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# President's Note

### Dear Reader,

We are excited for the IMF Newsletter Apex to become a vital platform for sharing news and updates from the Indian Himalayas with the adventure community worldwide.

For the international mountaineering community, the big news is the growing accessibility of multiple peaks across the Indian Himalayas. It's now easier to manage the required paperwork and reach the mountain bases, opening doors to exciting opportunities. A list of attractive climbing objectives is featured in this edition of the newsletter.

We're thrilled to highlight a dramatic first ascent in Arunachal Pradesh by NIMAS, showcasing the region's immense potential. Additionally, the Kashmir Himalayas have witnessed a string of high-quality climbs recently, and we eagerly anticipate many more in the coming years. One of the most fascinating developments in the Indian Himalayas is the rise of a younger generation taking on technical objectives. The recent ascent of Shrigentingu Tower in Himachal Pradesh is a prime example of their skill and determination, marking a new chapter in Himalayan climbing.

Looking ahead, the IMF Mountain Festival on 15th December is set to be one of the year's most anticipated events. It's a fantastic platform for filmmakers to showcase their work and for attendees to explore the vast adventure potential of the Indian Himalayan landscape.

### Happy climbing!

Col. Vijay Singh, VSM President Indian Mountaineering Foundation

# **Expedition Reports**

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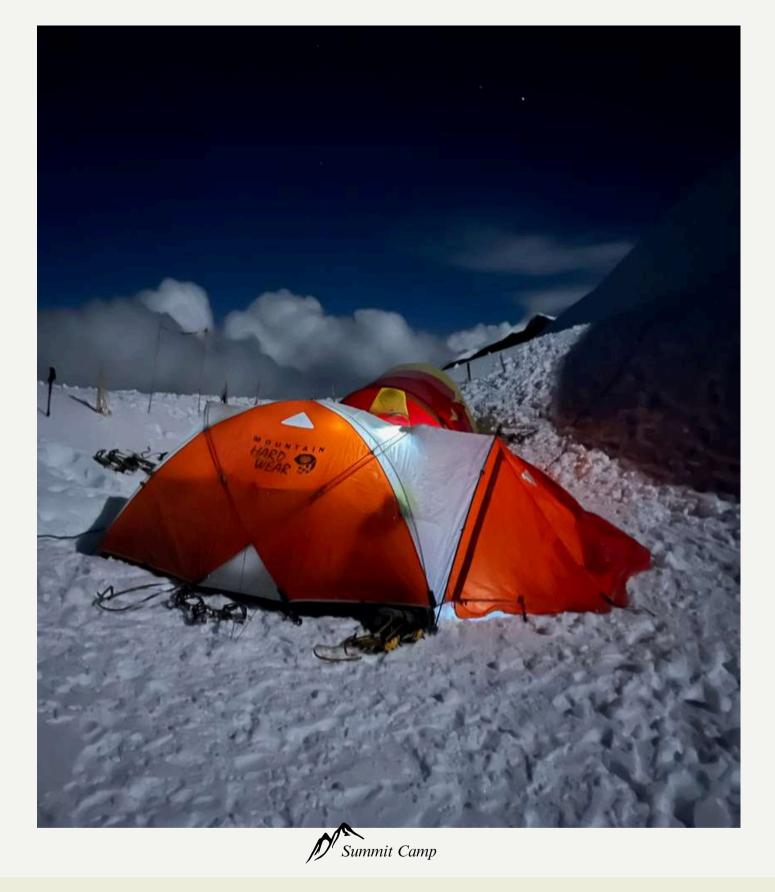
The Mt. Gorichen West Expedition: A Journey to Tsangyang Gyatso Peak



Expedition Leader Ranveer Singh Jamwal shares details of the dramatic first ascent by Team NIMAS of Tsangyang Gyatso 6383m deep in Arunachal Pradesh.

Team NIMAS set out on an extraordinary mission to conquer Tsangyang Gyatso Peak, one of the Eastern Himalayas' most formidable and pristine summits. Nestled near the India-China border in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang district, this virgin peak was aptly named to honor His Holiness, the 6th Dalai Lama, Tsangyang Gyatso. Its imposing presence characterized by razor-sharp gradients, towering ice walls, and a precariously hanging glacier served as both a challenge and an inspiration throughout our journey.

The foundation of this expedition was laid through meticulous planning and team selection. Once the best candidates were chosen, we focused on securing essential permissions from the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) and local authorities, including the Deputy Commissioner and the Forest Department.



On September 7, we arrived at New Melling 2634m, initiating the first stage of acclimatization. We trekked 8 kilometers toward Hydel, marvelling at the lush landscape, yet remaining cautious of rockfalls. Continuing to Jithang 4042m on September 11, we loaded our mules and navigated dense forests adorned with vibrant cosmos flowers, ultimately reaching a tranquil valley where we set up camp. This blend of nature's beauty and local pastoral life enriched our experience.

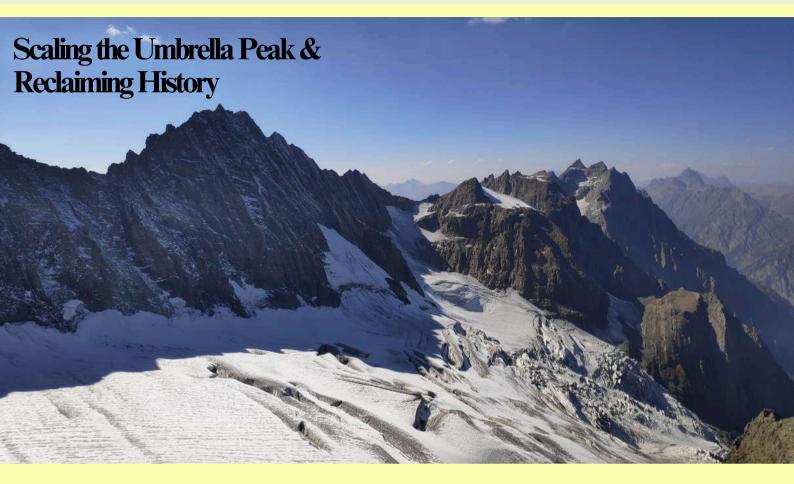


September 15 marked our journey from Jithang to Merathang 4450m, a trek that tested our endurance on narrow paths. Upon reaching Merathang, we were greeted by stunning views of snow-capped peaks and rich wildlife, a testament to our decade-long training in this remarkable area. From Merathang, we embarked on an 8-kilometer trek to Advance Base Camp (ABC) at 5000m. The terrain was challenging, requiring precise navigation over unstable rocks and swift river crossings. The camaraderie among our team was palpable, bolstering our resolve as we encountered persistent rain.

As we established our Summit Camp at 5947m, anticipation mingled with uncertainty. After crossing the glacier's first leg, we tackled an imposing 800-meter ice wall, reminiscent of the treacherous Khumbu Icefall. On September 20, our team reached the summit camp after an arduous climb, quickly setting up in the midst of snowfall.Our ascent to the summit began at 4:00 AM on September 21. Delayed by high winds, we finally set off, navigating challenging terrain and deep crevasses. At 9:04 AM, we achieved our goal standing atop Tsangyang Gyatso Peak (6383m). Though shrouded in fog, we captured the moment with photos and a GPS record, a tangible reminder of our triumph.

### By Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal

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A team of young Kashmiri mountaineers led by Inayat Ullah Bhat reclaimed history by scaling the Umbrella Peak 4798m located in the Thajiwas Range in Kashmir after a gap of 79 years and discovering a can left during the first ascent.

The middle of the 1800s witnessed the development of Sonmarg for climbing and mountaineering activities by British and other foreign climbers. They climbed the beautiful Kashmir Valley and laid the foundation of the climbing and training Centre in Sonmarg in the early 1920s and the formation of the Himalayan Club in 1928. Umbrella Peak was first climbed by CWF Noyce and A Jones in October 1944 via Glacier 3 of Thajiwas. A year later, John A Jackson traversed Umbrella via the Basmai Nar and over the lowest point at the west end of the Kazim Pahalin Ridge.

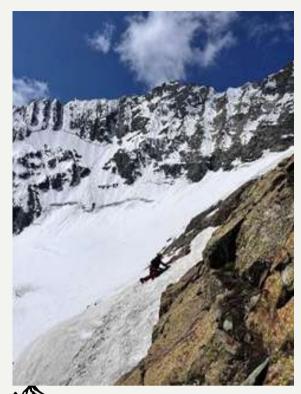


The Umbrella Peak expedetion set off in June 2024 with Inayat Ullah Bhat in the lead accompanied by Waseem Raja and approach was Rasheed. The Shariq through stunning scenery and challenging terrain, setting the tone for the arduous journey ahead. On the third day, Inayat, Waseem, and Shariq began their ascent to the advance camp at 3900 meters gaining elevation The of 600 meters. an emotionally charged climb was navigated via the base of Glacier Crag, a site rich in climbing and mountaineering history. The route was a mix of grassy land and exposed sun faces, with a continuous glacier climb.



onumber p Ice Wall on the route to the summit camp

The climb presented immense soon challenges to the team, beginning with a big ice wall, riddled with black ice and crevasses. The team, held on strong and marked a convenient route to a nearby waterfall, navigating a 50-meter scramble to reach the upper glacier part. During a half-hour rest, they observed the pattern of rockfall from the surrounding crags. Fresh very high powder snow from recent bad weather made the conditions more treacherous. Despite the challenges, the team managed to identify two possible safe gullies for reaching the skyline glacier.



Inayat opening the route via rock escarpments after 8 decades (Kazim ridge in backdrop)

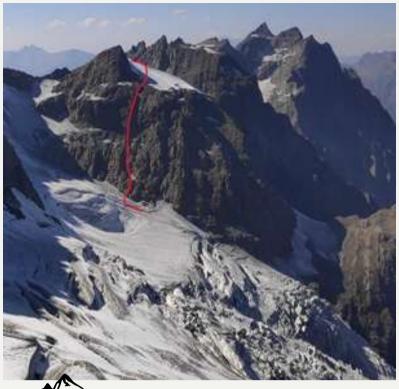


Image showing the line used to climb Umbrella Peak

After persistent efforts, the expedition team successfully added a third route to Umbrella Peak, naming it Mavin's Route. This route combines glacier crossings, rock escarpments, and the ascent to Umbrella Peak, offering climbers a thrilling and rewarding experience. Upon reaching the summit of Umbrella Peak, the team encountered a dismantled cairn, weathered by decades of exposure. Among the remnants, was discovered a steel food can left by John A. Jackson 79 years ago. This poignant proved to be a connection to the history of alpine climbing in the region, as a tangible link to the past climbers who once stood at this peak.

By Inayat Ullah Bhat



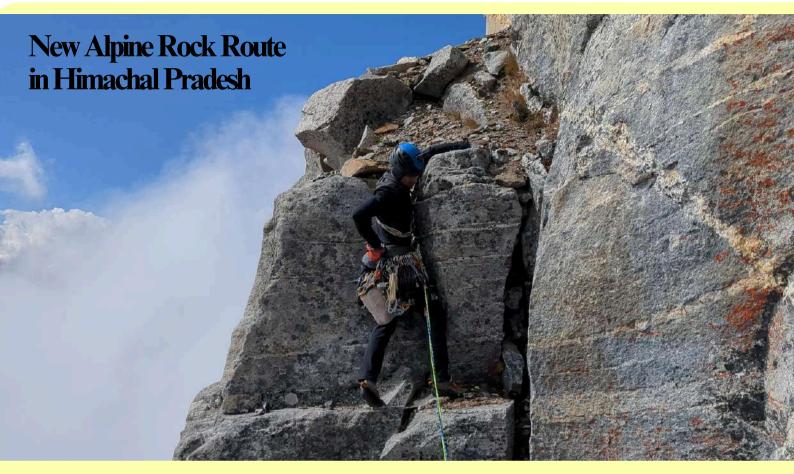
A small steel food can was found on the summit of Umbrella Peak



The team celebrating the second ascent of the peak some 8 decades later

# **Expedition Reports**

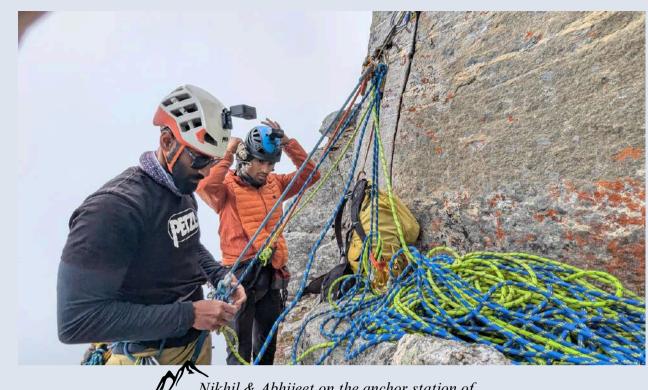
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Shirgan Tungu Tower is an imposing mountain located close to Manali. A team of four climbers led by Abhijeet Singh share their effort in establishing multiple new routes up the mountain.

Indian Climbers Nikhil Bhandari, Syama Krishna, Amrit Appaden, and Abhijeet Singh have established two new 200+ meter Alpine Rock routes on Shirgan Tungu Tower (4820m) in the high Valleys above "Kala Noi," located in the Pir Panjal Range of mountains in the Kullu Valley of Himachal Pradesh.

The exploration lasted an enriching 12 Days. However, the original duration was cut short due to Inclement weather conditions and issues of navigating a precarious narrow approach gully.

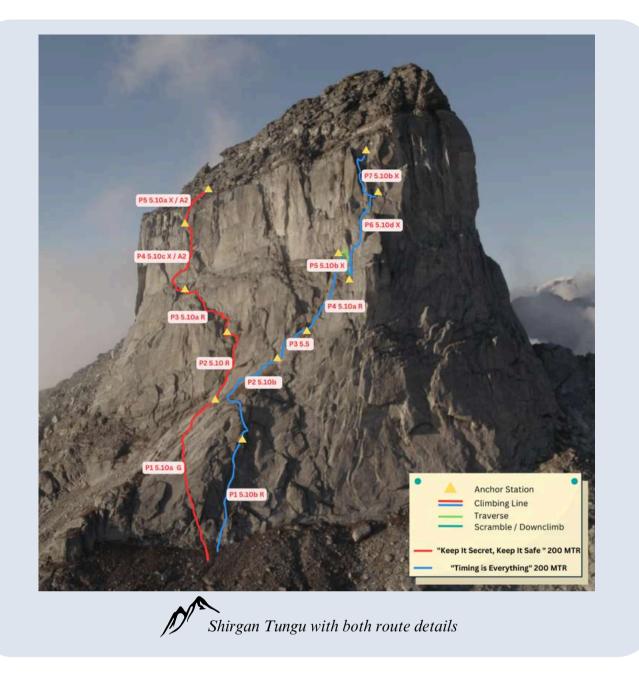


Nikhil & Abhijeet on the anchor station of 3rd pitch on SW Face

The adventure began with a 20km long approach involving multiple load ferries and a 2844 m accent. Part of the challenge was to get gear up to the higher campsite and this involved two load ferries on a single day on several occasions.



Nikhil belaying Abhijeet on 3rd pitch



On October 3rd at 5 pm the team reached the summit high point and established the line called "Keep it secret, keep it safe" a 5.10c A2 Line. On October 7th 2024 at 6 pm the team reached the summit high point and established the "Timing Is Everything" line a 5.10d Line.

The approach to the Base of the Wall was 229 m accent every morning before any of the climbing began and descent every evening after all the climbing to get back to the tent. The campsite had no water available close by, hence the team had to go two hours away and down to do a load ferry of 30 liters of water every two days and conserve water everywhere. The team had numerous surprises waiting up on all the ledges and portions of the wall in the form of lots of broken loose rock as they navigated and climbed up but in the end of the day it was all worth the effort involved.

### By Abhijeet Singh

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Two Kashmiri mountaineer's led by Inayat Ullah Bhat share details of their first ascent of Basmai Peak 4870m, located in the periphery bordering Sind and Lidder Valley.



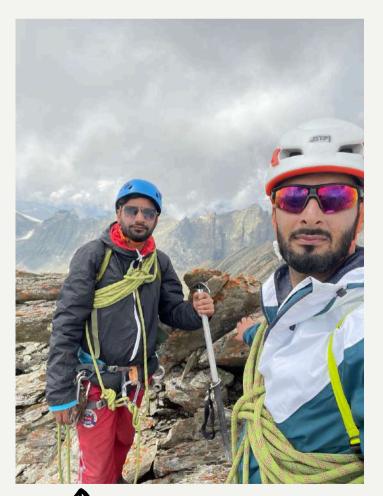
The alluring Basmai Peak, 4870m, lies in the periphery bordering Sind Lidder Valley, fascinating and climbing enthusiasts. Although there have been numerous attempts scale the mountain. none to succeeded, and this peak has not enough received attention in journals mountaineering and magazines despite, the area being significant geological for its features.

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P Basmai North Face The team led by Inayat Ullah Bhat and Laway Mudasir took the eastern route via Ruyal Sar Alpine Lake and negotiated a scree section of about 500m approximately. While traversing they found high-quality mineral and crystal rocks on the eastern spur line. After crossing a steep scree section, they encountered with glacier and had a glacier traverse to the final arete of the peak where once again we had to climb a scree section of about 80m. The last 30m of the rock face is solid and they had pitch climb onto the top of peak. The summit of the peak is arete-shaped shaped connected by eastern, northern, and western spur lines.

Inayat Ullah Bhat and Laway Mudasir were on the top of Basmai on 25th August 2024, made the first-ever cairn on the peak, and attached a string with rock piton as a mark of their climb. This remarkable feat not only marks the first ascent of the unconquered mountain but also establishes the inaugural climbing route to its summit This discovery may pave the way for further geological research in the area.

### By Inayat Ullah Bhat

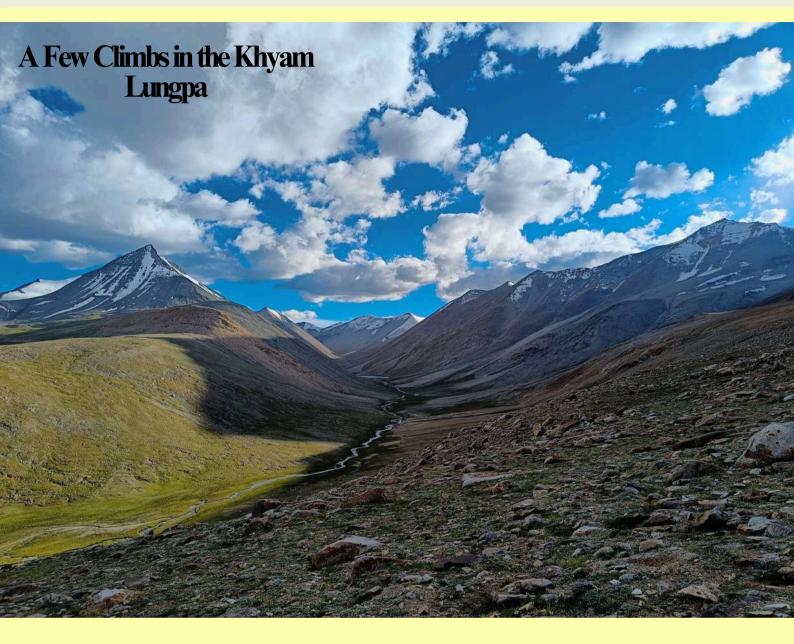


Inayat and Laway Mudasir on summit



Inayat at Summit

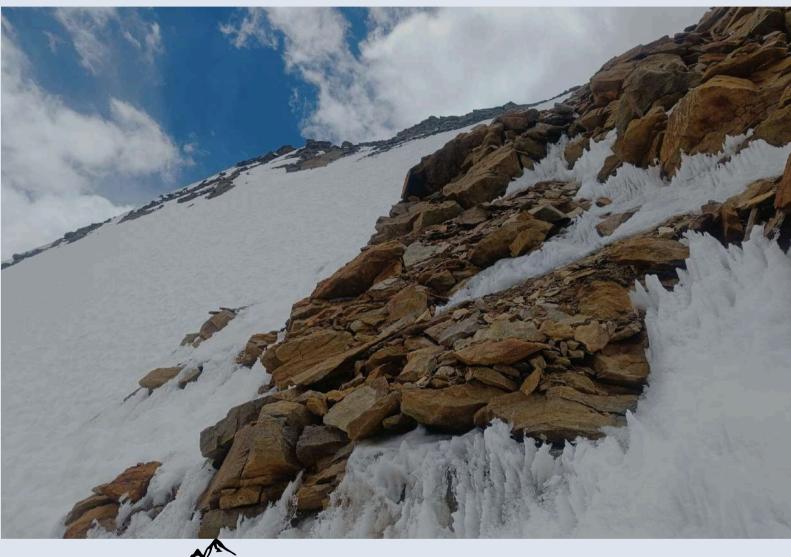
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Anindya Mukherjee shared highlights from multiple visits exploring climbing opportunities in the Khyam Lungpa valley off the Tanglang La close to Leh

In August 2023, while pondering over maps in Leh, I came across the Khyam Lungpa valley northwest of Tanglang La (5,328m), a motorable pass along the Manali–Leh Highway. The valley's appeal lies in the proximity of several unclimbed 6,000-meter peaks, accessible within a 10-kilometer hike from the roadhead near Rumtse (4,300m), approximately 80km from Leh.

Drawn to the challenge, I set out trekking southwest into the valley and establishing camp at 5,150m. The next day, I scrambled up the east face of a 5,885m scree-covered peak, a natural vantage point over the upper valley. Several cairns awaited at the summit, their traditional construction a silent testament to previous visitors, perhaps locals. The main peaks at the valley's head, Khyam I and II, had been climbed around a decade earlier, but there remained unclimbed summits.



Traversing the second gendarme to access the summit ridge of peak 6050m

In June 2024, we set off for the east face of peak 6,050m where I was making a solo ascent. I climbed an exposed ridge, flanked on both sides by precipitous drops. The traverse was arduous, with challenging gendarmes and icy sections demanding precision. Reaching the summit, I took in the moment before descending the south ridge and a southeast spur back to Khyam Valley, completing the traverse solo in nine hours.



View from the summit of peak 6050m

In July and early August 2024 I returned to the Khyam Lungpa with a few friends, completing several new ascents, including the first ascent of Peak 6,044m which we traversed from east to west.

Another opportunity to come to the region happened in September. I began a solo ascent of the north face, each cramponed step purposeful. After two hours of walking on hard ice, I reached the northwest ridge and continued along it to the summit, naming the route. Descending to the glacier I realized the journey that had begun in maps and imagination, had materialized and come to a perfect ending.

### By Anindya Mukherjee

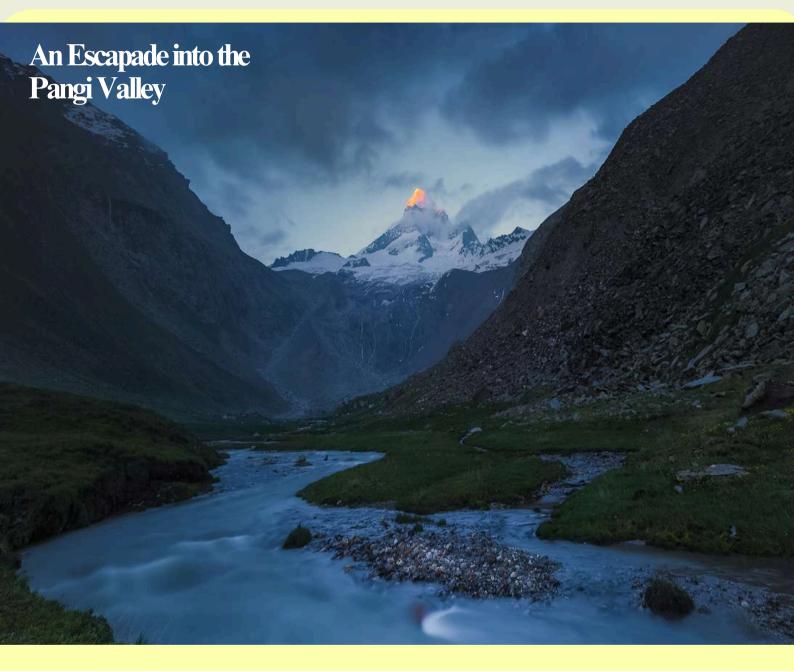


Anindya's solo route on the North Face-North ridge of peak 6044m



Wiew towards south from summit of peak 6044m

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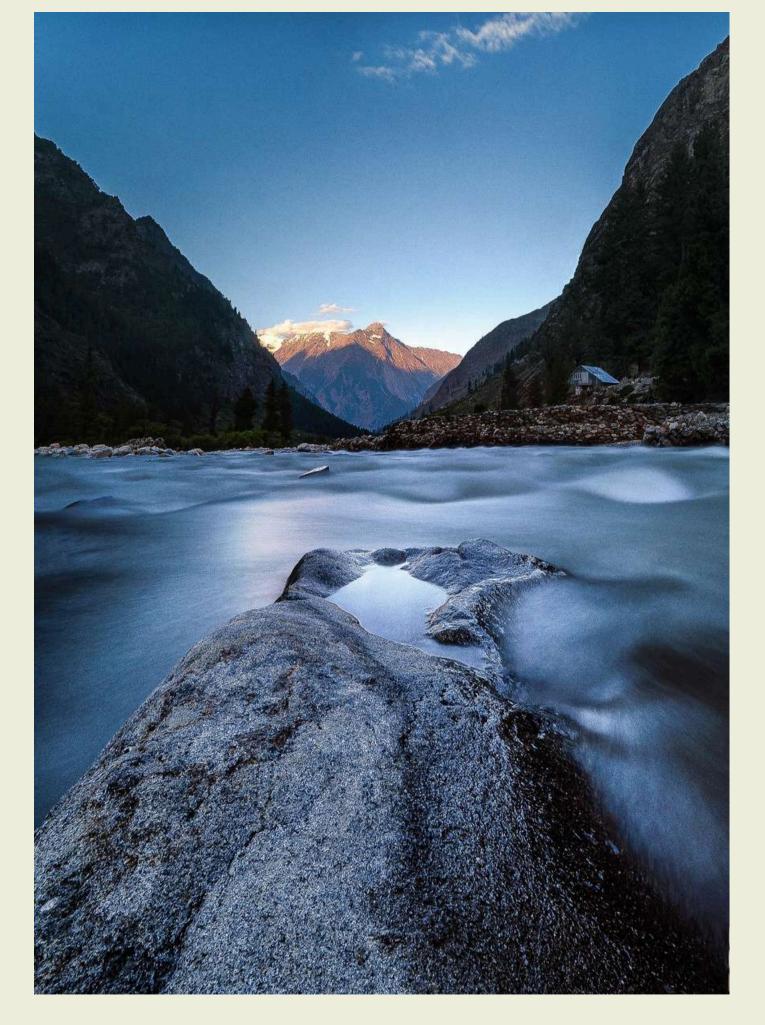
Over the years Nilakkhya a keen trekker and photographer has undertaken several visits in different times of the year into the unfrequented Pangi Valley in Himachal Pradesh. In this photo log he shares highlights and some of his favorite images.

Pangi Valley is a hidden gem of the Himalayan heritage and natural splendor with majestic peaks and picturesque waterfalls captured beautifully by the author during his explorations.

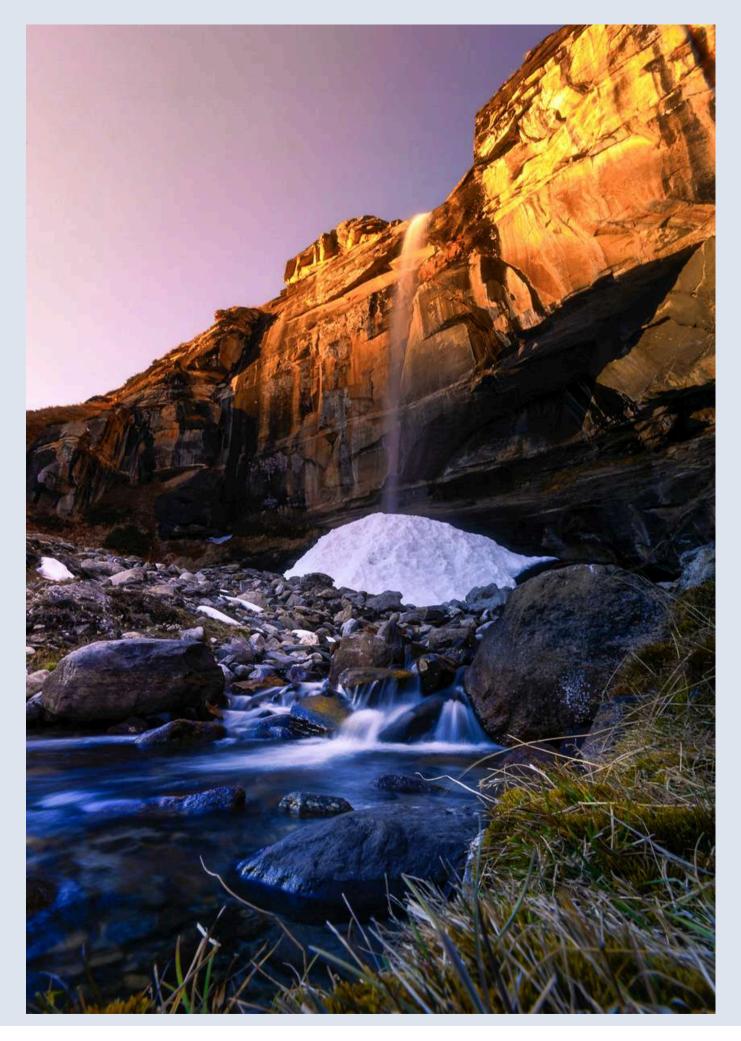


*This lake which lies just above Hudan Bhatori is a sacred lake amongst the locals. Every year during Janmashtami, a fair is held around this place, that attracts locals in large numbers.* 

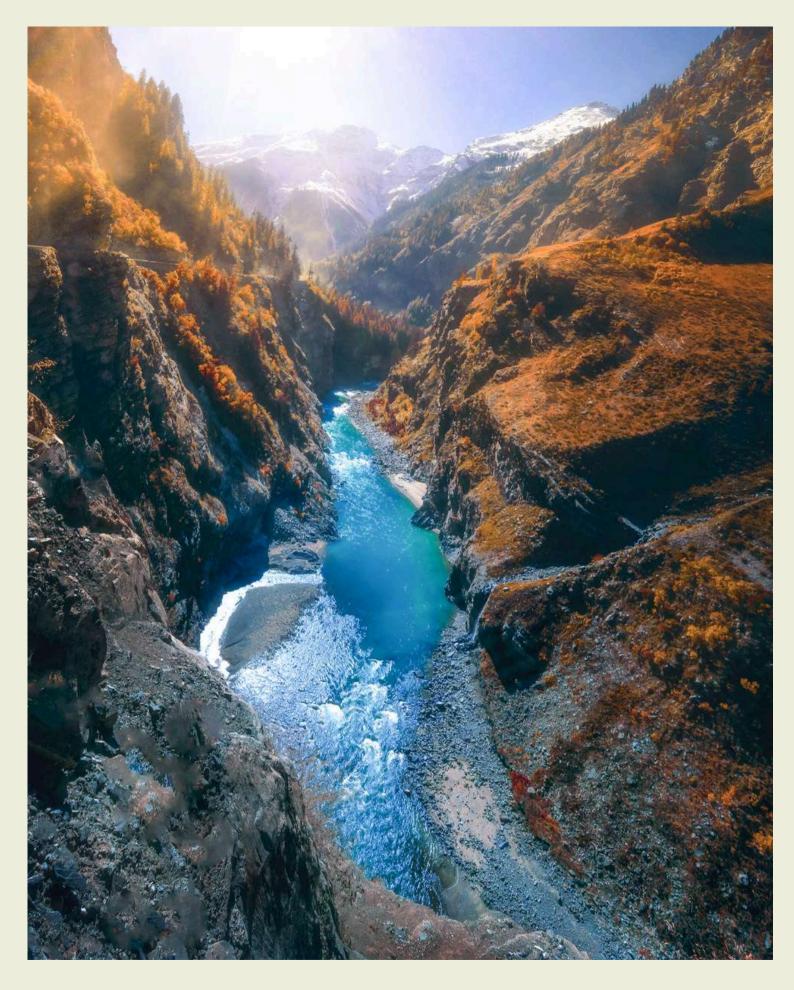
Pangi Valley is one of the remote regions of Himachal Pradesh that comes under the part of Chamba District. It is characterized by its deep gorges, steep mountains, and dynamic landscapes. The entire valley falls under the elevation of 2000 to 4000 meters making it one of the higher valleys of Himachal Pradesh. Approachable from three sides namely Udaipur via Tandi Killar road, Chamba via Sach Pass, and Gulabgarh (Jammu) via Sansari Nallah, this valley is surrounded by towering peaks, dense forests, and meandering rivers, the primary one being Chandra Bhaga flowing through the stretch of the valley. In my four visits to this valley in different seasons primarily to capture its breathtaking landscapes, T have extensively covered and stayed in various villages. The valley is inhabited by Pangwals, the local tribe and Bhotiya Buddhist people, the community. Pangwals inhabiting the lower altitude villages and Bhotiyas stay in the higher villages locally known altitude as Bhatoris. The region has 5 Bhatoris in total namely Hudan, Sural, Tuwan, Parmar, and Chask. While the former four have roads leading to them but Chask Bhatori still does not have road access. By Nilakkhya Dutta



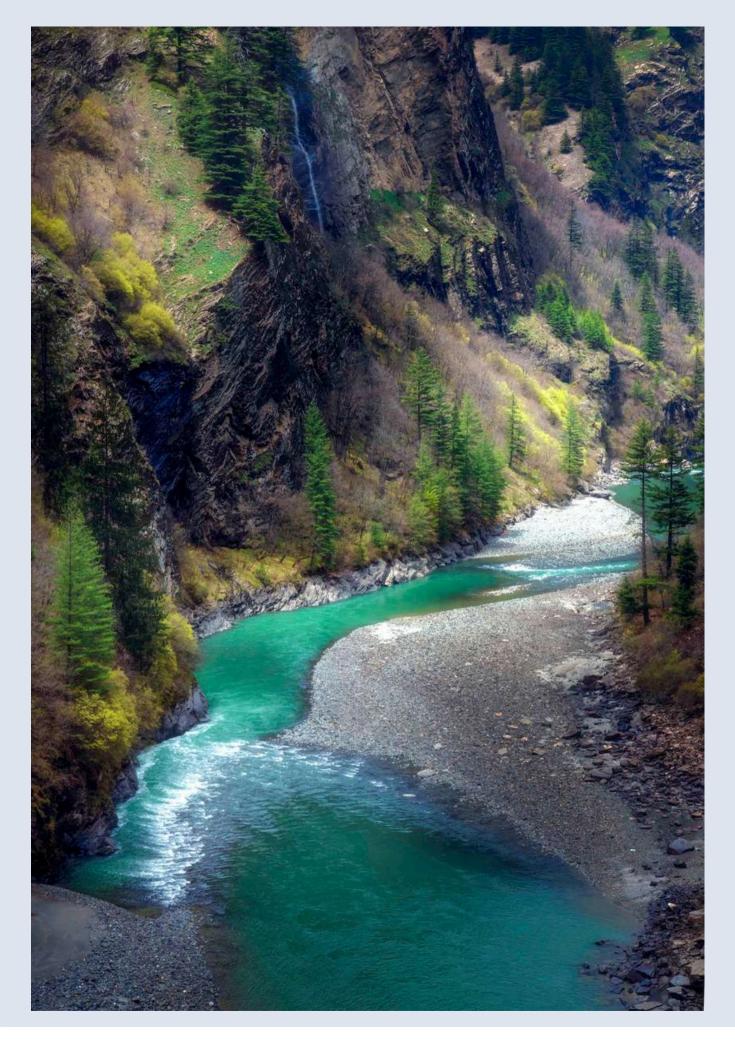
Tuwan Bhatori lies very deep in the valley, its route bifurcates from the main highway some 10 km before Killar. The locals refer to this peak as the Shoulder of Lord Shiva while the stream is locally called the Tuwan Nallah.



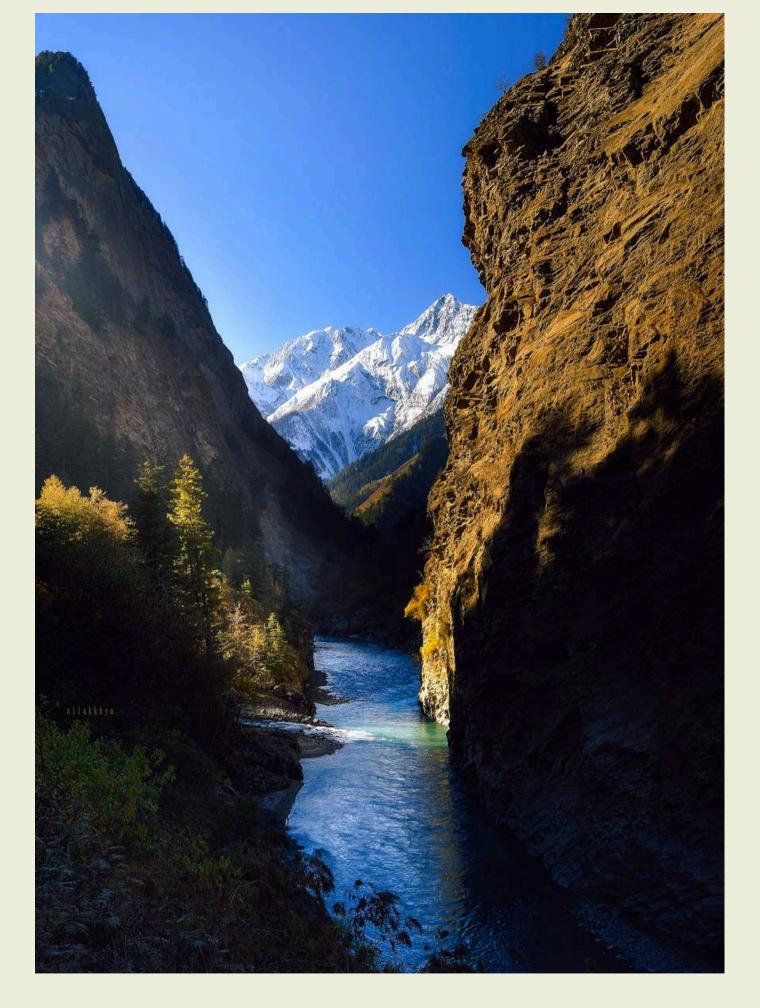
Another Bhatori of the region called Sural is equally beautiful like others. This waterfall which lies ahead of the Bhatori needs a small hike of about 45 minutes to reach.



Though this valley is lush green during the summer months but as time passes by and winters approach, the autumn hues settle in and the color of Chandrabhaga river comes back to its original form.



This image showcases the beautiful colour of Chandrabhanga river with natural light captured whilst travelling from Killar to Sural Bhatori.



This image was taken in the month of November, enroute Manali from Killar, revealing deep gorges one has to pass through during the travel.

# **Special Feature**





A Polish team climbed Mt. Annapurna in 1979. Four decades later a group of Polish mountaineers return to the Himalaya in a Jelcz truck to commemorate the 1979 climb.

A group of enthusiastic Polish men set out to commemorate the Polish Mountaineering era worldwide, creating a unique story of passion, resilience, and determination. A team of 16 Polish mountaineers set out to climb Mt. Annapurna in 1979 and successfully managed to summit. Tragedy struck when two of its members lost their lives, leaving the team and the families grief-stricken. Maciej Pietrowicz, was only eight years old when he lost his father but the incident left an indelible mark on him. Fast forward to 2021, he initiated the expedition to share the history of Polish mountaineering while driving in a piece of history itself! The historical journey by Jelcz truck, an original from the 1979 expedition to Annapurna South Expedition began in 2021 with 6 members, including two from the 1979 expedition;(Ryszard Wloszczowki, and Bogdan Dejnarowicz). The iconic Jelcz trucks have been used for expeditions to travel from Poland since 1971.



Participants from 1979 Annapoorna expedition, from the left: Ryszard Wloszczowski and Bogdan Dejnarowicz have returned to the base after 45 years.

Adorned with a customized tarpaulin, the Jelcz journey from Poland to Nepal in 2021 began and the team drove through Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Iran, and unfortunately came to a halt at the Pakistan borders due to Covid pandemic.



The historic expedition vehicle, Jelcz, returns to Pokhara in 2024 after 45 years.





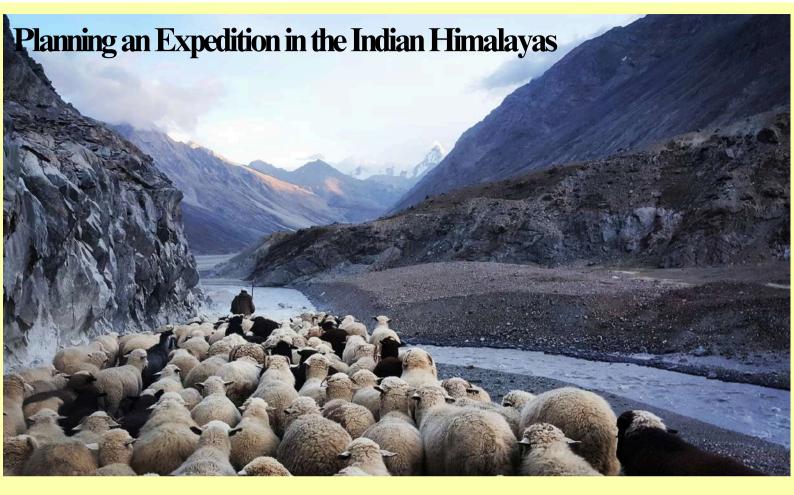
 $\mathcal V$  The participants of the 2024 expedition after meeting a porter from the 1979 expedition.

Inspired by the journals of his father, Maciej, along with his team once again embarked on this challenging expedition in 2024. Commencing their journey from India, the team traveled by air to India and brought their Jelcz to Mumbai via sea freight. Receiving a warm welcome in the country, patronage from the Polish embassy, and support from organizations like the Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi the team reached Nepal sharing the story of their countrymen and their passion for mountaineering.

By Maciej Pietrowicz



The 2024 team received a warm welcome at the IMF, Delhi



Tiya Chatterji shares some attractive climbing opportunities in the Indian Himalaya and why the process of climbing peaks and getting to the mountain is better than ever before

The Indian Himalayas, long known for their formidable beauty and challenging climbs, have undergone significant improvements in infrastructure and communication over recent years, making them more accessible than ever before. With the advent of enhanced roadways, better air connections, and improved trekking trails, even some of the most remote mountain ranges are now within reach of experienced mountaineers and adventure enthusiasts.

In addition to infrastructural development, the entire region of Indian Himalaya has seen remarkable developments in communication technology, which has made planning expeditions and staying connected much easier. These enhancements, combined with the rich cultural heritage and unique climbing challenges, offer a world-class mountaineering experience that should not be missed.

The Indian Mountaineering Foundation is delighted to collaborate and organize expeditions and support mountaineers with all the logistical assistance required. Their experienced liaison officers and expedition planners are well-equipped to facilitate smooth, safe, and successful journeys into the heart of the Indian Himalayas.

### By Tiya Chatterji

Among the most noteworthy peaks now accessible are:

State	Peak	Height	State
			Ladak
Himachal	Gya	6794m	
Pradesh	Leo Pargial	6791m	
	Gya Sumpa	6480m	
	Gya North	6520m	
	Drisa	6275m	
	Cheama	6230m	
	Parkyokula	6527m	
	Ningmari	6173m	
	Ninjeri	6648m	
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State	Peak	Height
Ladakh	Kangju Kangri	6724 m
	Kakstet Kangri	6461 m
	Kesar	6004 m
	Chakula	6529 m
	Apsarasas	7245 m
	Rimo	7385m
	Tangtse	6096m
	Harong	6210m
	Mari	6587m
	Teram Kangri-I	7464m
	Teram Kangri II	7404m
	Teram Kangri III	7382m

State	Peak	Height
Uttrakhand	Sarup Choti	6108 m
	Saraswati	6940 m
	Ganesh Parbat	6027 m
	Lapcha Dhura	6532 m
	Mana	7273 m
	Mukut Prabat	7135 m
	Kamet	7242 m
	Abi Gamin	7355m

State	Peak	Height
Arunachal	Gorichen	6488m
Pradesh	Kangto	7042m
	Baisakhi	5887m
	Chomo	6878m

The beautiful Indian Himalays await you. Visit IMS's website for more details. <u>https://www.indmount.org/IMF/welcome</u>

# Launch of the Clean Himalayas Campaign

Colonel Vijay Singh of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation and Mr. Kumar Dilip of Sulabh International launched the Clean Himalayas Campaign, focusing on environmental sustainability in the Himalayan region. This initiative targets waste management, sanitation, and eco-friendly practices at high altitudes, aiming to preserve the Himalayas as a natural sanctuary for future generations.







The clean Himalayan campaign team consisting of 12 climbers led by Purmanl Singh Dharmshaktu began their expedition at IMF, New Delhi. The focus of the campaign was not only collecting plastic and non degradable material but also to spread awareness on environment conservation. The team collected 549 bags of littered plastic waste and other non degradable material.

# Join Us at the IMF Mountain Film Festival 2024!



The Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) proudly presents the Mountain Film Festival 2024, happening on December 15th at the IMF Campus, New Delhi. Filmmakers have a unique platform to showcase mountain-themed works, while viewers can enjoy inspiring visuals and stories celebrating exploration and environmental stewardship.

> Submit your films via download link or by courier, and ensure your submission is a memorable one! Questions can be directed to the Festival Director, Maninder Kohli, or via email to mountainfilmfestival@indmount.org.

> > Visit the website for more information <u>https://www.indmount.org/IMF/welcome</u>

### In the Indian Himalaya

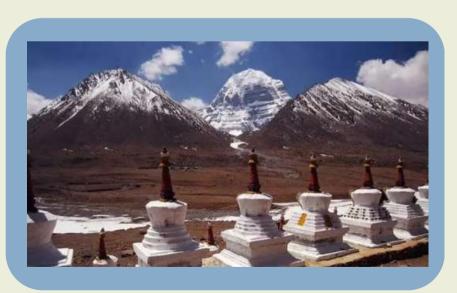
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### British, American trekkers rescued after going missing in Himalayas without food or equipment



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# Pilgrims get first-ever view of Kailash peak from Indian territory !



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On October 6, 2024, U.S. and U.K. trekkers Michelle Dvorak and Fay Manners were rescued by French mountaineers and the Indian Air Force (IAF) from Chaukhamba-III peak in the Garhwal Himalayas. Stranded at 6.015 meters without food or equipment, the pair were located by the French team and safely evacuated by IAF helicopters with support from the Uttarakhand government.

Pilgrims recently gained the firstever view of the sacred Kailash peak from Indian territory, at Lipulekh Old Pass in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district. Previously accessible only from Tibet, this historic five pilgrims moment saw trekking 2.5 km for a glimpse. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami praised the departments involved in making it possible.

## Garbage bags now must for tourist vehicles entering Sikkim



Tour operators, agencies, and drivers in Sikkim are now required inform to travelers about using garbage bags for waste disposal. Random vehicle checks will be conducted, with non-compliance, penalties for according Tourism the to Department order.

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### Ladakh organises 'world's highest frozen lake marathon' on Pangong Tso



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The Pangong Lake marathon, the world's highest frozen lake marathon, held its second edition with 120 runners from seven countries. Organized to raise awareness about glacier melting, the event aimed to promote sustainable winter tourism. Local culture, crafts, and cuisine were also showcased, with two race categories-21 km and 10 kmcompleted in temperatures below -10°C.

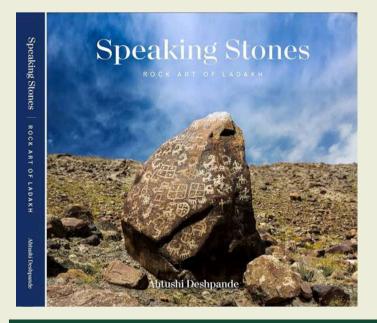
# **Recent Book Releases**

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## Speaking Stones: Rock Art of Ladakh

By Ahtushi Deshpande

Pragati Offset, Hyderabad | June 2024 | ₹3900.00

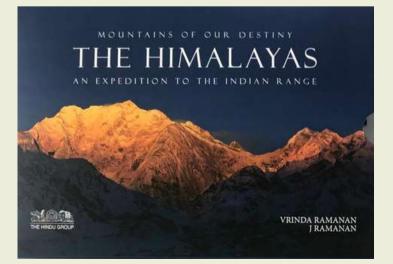


Speaking Stones: Rock Art of Ladakh, nominated for the BANFF Mountain Book Award, is the first comprehensive study of Ladakh's rock art, published in June 2024. Featuring over 260 images, it offers in-depth analysis of these cultural sites and highlights their potential for UNESCO recognition, connecting Ladakh's heritage to global landmarks like Bhimbetka.

### Mountain of our Destiny The Himalayas (An Expedition to the Indian Range)

By Vrinda Ramanan & J. Ramanan

The Hindu Group | 2022 | ₹3529

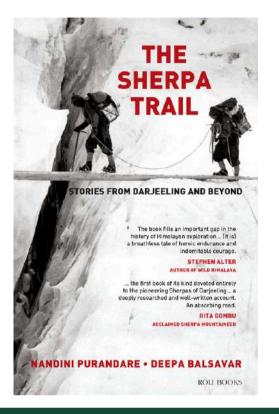


Mountains of Our Destiny is а travelogue and coffee table book on Indian the Himalayas by J. mountaineers Ramanan and Vrinda Ramanan. Spanning 40 years exploration from Arunachal of Pradesh to Kashmir, it features over 300 seasonal photos and descriptions of treks, enriched with cultural folklore and reflections on ecological decline. This visually captivating book combines personal insights with environmental awareness, offering a unique contribution to Himalayan studies.

### The Sherpa Trail Stories from Darjeeling and Beyond

### By Nandini Purandare & Deepa Balsavar

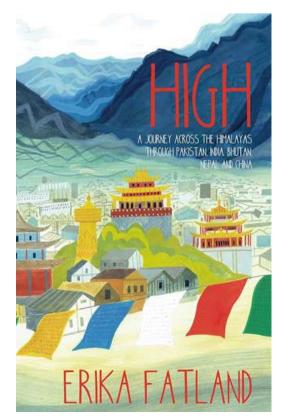
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### High: A Journey Across the Himalaya, Through Pakistan, India, Bhutan, Nepal, and China

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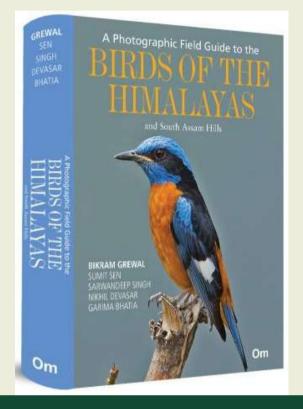
Before 1949, Darjeeling, India, was the base for allHimalayan and Karakoram expeditions. Situated foot at the of Kangchenjunga, it became a hub for mountaineers who quickly recognized the Sherpas, originally from Nepal, as essential growing number of companions. The expeditions led to an expanding Sherpa community in Darjeeling, integral to the climbing workforce.

Notably, Tenzing Norgay, the first Sherpa to summit Everest, and Nawang Gombu, the first to summit twice, lived in Darjeeling. Today, Sherpas in the town continue to uphold this remarkable mountaineering legacy.

The Himalaya weave through five very different countries, where the world religions of Islam. Buddhism. and Hinduism mixed with ancient are shamanic religions. Countless languages and vastly different cultures live in the secluded mountain valleys. Modernity and tradition collide, while the great powers fight for influence. Fatland invites us into close encounters with the many peoples of the region, and at the same time takes us on a dizzying journey at altitude through landscapes incredible and dramatic. unknown world histories - all the way to the most volatile human conflicts of our times.

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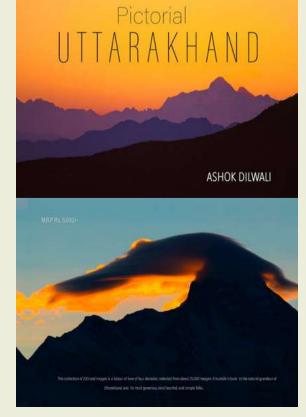


Birds of the Himalayas cover over 750 species and distinct sub-species of birds found in the region. It contains 2,000 colour over of photographs. Many the photographs in this comprehensive field guide appear for the first time and have been carefully selected to showcase the most important features of the species. This book will enable accurate field identification in one of the world's most diverse avifaunal regions; an indispensable guide for all bird lovers.

Ashok Dilwali is a noted photographer and author of 25 nature, landscape and spritual books. He is best known for his work on the Himalayas. His Pictorial Uttrakhand latest book contains his favourite 200 odd images from his numerous trips to the region. In 2019 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in the 7th National Photograhy Awards.

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