

*Shigri Parbat Ascent and Tragedy.* An 18-man expedition from the Indian Army Corps of Engineers was led by Major M.P. Yadav. They made the second ascent of Shigri Parbat (6526 meters, 21,410 feet). The only previous ascent was by a British team on August 27 and 28, 1961. The Indians could not cross the Rohtang Pass until May 15 due to blizzards and heavy snowfall. After wading through waist-deep snow, the advance group and a few porters reached Chhota Dhara on May 22. Since most of the porters had deserted the expedition, they decided to make an alpine-style ascent from Advance Base at 16,000 feet. On May 30, Captains Sudhir Mittal and G.K. Sharma set out. After a third bivouac, on June 2 they reached the summit. On that same day, a group was moving from Base Camp to Advance Base with supplies. While crossing the improvised bridge over the Chandra River, Captain Kishore Papola fell midstream into the river. He was entangled in ropes and died when his head hit a boulder. Captain B. Bhutani, who was standing on the bank, moved swiftly and tried to hold the rope. He slipped on the ice overhanging the river and was carried away by the current. His body was never found.

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*CB 46, CB 47 and CB 49.* Toru Takahashi, Isao Ogane and I established Base Camp in the Kulti valley at 3600 meters on July 23. We then set up Camps I and II at 4250 and 5000 meters. On August 7 all three climbed CB 49 (Tila Ka Lahar; 5964 meters, 19,567 feet). On the 13th, Ogane and I climbed CB 46 (Akela Qila; 6005 meters, 19,701 feet) and CB 47 (5900 meters, 19,357 feet).

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*Peaks in Himachal Pradesh.* Snow Cone (6335 meters, 20,456 feet) was ascended by a six-member team from Calcutta. They set up Base Camp at 5000 meters on the Bara Shigri Glacier on August 22. Camp II was set up between P 20,078 and Snow Dome. On August 24, Soumitra Bannerjee, Borun Ganguly, and high-altitude porters Gopi Chand and Jog Raj reached the summit of P 20,078 and on August 25, of Snow Dome. Nearby, another Calcutta group of 12 led by Shyamal Dey set up Camp II at 5900 meters below Kulu Pumori. On August 7, Sankar Bhadra, Indra Nath Datta, Kanak Ghosh and high-altitude porters Alam Chand Thakur and Bikram Thakur reached the summit of P 6185 (20,292 feet). Stimit Srimany's Young Explorers climbed Milang 7 (6340 meters, 20,800 feet) in July, while Kiron Mukherjee led a group that climbed the same peak on August 17. Climbers from Bombay led by Vinay Hegde climbed CB 53 (6095 meters, 19,996 feet) and another group from Calcutta led by Dhiren Pain climbed the same peak in September. Japanese led by Yuichi Sasaki ascended KR 4 (6340 meters, 20,800 feet).

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