

from Kulu up the Parvati valley over the Pin Parvati Pass on July 25 to Spiti and descended the Pin valley. We replenished supplies at Sagnam Village. Turning west and then north, we ascended the Khamengar River, the major branch of the Parahio River. On August 2, Kesar Singh and I made the second ascent of Khamengar (5760 meters, 18,898 feet) while Mistry, Yog Raj and Surat Ram made the second ascent of Parahio (5920 meters, 19,423 feet). Both had been climbed by P.F. Holmes and G.W. Walker in 1956. On August 3, we crossed the South Ratang Pass to the Ratang valley. In the Ratang valley, not visited by climbers in 37 years, I explored the head of the valley and saw the snow pass leading to the Bara Shigri Glacier. Mistry climbed to the North Ratang col on the eastern shoulder of 6170-meter Ratang Tower but saw no descent to the Gyundi valley with our laden porters. We moved down the Ratang valley to ascend the Sanugba Nadi valley. On August 8, we reached the Sanugba col, but no crossing was possible. We then decided to return along the Ratang River. For two days, we passed through the spectacular high walls of the Ratang Gorge. Finally, we were at Kaja on the Spiti River, where we ended our 222-kilometer, 28-day trek.

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*Menthosa.* Japanese led by Tsuneo Suzuki climbed Menthosa (6444 meters, 21,140 feet) at the end of August. On August 14, Ishikawa and Ms. Miyo Tsuki reached the summit, followed on the 15th by T. Yagihara and I. Mizuro and on the 16th by H. Yawaguchi.

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*P 6100 and P 5720, Losar Valley.* Climbers from Calcutta led by Gopal Roy established Base Camp at 4725 meters on August 23. On the 29th, Asim Kumar Chakraborty, Nilotpal Roy, porters Anrup Dorje and Chhering Paldan Bodh Losar (Pandit) unsuccessfully attempted their main objective, P 6163 from the west, the virgin peak that they had attempted a year before. They were barred by numerous overhangs and turned back at 6050 meters. On August 30, Bhaskar Das, Nilotpal Roy and Pandit climbed virgin P 6100 (20,013 feet). That same day, Subrata Banerjee, Mrs Roshan Ekka and Probodh Ganguly climbed Twin Peak East (5720 meters, 18,766 feet) from Camp II on the south ridge. This summit had been previously climbed. That same day, Chakraborty, Miss Mitali Basak, and porters Anrup Dorje and Tenzing Sherpa ascended Twin Peak East directly from Camp I. Banerjee, Mrs Ekka and Chakraborty continued on to the virgin Twin Peak West.

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