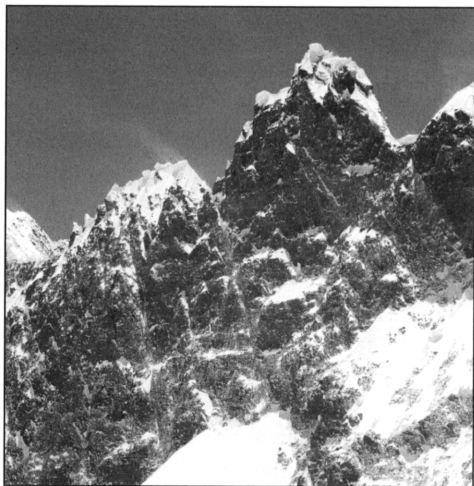


Nepal

New peaks in 2001. A press release from Kathmandu on April 10 declared that His Majesty's Government would open 15 new peaks within one week and 50 more during the post monsoon season. However, after the spring season was underway the Government announced the opening of just nine peaks with immediate effect. This is the first time any peaks have been opened while a climbing season was in progress. These nine peaks comprised six in the Khumbu and one each in the Manaslu, Annapurna, and Dhaulagiri regions. The peaks listed were: Lhotse Middle (8413m), Peak 38 (Shartse II: 7590m), Hungchi (7136m), Numri (6677m), Teng Kangpoche (6500m), and Nhe Serku (5927m), all in the Khumbu, plus P2 (6251m) in the Manaslu region, Thorang Peak (5751m) in the Annapurna region, and Thapa Peak (6012m) in the Dhaulagiri region.



Lhotse Middle, 8413m, just opened and already climbed (see full story earlier in the journal). Yuri Koshelenko

New Peaks for 2002. The Government of Nepal officially announced the opening of 103 additional peaks to foreign expeditions. The announcement came on Christmas Eve 2001 and took effect from March 1, 2002. Unlike the 10 peaks brought on to the list in 1998 (Visit Nepal Year) for a two-year period only, it is reported these new additions will be permanent. Speaking in Kathmandu, Ganesh Raj Karki, Chief of the Mountaineering Department at the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, said, "This would not only help promote Nepal as the prime destination for mountaineering but also help development of the areas around these mountains."

Together with the nine peaks added to the list in spring 2001, mountaineers will now be allowed to climb 263 peaks throughout the Nepal Himalaya. Additionally, the Government has substantially eased the financial and administrative burden on many future expeditions by abolishing the need for a Liaison Officer on peaks below 6500m. This means out of the 263 available peaks, from now on only 89 will require an LO.

For a number of years the Expeditions Commission of the UIAA, in its negotiations with the Nepalese authorities, has continually recommended a complete revision of the now outdated LO system in Nepal and advocated an increase the number of permitted peaks. It submitted a selection of proposed new mountains. Many of these now appear in a new list of open peaks, drawn up from recommendations submitted by a study team from the Central Department of Geography, Tribhuvan University, following request by the Government.

An attempt has been made to group these peaks according to the principle ranges or Himals as defined in the Nepal Himalaya Inventory. These groups have been tabled from east to west. However, as no coordinates have been received at the time of writing, it is likely that some of these entries will be out of sequence, particularly those of the rarely visited Damodar Himal, where two Pokhahans of almost equal height are recorded.

EAST NEPAL

KANGCHENJUNGA REGION

Kangchenjunga Himal

- Talung 7349m
- Thaple Shikhar (Cross Peak) 6341m
- Ramtang Chang 6750m
- Chang Himal/Ramtang N (Wedge Peak) 6750m

Annidesha Himal

- Annidesh Chuli 6960m
- White Wave 5809m
- Merra 6335m
- Mojca Peak 6032m

Khumbhakarna Himal

- Sobitongje 6670m
- Phole 6645m
- Kyabura (Khabur) 6332m
- Bokta Peak 6143m
- Lumba Sumba Peak 5672m
- Lumba Samba 5670m

Janak Himal

- Lang Chung Kang 6475m
- Domekhan (Dome Kang) 7264m
- Janak 7090m
- Loshar II (Lashar II) 6860m
- Loshar I (Lashar I) 6930m
- Dazaney (Dzanye Peak) 6710m
- Ghhanyala Hies 6779m
- Mdm Peak 6270m
- Sat Peak 6220m
- Chabuk (Tsajirip) 6960m
- Pandra 6850m
- Syaokang 5960m
- Danga 6355m
- Sharphu 4 6433m
- Sharphu 1 7070m
- Sharphu 2 6154m
- Sharphu 3 6885m
- Sharphu 5 6328m
- Sharphu 6 6076m

MAKALU REGION

Mahalangar Himal (Makalu-Barun)

- Chago 6893m
- Pethangtse 6710m
- Kyashar 6770m

CENTRAL NEPAL

KHUMBU REGION

Mahalangur North

- Kumbatse (Khumbutse) 6639m
- Lintren (Lintren) 6713m
- Machhermo 6273m
- Nirekha Peak 6159m
- Pharilapcha 6017m
- Luza Peak 5726m
- Nangpai Gosum 1 (Pasang Lhamu) 7312m
- Nangpai Gosum 2 (Cho Aui) 7296m
- Nangpai Gosum 3 7110m
- Kyazo (Kyajo) Ri 6186m
- Palung Ri 7012m
- Jobo Ribjang 6666m

Mahalangur South

- Abi 6097m
- Gorkha Himal? 6092m
- Chota -Ri 6934m
- Amphu I 6840m
- Amphu Gyabjen 5647m
- Ombigaichen 6340m
- Hunku 6119m
- Peak-41 6649m
- Peak-43 6779m
- Ek Rate Danda 6312m

ROWALING

Rowaling Himal

- Pangbuk Ri 6716m
- Langmoche Ri 6617m
- Tengi Ragi Tau 6948m
- Kang Nagchugo (Konyaklemo) 6735m
- Bamongo 6400m
- Chekigo 6257m
- Dingjung Ri 6249m

LANGTANG

Langtang Himal

- Yubra Himal 6035m

GANESH REGION

Sringi Himal

- Tobsar (Tabsar) Peak 6100m

Ganesh Himal

- Ganesh VI 6480m

MANASLU REGION

Peri Himal

Nar Phu 5748m
 Himjung (Nemjung?) 7140m
 Gyaji Kang 7038m
 Panbari 6887m
 Tilje 5697m
 Ratna Chuli 7128m

Manaslu Himal

Larkya Peak 6010m

EAST MANANG REGION

Annapurna Himal

Chhubohe Peak 5603 m

WEST MANANG REGION

Damodar Himal

Amotsang 6392m
 Pokharkar 6346m
 Pokharhan 6348m
 Gajang 6111m
 Chandi Himal? 6096m

MUSTANG REGION

Damodar Himal

Khumjung 6699m
 Chhiv Himal 6581m
 Jomsom Himal 6581m
 Putrung 6466m
 Saribung 6346m
 Kang Kuru 6320m
 Putkhang 6120m
 Gauguri 6110m
 Arniko Chuli 6039m

DHAULAGIRI REGION

Dhaulagiri Himal

Hongde 6556m

WEST NEPAL

WEST DOLPO REGION

Kanjiroba Himal

Tso Karpo Kang 6556m

HUMLA REGION

Kanti Himal

Kanti 6859m

Chandi Himal

Changwatnang 6125m

SAIPAL REGION

Gurans Himal (Saipal–Raksha Urai)

Korko 6053m
 Khiuri Khala 5806m
 Dhaulagi (Dhaulagari) 6632m
 Rokapi (Nampa South) 6467m
 Roma 5407m

API REGION

Gurans Himal (Yokapahar)

Nampa VII (Yokopahar) 6401m
 Nampa III 6618m
 Nampa II 6700m
 Lhayul Peak 6397m