

meantime, the team of Divyesh Muni and his wife Vinita climbed separately. They made the first ascent of Lapgo (6405 meters) on July 10. Unknown to both teams, they climbed Chhamser Kangri by a new route, the northeast ridge, on July 15. Three members of the expedition trekked across north Rupshu, crossing 11 passes and visiting Tso Kar Lake and Thugje Gumpa.

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*Bhagirathi III, South Buttress.* This rock pillar was climbed for the first time in 1982 by two Scots. The climb was repeated on September 21, 1994, by the Basques Pablo Aldai, Carlos Arrieta and Felipe Uriarte, who placed five bivouacs on the face. (*Extrem* 70)

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*Yogeshwar Attempt and Saife Ascent.* After an initial attempt on the unclimbed south ridge of Yoseghwar (6617 meters), which was thwarted by dangerous rotten rock and mud sections and exposure, our L.O. offered us the possibility to climb Saife (6166 meters) on the left side of the Svetvarn Glacier. Our L.O. Mr. Roy, with Oscar, Joan Marc and Guillem, decided they would try the north slopes by a known route while Xavier and I tried the east face directly to the top. On September 19 we left ABC at 6 a.m., climbing together until 5400 meters. Beneath the east wall of Sundarshan Parbat we divided in two groups; the first climbed the safe slopes of the north face and reached the top at 1 p.m. while we climbed the east face. Our route was not very difficult; the slope was 50°-55° maximum with passages of black ice near the crevasses and some snow fields on the upper side of the face. On top the view was great, with Shivling, the Bhagirathis and Yogeshwar between the evening clouds. We descended by the north face route of our friends.

FERNANDO NAVARRO RONDAN, *Spain*

*Bhagirathi IV Attempt.* My expedition to India with Silvo Karo was foiled by paperwork. We arrived in Delhi on August 28 and proceeded to make preparations for our trip into the Garhwal Himalaya, where we intended to attempt a big wall route on the west face of Bhagirathi IV. We had hired an agency, Rucksack Tours, to handle our expedition. After 11 days in Delhi, we came to the realization that we were being ripped off by Rani Puri, the proprietor of Rucksack Tours. Unbeknownst to us, the previous year Silvo had been blacklisted from climbing in India due to an assurance from Rani