

Hagshu Attempt. A British group led by John Barry failed to climb this difficult peak, which they were attempting by the north face. Bad weather turned them back at 5790 meters.

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Hagshu, Kishtwar Himalaya. We were Tim Whitaker, Max Holliday, Phil Booth, Ken Hopper and I. Booth, Hopper and Holliday made the first legal ascent of Hagshu (6330 meters, 20,768 feet), reaching the summit on September 16 after a three-day, alpine-style climb of the east face. I returned to Base Camp with Whitaker, who had contracted pulmonary edema after we had reached 6000 meters on the north face and east ridge. Whitaker made a fast recovery but obviously was unable to make a second attempt. Both routes were approached in two days from Base Camp on the Zaskar side north of the mountain. The climbing was relatively easy, but serious.

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Matho Kangri I and III. Matho Kangri (or Yan Kangri) had been climbed only once before, by Japanese in 1986. A 21-member team from the Army Ordnance Corps was led by Major Harjit Singh Bawa. They reached Base Camp at 15,000 feet on the Shang River on August 29 and gained the summit (6230 meters, 20,440 feet) two days later. Further details are not known. Another expedition of ten established Camp I at 18,000 feet on September 11. On the 12th, leader Babban Prasad Singh, Sudhir Kumar, M.M. Singh, Chhering Lotto and guide Chewang Norbu set out for the summit. Although M.M. Singh very nearly had a fatal slip, all reached the summit at 12:45. That same day, others headed for Matho Kangri III but were turned back the next day by a snowstorm. They returned from Base Camp to a new Camp I at 18,500 feet on the 15th. At one P.M. on September 16, B.P. Singh, Dilip Kumar, B.K. Srivastava and Skikant Srivastava climbed rock bands, loose boulders and snow to gain the summit of Matho III (6121 meters, 20,083 feet).

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Kolahoi, Southeast Rib. On June 25, Jan Harris and I made what may have been the first ascent of the southeast rib of Kolahoi. There were nine pitches of difficult mixed snow and rock.

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Saser Kangri I and IV, 1988. The 144 kilometers from Leh to Panamik were covered by Army trucks via the highest road in the world; this crosses the Khardung La at 18,380 feet. Base Camp at 15,500 feet was set up on July 19,