

we crossed the south face to gain the southeast ridge at 6400 meters. We were on the summit at 11:30 A.M. By 5:30 we had descended the southeast ridge, crossed the Shyamvarn Glacier and reascended to our bivouac on the east col.

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*Sudarshan.* Sudarshan (6507 meters, 21,350 feet) has become a very popular objective particularly for Indian expeditions. An expedition led by Gautam Mukherjee reached the summit on June 6. A Spanish expedition and three other Indian groups were also given permission to attempt the peak, but their outcome is not yet known.

*Kedar Dome.* An Indian team climbed Kedar Dome (6831 meters, 22,410 feet) on June 2. Summiters were leader Sachin Karato, Sumanta Talukdar, Samir Krishna Das and Bujay Hazare. Another Indian expedition climbed the mountain when on September 29 Uttam Samanta gained the summit.

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*Bharte Khunte Attempt.* An Indian team led by Romesh Bhattacharjee attempted Bharte Kunta (6578 meters, 21,580 feet) from the Gangotri Glacier. They reached a high point of 6450 meters.

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*Shivling.* An eight-man commercial French team led by Gilles Buisson and Jean-Pierre Frachon and organized by Atalante completed the first French ascent of Shivling. On September 3, Frachon, Christian Carre, Peter Bruijs and Alain Crocombette reached the summit (6543 meters, 21,467 feet) via the west ridge by which the mountain was first ascended in 1974 by Indians. Base Camp was reached on August 23. They established Camps I, II and III at 5100, 5400 and 5850 meters and fixed 1500 meters of rope.

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*Thalay Sagar Attempt.* Japanese Hiroshi Kawasaki and Kimihiro Kumaga attempted the west ridge of Thalay Sagar in July. They placed Camp I at 5500 meters on July 20, but monsoon rains and snow increased the danger of avalanches and they abandoned the climb.

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*Thalay Sagar from the South and Rudugaira.* Our expedition made a second, and this time successful, attempt by a new route on Thalay Sagar from the Phatung Glacier to the south. Our previous try was in 1990. Because of deep