

5400 meters on Dhampus in October. We made a try to 5650 meters, but very heavy snowfall and cerebral edema contracted by two of our members forced us to make a rapid descent. We gave up the attempt.

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Saipal Attempt. Six Swiss and two Frenchmen led by Denis Bertholet failed to climb Saipal. They reached 5200 meters on October 20 on the north face and 5800 meters on October 22 on the northeast ridge but had to give up because of deep snow and avalanche danger.

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Trisul Ascent and Tragedy. The members of our expedition were Tilo Dittrich, Roland Wankerl, Michael Hawlitschek, Dirck Naumann, my wife Martina and me. With 28 porters, two high-altitude porters, a liaison officer, we took five days from the roadhead at Gath to Base Camp at 4400 meters below the west face of Trisul. Porters were excellent, friendly and easy to find in Gath. From July 21 to 23, we organized Base Camp. After a build-up, we all occupied Camp I at 5200 meters on the 26th. On July 29, Naumann, Wankerl, Dittrich and Hawlitschek occupied Camp II at 6000 meters. Bad weather ensued and the first two descended. On August 1 Dittrich and Hawlitschek pressed another 600 meters higher in terrible weather. After a second night in the 6200-meter bivouac, they climbed in improving weather to the Trisul Saddle at 6700 meters. Hawlitschek was not well during the night there. On August 4, they got to the summit (7120 meters, 23,360 feet) despite the poor condition of Hawlitschek. On the 5th, they wanted to descend to Camp I. At 6600 meters Hawlitschek blacked out and fell to his death some 2000 meters down the north face. Dittrich descended to Base Camp. Attempts to find Hawlitschek's body were all in vain.

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Purbi Dunagiri Ascent and Tragedy. A 12-member team from Durgapur was led by Swapan Kumar Ghosh. After an approach from Manali, they set up Base Camp at 4400 meters on August 10. Debabrata Mukherjee and Nidhir Kumar Pal reached the summit (6489 meters, 21,290 feet) on August 25, but they were lost on the descent. One of the bodies has since been recovered.

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Kamet and Abi Gamin. We established Base Camp at Vasundhara Tal on May 24 and followed the traditional East Kamet Glacier route. We set up six high camps. Govind Joshi, Sanjeev Arora and porter Karma climbed Abi Gamin from Camp V on June 8 and I soloed it on June 10. (Govind Joshi is only 17 years old.) On the 10th, Kamet was climbed by Rattan Singh Bisht, Jagdish Bisht and Lhakpa.

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