

Singhi Kangri (7,202m) at the head of the Siachen Glacier seen from the west. The Indian Army expedition climbed the west flank to gain the south face, the triangular, sunlit snow face on the far right. They were thwarted at over 6,300m by bad weather. The peak has only been climbed once, in 1976 from the far side. Harish Kapadia

After their 2006 attempt, members of the Indian Army expedition reached the Sia La (leading over to the Kondus Glacier) at the western tip of the Siachen and also walked up Peak 36 Glacier to inspect the northeast faces of Saltoro Kangri I (7,746m) and II (7,705m) for a possible future attempt. The lower of the two summits is currently one of the highest unclimbed peaks in the world. A serious attempt on the Saltoros could not be mounted in 2006 because of the on-going Siachen war, but hopefully the climbs by the Army indicate relaxation regarding access permits in the future.

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Plateau Peak, attempt. A 15-member Indo-Italian expedition attempted unclimbed Plateau Peak (7,310m), which lies southwest of Saser Kangri I (7,672m) in the Saser group. Jointly led by M.S. Gomese and Marco Meazzini, the team established base camp at 4,700m and an advanced base at 5,400m on the Central South Phukpoche Glacier. During August they equipped the slopes leading to the crest of the west ridge with ropes and food dumps, but bad weather prevented progress above 5,800m.

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Zanskar

Kang Yissay, possible new route. It is reported that on July 17 Spanish climber Santiago Sagaste soloed what is believed to be a new route on the northeast face of this very popular 6,400m mountain above the Nimaling Plains in Zanskar. We have no further details, so it is impossible to know how the route relates to other lines on this side of the mountain.

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MIYAR VALLEY

Goya Peak, first ascent. Our small multinational team of Jeremy Frimer (Canada), Sarah Hart (Canada), Michel van der Spek (The Netherlands) and I made two first ascents of alpine rock climbs in the Miyar Valley. We established base camp at the usual spot near the entrance to the