

able environmental "levies" of US\$400 are being charged for expeditions with a maximum number of 16 members.

#### GARHWAL - KUMAON

*Srikanta, All-Women's Ascent.* A 12-members all-women's expedition from Uttarkashi, India, led by Chandra Prabha Aitwal, approached Srikanta (6133m) in September, establishing base camp at 4000 meters ahead of Jangla in the Dudu Bamak. After setting up three camps, the summit was reached via the north ridge on September 27. The summitters were Suman Kutiyal, Lata Joshi, Nari Dhami, Radha Rana and Kavita Budhathoki. The second attempt was foiled by bad weather. This climb was the first of the peak since 1984.

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*Shivling, Attempt.* Satyendra Rana led a five-member Himalayan Alpine Adventure Club from Delhi to Shivling (6543m). Continuous rockfall on the summit ridge compelled the expedition to be called off on July 5.

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*Changabang, North Face, Ascent and Tragedy.* In May and June, a six-member British team climbing in pairs attempted the north face of Changabang (6864m). Andy Cave and Brendan Murphy summited, while Mick Fowler and Steve Sustad reached the summit ridge only to suffer a fall down the south face that left them unable to continue to the top. The two pairs joined forces for the descent. Brendan Murphy was killed when an avalanche swept him off the face. A full account of the climb appears earlier in this journal.

*Thalay Sagar, North Face, Ascent.* Athol Whimp and Andrew Lindblade (Australia) made the first integral ascent of the north face (VII 5.9 WI5, 4,950') of Thalay Sagar (22,650') from September 13-20, climbing through the shale bands at the top that had repulsed all attempts in the past. A full account of this climb appears earlier in this journal.

*Suitilla, Attempt.* A five-member Sahyagiri Trekkers expedition from Mumbai, led by Makarand Pendse, attempted Suitilla (6373m), an unclimbed peak in the eastern Kumaon that rises from the Yangchar Glacier (near the Kalabaland Glacier and Ralam Pass). The five-day approach march from Munsyari took almost two weeks due to landslides, bad weather and porter desertion. Base camp was set up (ahead of the village of Ralam) on the Yangchar glacier on September 14. They decided to attempt the peak from the southwest. An advance base camp was set up below the southern icefall on September 18. For the next six days, they opened the route through the 610-meter icefall to the base of the southwest rib in heavy snowfall. The high point (5800m), which was the proposed site of Camp II, was reached on September 27, but the attempt was abandoned due to another long spell of bad weather.

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#### LAHAUL-SPITI

*Fluted Peak, Ascent.* K. P. Mitra led a ten-member expedition from Bengal, India, to Fluted Peak (6122 m), climbing it on July 12. This is a well-known peak on the Losar nala, Spiti. The summitters were: Uttam Das, Ajit Biswas, Ashok Adhikari, Narendra Nath Dutta and