

Sherpa climbed to the summit of Kamet (7756 meters, 25,447 feet). On September 20, Nirmal Pandey and I climbed Abi Gamin (7355 meters, 24,130 feet).

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*Kamet Attempts.* Kamet continues to be the target for many Indian expeditions. In 1989, expeditions led by Manzoor Ahmed and V.G. Kelkar failed to reach the summit. We still have had no news of a joint Indo-Netherlands party led by N. Sherpa.

*Abi Gamin, 1988.* An Indian expedition led by Bilwanath Ghosh climbed Abi Gamin. Camp V was established at 22,400 feet on September 15, 1988. After a day confined to their tents by the weather, on the 17th, Miss Anita Sarkar and Sherpas Kami and Phurba climbed to the summit of Abi Gamin (7355 meters, 24,130 feet). They were accompanied as far as Meade's Col (23,600 feet) by Gopal Chandra Pal and Sherpas Lhakpa, Mingma and Pasang, who pitched Camp VI on the col. Their attempts on Kamet on the two successive days failed in bad weather.

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*Abi Gamin.* A 20-member team from the Indian Army Armored Corps was led by Lieutenant Colonel B.S. Varma. Base Camp was set up at Vasudharatal on May 30. On July 1, Captains M.S. Dhama, R.A. Khan, V.K. Vaid, Lieutenants Parminder Singh, Sriram, M.B. Thapa and Swr Yellappa reached the summit of Abi Gamin (7355 meters, 24,130 feet). Another group had to turn back from Kamet because of a biting blizzard and exhaustion.

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*Mukut Parbat Attempt.* I led a Paratroopers expedition to Mukut Parbat (7242 meters, 23,760 feet) on the Indo-Tibetan border. The mountain had been climbed only once before, by New Zealanders in 1951. They climbed the northwest ridge from the Dakhni Chamrao Glacier. We were 20 climbers, mostly youngsters. Among them were Rupinder Singh Dhillon, M.K. Sorab, Adapa, Umed Singh, Dharam Singh, Arvind Sharma, Ravi Misra, Dr. J.S. Cheema, Sorab Gandhi, Jagdish Sharma and Jai Singh. From the roadhead at Mana village, we walked up the Saraswati Gad to beyond Ghastoli and then up the Pachmi Kamet Glacier. One porter died due to natural causes during the approach. This and rough going up the boulders of the moraine made many problems before we got to Base Camp at 5100 meters on the glacier on August 28. This was two kilometers higher than the Indo-French Kamet Base Camp of 1985. Camp II was placed at 5500 meters on September 3. We fixed 1200 meters of rope in a very steep, narrow gully, where we were exposed to rockfall, to