzard. They suffered frostbite, and eventually Havildar Phurba had to be evacuated by helicopter. Despite this setback, Phu Dorje, who had soloed Everest without oxygen, Naik Chorten Tsering and Phu Pu Bhutia occupied Camp VI on May 23. They headed for the summit on May 24. They lost radio contact with Base Camp in  $-40^{\circ}$  weather when their batteries went dead. It is presumed they reached the summit; Phu Dorje's prayer flag was found eight meters below the summit. They did not return and, despite an extensive search, their bodies were not found. Naik Chander Singh, Lance Naik Bhawan Singh, Rifleman Subhas Limboo, Havildar R.B. Ghale and Norden Lepcha set up Camp VII at 8180 meters and made a summit