

emerge on the west ridge at 6800 meters on September 15. The ridge was knife-edged and windy. We made three summit attempts from Camp II between September 18 and 27, all defeated by high winds. Sorab and I made another attempt along the route of the first ascent and camped at 6100 meters. After waiting for 48 hours for better weather, intense cold defeated us at 6900 meters. Two 6000-meter peaks north of Base Camp were ascended.

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*Mandir Parbat.* A 10-member team led by Shankar Biswas was composed of Subrata Banerjee, Debashish Biswas, Sanjoy Das, Dr. Sujit Guha, Ajoy Mondal, Bhaskar Mukherjee, Soumajit Roy, Shyamal Sarkar and Nishi Kanta Sen. The summit (6559 meters, 21,520 feet) was reached on September 20 by Sarkar and three porters, Nataraj, Tendi and Tharchen. The peak had been climbed only once before, by Indians, in 1981.

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*Kedarnath Dome, East Face Attempt.* We originally planned to climb a buttress in the middle of the unclimbed east face of Kedarnath Dome. After our arrival, we discovered so much rockfall on the lower section that we changed our objective to the line attempted by the 1986 Polish expedition. This takes a ramp system leading to the left ridge of the face and up that ridge. Ian Dring and I arrived at Base Camp at Topovan on July 29 and Julian Mathias on August 6. We made an attempt on August 10 but on the second day, having climbed 1000 feet, we were hit by a storm and abseiled off. Until then, the weather was mainly dry with afternoon showers, but the second half of August had a series of storms culminating in a very bad, long storm at the end of the month.

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*Rock Tower near South Face of Kedarnath.* Stefano Righetti, leader, Gian Carlo Grassi and I hoped to ascend the unclimbed 6000-meter rock tower near the south face of Kedarnath. Our Base Camp was at 4000 meters a few walking hours above Kedarnath village. Another two hours took us to Advance Base at 4300 meters at the foot of the big rock-and-ice spur that led to the tower. On September 10, we placed a high camp at 5200 meters on a snow patch still an hour and a half below a crevassed hanging glacier and the base of the wall at 5350 meters. We remained at our high camp for seven days in terrible weather and in several attempts we got only 300 meters higher. On September 21, we decided to give up.

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*Kedarnath South Face Attempt.* James Garrett, David Pollari, Mel Brown and I spent the month of September envisioning a new route on the south face of