

Bhrigupanth, West Buttress. In September, I led an expedition to the Kedar valley of the Gangotri region. From September 18 to 20, Zbigniew Krośkiewicz and I made a new route, the west buttress of Bhrigupanth (6772 meters, 22,220 feet). The route more or less followed the crest of the buttress till the last great upswing of the face. Because of rotten rock and rockfall, we veered to the right onto the south face. The climb gained 1800 vertical meters. It had ten pitches of UIAA IV to V, two of VI-, ice of 45°. Up to the beginning of the greater difficulties, in the first 500 meters, we found old fixed ropes and then no more signs of any previous attempt. We descended the normal route. Tomasz Kopyś and Zbigniew Skierski climbed 800 meters of the east face of Thalay Sagar (VI, A2). Unfortunately they did not complete the route to the summit because one of the climbers had a fall. They descended their ascent route. Michał Nowski and Jerzy Barszczewski also climbed Bhrigupanth by the normal route. While we were in the Kedar valley from September 3 to October 3, the weather was beautiful and sunny.

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Jogin I. Walt Kaskel, Joseph Mazzotta, Dick Osborn, Dick Painter, Ron Rickman and I as leader began the two-day trek up the Kedar Ganga from Gangotri on May 30 and placed Base Camp just above the lake, Kedar Tal, at 15,000 feet. After walking on the lateral moraines east of the lake, we placed Camp I at 17,500 feet on June 3. Camp II was established at 18,500 feet after climbing the right side of the icefall and then toward a saddle between Jogin I and III. It was on a bench below the saddle. On June 6, we left Camp II and plowed through knee-deep snow to the col. Once there, the snow became firmer and we arrived at the summit of Jogin I (6465 meters, 21,210 feet).

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Bandarpunch Group. Indian climbers were active in the Bandarpunch group. Kala Nag (6387 meters, 20,956 feet) was climbed by Shyamar Krishna Karag's and by Sanat Ghosh's expeditions. Bandarpunch I (6302 meters, 20,676 feet) was ascended by climbers led by Rajendra Bardoloi. On June 16, Swagarohini II (6247 meters, 20,496 feet) was climbed by both the ONGC Himalayan Association and A.C. Shelat's expedition.

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Climbs in the Lingti Valley, Spiti. The Lingti valley lies northeast of Kaza, west of Tibet's Pare Chu valley and south of Ladakh's Rupshu district. Without a trade route to Tibet or Rupshu, local villagers do not venture into this valley. In 1983 we penetrated halfway through the valley and climbed four peaks, the first mountaineers to do so. After leaving Bombay on June 6, we finally reached Lalung village after a long bus trip on July 17. With 12 yaks we