

August 9 and Kyoko Endo, Hiroko Hirakawa, Osamu Takita and Hiroshi Nakagawa on August 11.

*Satopanth.* Our expedition was organized by the Italian National Mountain Rescue Corps. Medical research was carried out by the University of Pisa. The members were Marcello Ambrogi, Roberto Bernucci, Dr. Alessandro Bianchini, Paolo Cavallo, Massimo Corniani, Stefano Funck, Bruno Giovannetti, Andrea Marchetti, Fabrizio Molignoni, Franco Raso, Yoshiyuki Tawara and me as leader. We climbed the normal north-northeast ridge. We established Base Camp, Advance Base and Camps I and II at 4600, 4900, 5100 and 5750 meters on August 5, 7, 9 and 10. On August 12, Funck and Tawara reached the summit at 2:15 P.M. They bivouacked at 6350 meters on the descent. On the 13th, Molignoni, Ambrogi and I made a second summit try, which failed in bad weather.

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*Bhagirathi III, New Route on the West Face.* Silvo Karo's article on this climb appears earlier in this volume.

*Bhagirathi II.* A team from near Calcutta was led by Miss Bani Bose. The peak was climbed on June 6 by Miss Bose, Debashish Mitra, Kamal Mukherjee and two high-altitude porters.

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*Bhagirathi II, 1989 and 1990.* I have led two commercial expeditions to Bhagirathi II. We were successful in getting four clients and two guides to the summit in 1989 but bad conditions stopped our 1990 attempt at 6200 meters. Both times we climbed via the east face. Base Camp was at Nandanban at 4800 meters and High Camp on the right edge of the snow slope at 5900 meters. In 1989, the snow was down to 5000 meters and progress in deep snow was difficult, especially on a few 60° pitches. The route from High Camp went directly up the right side of the snow slope to reach the rock band, which runs diagonally left toward the summit. In 1989, we established High Camp on September 22 and on the 29th Terry Ralphs, Dick Pottinger, John Starbruck, Alastair Duff, Dave Cooper and I reached the summit. In 1990, we established High Camp on September 14 and made our unsuccessful summit attempt on the 17th. It was warm and it never froze. We stopped before reaching the rock band because of rockfall and falling ice. Because of the lack of snow, we had to belay on hard ice where we had moved together the year before.

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