

India

General Overview. Out of approximately 140 expeditions visiting the Indian Himalaya (ca 105 of these coming from local mountaineers), around 60 (19 of which were foreign) were to routine peaks such as Kedar Dome, Jogin, and Stok Kangri, and are not covered in this report. There were no expeditions to Sikkim.

At least two expeditions to the newly formed Uttaranchal State, attempting peaks on the boundaries of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary, faced serious permit problems. Generally, approaching peaks on Sanctuary walls from the outside was permitted. Many expeditions have made ascents in the past, for example Changabang from the north and Nanda Devi East from the east. However, the new state authorities stopped a Korean and an American expedition, which were attempting Dunagiri and Kalanka respectively. The Americans reached their peak after long delays but the Korean team had to change plans and attempt Nilkanth instead. Future expeditions to the Uttaranchal States (consisting of Garhwal and Kumaun regions) and particularly to the peaks on the rim of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary should be careful in assessing the situation when they apply.

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The Indian Mountaineering Foundation, new appointments. During November elections for the President and the Governing Councils of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation were held in New Delhi. The current President, Shri N. N. Vohra, was elected unanimously for a two-year term. Twelve other members were elected and Shri H. C. S. Rawat and Ms. Rita Marwah were appointed Vice-Presidents. Shri N. N. Vohra is an experienced bureaucrat and a senior official who has served in various high capacities with the Government of India. With his knowledge of Government workings he has been instrumental in solving various matters and in helping to promote mountaineering in the country. With Mr. Vohra at the helm the IMF should be in safe hands.

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KASHMIR

Nun, Kun, and Kashmir peaks. Due to the troubles in the state of Kashmir no expeditions were permitted to the popular peaks of Nun and Kun. Similarly, no climbing has been allowed in the entire area of Kishtwar. Both southern Zaskar and Kishtwar have been affected by the terrorist activity in Kashmir.

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